

**2022 TEAM USA**  
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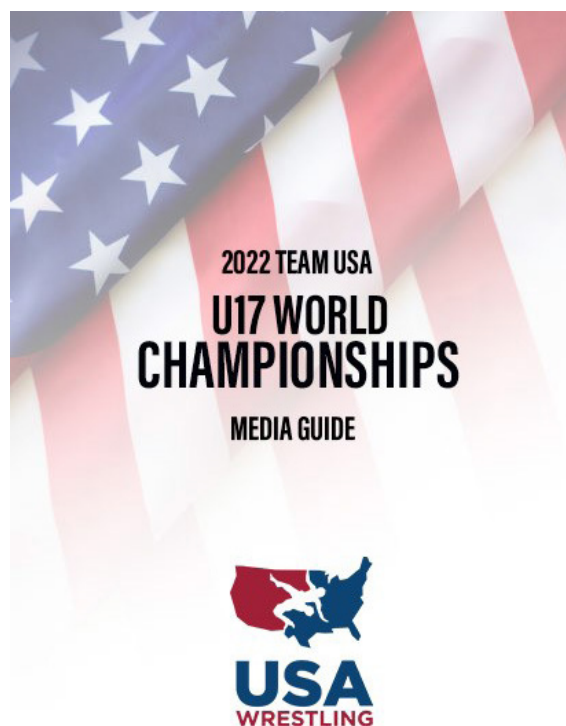
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# Schedule

## **2022 U17 World Championships at Rome, Italy (July 25-July 31)**

### *Monday, July 25*

11:30 a.m. – Qualification rounds (GR 48, 55, 65, 80, 110 kg)

6 p.m. – Semifinals (GR 48, 55, 65, 80, 110 kg)

### *Tuesday, July 26*

11:30 a.m. – Qualification rounds (GR 45, 51, 60, 71, 92 kg), repechage (GR 48, 55, 65, 80, 110 kg)

4:15 a.m. – Opening Ceremony

5 p.m. – Semifinals (GR 45, 51, 60, 71, 92 kg)

6 p.m. – Finals (GR 48, 55, 65, 80, 110 kg)

### *Wednesday, July 27*

11:30 a.m. – Qualification rounds (WFS 43, 49, 57, 65, 73 kg), repechage (GR 45, 51, 60, 71, 92 kg)

5 p.m. – Semifinals (WFS 43, 49, 57, 65, 73 kg)

6 p.m. – Finals (GR 45, 51, 60, 71, 92 kg)

### *Thursday, July 28*

11:30 a.m. – Qualification rounds (WFS 40, 46, 53, 61, 69 kg), repechage (WFS 43, 49, 57, 65, 73 kg)

5: p.m. – Semifinals (WFS 40, 46, 53, 61, 69 kg)

6 p.m. – Finals (WFS 43, 49, 57, 65, 73 kg)

### *Friday, July 29*

11:30 a.m. – Qualification rounds (FS 48, 55, 65, 80, 110 kg), repechage (WFS 40, 46, 53, 61, 69 kg)

5 p.m. – Semifinals (FS 48, 55, 65, 80, 110 kg)

6 p.m. – Finals (WFS 40, 46, 53, 61, 69 kg)

### *Saturday, July 30*

11:30 a.m. – Qualification rounds (FS 45, 51, 60, 71, 92 kg), repechage (GR 48, 55, 65, 80, 110 kg)

5 p.m. – Semifinals (FS 45, 51, 60, 71, 92 kg)

6 p.m. – Finals (FS 48, 55, 65, 80, 110 kg)

### *Sunday, July 31*

4:30 p.m. – Repechage (FS 45, 51, 60, 71, 92 kg)

6 p.m. Finals (FS 45, 51, 60, 71, 92 kg)



# MEN'S FREESTYLE



Koy Hopke, U17 110 kg World Team member in freestyle and Greco-Roman. Photo by Tony Rotundo



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# Men's freestyle roster

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## **U.S. U17 men's freestyle roster**

45 kg: Domenic Munaretto (Barrington, Ill./Toss Em Up Wrestling Academy)

48 kg: Christian Castillo (Glendale, Ariz./Thorobred Wrestling Club)

51 kg: Luke Lilledahl (St. Charles, Mo./Xtreme Training)

55 kg: Jax Forrest (Johnstown, Pa.)

60 kg: Kyler Larkin (Gilbert, Ariz./Thorobred Wrestling Club)

65 kg: Tyler Kasak (Doylestown, Pa.)

