



2025 Canadian Wrestling Championships (Senior, U20-Junior & U17-Cadet)

Hosted by



May 29-31, 2025
Clare Drake Arena at the University of Alberta
Edmonton, AB

EVENT INFORMATION (as of February 11, 2025)

<p>COMPETITION VENUE</p>	<p>University of Alberta Clare Drake Arena 3-100 University Hall, Van Vliet Complex University of Alberta Edmonton, AB T6G 2H9</p> <p>To support our environmental goals and keep things sustainable, we're asking all participants to bring their own clear, reusable water bottles to the event. Water bottle filling stations are available throughout the competition venue.</p>
<p>ORGANIZING COMMITTEE</p>	<p>Friends of the World Cup of Wrestling Society Kelly Rich (Chair) Phone: 780-966-9327 Email: FWCWS@shaw.ca</p>
<p>WRESTLING CANADA LUTTE</p>	<p>Jolene Wong Phone: 613-748-5686 Email: jwong@wrestling.ca</p>





NUMBER OF MATS	4 competition mats
RULES	<p>Competition rules will be conducted according to the most recent edition of the WCL Rulebook (https://wrestling.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2023_Rulebook.pdf) with a modified double elimination bracket system or Round Robin (if less than 6 athletes per weight class).</p> <p>*Only clear water bottles will be permitted by athletes in the corner during competition.</p>
UNIFORM POLICY	<p>Athletes - please refer to the Uniform Policy for WCL Sanctioned Events: https://wrestling.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Uniform-Policy_v2.pdf.</p>
PRACTICE TIMES	<p>Training mats (4) will be available at the University of Alberta wrestling room from Wednesday, May 28, 2025 to Friday, May 30, 2025. Contact Owen Dawkins (odawkins@ualberta.ca) to confirm practice times. Mats (3) will be available at Clare Drake Arena on Thursday, May 29, 2025 and Friday, May 30, 2025. To access mats, you will need to have your event accreditation. Please see the schedule below for Accreditation Pick-Up.</p>
MEDICAL & DOPING CONTROL	<p>An event physician and athletic therapists will be in attendance on competition days (Thursday to Saturday). Athletes requiring preventative therapy will require their own supplies.</p> <p>Doping control will be in effect at the event. Please refer to www.cces.ca for information regarding the Canadian Anti-Doping Program. For questions regarding the anti-doping program, please contact Kale Whitton (kwhitton@wrestling.ca) or 613-748-5686.</p>
AGE & WEIGHT CATEGORIES	<p>SENIOR: 20 + years of age (born in 2004 and older).</p> <p>Athletes from 18 years of age (born 2007 and older) may compete in Senior competition, however parental authorization and a medical certificate are required if the athlete has not reached the age of 18 at the time of competition. Athletes 40 years of age and above (born in 1985 and older) must provide a medical certificate.</p> <p>WOMEN (WW): 50, 53, 55, 57, 59, 62, 65, 68, 72, 76 kg MEN'S FREESTYLE (FS): 57, 61, 65, 70, 74, 79, 86, 92, 97, 125 kg</p> <p>U20-JUNIOR: 18 to 20 years of age (born in 2005, 2006, 2007)</p>



<p>AGE & WEIGHT CATEGORIES</p>	<p>Athletes from 17 years of age (born 2008 and older) may compete in Junior competition, however parental authorization and a medical certificate are required.</p> <p>WOMEN (WW): 50, 53, 55, 57, 59, 62, 65, 68, 72, 76 kg MEN'S FREESTYLE (FS): 57, 61, 65, 70, 74, 79, 86, 92, 97, 125 kg</p> <p>U17-CADET: 16 to 17 years of age (born in 2008, 2009)</p> <p>Athletes from 15 years of age (born 2010 and older) may compete in Cadet competition, however parental authorization and a medical certificate are required.</p> <p>WOMEN (WW): 36-40, 43, 46, 49, 53, 57, 61, 65, 69, 73 kg MEN'S FREESTYLE (FS): 41-45, 48, 51, 55, 60, 65, 71, 80, 92, 110 kg</p> <p>*NOTE: U17-Cadet athletes will be permitted to move up one weight class if they fail to make weight at weigh-ins (with the exception of WW 73 and FS 110 kg who must make the weight).</p> <p>U20-Junior and Senior athletes that fail to make weight at weigh-ins will be withdrawn from the event.</p>
<p>ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS</p>	<p>All eligibility requirements must be met by the registration deadline.</p> <p>ATHLETES (All excluding Senior Non-Olympic Weight Classes*) Competition is open to all athletes who are eligible to represent Canada as governed by United World Wrestling (UWW) eligibility requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Canadian citizen (no previous international representation with another country) OR ▪ Permanent Resident with an approved Sport Nationality Transfer from UWW, effective 2024 OR ▪ Canadian citizen with an approved Sport Nationality Transfer from UWW, effective 2025 (previous national or international representation with another country) <p>*ATHLETES (Senior Non-Olympic Weight Classes ONLY) Competition is open to Canadian citizens, Indigenous peoples (registered under the federal Indian Act), individuals with Permanent Resident Status and individuals with Refugee status.</p> <p>OFFICIALS: Officials must be registered members in good standing with CAWO, their PTSO, their Provincial Wrestling Officials Association (if applicable) and WCL.</p>



