

To: Secretary/ Presidents – SAWF Wrestling Associations
SAWF Executive Management

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SAWFCC CIRCULAR 07/2019 – CRITERIA FOR THE 2019 UWW ISF SCHOOLS WORLD COMBAT GAMES NATIONAL TRIALS AND TEAM.

We would like to announce the criteria and requirements for participation in the National trials on 9 March 2019 for the 2019 ISF Schools World Combat Games in Budapest, Hungary.

We kindly request that all SAWF Wrestling Associations distribute and share the abovementioned criteria with all wrestlers and coaches within their Association. We need your support to ensure that all clubs, wrestlers and coaches are informed and understand the importance of the requirements set in the criteria.

The 2019 ISF Schools World Combat Games creates provides a well-balanced opportunity for young wrestlers to participate in a world class competition and gaining valuable experience at international level.

As explained in SAWFCC 04/2019, permission to attend the competition was received too late to include the event as part of the National trials that will be held on 9 February 2019. Therefore, we scheduled separate trails for this event on the 9 March 2019.

The criteria for the National and ISF Schools World Combat Games are as follows:

Specific requirements for participation in the National trials and election to 2019 ISF Schools World Combat Games teams: (The National trials on 9 March 2019 will only be used for selection of the 2019 ISF Schools World Combat Games teams)

1. Participation in the National trials are limited to **one style per wrestler**. Wrestlers in the men's category must choose in advance in which style he wants to participate and can only be entered in **one style** for the National trials.
2. Participation in the National trials in the specific wrestling style, age and weight category in which the wrestlers will participate internationally, is compulsory.
3. Placement in the first three wrestlers at the national trials will not serve as automatic admission to any National team, final selection to National teams will be on recommendation of the SAWF Coaches Council and approval by the SAWF Executive management. ***The final recommendation if a wrestler is ready for international participation will be considered by the Coaches Council for final approval by the SA Executive Management. This is applicable to any international participation or team.***

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4. There will be no requirement with regards to attendance of national training sessions and camps or compulsory participation in any championships or tournaments.
5. Wrestlers selected to the **2019 ISF Schools World Combat Games teams** must attend at least 80% of the scheduled National training sessions and physically participate and complete the workout. The attendance requirement will be applicable from the National trials on 9 March 2019 up to and including the date on which the above Championships takes place.
6. All scheduled National training camps for wrestlers selected to the **2019 ISF Schools World Combat Games teams** are compulsory. The attendance requirement will be applicable from the National trials on 9 March 2019 to and including the date on which the above Championships takes place.

General eligibility requirements (applicable to local and overseas wrestlers):

South African Wrestling Federation:

1. Must be a South African Citizen in possession of a legal identification document and a valid passport. All u/18 wrestlers must be in possession of a valid unabridged birth certificate.
2. Must be registered with a legally affiliated wrestling club of the SAWF.
3. Wrestlers and coaches may not be the subject of a disciplinary investigation, hearing or disciplinary suspension for any violation (including but not limited to illegal substances) during the period of his selection to the team.
4. Wrestlers must comply with the Rules and Code of Conduct of the SA Wrestling Federation and adhere to these rules at all times.
5. Wrestlers must comply with the Rules and Code of Conduct of the International Federation United World Wrestling.
6. Must have participated in the required National tournaments as well as other qualification tournaments as determined in the selection criteria.
7. Comply with the requirements for attendance of the National training and training camps as determined in the criteria.
8. All wrestlers will be required to pass a fitness and skill test as determined by the SAWF Coaching Council within the norms and standards of the testing protocol for Olympic Wrestling performed by an accredited institution. Attached please find the current protocol.
9. Respect and uphold the principals of sportsmanship as well as the principal of no violence.

10. Respect and uphold the rules of “World Anti-doping Agency” as well as the South African Institute for Drug Free Sport.
11. The SAWF Coaches Council may at any time make a recommendation to the SAWF Executive Management with regards to the readiness and fitness of a wrestler for participation in an international level tournament considering the well-being and safety of the wrestler.
12. To ensure the well-being and safety of wrestlers and team members wrestlers must be within a 5% allowance of the weight category before departure in which he/ she will participate in during the competition.
13. SAWFCC will monitor the weights of wrestlers on eTMS before National trials and make specific recommendations regarding wrestlers that reduce too much weight for National trials.
14. The S.A. Executive Management will consider the requirements as set by SASCOC and SRSA as a priority during the selection of teams.

South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee:

If any requirements or criteria are set by SASCOC for the abovementioned **2019 ISF Schools World Combat Games**, team members will have to conform to these criteria or requirements, as SASCOC represents South-Africa as a member of the ISF.

Regards

Coaches Council

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