71 kg: Joseph Sealey (High Point, N.C./Darkhorse Wrestling)

80 kg: Zack Ryder (Westtown, N.Y. /KD Training Center)

92 kg: Max McEnelly (Waconia, Wis./Waconia Wrestling Club)

110 kg: Koy Hopke (Amery, Wis./Pinnacle Wrestling Club)

National Developmental Coach – James Green (Colorado Springs, Colo.)

Coach – Cornell Robinson (Lake St. Louis, Mo.)

Coach – Brian Tucker (Greensburg, Pa.)

Medical – Judi Tekautz (Rushford, Minn.)

Referee – Nicholas Kindred (Wildomar, Calif.)

Referee – Umberto Fasolino (Cutchogue, N.Y.)

Referee – Cody Goessl (Medford, Wis.)



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# MEN'S FS PREVIEW

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Team USA is sending a men's freestyle roster loaded with international experience and talent to the U17 World Championships in Rome, Italy, July 25-31.

Luke Lilledahl of St. Charles, Missouri brought home a silver medal at last year's U17 World Championships in Budapest, Hungary at 48 kg. This year, he will look to medal again up a weight at 51 kg. Lilledahl attends Wyoming Seminary in Pennsylvania and had success on the international stage as a 2021 U17 Pan American champion in freestyle and Greco-Roman.

Three athletes on the roster made waves during their international debuts in June at the 2022 U17 Pan American Championships in Buenos Aires.

At 45 kg, Domenic Munaretto won both the freestyle and Greco-Roman U17 Pan American titles. The wrestler from Barrington, Illinois dominated at the World Team qualifier, the USMC U.S. Open in Las Vegas, Nevada taking first in freestyle and third in Greco-Roman.

Koy Hopke will have a busy week in Rome as the 110 kg rep in both styles. The Amery, Wisconsin native took home two gold medals at the 2022 Pan American Championships and was a double USMC 16U Nationals champion in 2021.

Joining Hopke on both U17 World Teams is Christian Castillo of Glendale, Arizona at 48 kg. Castillo proved to be a force at the international level after pocketing freestyle and Greco-Roman golds at the Pan American Championships.

Those on the squad who will make their international debuts next week in Rome, have already established themselves nationally.

Kyler Larkin at 60 kg was the 2021 USMC U16 National Champion and named Most Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament. 2022 New York state champion Zack Ryder at 80 kg, and three-time Minnesota state champion Max McEnelly at 92 kg, were both 2021 USMC national champions.

Rounding out the star-studded roster is Jax Forrest at 55 kg, Tyler Kasak at 55 kg and Joesph Sealey at 71 kg.

From Johnstown, Pennsylvania, Forrest is another top wrestler in the nation. He placed fourth at the USMC 16U national tournament in freestyle and sixth in Greco-Roman, earning him double All-American status.

Kasak also comes from Pennsylvania and was the 2021 USMC 16U Nationals runner-up at 138 pounds and owns a Pennsylvania state title. Sealey, a native of High Point, North Carolina, carries a North Carolina state title and now attends Wyoming Seminary in Pennsylvania.

Men's freestyle action will close out the tournament and begins on Friday, July 29.

All action will be live on FloWrestling. USA Wrestling will live tweet the matches and provide daily updates on themat.com



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# Munaretto & Castillo

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## **DOMENIC MUNARETTO**

Hometown: Barrington, Ill.  
Club: Toss Em Up Wrestling Academy  
High school: Mount Carmel HS  
Born: June 15, 2007  
Weight: 45kg/99 lbs.

### Career highlights

- 2022 U17 World Team member
- 2022 U17 Pan American champion, Greco-Roman
- 2022 U17 Pan American champion, Freestyle

2022: U17 World Team Trials champion... USMC U17 Nationals freestyle champion... Reno Worlds 15U champion... 15U Tulsa Nationals champion  
2021: USA Wrestling Kids National champion in freestyle and Greco-Roman... Reno Worlds champion... 15U Tulsa Nationals champion

Instagram: domenicmunaretto

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## **CHRISTIAN CASTILLO**

Hometown: Glendale, Ariz.  
Club: Thorobred Wrestling Club  
Born: Jan. 1, 2006  
Weight: 48kg/105lbs.

### Career highlights

- 2022 U17 World Team member in freestyle and Greco-Roman
- 2022 U17 Pan American champion, Greco-Roman
- 2022 U17 Pan American champion, Freestyle

2022: USMC U.S. Open champion in freestyle and Greco-Roman  
2021: Runner up at USMC Freestyle 16U Nationals... Western Regional champion in both freestyle and Greco-Roman

Instagram: chrissy\_da\_kid



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# Lilledahl & Forrest

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## **LUKE LILLEDAHL**

Hometown: St. Charles, MO.  
Club: Xtreme Training  
High school: Wyoming Seminary  
Born: Aug. 1, 2005  
Weight: 51kg/112 lbs.