	<p>TEAM LEADERS: Please note that team leaders DO NOT have access to the field of play (in the corner).</p>
<p>COACHING REQUIREMENTS</p>	<p>To receive a coach accreditation (eligible to coach during the event), coaches must have:</p> <p>Senior & U20-Junior Competition: Competition Development certified status or higher by the registration deadline.</p> <p>U17-Cadet Competition: Competition Introduction certified status or higher by the registration deadline.</p> <p>There will be a Coach Exemption Process in place. Please refer to Appendix A for the Coach Exemption process and all coaching requirements.</p> <p>Foreign coaches (not members of a PTSO and living / working outside of Canada) seeking accreditation must contact Anthony Bhagwandin (nccp@wrestling.ca) for information on coaching requirements.</p>
<p>PUBLIC HEALTH REGULATIONS & PROTOCOLS</p>	<p>All public health requirements in effect will be based on applicable health and safety measures required or recommended by the provincial and local public health authorities.</p> <p>Please note that the event health regulations & protocols are subject to change in order to respond to any government or public health agency requirements, restrictions or approvals, at any time. All accredited individuals, spectators and other participants will be expected to comply with such requirements at all times.</p>
<p>SAFETY IN SPORT REQUIREMENTS</p>	<p>All participants must complete Safety in Sport Training, Screening & Consent Requirements as outlined in the following document: https://wrestling.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Safety-in-Sport-Training-Screening-Consent-Requirements-December-2024.pdf. Please note that this includes completing informed consent regarding the Canadian Safe Sport Program (CSSP).</p> <p>WCL's Safe Sport Participant fee (\$50 CAD) which supports WCL's various safety in sport policies, systems and processes, is applicable to athletes, training partners, coaches, and team leaders once annually per calendar year, and is included in the WCL Licence purchase. For more information, please refer to the policy at the following link: https://wrestling.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Safe-Sport-Participant-Fee-Policy-May-2024.pdf. Please direct any questions to: info@wrestling.ca.</p>



	<p>*NOTE: All training, screening & consent must be valid for the duration of the 2025 calendar year.</p>
<p>REGISTRATION PROCESS</p> <p>REGISTRATION PROCESS</p>	<p>All participants must purchase or renew a WCL Licence for 2025 before registering for this event (the Safe Sport Participant fee is included in the WCL Licence purchase). 2025 WCL Licence purchase or renewal: LINK FORTHCOMING.</p> <p>All individuals must be registered members of their PTSO, and be in good standing with their PTSO and WCL. Please check with your PTSO to determine if they have any additional registration requirements (i.e. PTSO fees).</p> <p>ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST COMPLETE AN EVENT REGISTRATION FOR THIS EVENT. Event registration can be accessed at the following link for athletes, coaches, officials, team medical, team leaders, and event volunteers: LINK FORTHCOMING.</p> <p>*NOTE: Registration does not imply that individuals are approved to participate and receive accreditation.</p>
<p>REGISTRATION DEADLINE & ENTRY FEES</p>	<p>EARLY BIRD registrations will be accepted until May 2nd, 2025 at 16:59 ET. Save \$50 by registering prior to May 2nd, 2025 at 16:59 ET plus you'll be entered into a draw for a WCL merchandise gift card. One gift card per age group per style will be awarded.</p> <p>SENIOR: \$150.00 (+ tax) – Women or Men's Freestyle (one event)</p> <p>U20-JUNIOR: \$150.00 (+ tax) – Women or Men's Freestyle (one event)</p> <p>U17-CADET: \$150.00 (+ tax) – Women or Men's Freestyle (one event)</p> <p>SUPPORT STAFF: \$0.00 – coaches, team leaders, team medical (meals are NOT being provided for support staff)</p> <p>OFFICIALS: \$0.00</p> <p>STANDARD registrations will be accepted until May 9th, 2025 at 16:59 ET. After May 2nd, 2025 (16:59 ET), but prior to May 9th, (16:59 ET):</p>



