



2026 Canadian Wrestling Championships (U19, U17, U15)

April 24-26, 2026
Design Works Centre
Grande Prairie, AB

EVENT INFORMATION

(as of December 15, 2025)

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE	Grande Prairie Sport Hosting Society Nicole Kotyk Phone: 780-830-7083 Email: gpsporthosting@gmail.com
WRESTLING CANADA LUTTE	Jolene Wong Phone: 613-748-5686 Email: jwong@wrestling.ca
EVENT OBJECTIVES	<p>The “Age Group” Championships are held every year to encourage participation and development of athletes in the U19, U17 and U15 age groups at the national level and to determine the Canadian Champion in each weight category and age group for each of Women’s (WW), Men’s Freestyle (FS), Women’s Greco-Roman (WW-GR) and Men’s Greco-Roman (GR) styles.</p> <p>This level of competition aligns with the “Formalized Training” and “Train to Compete” stages of WCL’s Long-Term Development framework.</p>
COMPETITION VENUE	<p>DESIGN WORKS CENTRE #6 Knowledge Way Grande Prairie, AB. T8W 2V9</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>



NUMBER OF MATS	8 to 10 competition mats
RULES	<p>Competition rules will be conducted according to the most recent edition of the WCL Rulebook 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	Athletes - please refer to the Uniform Policy for WCL Sanctioned Events .
PRACTICE TIMES	Details to be confirmed.
MEDICAL SERVICES	An event physician and athletic therapists will be in attendance on competition days (Friday to Sunday). Athletes requiring preventative therapy (i.e. taping) will require their own supplies.
AGE & WEIGHT CATEGORIES	<p>U19: 17-18 years of age (born in 2008, 2009)</p> <p>WOMEN (WW): 36-40, 43, 46, 49, 53, 57, 61, 65, 69, 73, 80, 90 kg WOMEN'S GRECO-ROMAN (WW-GR): 36-40, 43, 46, 49, 53, 57, 61, 65, 69, 73, 80, 90 kg MEN'S FREESTYLE (FS): 39-42, 45, 48, 51, 55, 60, 65, 71, 80, 92, 110, 125 kg MEN'S GRECO-ROMAN (GR): 39-42, 45, 48, 51, 55, 60, 65, 71, 80, 92, 110, 125 kg</p> <p>U17: 15-16 years of age (born in 2010, 2011)</p> <p>WOMEN (WW): 36-40, 43, 46, 49, 53, 57, 61, 65, 69, 73, 80, 90 kg WOMEN'S GRECO-ROMAN (WW-GR): 36-40, 43, 46, 49, 53, 57, 61, 65, 69, 73, 80, 90 kg MEN'S FREESTYLE (FS): 39-42, 45, 48, 51, 55, 60, 65, 71, 80, 92, 110, 125 kg MEN'S GRECO-ROMAN (GR): 39-42, 45, 48, 51, 55, 60, 65, 71, 80, 92, 110, 125 kg</p> <p>U15: 13-14 years of age (born in 2012, 2013)</p> <p>WOMEN (WW): 33, 36, 39, 42, 46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 70, 80 kg WOMEN'S GRECO-ROMAN (WW-GR): 33, 36, 39, 42, 46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 70, 80 kg MEN'S FREESTYLE (FS): 34, 38, 41, 44, 48, 52, 57, 62, 68, 75, 85, 100 kg MEN'S GRECO-ROMAN (GR): 34, 38, 41, 44, 48, 52, 57, 62, 68, 75, 85, 100 kg</p>



<p>AGE & WEIGHT CATEGORIES</p>	<p>Please note that there are no open (unlimited) weight categories. Athletes will be permitted to move up one weight class if they fail to make weight at weigh-ins (with the exception of the heaviest weight classes who must make the weight).</p> <p>*NOTE: Athletes must compete in the age group they were born in. Athletes born 2014 and younger are not allowed to compete in the event.</p>
<p>ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS</p>	<p>All eligibility requirements must be met by the final registration deadline.</p> <p>All participants must be in good standing with and hold a valid (current) WCL licence. 2026 WCL Licence purchase or renewal: LINK FORTHCOMING IN JANUARY.</p> <p>All participants must be registered members of and in good standing with their PTSO. Please check with your PTSO to determine if there are any additional registration requirements (i.e. PTSO fees).</p> <p>ATHLETES: Competition is open to Canadian citizens, Indigenous persons (registered under the federal Indian Act), individuals with Permanent Resident status, individuals with Refugee status, and those individuals with an approved international student permit.</p> <p>COACHES: To receive a coach accreditation (eligible to coach during the event), coaches must have 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 Exemptions 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>OFFICIALS: Officials must also be registered members in good standing with CAWO.</p> <p>TEAM LEADERS: Please note that team leaders DO NOT have access to the field of play (in the corner).</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 required. Please note that this may include completing informed consent regarding the Canadian Safe Sport Program (CSSP) for CSSP designated participants. NOTE: All training, screening & consent must be valid for the duration of the 2026 calendar year.</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 Safe Sport Participant Fee Policy. Please direct any questions to: info@wrestling.ca.</p> <p>*NOTE: Athletes in U15 age category are exempt from Safe Sport training due to age restrictions to access training. The Safe Sport fee must still be paid during the creation or renewal of the WCL Licence.</p>
<p>REGISTRATION PROCESS</p>	<p>ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST COMPLETE AN EVENT REGISTRATION FOR THIS EVENT.</p> <p>Event registration, which requires a valid WCL Licence, can be accessed at the following link for athletes, coaches, officials, team medical, team leaders, and event volunteers: LINK FORTHCOMING. If you have completed an event registration correctly, you will receive a confirmation email – please check your spam folders.</p> <p>*NOTE: Registration does not imply that individuals are approved to participate and receive accreditation.</p> <p>**Event registrations are NOT transferable to other participants or other events.</p>



