



Team Indiana National Team Selection Process



Kids National Championships (Freestyle & Greco) -This trip is currently available to all 8U, 10U, 12U & 14U - Participate in the ISWA Freestyle & Greco State Finals -Participate in the USA Kids/Cadet Regional Championship

16U Individual National Championships (Freestyle & Greco) -Top 3 place finishers at the corresponding ISWA State Tournament will be offered. 3 spots will be selected. -Top 6 place finishers at any Kids/Cadets Regional Championship -Top 8 place finishers at UWW Cadet Nationals -Positions not filled by Criteria #1 will be filled at the discretion of the National Team Committee*

Junior Individual National Championships (Freestyle & Greco) -Top 3 place finishers at the corresponding ISWA State Tournament will be offered. 3 spots will be selected. -Top 6 place finishers at any Kids/Cadet Regionals -Top 8 place finishers at UWW Cadet National or UWW Junior Nationals -Positions not filled by Criteria #1 will be filled at the discretion of the National Team Committee*

National 14U Duals Teams -Wrestlers placing in the top 2 positions at the 2 FS/2GR tournament designated as the ISWA State Qualifier will be offered positions on the team in the order, only 2 spots are available per style -Top 3 place finishers in a weight class has 5 days to accept the spot in order from 1st to 3rd place. -Positions not filled by Criteria #1 will be filled at the discretion of the National Team Committee*

National 16U & Junior Duals Teams -There will be 2 Freestyle teams and 1 Greco Team at both 16U and Junior Duals. One Freestyle team will be based off the ISWA State Finals results, and the other team will be selected by the National Coaches Committee. The Greco team will be based off ISWA results and selection from the two Freestyle teams.

Heartland Duals Teams The Indiana State Wrestling Association, in an effort to field the best possible teams for the national level event known as Heartland Duals, has decided to change their selection process. In years past we have held wrestle-offs to decide the members of each team. While good in theory, this has proven to be a difficult undertaking on all parties involved. With this in mind, the ISWA has decided to select each team using a committee of coaches. Once the committee has selected the teams there will still be an opportunity for a wrestle-off, if an athlete feels he or she should be considered. The process for selection will go as follows-The selection committee will be made up of the following:

1. Two current ISWA board members, One representative from the ISWA Large Team Elementary Duals Champions, One representative from the ISWA Small Team Elementary Duals Champions, One representative from the ISWA Middle School Duals Champions, Two at large member selected from ISWA Sections not represented in 1-4* If the event that criteria 2 and 4 present the same club, a third at large member will be chosen.
2. Once the committee has selected the teams, the ISWA will make public the members of each team. In the event that an athlete would like to challenge for a spot of a selected team member, the following requirements must be met... The challenging wrestler must give written notice via email of their intent to challenge, within 48 hours of the teams posting, The ISWA will then determine the time and location of the wrestler-off, in which both wrestlers must attend, The wrestle off will be a best of 3 series, Wrestler-offs will be held at least 14 days prior to the event.

*The National Team Selection Committee and the ISWA Executive Board will consider any petitions for the team trips.

*The National Team(s) Selection Committee shall be Team leader, Age group director, State coach, Head coach of trip under consideration and Vice chair of programs.

Team Leader & Coaches Selection Process A list of interested coaches and team leaders is compiled from the application forms submitted to the State Coach Director. This form is available on the www.iswa.com Under Coaches-Coaches Application. This form can be completed by any adult desiring to volunteer. A database of all the applicants will be made available to all the appropriate directors by the State Coaches Director. All applicants are required to hold a current USAW Wrestling Leader Card. Cadet and Junior National Team Coaches must be a minimum USA Wrestling Bronze certified. All other coaches must be at a minimum Copper Certified. In order to have the continuity in the coaching concept established over the years, it is important to have some of the same coaches each year and also bring new coaches to keep developing the program. The coaching staff and team leaders which will represent the USAW National Events are presented to the ISWA Board for approval. The coach's pool will be updated on an annual basis. NOTICE: when you re-apply for your coach's card on the USA Wrestling site - notice it is called: WRESTLING LEADER <https://www.usawmembership.com/login>

APPLICATION DEADLINE - Spring trips: Due no later than February 1, 2026 "Summer trips": Due no later than April 1, 2026, those turned in late will be placed to the bottom of the selection list to be used possibly at a later date. If there are special needs for a coach selected, this must be put in writing and sent to the trip leader for submission to the ISWA board 4 weeks prior to the trip or the trip camp.

Coaches selection criteria - items for selection are considered but not limited to: -national level trips must have a bronze card and up to date USAW Coaches Membership -regular RTC involvement- are you working your local one?, - local wrestling involvement, -ISWA state finals coaching involvement (minimum be present) -coaches pursuit of education (clinics, Certifications) -prior trip involvement in Indiana National Teams -involvement of your own club -Passion and dedication to kids and wrestling -reports of yellow cards, red cards, dismissals, or unsportsmanlike conduct - The coaching list may reflect the number of qualifiers at ISWA FS/GR State tournament. The ISWA will look at last year's and this year's team results. -Coaches must do age group duals to have their name near top of selection for Fargo The higher the level the trip, the more emphasis on each item. Coaches are to work their way up through the system- kid's trips, duals trips, Fargo, international - the ISWA reserves the right to use the need of a coach to make them work faster through the system.

Once a coach is selected, some of the expectations of the position are as follows but not limited to: -once selected coaches are to attend all pertaining state finals events. -coaches must attend and help pertinent camps - this includes all coaching activities such as running practices, supervising sleeping quarters, and all things asked by the team leader -coaches will help recruit the trips -travel to and from the events working as a part of the staff with the entire team supervision and coaching processes -coaches will follow all expectations personal expectation set in the ISWA Coaches Code of Conduct (signed at each ISWA state finals event to receive wristband) *Post trip - Coaches will be evaluated post trip by the team leader and state coaches director, as well as a self eval to be turned in

FARGO COACHES: please take special note of all details and expectations!

Who selects the trips? Coaches Selection Committee (State Coaches Council), chaired by the ISWA State Coach - selection committee is made up by the state coach, age group director(s), team leader director and the trips team leader, and ISWA vice chair of programs. Once selected the committee submits the trip to the board for review and approval. An official from our board of directors will be reviewing each list. Consideration for the selection for Fargo staff could be based off of the top finishers at ISWA state and numbers of wrestlers qualified for Fargo. Other considerations are listed in the information about team leader and coaches' selection process. Coaches' council selects the staff to be voted on by the ISWA board.