

MAWA PROVINCIAL TEAM SELECTION

A Manitoba Provincial team will be selected to represent the Province at any Provincial, Inter-Provincial, and/or National Games, other than the annual National Wrestling Championship. All Participants must be members of the Manitoba Amateur Wrestling Association.

PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION

Selection of the wrestlers for each weight category shall be chosen using an open tournament. The winning spot for each weight class shall be determined by a best out of 3 competition between the top two wrestlers.

The open tournament to determine team members should be held as close to the Games as possible. The tournament shall use a referee, a judge and a mat chairman for all matches. There will be NO weight allowance.

The weight that the athlete competes in at the trials, he/she MUST compete at that weight at the Games.

REQUIREMENT OF ATHLETES

The trials champion will represent Team Manitoba at the Games IF they also commit to the Games Program. If the trials champion cannot commit to the Games Program or, if based on the unanimous decision of the appropriate games team coaches and manager, the athlete has not maintained their weight or prescribed training program, the trials champion may be removed from the team and the alternate put in his/her place. This decision must be ratified by the MAWA Executive.

Athletes who reside greater than 150 km from the training site may be allowed to complete the training sessions at a closer venue.

Following the trials, circumstances may arise in which the Games coaching staff may determine it is in the best interests of the overall team makeup to move team members or alternates into a different weight class. This decision must be ratified by the MAWA Executive. To continue to be eligible as alternates, athletes must maintain their weight class and must continue to participate as required in the Games Team training program.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES – MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS

If an athlete who is injured or has a medical/family emergency and therefore unable to participate in the Games team trials, he/she may file a request for an exemption to the MAWA office no later than 2 weeks prior to the trials. The request must state the weight class the athlete wishes to enter. A medical note from a doctor outlining the reason the athlete cannot compete must also be submitted with the request. MAWA may require the athlete be examined by a doctor of the Association's choosing to confirm the injury. No change of weight class will be permitted after the request has been submitted.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES – OTHER EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

If an athlete faces an exceptional circumstance (ex. educational conflict, religious conflict, prolonged injury, place of residence, etc.), that prevents them from attending the trials, an exemption or admission request can be filed with the Games Coaching Staff and the MAWA Executive. These circumstances should be identified well in advance of the trials, and as such, official exemption requests should be filed no later than 3 weeks before trials. Each case will be reviewed, and the athlete will be notified 2 weeks prior to trials if an exemption will be issued.

All exemption requests will be reviewed and decided by the Games Coaching Staff and the MAWA Executive. Their decision will be FINAL. Injuries incurred during the event will not be subject to appeal unless the direct result of an illegal foul as determined by the head official.

Competitors will be notified at the trials if they are competing in a weight class in which an exemption has been granted.

If the exemption is accepted, the athlete must be ready to wrestle off. A date, time and location for the wrestle off will be chosen by a majority of the appropriate team coaches and team manager. If the petitioner is unable to attend, he/she forfeits their opportunity to wrestle off.

At the wrestle-off the petitioner and trials competitors must make scratch Games weight and:

- 1) Meet and defeat the trials 3rd place finisher
- 2) Meet and defeat the trials alternate
- 3) Meet and defeat the trials champion in a best of 3 series

If a weight class has only one participant entered, they must stand to weigh-in, if they are not able to attend the weigh-in they will forfeit their position. The said athlete will then be contacted by the Games coaching staff and asked to continue in order to fill the weight class.

If a weight class is without participants at the trials, the Games Coaching Staff have the authority to seek out athletes in the province to ensure all positions are filled.

REMOVAL FROM TEAM

A wrestler named to the Games team may be removed at any time prior to the games if the appropriate games coaches and the MAWA Executive agree that the athlete has not met the requirements of the Games training program, or who has violated the athlete code of conduct or has been disruptive to the team.

PROCEDURE FOR COACHING STAFF FOR PROVINCIAL TEAM

The coach and coaching assistant positions for the Provincial Team are volunteer positions that must be applied for through MAWA. Each candidate must submit a resume of coaching experience and qualifications, as well as a coach's plan to prepare the team for the upcoming event.

Coaches must meet the minimum required coaching certification as per the technical package.

The selected coach will be required to prepare a program budget, to be approved by the Provincial team Committee. It is strongly recommended that both genders be represented on the coaching team.

This policy was first approved by the Board of Directors of MAWA on March 9, 2007. It will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Board and may be amended, deleted, or replaced by a resolution of the Board. Amended May 31, 2019.