**REGISTRATION
DEADLINE & ENTRY
FEES**

EARLY BIRD registrations will be accepted until March 20th, 2026 at 16:59 ET. **SAVE \$50** by registering by March 20th, 2026 at 16:59 ET AND be entered into a draw for a WCL merchandise gift card! One gift card per age group per style will be awarded.

U19 / U17 / U15:

\$150.00 (+ tax) – Women, Women’s GR, Men’s Freestyle or Men’s GR (one event)
\$230.00 (+ tax) – Women + Women’s GR OR Men’s Freestyle + Men’s GR (two events)

SUPPORT STAFF:

\$0.00 (+ tax) – coaches, team leaders, team medical

OFFICIALS:

\$0.00

STANDARD registrations will be accepted until March 27th, 2026 at 16:59 ET. After March 20th, 2026 (16:59 ET), but prior to March 27th, 2026 (16:59 ET):

U19 / U17 / U15:

\$200.00 (+ tax) – Women, Women’s GR, Men’s Freestyle or Men’s GR (one event)
\$280.00 (+ tax) – Women + Women’s GR OR Men’s Freestyle + Men’s GR (two events)

SUPPORT STAFF:

\$0.00 (+ tax) – coaches, team leaders, team medical

OFFICIALS:

\$0.00

LAST CHANCE registrations will be accepted until April 3rd, 2026 at 16:59 ET, subject to a late fee. After March 27th, 2026 (16:59 ET), but prior to April 3rd, 2026 (16:59 ET):

U19 / U17 / U15:

\$350.00 (+ tax) – Women, Women’s GR, Men’s Freestyle or Men’s GR (one event)
\$430.00 (+ tax) – Women + Women’s GR OR Men’s Freestyle + Men’s GR (two events)

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 April 3rd, 2026 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 April 3rd, 2026 (16:59 ET) will be fully refundable by WCL. ▪ All injury withdrawals after April 3rd, 2026 (16:59 ET) may be eligible for refund with the purchase of Uplifter’s Refund Protect coverage through the registration process, provided all Uplifter’s terms and conditions are met. Supporting medical documentation may be requested by Uplifter. ▪ All injury withdrawals after April 3rd, 2026 (16:59 ET) are not refundable if Uplifter’s Refund Protect coverage was not purchased through the registration process. ▪ All scratches after April 3rd, 2026 (16:59 ET) are not refundable.
<p>HOST HOTEL (PRIMARY)</p>	<p>FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON 6702 106 Street Grande Prairie, AB. T8W 0K8 Phone: 587-771-1300 Online booking link Telephone booking: Please call 587-771-1300 and quote the code GPS to get the agreed upon rates for this specific room block.</p> <p>Rooms & Prices: Single King = \$164/room plus taxes. Double Queens = \$169/room plus taxes. King Kitchenette = \$184/room plus taxes. Double Queen Kitchenette = \$189/room plus taxes.</p>
<p>HOST HOTELS (SECONDARY)</p>	<p>POMEROY HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE 11633 100th Street Grande Prairie, AB. T8V 3Y4 Phone: 780-532-5221 Online booking link</p> <p>Rooms & Prices: Single King = \$166/night plus taxes Double Queens = \$166/night plus taxes</p> <hr/> <p>HAMPTON INN & SUITES BY HILTON 10405 117 Street Grande Prairie, AB. T8V 6M8 Phone: 780-538-0722 Website: Hampton Inn and Suites Hotel in Grande Prairie, Alberta</p>