### Career highlights

- 2022 U17 World Team member
- 2021 U17 World silver medalist
- 2021 Pan American champion, freestyle
- 2021 Pan American champion, Greco-Roman

2022: U17 World Team Trials champion

2021: U17 World Team member... Who's Number One runner up... Pan American champion both freestyle and Greco-Roman

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## **JAX FORREST**

Hometown: Johnstown, Pa.  
Club: Team Attack  
High school: Bishop McCort  
Born: Oct. 13, 2006  
Weight: 55kg/121 lbs.

### Career highlights

- 2022 U17 World Team member
- 2021 USMC U16 All-American in both freestyle and Greco-Roman

2022: U17 World Team Trials champion

2021: Fourth at USMC 16U Fargo Nationals in freestyle... Sixth at USMC 16U Fargo Nationals in Greco-Roman... Third at Super 32... Third at Frank E. Rader Southeast Regionals

Instagram: jaxforrest\_



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# Larkin & Kasak

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## **KYLER LARKIN**

Hometown: Gilbert, Ariz.

Club: Thorobred WC

High school: Valiant College Prep

Born: July 10, 2005

Weight: 60kg/132 lbs.

Career highlights

- 2022 U17 World Team member
- 2021 USMC U16 Freestyle Nationals champion
- 2021 USMC U16 Fargo Nationals Most Outstanding wrestler

2022: U17 World Team Trials champion

2021: USMC U16 Freestyle National champion...

Instagram: larkin.kyler

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## **TYLER KASAK**

Hometown: Doylestown, Pa.

Club: M2 Training Center

High school: Bethlehem Catholic

Born: Feb. 22, 2005

Weight: 65kg/143 lbs.

Career highlights

- 2022 U17 World Team member
- 2021 USMC 16U National runner-up in freestyle

2022: U17 World Team Trials champion... U17 World Team Trials runner up in Greco-Roman

2021: PIAAA State Champion... USMC 16U freestyle national runner-up

Instagram: tylerkasak

College: Penn State



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# Sealey & Ryder

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## **JOSEPH SEALEY**

Hometown: High Point, N.C  
Club: Darkhorse Wrestling  
High school: Wyoming Seminary  
Born: July 4, 2005  
Weight: 71kg/156 lbs.

### Career highlights

- 2022 U17 World Team member
- Top recruit in 2024 recruiting class

2022: U17 World Team Trials champion  
2021: North Carolina State champion

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## **ZACK RYDER**

Hometown: Westtown, N.Y.  
Club: KD Training Center  
High school: Minisink Valley  
Born: April 17, 2006  
Weight: 80kg/176 lbs.

### Career highlights

- 2022 U17 World Team member
- 2021 USMC 16U Freestyle National champion

2022: U17 World Team Trials champion... New York State champion...  
2021: USMC 16U Freestyle National champion...



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# McEnelly & Hopke

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## **MAX MCENELLY**

Hometown: Waconia, Wis.

Club: Waconia WC

High school: Waconia HS

Born: March 29, 2005

Weight: 92kg/202 lbs.

### Career highlights

- 2022 U17 World Team member
- 2021 USMC 16U Freestyle National champion
- 3x Minnesota State champion

2022: U17 World Team Trials champion

2021: USMC 16U Freestyle National champion

Twitter: @MaxMcenelly

Instagram: maxmcenelly\_

College: University of Minnesota

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## **KOY HOPKE**

Hometown: Amery, Wis.

Club: Pinnacle WC

High school: Amery HS

Born: June 19, 2005

Weight: 110kg/242 lbs.

### Career highlights

- 2022 U17 World Team member in freestyle and Greco-Roman
- 2022 U17 Pan American champion, freestyle
- 2022 U17 Pan American champion, Greco-Roman
- 2021 USMC 16U Fargo National champion in freestyle and Greco-Roman

2022: U17 World Team Trials champion... U17 Pan American champion in both freestyle and Greco-Roman...

2021: USMC 16U National champion in both freestyle and Greco-Roman...

