



# U23 World Championships

FREESTYLE, GRECO-ROMAN, WOMEN'S WRESTLING  
LAS VEGAS (USA) | OCTOBER 12-18, 2026

## Competition & Venue Details

### Competition Venue & Address

Thomas and Mack Center, 4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV

*Number of Mats: 4*

### Organizer & Contact

*Organizer:* USA Wrestling

*Email:* [usa@uww.org](mailto:usa@uww.org)

### Key Logistics

*Accreditation:* Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino

*Teams Reception:* Harry Reid International Airport (LAS)

*Technical Conference(s):* Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino

*Weigh-in & Training Location:* Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino

*Meals:* Breakfast, lunch, and dinner for athletes will be served at the hotel.

### Final Entries Deadline

**14 September 2026**

## Participation & Entry Fees

### Accommodation Fee

**CHF 200.-**

per day and per person (minimum 4 nights)  
*includes accommodation, meals, transfers, local transportation*

### Engagement Fee

**CHF 100.-**

per athlete

## Accommodation Details

### Teams

Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino, 3000 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, NV

### UWW Officials & Staff

*UWW Bureau:* Embassy Suites by Hilton Las Vegas, 4315 University Center Drive, Las Vegas, NV

*Referees & UWW Staff:* Embassy Suites by Hilton Las Vegas, 4315 University Center Drive, Las Vegas, NV

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Saturday 10.10: Arrival of the delegations / Monday 19.10: Departure of the delegations

● FS ● GR ● WW

Sun 11.10	Mon 12.10	Tue 13.10	Wed 14.10	Thu 15.10	Fri 16.10	Sat 17.10	Sun 18.10
	07:30 - 08:00	07:30 - 07:45	07:30 - 07:45	07:30 - 07:45	07:30 - 07:45	07:30 - 07:45	07:30 - 07:45
	<b>I Medical examination &amp; weigh-in</b> GR: 60kg, 67kg, 72kg, 82kg, 97kg	<b>II Weigh-in</b> GR: 60kg, 67kg, 72kg, 82kg, 97kg	<b>II Weigh-in</b> GR: 55kg, 63kg, 77kg, 87kg, 130kg	<b>II Weigh-in</b> WW: 50kg, 55kg, 59kg, 68kg, 76kg	<b>II Weigh-in</b> WW: 53kg, 57kg, 62kg, 65kg, 72kg	<b>II Weigh-in</b> FS: 61kg, 74kg, 86kg, 92kg, 125kg	<b>II Weigh-in</b> FS: 57kg, 65kg, 70kg, 79kg, 97kg
		07:45 - 08:15	07:45 - 08:15	07:45 - 08:15	07:45 - 08:15	07:45 - 08:15	
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	10:30 - 15:00	10:30 - 15:00	10:30 - 13:30	10:30 - 13:30	10:30 - 14:30	10:30 - 14:30	10:30 - 12:30
	<b>Qualification rounds</b> GR: 60kg, 67kg, 72kg, 82kg, 97kg	<b>Repechages</b> GR: 60kg, 67kg, 72kg, 82kg, 97kg	<b>Repechages</b> GR: 55kg, 63kg, 77kg, 87kg, 130kg	<b>Repechages</b> WW: 50kg, 55kg, 59kg, 68kg, 76kg	<b>Repechages</b> WW: 53kg, 57kg, 62kg, 65kg, 72kg	<b>Repechages</b> FS: 61kg, 74kg, 86kg, 92kg, 125kg	<b>Repechages</b> FS: 57kg, 65kg, 70kg, 79kg, 97kg
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				13:30 - 14:30			13:00 - 15:30
				<b>Technical conference</b> All FS teams Draw FS: all weight categories			<b>Finals &amp; award ceremonies</b> FS: 57kg, 65kg, 70kg, 79kg, 97kg
		15:00 - 16:00					
		<b>Technical conference</b> All WW teams Draw WW: all weight categories					
	16:00 - 17:00						
	<b>Technical conference</b> All GR teams Draw GR: all weight categories						
	17:00 - 18:00						
	<b>Referees' consultation</b>						
	17:15 - 17:45						
	<b>Opening ceremony</b>						
	18:00 - 20:30	18:00 - 20:30	18:00 - 20:30	18:00 - 20:30	18:00 - 20:30	18:00 - 20:30	18:00 - 20:30
	<b>Semi-finals</b> GR: 60kg, 67kg, 72kg, 82kg, 97kg	<b>Finals &amp; award ceremonies</b> GR: 60kg, 67kg, 72kg, 82kg, 97kg	<b>Finals &amp; award ceremonies</b> GR: 55kg, 63kg, 77kg, 87kg, 130kg	<b>Finals &amp; award ceremonies</b> WW: 50kg, 55kg, 59kg, 68kg, 76kg	<b>Finals &amp; award ceremonies</b> WW: 53kg, 57kg, 62kg, 65kg, 72kg	<b>Finals &amp; award ceremonies</b> FS: 61kg, 74kg, 86kg, 92kg, 125kg	<b>Finals &amp; award ceremonies</b> FS: 57kg, 65kg, 70kg, 79kg, 97kg



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The following regulations will be strictly followed. Variations will only be made by UWW/USA Wrestling.

