

International Federation of Associated Wrestling Styles (FILA)

EVENTS

FREESTYLE WRESTLING

Men (7 events)

Up to 55kg
 From 55 to 60kg
 From 60 to 66kg
 From 66 to 74kg
 From 74 to 84kg
 From 84 to 96kg
 From 96 to 120kg

Women (4 events)

Up to 48kg
 From 48 to 55kg
 From 55 to 63kg
 From 63 to 72kg

GRECO-ROMAN WRESTLING

Men (7 events)

Up to 55kg
 From 55 to 60kg
 From 60 to 66kg
 From 66 to 74kg
 From 74 to 84kg
 From 84 to 96kg
 From 96 to 120kg

ATHLETE/NOC QUOTA

Athlete quota: 280 men (Greco-Roman 140, Freestyle 140)
 48 women
 16 places (for which the men/women allocation is not fixed)
 Total: 344 athletes

Maximum per NOC: An NOC can enter no more than 1 athlete qualified per event

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Allocation of places

For each wrestling discipline – Freestyle, Greco-Roman and women’s wrestling - the places obtained for the Olympic Games will be awarded to the athletes. At the end of each phase, FILA will confirm the names of the qualified athletes to the NOCs concerned. The NOCs are however authorised to replace a qualified wrestler who is injured or performing poorly at the moment of the final entry, but only in the event concerned.

SYSTEM IN DETAIL

For all the wrestling competitions which are part of the qualification system for the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, all the National Federations (for the first qualification phase) and the National Federations concerned (for the second and third qualification phases) may enter no more than one male or female wrestler per style and per event. The same applies to the Olympic Games.

1. 1st phase: World Championships (September - October 2003)

In this phase, wrestlers will qualify in the following way:

The first 10 (ten) male and first 5 (five) female wrestlers in each event in the 2003 World Championships rankings will qualify for the 2004 Olympic Games.

Host nation

FILA guarantees one place in each event for the wrestlers of the host nation. These places will be allocated on the basis of the rankings of the 2003 World Championships.

The athletes of the host country are authorised and are obliged to participate only in the 1st qualification phase, i.e.:

- 7 events x 10 wrestlers + 7 Greek wrestlers = 77 Freestyle wrestlers
- 7 events x 10 wrestlers + 7 Greek wrestlers = 77 Greco-Roman wrestlers
- 4 events x 5 female wrestlers + 4 Greek female wrestlers = 24 wrestlers for women's wrestling

In the event that one or more Greek wrestlers are among the top ten (top 5 for women wrestlers) at the World Championships, and therefore qualify, the 11th placed wrestler(s) (6th placed female wrestler(s)) in the World Championships will qualify.

2. 2nd phase: 1st qualification tournament (February - March 2004)

The wrestlers who qualify at the World Championships will not have the right to take part in the second qualification phase, and countries will not have the right to enter other participants in the events in which already have a qualified wrestler.

All other countries from all the continents may take part in this second phase.

In this phase, wrestlers will qualify as follows:

- 7 events x 5 wrestlers = 35 wrestlers in Freestyle
- 7 events x 5 wrestlers = 35 wrestlers in Greco-Roman
- 4 events x 3 female wrestlers = 12 wrestlers in women's wrestling

3. 3rd phase: 2nd qualification tournament (February - March 2004)

The wrestlers who qualify in the first and second phases will not have the right to take part in this third qualification phase, and countries will not have the right to enter other participants to the categories in which already have a qualified wrestler.

All other countries from all the continents may take part in this third phase.

In this phase, wrestlers will qualify as follows:

The top 4 (four) male wrestlers and top 3 (three) female wrestlers in each event in this tournament will qualify for the Olympic Games in 2004, i.e.:

- 7 events x 4 wrestlers = 28 wrestlers for Freestyle
- 7 events x 4 wrestlers = 28 wrestlers for Greco-Roman
- 4 categories x 3 female wrestlers = 12 wrestlers in women's wrestling

4. Final qualification place

In order to ensure universal and continental representation of the various federations affiliated to FILA, 12 quota places will not be allocated in the qualification system.

These 12 places will be allocated to National Federations which have taken part in the three qualification phases but have no qualified athletes.

The allocation will be based on the results obtained in the three competition phases, taking into consideration nations and continents with no qualified wrestlers.

5. Invitations by the Tripartite Commission (IOC – ANOC – FILA)

Four Invitations from the Tripartite Commission will be issued to NOCs which meet the eligibility criteria. The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation places is 15 November 2003. The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, a preliminary allocation of Invitation places to the NOCs by 31 January 2004. The allocation of remaining Invitation places will be confirmed, in writing, to the NOCs by July 2004.

The distribution of Invitations between men and women will be defined on the basis of the number of Invitation requests received from the NOCs.

Further information on Tripartite Commission Invitations places is contained in the Information Paper for NOCs distributed with the qualification system manual.

QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

15 November 2003	Deadline for the submission of requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation places by all NOCs
31 January 2004	The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, a preliminary allocation of Invitation places to the NOCs

GRECO-ROMAN WRESTLING

2 – 5 October 2003	World Greco-Roman Championships, Créteil (FRA)
28 – 29 February 2004	1 st GR qualification tournament, Europe
13 – 14 March 2004	2 nd GR qualification tournament, Asia

FREESTYLE WRESTLING

11 - 14 September 2003	World Freestyle Championships, New York (USA)
1 – 2 February 2004	1 st freestyle qualification tournament, Europe

14 – 15 February 2004 2nd freestyle qualification tournament, America

WOMEN'S WRESTLING

11 – 14 September 2003 Women's World Wrestling Championship, New York (USA)

6 – 7 March 2004 1st qualification tournament for women's wrestling, Africa

20 – 21 March 2004 2nd qualification tournament for women's wrestling, Europe

The exact venues of the qualification tournaments will be established in October 2003, after the 2003 World Championships.

30 April 2004	The Tripartite Commission to confirm the final allocation of the 4 Invitation places; and FILA to confirm allocation of the final qualification places
15 June 2004	Deadline for confirmation by NOCs that they will use the places obtained
30 June 2004	FILA to confirm final allocation of places
July 2004	The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of remaining Invitation places to the NOCs
21 July 2004	Deadline for Athens 2004 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by the NOCs

DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF PLACES

At the end of each qualification phase, FILA will confirm to the NOCs concerned the athletes who are qualified for the Olympic Games in Athens.

The NOCs must confirm to FILA by 15 June 2004 at the latest that their athletes will be participating in the Olympic Games, failing which FILA will reallocate the free places in accordance with the procedure described below.

Between 15 and 30 June 2004, FILA will confirm the final allocation of places to the NOCs.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS

Any places not confirmed by the NOCs by 15 June 2004 will be reallocated to the next-best placed wrestlers in the category concerned in the respective qualification phases.