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\$200.00 (+ tax) – Women or Men’s Freestyle (one event)

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U17-CADET:

\$200.00 (+ tax) – Women or Men’s Freestyle (one event)

SUPPORT STAFF:

\$0.00 – coaches, team leaders, team medical (meals are NOT being provided for support staff)

OFFICIALS:

\$0.00

LAST CHANCE registrations will be accepted until May 16th, 2025 at 16:59 ET, subject to a late fee. After May 9th, 2025 (16:59 ET), but prior to May 16th, 2025 (16:59 ET):

SENIOR:

\$350.00 (+ tax) – Women or Men’s Freestyle (one event)

U20-JUNIOR:

\$350.00 (+ tax) – Women or Men’s Freestyle (one event)

U17-CADET:

\$350.00 (+ tax) – Women or Men’s Freestyle (one event)

SUPPORT STAFF:

\$150.00 (+ tax) – coaches, team leaders, team medical (meals are NOT being provided for support staff)

OFFICIALS:

\$0.00

NO REGISTRATIONS will be accepted after May 16th, 2025 at 16:59 ET. This applies to all athletes, support staff and officials.



<p>SCRATCHES & INJURY WITHDRAWALS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All scratches & injury withdrawals before May 16th, 2025 (16:59 ET) will be fully refundable by WCL. All injury withdrawals after May 16th, 2025 (16:59 ET) may be eligible for refund with the purchase of Interpodia's Refund Protect coverage through the event registration process, provided all Interpodia's terms and conditions are met. Supporting medical documentation may be requested by Interpodia. All injury withdrawals after May 16th, 2025 (16:59 ET) are not refundable if Interpodia's Refund Protect coverage was not purchased through the registration process. All scratches after May 16th, 2025 (16:59 ET) are not refundable.
<p>HOST HOTELS</p>	<p>Wyndham Hotel Edmonton South 440 Gateway Boulevard Edmonton, AB T6H 5C2 Phone: 1-780-434-6415</p> <p><u>Reservation Information</u> For Individual Reservations, please call: Tel: 780-437-6010 Toll Free: 1-877-999-3223 Or Use Reservation Link: https://shorturl.at/MGYAs</p> <p>For TEAM SUBBLOCKS, please contact: Rico Vergara Tel: 780-437-6010 Email: sales@wyndhamedmonton.com</p> <p>Group Name: 2025 Canadian Wrestling Championships Booking Code: 052725CWC</p> <p>Best Western Cedar Park Inn 5116 Gateway Boulevard Edmonton, AB T6H 2H4 Phone: 1-780-434-7411 Reservation Link: https://shorturl.at/StQ5f</p> <p>GROUP RATE DETAILS: The guaranteed room rates at both of the host hotels are \$145 (+ tax) per night (double occupancy) until May 9th, 2025. This includes full breakfast buffet for 2 guests. Additional guests are \$10 per night. After May 9th, rooms are subject to availability.</p>



	<p>Guests at either host hotel will have convenient and easy access to the following amenities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Convenient access to weigh-ins (Wyndham). ▪ Accreditation, coaches/technical meetings, officials' clinic and pairing clinic (Wyndham) ▪ Buffet breakfast at both hotels (after weigh-ins Wyndham or Radisson) ▪ Access to hotel's fitness and swimming pool facilities (both) ▪ Sauna access (Wyndham Hotel) <p>PARKING: Parking is free at both hotels.</p>
<p>TRANSPORTATION</p>	<p>Airport transfer between Edmonton International Airport (YEG), as well as ground transportation between the host hotels and venue will be provided for officials, dignitaries and WCL staff ONLY. Arrival and departure information (airport, flight #, arrival and departure times, and delegation names) must be received by WCL by May 9th, 2025 to guarantee airport transfer by the HOC. Transportation is NOT provided for team participants (athletes, coaches, team managers, team medical).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ YEG Flight Information: https://flyeia.com/flights/ ▪ Taxi / Limo / Uber: Hotels (zone 116) and U of A (zone 133) for flat rate. YEG Flat Rate: https://flyeia.com/parking-transportation/taxis-limos-rideshares/ ▪ U of A Parking for Clare Drake Arena: Address is 11440 87 Ave.: https://www.ualberta.ca/en/research-innovation/media-library/global-change-symposium/parking-map.pdf