Twitter: @HopkeKoy

Instagram: koyhopke



# WOMEN'S FREESTYLE



Audrey Jimenez at the U.S. Open finals. Photo by Tony Rotundo



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# WOMEN'S FREESTYLE ROSTER

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## **U.S. U17 women's freestyle roster**

- 40 kg: Megan Valdez (San Jacinto, Calif.)  
43 kg: Erica Pastoriza (Phoenix, Ariz./Wyoming Seminary Wrestling Club)  
46 kg: Gabriella Gomez (Carol Stream, Ill.)  
49 kg: Audrey Jimenez (Tucson, Ariz. /Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club)  
53 kg: Elena Ivaldi (Newcastle, Calif./MatTime)  
57 kg: Shelby Moore (Buckley, Wash./Takedown Express Wrestling Club)  
61 kg: Valerie Hamilton (Gridley, Ill./SOT-C)  
65 kg: Sydney Perry (Batavia, Ill./Batavia wrestling club)  
69 kg: Jasmine Robinson (Allen, Texas /Best Trained Wrestling)  
73 kg: Kaiulani Garcia (Stockton, Calif./NoCal Queens Wrestling Club)

National Women's Developmental Coach – Jessica Bunker (Colorado Springs, Colo.)

Coach – Jacque Davis (Baltimore, Md.)

Medical – Judi Tekautz (Rushford, Minn.)

Referee – Nicholas Kindred (Wildomar, Calif.)

Referee – Umberto Fasolino (Cutchogue, N.Y.)

Referee – Cody Goessl (Medford, Wis.)



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# WOMEN'S FS PREVIEW

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The 2022 U.S. U17 women's freestyle World Team is set to compete in Rome, Italy at the World Championships, July 25-31.

Leading the charge for Team USA is returning 2021 U17 World champion Erica Pastoriza at 40 kg. Pastoriza will look for a second-straight gold medal, this year at 43 kg. The Phoenix, Arizona native attends Wyoming Seminary in Pennsylvania and has won the last six USA Wrestling tournaments she's participated in.

Another athlete in the mix with a World medal is Audrey Jimenez of Tucson, Arizona at 49 kg. Jimenez took bronze at the 2021 U17 World Championships. She has some of the most international experience on the roster as a 2019 U15 Pan American champion and will gain even more this year as she made both the 2022 U17 and U20 World Teams.

Also leading the squad is Jasmine Robinson of Allen, Texas. In 2021, Robinson won two stop signs at the USMC 16U and Junior Nationals in Fargo at 152 pounds. Robinson put on a dominating performance to make the team, defeating 2022 Cadet Pan American champion Mishell Rebisch in two straight matches at the 2022 USMC Women's Nationals in Fort Worth, Texas in May.

At 73 kg, Kaiulani Garcia of Stockton, California will bring international experience with her to Rome. Garcia was the 2022 U17 Pan American bronze medalist. She is replacing World Team Trials champion Amarisa Manuel.

2021 USMC 16U National champion Shelby Moore at 57 kg will represent the Stars and Stripes next week. Moore, of Buckley, Washington, took out 2022 U17 Pan American runner-up Skylar Little Solider to punch her ticket to Rome. She finished at the top of the podium at several of her recent competitions including the Girls National High School Recruiting Showcase at the U.S. Open and Folkstyle Nationals.

Three 2021 16U USMC national runners-up will also represent Team USA in Rome including Valerie Hamilton, Gabriella Gomez and Elena Ivaldi.

Hamilton, at 61 kg, hails from Gridley, Illinois and was the 2019 U15 World Combat Games champion. At 46 kg, Gomez, a native of Carol Stream, Illinois, was the 2022 National High School Recruiting Showcase champion. From Newcastle, California, Ivaldi brings a California state title and will compete at 53 kg.

Rounding out the squad are 2021 USMC 16U Nationals All-Americans Megan Valdez of San Jacinto, California and Sydney Perry at 65 kg. Perry, of Batavia, Illinois, took silver at the 2022 U17 Pan American Championships and earned All-American status twice at USMC 16U Nationals, in 2022 with third-place and in 2021 with second-place. Perry is the alternate for World Team Trials champion Lizzie Shunn.

Valdez, who will compete at 40 kg, earned All-American status in 2021 with a strong fifth-place finish.

This powerhouse team will be coached by National Women's Development coach Jessica Bunker and Jacque Davis.

Women's freestyle competition begins Wednesday, July 27 with Pastoriza, Jimenez, Moore, Perry and Garcia. Valdez, Gomez, Ivaldi, Hamilton and Robinson will wrestle on Thursday, July 28.



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# Valdez & Pastoriza

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## **MEGAN VALDEZ**

Hometown: San Jacinto, Calif.  
High school: San Jacinto HS  
Born: April 25, 2005  
Weight: 40kg/88 lbs.

### Career highlights

- 2022 U17 World Team member
- 2021 USMC 16U Nationals All-American

2022: U17 USMC Women's Nationals champion...  
2021: Fifth at USMC 16U Nationals...

Instagram: fmu.meg

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## **ERICA PASTORIZA**

Hometown: Phoenix, Ariz.  
Club: Wyoming Seminary WC  
High school: Wyoming Seminary  
Grade: rising senior  
Born: Aug. 16, 2005  
Weight: 43kg/94.7 lbs.