### Teams Invited

All affiliated national wrestling federations in good standing with United World Wrestling.

**Please Note:** Due to limited appointment availability and long wait times at U.S. Embassies, the organizers kindly request that all federations strictly adhere to the following guidelines:

1. **DS-160 Completion:** You cannot schedule a visa appointment until the DS-160 form is completed and the application fee is processed.
2. **Athlete and Delegate Modifications:** Changing delegates after the **July 16th** deadline will cause further delays in securing U.S. Embassy appointments.
3. **Invitation Letters:** Visa applicants must fill out the DS-160 form *before* requesting an official letter of invitation from USA Wrestling. **Please note:** Invitation requests will **ONLY** be processed if they are sent directly from an official UWW federation email address.
4. **Visa Tracking Form:** Once you have completed the DS-160 form and processed the payment, please email the completed Visa Tracking Form to Marty Margolis at [mmargolis@usawrestling.org](mailto:mmargolis@usawrestling.org).
5. **Compliance:** Late requests after July 16<sup>th</sup> deadline may not be accommodated due to embassy constraints. Please plan ahead and follow all instructions precisely.

### IMPORTANT VISA INSTRUCTIONS

- USAW suggests that all foreign delegations participating at the 2026 U23 World Championships complete all VISA APPLICATIONS including processing online DS-160 Forms, electronic visa application payment and selecting interview date by July 16<sup>th</sup> 2026 to ensure an appointment and visa approval.
- For full directions on applying for visa please click on link
  - English "[Click Here](#)"
  - Spanish "[Haga Clic Aqui](#)"
- Begin the visa process by applying online at <http://www.travel.state.gov>



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- Apply for a B1/B2 Nonimmigrant Visa Online by filling out an electronic DS-160 application for each member of your delegation.
- The visa process may fluctuate. It is important that your federation apply as quickly as possible. Make sure all applicants fill out the DS-160 form immediately. Once the DS 160 form is paid in full, IMMEDIATELY notify USA Wrestling by submitting the visa tracking form. This is a crucial step so that USA Wrestling and United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee can notify U.S. Embassy prior to interviews.
- Please fill out emailed visa tracking spreadsheet and submit back to Martin Margolis at [mmargolis@usawrestling.org](mailto:mmargolis@usawrestling.org).

### **Appointment Wait Times and Expedited Appointments:**

- USOPC can assist with facilitating expedited appointments. **All** countries should apply for their visas as soon as possible; if they cannot schedule a timely appointment, they need to follow the website's instructions to request an expedited appointment.
- To request an expedited appointment, applicants generally will need to
  - 1) submit the application and pay the fees
  - 2) schedule the earliest available appointment date (even if beyond the date of travel) and
  - 3) then may re-enter the scheduling system and select the "Request Expedite" option.

***Note: All three steps must be completed before the USOPC can get involved after an expedited appointment has been denied.***

- Please let USA Wrestling know immediately if/when an expedite request is denied and we can assist. USOPC must have confirmation that an expedite request was submitted before we can request an earlier appointment date with our contacts.



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## Financial Conditions

- All visiting delegations will be responsible for all food and housing expenses for each delegate.
- Individual Delegates must stay a minimum of four (4) days.
- Athletes will be accommodated in double/double rooms at a cost of 200 CHF per day. Coaches, Team Leaders, Medical and other delegates will also be accommodated in double/double rooms at a cost of 200 CHF per day.
  - \*Conversion to USD will be done week prior to event.
  - \*\*Delegates who request **\*SINGLE ROOM** accommodations will be charged **225 CHF** per day unless odd number in delegation.
- USA Wrestling will be responsible for local transportation from the Harry Reid International Airport in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- **Please provide detailed travel information through “Athena” by September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**
  - *Transportation changes and updates beyond this date must be communicated with USA Wrestling through [transportation2026@usawrestling.org](mailto:transportation2026@usawrestling.org)*
  - *Due to the size of U.S. airports and the use of multiple terminals, USA Wrestling will not operate an information desk or meet-and-greet service at the airport. It is critical that all arrival, departure, and transportation details are communicated in advance through [transportation2026@usawrestling.org](mailto:transportation2026@usawrestling.org). Please do not assume that transportation can be arranged upon arrival. Accurate and timely communication through this email address is essential to ensure a smooth airport transfer experience.*
- All delegations must plan to depart on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Special arrangements may be possible if requested.
- Delegations must adhere to the deadlines stated in UWW Regulations and attached documents.
- Delegation participation/engagement fees (100 CHF per athlete) shall be paid to United World Wrestling online through the “Athena” system
- Delegation leaders shall settle all payments for room and board upon arrival. Each nation must enter all members of delegation in UWW Athena system prior to September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- *Federations are also encouraged to pay all costs in advance, transferring the amount due to the organizer’s account. Information for wire transfers will be sent upon request. Email [pisais@usawrestling.org](mailto:pisais@usawrestling.org)*
- No delegation members will be allowed to check-in to hotel without payment of room and board.