SCHEDULE (subject to change)		
TUESDAY May 27 th , 2025	All Day	Arrival of Teams
WEDNESDAY May 28 th , 2025	All Day	Arrival of Teams
	8:00 – 20:00 U of A Wrestling Room	Practice time (certified coaches must be in attendance) Contact: odawkins@ualberta.ca
	15:00 – 18:30 Wyndham Hotel – Terrace 1	Accreditation
	14:00 – 21:00 Wyndham Hotel – Terrace 3	Pairing Masters Clinic
	17:00 – 19:00 Wyndham Hotel – Terrace 4	Officials' Clinic
	19:00 – 20:00 Wyndham Hotel – Terrace 5	Accreditation Coaches' Technical Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tournament information include field of play access and flow - Scratches & final weight class changes (U17-Cadet)



THURSDAY May 29th, 2025	7:30 – 8:30 Wyndham Hotel – Ballroom	MEDICALS, WEIGH-INS & DRAWS U17-Cadets (scratch weight) - Athletes will be permitted to move up one weight class if they fail to make weight at weigh-ins (with the exception of WW 73 and FS 110 kg who must make the weight).
	8:00 – 20:00 U of A Wrestling Room	Practice time (certified coaches must be in attendance) Contact: odawkins@ualberta.ca
	10:00 – 16:00 Clare Drake Arena	U17-CADET QUALIFICATION SESSIONS LUNCH BREAK (noon to 13:00) 5-6 place matches 3-4 place matches
	16:00 – 17:00 Clare Drake Arena	DINNER BREAK
	17:00 – 17:15 Clare Drake Arena	U17-CADET CEREMONIES March-in for finalists 2024 U17-Cadet Athlete of the Year Awards
	17:15 – 20:00 Clare Drake Arena	U17-CADET FINALS Gold medal matches (2 mats) Awards Ceremonies
	Following award ceremonies Clare Drake Arena	U17-CADET TRUE SECOND RANKING MATCHES
	Following U17-Cadet True Second Ranking Matches Clare Drake Arena	Accreditation Coaches' Technical Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scratches & final weight class changes (U20-Junior) - Seeding - Draw



FRIDAY May 30th, 2025	7:30 – 8:30 Wyndham Hotel Ballroom	MEDICALS & WEIGH-INS U20-Juniors (scratch weight) - Athletes that fail to make weight at weigh-ins will be withdrawn from the event.
	8:00 – 20:00 U of A Wrestling Room	Practice time (certified coaches must be in attendance) Contact: odawkins@ualberta.ca
	10:00 – 16:00 Clare Drake Arena	U20-JUNIOR QUALIFICATION SESSIONS LUNCH BREAK (noon to 13:00) 5-6 place matches 3-4 place matches
	16:00 – 17:00 Clare Drake Arena	DINNER BREAK
	17:00 – 17:15 Clare Drake Arena	U20-JUNIOR CEREMONIES March-in for finalists 2024 U20-Junior Athlete of the Year Awards
	17:15 – 20:00 Clare Drake Arena	U20-JUNIOR FINALS Gold medal matches (2 mats) Awards Ceremonies
	Following award ceremonies Clare Drake Arena	U20-JUNIOR TRUE SECOND RANKING MATCHES
	Following U20-Junior True Second Ranking Matches Clare Drake Arena	Accreditation Coaches' Technical Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scratches and final weight class changes (Senior) - Seeding - Draw



SATURDAY May 31st, 2025	7:30 – 8:30 Wyndham Hotel Ballroom	MEDICALS & WEIGH-INS Seniors (scratch weight) - athletes that fail to make weight at weigh-ins will be withdrawn from the event.
	10:00 – 16:00 Clare Drake Arena	SENIOR QUALIFICATION SESSIONS LUNCH BREAK (noon to 13:00) 5-6 place matches 3-4 place matches
	16:00 – 17:00 Clare Drake Arena	DINNER BREAK
	17:00 – 17:15 Clare Drake Arena	SENIOR CEREMONIES March-in for finalists 2024 Senior Athlete of the Year Awards
	17:15 – 20:00 Clare Drake Arena	SENIOR FINALS Gold medal matches (2 mats) Awards Ceremonies
	Following award ceremonies Clare Drake Arena	SENIOR TRUE SECOND RANKING MATCHES
SUNDAY June 1st, 2025	All Day	Team Departures to airport



APPENDIX A – COACH EXEMPTION PROCESS

Please submit a request for a coach exemption via google form no later than May 16th, 2025 (last chance registration deadline). LINK: <https://8hgngy72pbm.typeform.com/to/Sj26p1tQ>

All requests will be reviewed and considered on a case-by-case basis by WCL's Coach Education & Development Advisory Committee (CEDAC).

Please note that submitting a request does not imply that it will be approved.

