

Regulation for Selection of Wrestles for participation in the National Coaching Camps / International Competitions

1. Training / Coaching Camps

As a general rule, wrestlers obtaining first fourth position (Gold, Silver & Bronze Medal winners) in the last National Wrestling Championship in the concerned style and age group will be included in the National Coaching Camp of the probables. In exceptional cases, the President, WFI may permit an international wrestler who has good track record but missed the last National Wrestling Championship for valid reasons to be admitted to the training camp for reasons to be recorded in writing. The Federation will also prepare a list of reserve wrestlers one in each weight category to be included in the training camp as a replacement in the event of a wrestler not reporting in the camp due to injury or some other reasons. Reserve list of the wrestlers will include 5th position holders in the last National Wrestling Championship. Iconic players like Olympic / World Championship medal winners and last Asian Games Gold Medal winners may be included in the camp even if they miss the National Wrestling Championship.

2. Selection Committee

The Selection Committee of Wrestling Federation of India [WFI] will be chaired by the President, WFI and will include Secretary General, WFI, one Arjuna Awardee / Dronachayara Awardee, Chief Coach and Foreign Expert of the style concerned. The President, WFI may associate another member as Associate Member of the Selection Committee from the local area where the trials are being held.

3. Periodicity of Selection Trials

Selection Trial will be normally held once in 3-4 months when wrestlers will be ranked No. 1 to 4 depending on the results of the trials. The Selection Committee will recommend which wrestler will represent the country in which competition during the next 3-4 months keeping in view of the following considerations:

- Exposure necessary for potential medal winners at the next Olympic or Asian Games.
- Creation of a bench strength while giving exposures to wrestlers ranked 2 or 3 so that replacement is possible in the event No. 1 wrestlers is unable to participate in view of injury or some other reasons.

- It would also be necessary to ensure that the wrestlers in younger age group are given adequate exposure. The Selection Committee will decide which wrestler will participate in which competition and no wrestler can claim as a matter of right that he should represent the country in a particular competition.
- Officiation at Selection Trial will be done by qualified International Referees. In case there are close bouts where the Selection Committee is of the opinion that the victory has not been decisive enough, the Selection Committee will have the liberty to have another bout between the wrestler after prescribed rest and they take final decision considering the results of both the bouts.
- The bouts during Selection Trial will be videographed and UWW rules will be strictly followed.
- The circular regarding the trial will give all necessary information for the wrestlers and coaches so that these complete transparency.

In addition to the above, the selection trials are mandatory for the following major wrestling events:

Olympic Games: The participation in the Olympic Games is based on the qualification system. According to the UWW Rules, an Olympic berth is for the country concerned and not the wrestler who might have clinched it. It means quota belongs to the country and not to a particular wrestler who represented the country in the qualification events. Hence, the Selection Committee of WFI will have the discretion to hold a trial for participation in the Olympic Games. However, it will not be compulsory that all the quota earned Wrestlers will be asked to appear in trials. And if the trials are held, the quota winner will not appear in the initial trials in that particular category, rather he/she will compete with the winner of those trials. And if the quota-winner loses the bout to the trials' winner, he/she will be given one more opportunity to keep the quota through a second bout against the same opponent.

Asian Games: The Selection Trials in all weight categories are mandatory, however, the Selection Committee will have the discretion to select the iconic players like medallists of Olympic / World Championship without trials provided recommendation by Chief Coach / Foreign Expert.

Commonwealth Games: The Selection Trials in all weight categories are mandatory. The selection of the wrestlers will be based on the fair selection trials.

4. Miscellaneous

The Chief Coach may recommend debarring a wrestler from taking part in the Selection Trial on the basis of poor attendance or indiscipline in the camp and the Selection Committee may accept such a recommendation.

All circulars regarding selection trial will be endorsed to SAI and Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports well in advance so that they may depute their Observer for the trial if they so want.