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- No accreditation shall take place without the participation/engagement fees being paid directly to United World Wrestling.
- Place of Accreditation: Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino - 3000 Paradise Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89109 - [\(702\) 732-5111](tel:7027325111)
- Delegation leaders will be responsible for any damage caused by members of their team during their stay.
- Delegations will be responsible for any incidentals associated with hotel and specific hotel rooms.
- The sampling procedure and doping control will be conducted according to IOC, WADA, and UWW regulations.



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## Technical Conditions

- The U23 World Championships will be conducted under UWW Wrestling Rules on four (4) UWW-approved Dollamur mats.
- The competition will be conducted over seven (7) days. Two (2) day competition per weight class.
- The men's competition will be held in the weight categories (KG) determined by UWW: 57-61-65-70-74-79-86-92-97-125 kg.
- The women's competition will be held in the weight categories (KG) determined by UWW: 50-53-55-57-59-62-65-68-72-76 kg.
- The Greco-Roman competition will be held in the weight categories (KG) determined by UWW: 55-60-63-67-72-77-82-87-97-130 kg.
- Competitors will weigh-in both days of competition.
- Competitors must be 18 to 23 years old in 2026 (Born between January 1, 2003, and December 31, 2008)
- Medical services will be provided by the Organizing Committee. The cost of transport by ambulance or special vehicle outside the agglomeration, hospitalization and special care must be borne by the participants who are, in principle, covered by United World Wrestling insurance if their license is valid for current year.
- ALL ATHLETES MUST HAVE A CURRENT UWW ATHLETE LICENSE. All Licenses must be purchased through Athena system.
- Each wrestler must undergo a medical exam prior to stepping on scale.

## Officiating

- A Type IV and V referee clinic will be held at this event.
- Referees belonging to UWW international I-S or I Category shall officiate these championships.
- Each referee shall present his referee's license to verify paid taxes for 2026.

## Official Ceremonies

- Each participating team must have one (1) representative present at the opening ceremony according to the host committee's instructions.
- The national flags of the countries whose teams earned 1st-3rd places will be raised once the medals and trophies have been awarded.
- The national anthem will be played for each team place winner.
- USA Wrestling will provide the flags and national anthems. It is the responsibility of the team leader to check the flag and anthem that USA Wrestling has obtained.



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## Media

- All Media must be credentialed through United World Wrestling “Athena” system.
- Members of the media are responsible for their own accommodation and board; however, hotels can be recommended.
- A press center will be available during the competition.
- Anyone wishing to record video must apply for UWW approval one month before the event.
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## Awards

- All athletes who earn a place on the podium (3 or 4 athletes) will receive a medal and diploma.
- Each participant will receive a souvenir and a diploma.

## Entries

- Final entries must be entered in the “Athena” system one month before the competition (**September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026**).
- The competition engagement fee will be CHF 100 per participant. This shall be paid through “Athena” system.

**Deadlines: Please provide information according to each respective deadlines included in regulations.**

**NOTICE! When corresponding by e-mail, USA Wrestling kindly asks that your Federation please use your UWW email account. Due to security issues stemming from deceitful individuals impersonating international wrestlers, our State Department insists we provide proof that those wishing to participate at international tournaments within the United States are actual international wrestlers and are represented by a wrestling federation. Using your Federation’s email account assists with this proof.**

## Possible Training Camp Accommodations Prior to Event

- The Southern Nevada Wrestling Association will be organizing preliminary training camp prior to October 12<sup>th</sup> for anyone that would like to do so. If interested please reach out to Rob Cate ([rob@nevadawrestling.org](mailto:rob@nevadawrestling.org)) prior to August 1<sup>st</sup> to confirm space and arrangements.