<p>HOST HOTELS (SECONDARY)</p>	<p>Rooms & Prices: Double Queens = \$171/weekday nights & \$161/weekend nights plus taxes</p>
	<p>DELTA BY MARRIOT GRANDE PRAIRIE AIRPORT 11709 99 Avenue Grande Prairie, AB T8W 0C7 Phone: 780-533-6000 Online booking link: Book your group rate for GP3496 - GP Sport Housing Society</p> <p>Rooms & Prices: Double Queen = \$149 plus taxes</p> <p>HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS 10226 117 Avenue Grande Prairie, AB. T8V 7S5 Phone: 780-814-9446 Online booking link: Bookings will be available January 1st.</p> <p>Rooms & Prices: Queen = \$161/night plus taxes King = \$161/night plus taxes Family Suites = \$171/night plus taxes</p>
<p>TRANSPORTATION</p>	<p>Airport transfer between Grande Prairie Airport (YQU), 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 must be received by WCL by April 3rd, 2026 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"> ▪ YQU Flight Information ▪ Getting to and from YQU



SCHEDULE
(subject to change)

WEDNESDAY April 22 nd , 2026	All Day	Arrival of Teams
THURSDAY April 23 rd , 2026	All Day	Arrival of Teams
	8:00 – 20:00 Design Works Centre	Practice time (certified coaches must be in attendance) Contact: EMAIL FORTHCOMING
	10:00 – 16:00 Four Points by Sheraton	Accreditation
	14:00 – 15:00 Four Points by Sheraton	MEDICALS & WEIGH-INS U17 – all styles (no weight tolerance) - Athletes will be permitted to move up one weight class if they fail to make weight at weigh-ins (with the exception of the heaviest weight classes who must make the weight).
	15:00 – 16:00 Four Points by Sheraton	MEDICALS & WEIGH-INS U19 – WW, WW-GR (no weight tolerance) - Athletes will be permitted to move up one weight class if they fail to make weight at weigh-ins (with the exception of the heaviest weight classes who must make the weight).
	14:00 – 20:00 Four Points by Sheraton	Pairing Masters Clinic
	17:30 – 19:30 Four Points by Sheraton	Officials' Clinic



<p>THURSDAY April 23rd, 2026</p>	<p>19:00 – 20:00 Four Points by Sheraton</p>	<p>Accreditation Coaches' Technical Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tournament information include field of play access and flow ▪ Scratches & Draw (U17 WW, U17 FS, U19 WW)
<p>FRIDAY April 24th, 2026</p>	<p>8:00 – 20:00 Design Works Centre</p>	<p>Practice time (certified coaches must be in attendance) Contact: EMAIL FORTHCOMING</p>
	<p>9:00 – 16:00 Design Works Centre</p>	<p>QUALIFICATION SESSIONS – U17 WW, U17 FS, U19 WW LUNCH BREAK (noon to 13:00) 5-6 place matches 3-4 place matches</p>
	<p>TBD Design Works Centre</p>	<p>MEDICALS & WEIGH-INS U15 – all styles (no weight tolerance) - Athletes will be permitted to move up one weight class if they fail to make weight at weigh-ins (with the exception of the heaviest weight classes who must make the weight).</p>
	<p>TBD Design Works Centre</p>	<p>MEDICALS & WEIGH-INS U19 – FS, GR (no weight tolerance) - Athletes will be permitted to move up one weight class if they fail to make weight at weigh-ins (with the exception of the heaviest weight classes who must make the weight).</p>
	<p>16:00 – 16:30 Design Works Centre</p>	<p>DINNER BREAK</p>
	<p>16:30 – 20:00 Design Works Centre</p>	<p>March-in for finalists FINALS – U17 WW, U17 FS, U19 WW Gold medal matches (3 mats) Awards Ceremonies</p>
	<p>Following Award Ceremonies Design Works Centre</p>	<p>Coaches' Technical Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Scratches & Draw (U15 WW, U15 FS, U19 FS)



SATURDAY April 25 th , 2026	8:00 – 20:00 Design Works Centre	Practice time (certified coaches must be in attendance) Contact: EMAIL FORTHCOMING
	9:00 – 16:00 Design Works Centre	QUALIFICATION SESSIONS – U15 WW, U15 FS, U19 FS LUNCH BREAK (noon to 13:00) 5-6 place matches 3-4 place matches
	16:00 – 16:30 Design Works Centre	DINNER BREAK
	16:30 – 16:45 Design Works Centre	OPENING CEREMONIES March-in for finalists
	16:45 – 20:00 Design Works Centre	FINALS – U15 WW, U15 FS, U19 FS Gold medal matches (3 mats) Awards Ceremonies
	Following Award Ceremonies Design Works Centre	Coaches' Technical Meeting: ▪ Scratches & Draw - U15, U17, U19 Men's & Women's GR
	All Day	Team Departures to airport
SUNDAY April 26 th , 2026	9:00 – to completion Design Works Centre	MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GRECO - U15, U17, U19 WRESTLE TO COMPLETION LUNCH BREAK (noon to 13:00), as necessary Awards Ceremonies
	All Day	Team Departures to airport
MONDAY April 27 th , 2026	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 April 3rd, 2026 (late registration deadline).

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:

Competition Introduction

Please see all Coach Competition Introduction Requirements here:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mEabs5jtw0b0r_8Pn3veuyc7VL1k98C-LglboAcuZ_Y/edit?usp=sharing