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Sub: Selection Trials for 2026 Senior World Wrestling Championships, Kazakhstan - Olympic Weight Categories

The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) is holding selection trials as per the schedule given below to select the Indian wrestling teams for participation in the 2026 Senior World Wrestling Championship scheduled to be held in Astana (Kazakhstan) from 24th October to 1st November 2026.

- On 14th September 2026 at IG Stadium, New Delhi for Women Wrestling
- On 15th September 2026 at RC, Lucknow for Free Style & Greco Roman Style

The selection trials will be held in the following 6 Olympic weight categories:

Free Style	:	57, 65, 74, 86, 97 & 125 Kg.
Greco Roman Style	:	60, 67, 77, 87, 97 & 130 Kg.
Women Wrestling	:	50, 53, 57, 62, 68 & 76 Kg.

The Selection Trials for the non-Olympic weight categories will be held one week after the above mentioned trials.

As the 2026 Asian Games are scheduled to be held at the end of this month, the wrestlers selected to represent the country at the 2026 Asian Games may not be able to participate in the Selection Trials due to the possibility of injuries sustained during their preparation for the Games. Accordingly, it has been decided that the wrestlers securing first position in their respective weight categories in the Selection Trials scheduled to be held on 14th and 15th September 2026 shall be required to participate in a final trial against the wrestlers selected to represent the country at the 2026 Asian Games.

However, the wrestlers selected for the 2026 Asian Games shall not be debarred from participating in the Selection Trials scheduled for 14th and 15th September 2026. If any such wrestler is interested in participating in the Selection Trials, he/she may participate. In such a case, if the Asian Games selected wrestler secures first position in the respective weight category, he/she shall be selected to represent the country at the 2026 World Wrestling Championships, and no final trial shall be conducted in that weight category.

In case the Asian Games selected wrestler does not participate in the Selection Trials, the wrestler securing first position in the respective weight category shall be required to participate in the final trial against the concerned Asian Games-selected wrestler.

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However, this provision will not be applicable to the 86 kg. weight category in Free Style and the 130 kg. weight category in Greco Roman Style. In these two weight categories, the wrestler securing the first position in the Selection Trials scheduled for 15th September 2026 will be selected to represent the country at the Senior World Championship.

Please note that the wrestlers selected to represent India at the U23 Senior World Wrestling Championship, USA will not be eligible to participate in the selection trials for Senior World Championship as the gap between the U23 Senior World Wrestling Championship and the Senior World Wrestling Championship is very short

The following wrestlers shall be eligible to participate in the Selection Trials:

- All medal winners of the 2025 Senior National Wrestling Championship, Gujarat
- All medal winners of the 2026 Senior Open Ranking Tournament held at Gonda (UP).
- All medal winners of the 2026 U23 National Championship, Rohtak except those selected for U23 World Wrestling Championship.
- Only those medal winners of the 2026 Federation Cup who have been selected for an international wrestling competition in the current year.
- All wrestlers who are currently attending the National Coaching Camp.
- All wrestlers selected for the 2026 U20 World Wrestling Championship in Slovakia.
- Wrestlers found guilty of indiscipline during the current year at the National Coaching Camp will not be permitted to participate in the above mentioned trials.
- The weigh-in will be conducted at 0700 hours on the day of the Selection Trials.
- As recommended by the Chief Coaches, a weight tolerance of 1 kg shall be permitted for the first three weight categories and 2 kg for the upper three weight categories, across all styles.
- The Selection Trials shall be supervised and conducted by highly qualified Technical Officials.
- Past performance shall not be taken into consideration for the Selection Trials. Selection shall be based solely on the performance in the trials.



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