

SASKATCHEWAN WRESTLING SELECTION CRITERIA

WESTERN CANADA SUMMER GAMES PROGRAM 2011

1. All athletes must be born in the years 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1998.
2. Athletes must be in good standings of the Saskatchewan Amateur Wrestling Association
3. Qualification will be based on results from the 2011 Canadian Cadet Freestyle Championships, 2011 SAWA Cadet and Bantam Provincial Wrestling Championships
4. Athletes will qualify for the team through a three tier process as follow:

Tier 1 - Olympic Trials Ladder - Mid May - **Ladder will only include the TOP 3 of the following:**

- Top placing - 2011 Cadet National Champion in same (or closest) weight class
- Next Placing - 2011 Cadet National Silver then Bronze in same (or closest) weight class
- Next Placing - 2011 SAWA Cadet Provincial Champion in same (or closest) weight class
- Next Placing - 2011 SAWA Bantam Provincial Champion in same (or closest) weight class
- Next Placing - 2011 SAWA Cadet Silver then Bronze in same (or closest) weight class
- Next Placing - 2011 SAWA Bantam Silver then Bronze in same (or closest) weight class
- The ladder will only include athletes that meet the above criteria regardless of whether 3 spots are allocated
- Athletes that don't meet the criteria will form a pool or bracket draw which will be single elimination. Winner will take the bottom place on the ladder
- If none of the athletes meet the above criteria then no ladder will be developed and athletes will be placed into a pool or bracket draw.

Ladder Tournament

- Weigh in will be on-sight the night before the ladder competition
- Coaches will only be allowed to oversee the actual weigh-in of their personal athletes
- Non-ladder tournament will occur at 9 a.m. and run until completion
- Ladder tournament will begin at 1 p.m. with the following format:
 - 4th place (pool or bracket winner) vs. #3
 - winner of above vs. #2
 - winner of above vs. #1 - note - athletes will wrestle best 2 or 3 matches. If one athlete wins 2 matches in a row then the competition is over
 - If the ladder does not have 3 athletes then the pool or bracket winner will assume the lowest spot on the ladder. If the lowest spot is #2 then he/she will wrestle the final in a best 2 of 3.
 - If there are only 2 athletes in the weight class, they will wrestle best 2 of 3 matches regardless of whether there was a ladder or not

Tier 2 - Western Canada Games Identified Program - May - July 2011

- Top 2 athletes in each weight class will be invited to be involved in the Western Canada Games Identified Program

- All athletes in the program will need to commit to the Western Canada Games Training Program in order to have an opportunity to compete in the final trials (under WCG coaches discretion)

Tier 3 - Final Trials- Mid July - weigh in will occur the night before the final trial - competition will commence at 10 a.m. the next morning

- Athlete in the identified program will compete in a final trial in mid July (date to be determined by WCG coaching staff)
- Ladder will be set based on results from Tier 1 trial
- The #1 athlete will have a 1 match advantage in a best 2 of 3 format (ex. #1 will have to be beaten twice in a row)
- If the previous #1 athlete does not compete then the #2 athlete from the tier 1 trials will move up to #1 and will have a match advantage. If #1 and #2 do not compete then a pool will be formed with the final being best 2 of 3 matches
- Athletes may change weight classes however they will then relinquish their previous position from the tier 1 trial and go to the bottom of the ladder of the new weight class
- Winner of the Tier 3 Trial will be named as the Western Canada Games Team Member - Loser of the final will be the alternate
- If a weight class is uncontested coaches will use their discretion to fill the weight class
- Tier 3 Champion will represent Saskatchewan at the Western Canada Games if they commit to the Western Canada Games Program (under coaches discretion)
- **WCG coaches may invite an athlete to compete in the final trial even if they did not compete in the tier 1 or 2 programs. WCG coaches must submit a notice of entry to the VP Technical (one week prior to the final trial) who will then ratify the invitation with the High Performance Committee. The invited athlete would assume the lowest spot on the tier 3 ladder**

Special Circumstances

- A 2011 National Medallist who is injured prior to the tier 1 trial may file a notice of injury up until the start of the tier 1 weigh in. A doctor's note must accompany the notice of injury as well as a disclosure which states the weight class being contested and the recovery date. The SAWA reserves the right to have the athlete examined by a doctor of the association's choosing to verify the injury as well as the recovery time.
- A 2011 National Medallist who does not pass the medical at the tier 1 trials will also receive a medical exemption if requested
- Any athlete who receives a medical exemption must compete in the same weight class they competed at in the National Championships since their placement is the reason they received the exemption.
- Any athlete that receives a medical exemption from the tier 1 trials must compete in the tier 3 trials. The athlete will assume the bottom position on the tier 3 ladder. No previous wrestle offs will be required.
- No medical exemptions will be allowed at the tier 3 trials.
- At any time, a wrestler named to the Western Canada Games Team may be replaced based on the discretion of the coaching staff and the discretion of the SAWA High Performance Committee. Coaches must file a notice to SAWA's High Performance Committee. The Committee will then make the final decision