### Career highlights

- 2022 U17 World Team member
- 2021 U17 World champion

2022: U17 USMC Women's Nationals champion... Tallinn Open champion  
2021: Who's Number One champion... U17 World Champion... U17 USMC Women's Nationals champion... USAW Girls Folkstyle Nationals 16U champion...

Instagram: ericapastoriza



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# Gomez & Jimenez

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## **GABRIELLA GOMEZ**

Hometown: Carol Stream, Ill.  
Club: Gomez Wrestling RTC  
High school: Glenbard North HS  
Grade: rising junior  
Born: Feb. 2, 2006  
Weight: 46kg/101 lbs.

### Career highlights

- 2022 U17 World Team member
- 2022 USMC U.S. showcase champion
- 2021 USMC 16U National runner-up

2022: U17 Women's Nationals champion... Girls National High School Recruiting Showcase champion... Illinois Girl's freestyle state champion...

2021: USMC 16U Nationals runner-up... Women's Nationals runner-up

Instagram: [gabriella\\_g22](#)

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## **AUDREY JIMENEZ**

Hometown: Tucson, Ariz.  
Club: Sunkist Kids  
High school: Sunnyside HS  
Grade: rising junior, graduating early  
Born: Dec. 18, 2005  
Weight: 49kg/108 lbs.

### Career highlights

- 2022 U17 and U20 World Team member
- 2021 U17 World Bronze medalist
- 2019 U15 Pan American Champion

2022: U17 and U20 USMC Women's Nationals champion... Girls National High School Recruiting Showcase champion...

2021: U17 World bronze medalist... Who's Number One champion... U17 USMC Women's National champion...

Instagram: [\\_audreyjimenez](#)



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# Ivaldi & Moore

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## **ELENA IVALDI**

Hometown: Newcastle, Calif.

Club: MatTime

High school: Del Oro HS

Grade: rising senior

Born: Jan. 25, 2005

Weight: 53kg/116.8 lbs.

Career highlights

- 2022 U17 World Team member
- 2021 USMC 16U Nationals runner-up
- 2022 California state champion

2022: U17 Women's Nationals champion

2021: USMC 16U Nationals runner-up... Fifth at U17 Women's Nationals

Instagram: elenaivaldi

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## **SHELBY MOORE**

Hometown: Buckley, Wash.

Club: Takedown Express

High school: White River HS

Grade: rising senior

Born: June 17, 2005

Weight: 57kg/125.6 lbs.

Career highlights

- 2022 U17 World Team member
- 2021 USMC 16U Nationals champion

2022: U17 USMC Women's Nationals champion... Girls National High School Recruiting Showcase champion... Folkstyle National champion...

2021: Who's Number One runner-up... USMC 16U Nationals champion... USMC Junior Nationals champion... Third at Women's Nationals...



# Hamilton & Perry

## **VALERIE HAMILTON**

Hometown: Gridley, Ill.

Club: SOT-C

High school: El Paso-Gridley HS

Grade: rising junior

Born: July 30, 2005

Weight: 61kg/134 lbs.

Career highlights

- 2022 U17 World Team member
- 2021 USMC 16U National champion

2022: U17 USMC Women's Nationals champion...

2021: USMC 16U Nationals runner-up... Sixth at USAW Girls Folkstyle Nationals

2019: U15 World of Combat Games champion...

Instagram: valeriehamilton2409

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## **SYDNEY PERRY**

Hometown: Batavia, Illinois

Club: Batavia WC

High school: Batavia HS

Born: Feb. 6, 2006

Weight: 65kg/143 lbs.

Career highlights

- 2022 U17 World Team member
- 2022 U17 Pan American silver medalist
- Third 2021 USMC 16U Nationals

2022: Third at 2021 USMC 16U Nationals... Second at U17 World Team Trials (alternate for Lizzie Shunn)

2021: Second at USMC 16U Nationals

Instagram: sydney\_perry06



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# Robinson & Garcia

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## **JASMINE ROBINSON**

Hometown: Allen, Texas  
Club: Best Trained Wrestling  
High school: Allen HS  
Grade: rising junior  
Born: May 11, 2006  
Weight: 69kg/152 lbs.

### Career highlights

- 2022 U17 World Team member
- 2021 USMC 16U and Junior Nationals champion

2022: U17 USMC Women's Nationals champion...

2021: Runner-up at Who's Number One... USMC 16U Nationals (Fargo) champion... USMC Junior Nationals champion... Third at Women's Nationals

Instagram: [jasminerobinson26](#)

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## **KAIULANI GARCIA**

Hometown: Stockton, Calif.  
Club: NorCal Queens Wrestling Club  
High school: Gilroy HS  
Born: Sept. 6, 2005  
Weight: 73kg/160.9lbs.