COACH PRE-REQUISITES:

All coach pre-requisites and requirements for Competition Introduction and Competition Development can be found here: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mEabs5jtw0b0r_8Pn3veuyc7VL1k98C-LglboAcuZ_Y/edit?usp=sharing



APPENDIX B – SEEDING CRITERIA

U17-CADET

No seeding criteria.

U-20 JUNIOR SEEDING CRITERIA

The High Performance Director (HPD) will perform the seeding for the U20-Junior Canadian Championships and present the seeding nominations to the coaches on a weight class by weight class basis according to the seeding criteria outlined below. Coaches will have an opportunity to identify any athlete(s) who meet the seeding criteria that may have been omitted.

Seeds are assigned 1 through 4 on a position-by-position basis.

- Minimum of two (2), a maximum of four (4) seeds per weight class
- Coaches cannot withdraw their athletes from seeding
- Criteria are weight class specific (unless otherwise noted)
- Criteria rankings include placement following the completion of any wrestle-offs and true second matches

Seeding criteria, in ranking order:

1. Returning U20-Junior Canadian Championships winner
2. Returning U20-Junior Canadian Championships winner from a different weight class
 - a) If there are two (2) such winners, the highest seed shall be awarded to the winner of the most recent bout between the two (2) athletes at any point during the last rolling 12 months. If the athletes have not met, performance criteria will be used to determine which of the two athletes will be given the higher seed
3. Returning second (2nd) place ranked athlete (true second) in the same weight class at the 2024 U20-Junior Canadian Championships
4. Returning second (2nd) place ranked athlete (true second) from a different weight class at the 2024 U20-Junior Canadian Championships

If athletes are still tied after the above criteria, the following will be used to break the tie:

- Head-to-head matches from the 2024 Canadian U20-Junior Canadian Championships and / or most recent Domestic Carding Tournament(s)
- Higher International Performance Index (from the past rolling 12 months)
- A random draw will occur



SENIOR SEEDING CRITERIA

The High Performance Director (HPD) will perform the seeding for the Senior Canadian Championships (FS & WW only) and present the seeding nominations to the coaches on a weight class by weight class basis according to the seeding criteria outlined below. Coaches will have an opportunity to identify any athlete(s) who meet the seeding criteria that may have been omitted.

Seeds are assigned 1 through 4 on a position-by-position basis.

- Minimum of two (2), a maximum of four (4) seeds per weight class
- Coaches cannot withdraw their athletes from seeding
- Criteria are weight class specific (unless otherwise noted)
- Criteria rankings include placement following the completion of any wrestle-offs and true second matches

Ranking criteria:

Olympic Weight Classes:

1. 2023 Canadian Wrestling Team Trials (aka Olympic Trials) winner
2. Returning 2024 Senior Canadian Championships winner
3. Returning second (2nd) place ranked athlete (true second) at the 2024 Senior Canadian Championships
4. 2024 U23 World Medalist
5. Returning third (3rd) place ranked athlete at the 2024 Senior Canadian Championships
6. The highest ranked athlete from the 2024 Canadian Senior Championships in alternate weight class (limited to top 3 ranking)
7. The highest ranked athlete from the most recent domestic carding tournament(s) in the last rolling 12 months (limited to top 3 ranking)

Non-Olympic Weight Classes:

1. 2024 World Team Member (following all wrestle-offs) – Non-Olympic weight class specific
2. 2024 World Team Alternate (following all wrestle-offs) – Non-Olympic weight class specific
3. 2024 World Team Member (following all wrestle-offs) – alternate weight class
4. 2024 World Team Alternate (following all wrestle-offs) – alternate weight class

Note: World Team Member is the number one ranked athlete following all wrestle-offs, even if they were not able to compete at the 2024 Senior World Championships.



If athletes are still tied after the above criteria, the following will be used to break the tie:

- Head-to-head matches from the 2024 Senior Canadian Championships and / or most recent Domestic Carding Tournament(s)
- Higher International Performance Index (from the past rolling 12 months)
- A random draw will occur



APPENDIX C – TRUE SECOND RANKING MATCHES (SENIOR, U20-JUNIOR, U17-CADET)

- Applicable for Women and Men's Freestyle Wrestling.
- Round robin results stand (no true second ranking matches).
- The second ranked athlete in each weight class at the 2025 Canadian Wrestling Championships (Senior, U20-Junior, U17-Cadet) will have a final ranking of 2nd place, unless s/he has not wrestled against the third ranked athlete during the Championships. In that case, a one match true second wrestle-off will be held between the second and third ranked athletes. The winner of the match will be ranked 2nd for carding and team selection purposes.
- True second ranking matches will take place at the end of the competition (same day).
- True second ranking matches are a continuation of the Championships; if an athlete is injured, they forfeit.