

**2008 UTAH
NATIONAL TEAM
INFORMATION**

The Board of Directors felt it would be more appropriate to hold a national team qualifying meet to qualify wrestlers wanting to participate on national teams. **All Cadet and Junior wrestlers who want to participate on state-sponsored national teams will qualify through this meet.** If you are interested in becoming part of Team Utah, you must participate in this qualifier.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY:

1. In accordance with our state by-laws, you must be a state resident, residence being determined by where you attend school.
2. Under all circumstances (There will be no exceptions). You must participate in a minimum of three events in the USAW - Utah state program **prior** to the state tournament. If an injury has affected your chance to participate, you must contact Steve Sanderson for a petition form. There are other ways to participate besides competition.

Cards will NOT be sold at state tournaments nor at the National team qualifier.

SUMMER TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES:

Junior and Cadet National Teams (*National Dual Team and National Championships*)

We are allowed three wrestlers per weight class in the national tournament. Our top three wrestlers from the qualifier, will be given the opportunity to fill those spots. *If you qualify for both styles but are not planning to participate in both, we expect you to inform us of your intentions before May 5th. Last year, we had wrestlers drop out at the tournament. There will be penalties if this happens.* We had wrestlers who wanted to fill those positions but were left home. We will accept petitions for weight classes that are not full. Petitions are due by May 10th. Again, non participants will not be considered.

Placement in the state tournament does not guarantee a spot on the national team.

If you plan to participate in the Cadet or Junior Nationals, there will be a non refundable \$200.00 deposit due at the qualifier. It represents a commitment to go to the tournament. It will go toward the cost of your National team warm-ups and will put you on the information list.

The state will assist with some of the expenses for the tournament. However, with the number of participants in our Utah events diminishing, participant cost for the tournament will be approximately \$800. Forms will be available as soon as they arrive from the national office.

Parents should be aware that the national office has changed the policy on floor passes at the event. They will only provide floor passes to our national team coaches, according to an athlete-to-coach ratio. **There should not be an expectation** for you to be mat-side during your son's matches.

Utah National Wrestling Team Qualifier

Date: April 30

Site: Pleasant Grove High School, Hosted by the state.

Who should be in attendance?

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER YOU PLACE IN A JUNIOR REGIONAL OR NOT, YOU MUST ATTEND THIS QUALIFIER!!!

If you would like to be part of Team Utah and want to compete in the following events for Cadets and Juniors: Cadet National Duals in Colorado, Cadet Nationals in Fargo, North Dakota, or the Junior Duals in Idaho, and the Junior Nationals in Fargo, North Dakota, you must participate in this qualifier. **If you are not planning to participate in the summer events, please do NOT participate in this event.**

USA Wrestling allows the top 3 Junior Regional place winners from each regional to attend the national tournament without counting them toward our team numbers, which are limited. **However, they make it very clear that those wrestlers must go through their individual state qualifying process to be eligible.**

As you register, consider your weight class. Wrestle in the weight class at which you are planning to wrestle this summer. You will **NOT** be allowed to change weight classes prior to the National Tournament. If you are cutting weight hard now, it will be twice as difficult to make weight in late July. At the national tournament, wrestlers weigh in twice per style.

Seeding: If you feel like you should be seeded, write your seeding information on the back of your registration form. Include state and regional placements, previous state and regional placements, and head to head matches with other competitors. We will use line brackets and wrestle for true placement including consolation wrestle backs.

Weigh in: 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wrestling: We will begin wrestling Freestyle at 5:15. Upon completion of your bracket, we will begin the Greco matches. We will not provide awards.

National Team Registration will take place following the completion of the competition. You must have a \$200 deposit along with your application. The \$200 deposit is **non refundable**.

If you do not complete the application process before you leave, your spot will go to the next highest finisher in the weight class.

Other competitions:

In past years, we have sponsored a Cadet National Dual team to Colorado. We will continue to do that. The Junior Duals are in Oklahoma. We have tried to help sponsor a team there, but it is terribly expensive. We are planning to support an effort from Idaho to host a Western National Duals. Details will be forthcoming.

Junior Regional, FILA Cadet or Junior competitions are open to all age-qualifying wrestlers. You are invited and encouraged to participate, but at your own expense. We do not take a state-sponsored team, nor do we plan to.

4. A National Team Training camp will be provided at a reasonable cost. The camp will be run as an intensive camp where competitors will wrestle matches as well as receive instruction from young, current competitors; the Sanderson brothers, along with other All-Americans will be featured. This intensive camp will be designed specifically to get you ready to wrestle in the Nationals.

USAW-Utah will provide a reduced rate for all members of the National teams and help them secure housing with local NT members. Consider the camp to be mandatory. Without regular intense training and preparation, you are wasting your time attending the national meets.

If there is a question concerning National team members, it will be decided by May 15th by the National Team Committee. Final team selection will be made by May 15th.