### Career highlights

- 2022 U17 World Team member
- 2022 U17 Pan American bronze medalist

2022: Third at U17 USMC Women's Nationals... Third at Girls National High School Recruiting Showcase... Bronze at U17 Pan American championships



# Greco Roman



Christian Castillo at the U.S. Open finals. Photo by Tony Rotundo



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# GRECO-ROMAN ROSTER

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## **U.S. U17 Greco-Roman roster**

45 kg: Davis Motyka (Kingston, Pa./XCalibur Athletics)

48 kg: Christian Castillo (Glendale, Ariz./Thorobred Wrestling Club)

51 kg: Elyle Francisco (Anchorage, AK./Anchorage Youth Wrestling Academy)

55 kg: Nick Treaster (Newton, Kans./Newton Wrestling Club)

60 kg: Zan Fugitt (Nixa, Mo.)

65 kg: Joel Adams (Omaha, Neb./The Best Wrestler)

71 kg: Arvin Khosravy (Woodland Hills, Calif.)

80 kg: Cole Han-Lindemayer (Farmington, Minn./Pinnacle Wrestling Club)

92 kg: Cody Merrill (Ontario, Calif./Daniel Cormier Wrestling Club)

110 kg: Koy Hopke (Amery, Wis./Pinnacle Wrestling Club)

Coach – Steve Horton (Cibolo, Texas)

Coach – LeRoy Gardner (Clarksville, Ark.)

Coach – Kyle Martin (Colorado Springs, Colo.)

Medical – Judi Tekautz (Rushford, Minn.)

Referee – Nicholas Kindred (Wildomar, Calif.)

Referee – Umberto Fasolino (Cutchogue, N.Y.)

Referee – Cody Goessl (Medford, Wis.)



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# GRECO-ROMAN PREVIEW

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The Team USA has prepared 10 Greco-Roman athletes to make their World Championships debuts at the 2022 U17 World Championships in Rome, July 25-31.

Four athletes on the roster were double 2022 Pan American champions, winning both freestyle and Greco-Roman titles, including Christian Castillo at 48 kg, Zan Fugitt at 60 kg, Joel Adams at 65 kg and Koy Hopke at 110 kg.

Hopke, a native of Amery, Wisconsin, will represent Team USA in both styles. He boasts a Triple Crown after winning national titles in Folkstyle, freestyle and Greco-Roman in 2021.

He is joined by Castillo, who also made both the freestyle and Greco-Roman World Teams. He hails from Glendale, Arizona and was the 2021 USMC 16U National runner-up.

Also on the list of double 2022 Pan American champions, Fugitt, of Nixa, Mo., is committed to wrestle at Oklahoma State. Joining him is Adams of Omaha, Nebraska, who was named Most Outstanding Wrestler of the 2021 USMC 16U National championships after winning freestyle and Greco-Roman titles.

At 80 kg, Cole Han-Lindemyer of Farmington, Minnesota is another athlete on the roster who has seen success on the international stage as the 2022 U17 Greco-Roman Pan American champion and freestyle runner-up.

Several athletes on the roster have made their presence known at the USMC Nationals in Fargo, North Dakota including Arvin Khosravy at 71 kg, Cody Merrill at 92 kg and Nick Treaster at 55 kg. Khosravy attends Chaminade College Preparatory in Woodland Hills, California and was the 2021 champion in Fargo at 152 pounds.

Merrill is a California state champion for Gilroy High School. At Fargo in 2021, he made a run in both styles, winning the Greco-Roman title and finishing second in freestyle at 170 pounds.

At 55 kg, Nick Treaster of Newton, Kansas was a two-time Kansas state champion and 2021 double All-American at Fargo. Treaster is committed to wrestle at Navy.

Davis Motyka at 45 kg and Elyle Francisco at 51 kg round out the Greco-Roman field. Francisco, from Anchorage, Alaska, placed third at the 2021 UWW Cadet Futures Nationals. Motyka attends Wyoming Seminary and was a 2021 USMC 16U National All-American, placing fifth in Greco-Roman. Additionally, he took fourth at the U17 USMC U.S. Open in freestyle this year.

These ten athletes, coached by Steve Horton, LeRoy Gardner and Kyle Martin, will look to leave their mark in Rome, Italy at their first World Championships. The tournament will open with Greco-Roman competition on Monday, July 25, followed by women's freestyle on Wednesday, July 27 and men's freestyle on Friday, July 29.



