

2026 TEAM ALASKA NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION

Policies and Procedures

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DUAL TEAM SELECTIONS



The selection process will be updated annually for each Dual Team, whether 16U, Juniors, Junior Women's, or Turf Wars. This process will consist of selection criteria with deadlines. These deadlines will be given to different skill levels of wrestlers to apply for spots if they fit the top criteria.

2026 National Dual Team Competitions

All Dual Teams that represent Team Alaska and Alaska USA wrestling will be considered an Alaska National Team. Team Alaska Director can recognize any dual competition outside the USA National Duals competition as an Alaska National Team event. These dual teams must consist of wrestlers from multiple clubs from around the state. These teams will represent Team Alaska and AUSAW with approved Coaching staff. Typically recognized Team Alaska events are:

Turf Wars HS Boys/Girls, 14U Boys/Girls, 12U- Selection process in progress starting February 13, 2025, to field all Turf War Teams

Concept of Selection for National Dual Teams

Each Dual team selection will have Tier level athletes and deadlines to submit applications to Team Alaska Director at teamalaskawrestling@gmail.com with Turf wars duals as subject line.

Phase 1: Publish events of National Team duals, requirements, selection criteria and deadline dates.

Phase 2: Post deadline for Top Tier Applications, receive applications, select and publish first wave of selected wrestlers.

Phase 3: Post deadline for 2nd Tier Selection if applicable, receive applications, select and publish 2nd wave of selected wrestlers.

Phase 4: Fill remaining spots on dual teams by opening to all Alaska athletes or recruit athletes.

Requirements when submitting Application

- 1) Applicants must make weight for submitted weight class at AUSAW State Tournament in May. This may be waived by setting up a weigh-in date after state . Details must be communicated and approved before AUSAW State Tournament by the Team Alaska Director.
- 2) Top and 2nd Tier wrestlers must submit their applications before the designated deadline. They will not take over a spot already established for another wrestler because they decide at the last minute they want to be on the dual team.
- 3) Application will have a \$100 deposit requirement to establish true intent with no refund if they change their mind. Application can be received before payment, but final selection of that wrestler will only happen when the deposit is paid. The deposit must be paid by/before the application deadline.
- 4) Applicants who are selected in Phase 2 and 3, make the weight at the AUSAW State Tournament and have paid their \$100 deposit will be the only wrestlers in the selected weight class. If all requirements are not met, then the Team Alaska Director can allow a secondary wrestler to share the weight class.
- 5) Non-Top and 2nd Tier wrestlers who get selected outside those time frames could possibly have another wrestler in their weight.



Dual Age Group Selection Breakdown

The following is the breakdown of each age group with criteria and deadlines.

High School Turf Wars Boys and Girls

Alaska HS Womens TURF WAR DUALS		Alaska HS Boys TURF WAR DUALS Team	
June 21-23 2026 Pocatello ID		June 21-23 2026 Pocatello ID	
Must show you can make weight at AUSAW state		Must show you can make weight at AUSAW state	
team 1		team 1	
105		106	
110		113	
115		120	
120		126	
125		132	
130		138	
135		145	
140		155	
150		165	
165		175	
180		195	
225		285	

The High School Selection Criteria and timeline will have one phase of selection for top tier wrestlers. After that application window closes for top tier wrestlers then the next selection is to fill weight classes on a first come basis. Again, in order for weight classes to be filled, a deposit needs to be made, and weigh-in must be fulfilled.

Top Tier selection criteria (application closes April 3, 2026)

- 1) 16U/Junior US Open and USA Nationals(Fargo) AA any style, any year?
- 2) USA Folkstyle National AA
- 3) 15U top 3 US Open or Pan Am trials Greco or Freestyle
- 4) ASAA State Finalist
- 5) 14U Kids National Champ in both Greco and Freestyle

All applications will be received and held until April 3, 2026. After April 3rd, the list of weights will be filled by applicants. Any open weight classes will be filled on a first come basis.

14U Turf War Boys and Girls

Alaska's U14 Girls TURF WAR Dual Team GRECO and FREESTYLE June 21-23 2026 Pocatello ID		Alaska's U14 BOYS TURF WAR Dual Team GRECO and FREESTYLE June 21-23 2026 Pocatello ID	
Team 1		Team 1	
60		76	
65		81	
70		86	
75		92	
81		96	
87		101	
96		105	
106		112	
116		120	
126		130	
140		147	
168		HWT 187	

14U will have two phases of selection, a top tier and a 2nd tier before open for first come basis. Top Tier phase will be closed April 3, 2026. The next day, Team Alaska will publish the list of weights filled and immediately start accepting 2nd Tier wrestler applications for the next phase. 2nd Tier applications will close May 2, 2026. These weight classes will be secured by selection, making weight at AUSAW and deposit paid.

Top Tier selection criteria (application closes April 3, 2026)

- 1) 2024/2023 US Open or Kids Nationals double finalist
- 2) 2024 12U or 14U Western State Triple Crown Champion
- 3) 2024 12U or 14U AUSAW Triple Crown Champion
- 4) 2024 14U Kids Nationals Greco and Freestyle Top 3
- 5) 2x Tanana State Finalist

2nd Tier selection criteria (application closes MAY 2nd 2026)

- 1) 2023-24 12U or 14U US Open Kids National AA in both Greco and Free
- 2) 2024 Western States placer in all three styles
- 3) 2024 AUSAW State Tournament top 3 in all 3 styles
- 4) Any weight class not filled after May 2, 2026 will be open to first come basis.

12U Turf War Boys

Alaska's U12 TURF WAR Dual Team GRECO and FREESTYLE June 23-25 2024 Pocatello ID	
60	
65	
70	
75	
80	
85	
89	
94	
100	
110	
120	
HWT 150	

12U will have two phases of selection, a top tier and a 2nd tier before open for first come basis. Top Tier phase will be closed April 3, 2026. The next day Team Alaska will publish the list of weights filled and immediately start accepting 2nd Tier wrestler applications for next phase. 2nd Tier applications will close May 2, 2026. These weight classes will be secured by selection, making weight at AUSAW and deposit paid.

Top Tier selection criteria (application closes April 3, 2026)

- 1) 2024/2023 US Open or Kids Nationals double finalist
- 2) 2024 10U or 12U Western State Triple Crown Champion
- 3) 2024 10U or 12U AUSAW Triple Crown Champion
- 4) 2024 10U or 12U Kids Nationals Greco and Freestyle Champion
- 5) 2024 Tanana Middle School State champion

2nd Tier selection criteria (application closes May 2nd , 2026)

- 1) 2024-23-22 10U or 12U US Open Kids National AA in both Greco and Free
- 2) 2024 Western States placer in all three styles
- 3) 2024 AUSAW State Tournament top 4 in all 3 styles

Any weight class not filled after May 2, 2026 will be open to first come basis.