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# Motyka & Castillo

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## **DAVIS MOTYKA**

Hometown: Kingston, Pa.  
Club: XCalibur Athletics  
High school: Wyoming Seminary  
Born: Sept. 12, 2005  
Weight: 45kg/99 lbs.

### Career highlights

- 2022 U17 World Team member
- 2021 USMC 16U Greco-Roman National All-American

2022: USMC U.S. Open champion, fourth in freestyle...  
2021: Fifth at USMC 16U Greco-Roman Nationals...

Instagram: davis.motyka34

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## **CHRISTIAN CASTILLO**

Hometown: Glendale, Ariz.  
Club: Thorobred Wrestling Club  
High school: N/A  
Born: Jan. 1, 2006  
Weight: 48kg/105lbs.

### Career highlights

- 2022 U17 World Team member in both freestyle and Greco-Roman
- 2022 U17 Pan American champion, freestyle
- 2022 U17 Pan American champion, Greco-Roman

2022: USMC U.S. Open champion in both freestyle and Greco-Roman...  
2021: Runner up at USMC 16U Greco-Roman Nationals... Western Regional champion in both freestyle and Greco-Roman...

Instagram: chrissy\_da\_kid



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# Francisco & Treaster

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## **ELYLE FRANCISCO**

Hometown: Anchorage, AK.

Club: Anchorage Youth Wrestling Academy

High school: Bettye Davis East Anchorage HS

Born: June 30, 2005

Weight: 51kg/112 lbs.

Career highlights

- 2022 U17 World Team member

2022: USMC U.S. Open champion...

2021: Third at UWW Cadet Futures Nationals...

Instagram: air\_francisco.51kg

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## **NICK TREASTER**

Hometown: Newton, Kans.

Club: Newton Wrestling Club

High school: Newton HS

Born: March 5, 2005

Weight: 55kg/121 lbs.

Career highlights

- 2022 U17 World Team member
- 2021 USMC U16 All-American in both freestyle and Greco-Roman
- Two-time Kansas state champion

2022: USMC U.S. Open champion...

2021: USMC16U National runner-up in Greco-Roman... Eighth at freestyle USMC16U Nationals...

College: Navy

Twitter: @08nicky\_t

Instagram: 09nicky\_t



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# Fugitt & Adams

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## **ZAN FUGITT**

Hometown: Nixa, Mo.

High school: Nixa HS

Born: May 31, 2005

Weight: 60kg/132 lbs.

Career highlights

- 2022 U17 World Team member
- 2022 double U17 Pan American champion

2022: USMC U.S. Open champion... Double U17 Pan American champion... Fifth at USMC Open in freestyle

College: University of Oklahoma

Instagram: zanfugitt

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## **JOEL ADAMS**

Hometown: Omaha, Neb.

Club: The Best Wrestler

High school: Millard South HS

Born: Feb. 16, 2005

Weight: 65kg/143lbs.

Career highlights

- 2022 U17 World Team member
- 2022 U17 Pan American, freestyle
- 2022 U17 Pan American, Greco-Roman
- 2021 USMC 16U Freestyle Nationals champion
- 2021 USMC 16U Greco-Roman Nationals champion
- Two-time Nebraska state champion

2022: USMC U.S. Open champion... U17 Pan American Championships champion in both freestyle and Greco-Roman...

2021: USMC 16U National champion in freestyle and Greco-Roman... Named Most Outstanding Wrestler of USMC 16U Nationals...

Instagram: joel\_adams11



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# Khosravy & Han-Lindemyer

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## **ARVIN KHOSRAVY**

Hometown: Woodland Hills, Calif.  
High school: Chaminade College Preparatory  
Born: May 22, 2006  
Weight: 71kg/156.5 lbs.

### Career highlights

- 2022 U17 World Team member
- 2021 USMC 16U Greco-Roman National champion

2022: USMC U.S. Open champion...  
2021: USMC 16U Greco-Roman National champion...

Instagram: the\_notorious\_iranian

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## **COLE HAN-LINDEMYER**

Hometown: Farmington, Minn.  
Club: Pinnacle WC  
High school: Farmington HS  
Born: Sept. 9, 2005  
Weight: 80 kg/176lbs.

### Career highlights

- 2022 U17 World Team member
- 2022 U17 Pan American champion, freestyle
- 2022 U17 Pan American champion, Greco-Roman

2022: USMC U.S. Open champion in Greco-Roman... 7th at USMC U.S. Open in freestyle...  
U17 Pan American champion in Greco-Roman... U17 Pan American runner-up in freestyle...

Instagram: colehanlindy



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# Merrill & Mikesell

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## **CODY MERRILL**

Hometown: Ontario, Calif.  
Club: Daniel Cormier Wrestling Club  
High school: Gilroy HS  
Born: March 28, 2005  
Weight: 92kg/202.8 lbs.

### Career highlights

- 2022 U17 World Team member
- 2021 USMC 16U National champion, Greco-Roman
- 2021 USMC 16U National runner-up, freestyle

2022: USMC U.S. Open champion...

2021: 16U National champion in Greco-Roman... 16U National runner-up in freestyle

Instagram: cody.wrestle

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## **KOY HOPKE**

Hometown: Amery, Wis.  
Club: Pinnacle WC  
High school: Amery HS  
Born: June 19, 2005  
Weight: 110kg/242 lbs.

### Career highlights

- 2022 U17 World Team member in freestyle and Greco-Roman
- 2022 U17 Pan American champion, freestyle
- 2022 U17 Pan American champion, Greco-Roman
- 2021 USMC 16U Freestyle National champion
- 2021 USMC 16U Greco-Roman National champion

2022: U17 World Team Trials champion... U17 Pan American champion in both freestyle and Greco-Roman..

2021: USMC 16U National champion in both freestyle and Greco-Roman...

Twitter: @HopkeKoy  
Instagram: koyhopke



# Coaches



U17 men's freestyle coach, James Green. Photo by Tony Rotundo



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# Men's freestyle coaches

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Team USA's National Men's Freestyle developmental Coach James Green is the assigned coach for the U17 World Championships in Rome, Italy, July 25-31.

Green is a two-time World medalist originally from Willingsboro Township, New Jersey and has competed on six World Teams. He earned NCAA All-American status four times at Nebraska. Most recently, he trained with the Southeast Regional Training Center, affiliated with Virginia Tech University, and has competed for the Titan Mercury Wrestling Club.

Green won Pan American Championships titles in 2017 and 2018. He added U.S. Senior National titles in 2017 and 2021. He competed on three U.S. World Cup teams. During his career, Green won medals in major international tournaments in Turkey, Poland, France, Russia, Bulgaria, Spain and Ukraine. He also won a silver medal at the 2014 University World Championships.

Needless to say, the U17 men's freestyle team will benefit from Green's wealth of experience.

Joining Green is Cornell Robinson of Lake St. Louis, Missouri and Brian Tucker of Greensburg, Pennsylvania who are other assets to the coaching staff.

Robinson is the head coach at Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School in Kingston, Pennsylvania, a high school powerhouse.

His program pumps out one nationally ranked wrestler after another and has a rich history of success.

Prior to Wyoming Seminary, Robinson served as head coach at Christian Brothers College High School in St. Louis, Missouri. Under Robinson, the team won Missouri state titles in 2018 and 2019.

No stranger to the international scene, Robinson coached the U17 World Team to a second-place team finish at the World Championships in 2021. Robinson was integral to the six medals the men's freestyle team captured that year.

Rounding out the coaching staff, Tucker has served at head coach at Seton Hill University for ten seasons. Under Tucker's leadership, the program has produced 22 NCAA Division II National qualifiers.

Men's freestyle action will close out the tournament and begins on Friday, July 29. All action will be live on FloWrestling.

USA Wrestling will live tweet the matches and provide daily updates on [themat.com](https://themat.com).



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# Women's freestyle coaches

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The U17 women's freestyle World Team will be coached by National Women's Developmental coach Jessica Bunker and Jacque Davis.

Bunker has served as the Women's freestyle Developmental Coach since 2019.

Formerly, Bunker was the head women's wrestling coach at Ferrum College in Virginia. She also served as the girls wrestling coach for Beat the Streets Philadelphia and as the assistant coach at Montini Catholic High School in Lombard, Illinois where she was the first woman to coach at the Illinois High School Association state finals.

As an athlete, Bunker was a member of the U.S. Women's National Team for six years (2009-15). She was a member of the 2009 and 2010 U.S. Senior World Teams, including a ninth-place World finish in 2010. She won silver medals in the 2010 and 2011 Pan American Championships.

Bunker claimed U.S. Open titles three times (2008, 2010, 2013), and competed on the 2008, 2012 and 2016 U.S. Olympic Team.

Recently, Bunker coached Team USA to nine medals, two golds, two silvers and five bronze medals, at the Grand Prix of Spain in women's freestyle.

Under her leadership, Team USA had record-breaking results at the age-level 2021 World Championships. For the first time in women's freestyle history, the U17 and U20 teams both won team titles. Between the two age-levels, Team USA tallied 13 medals, nine of them being gold.

Joining Bunker in Rome is Davis, formerly the Women's Program Director at Beat the Streets New York City. Davis currently serves as a volunteer coach for Team USA and has made multiple international trips to various World Championships, Pan American Championships and international tours.

The women's freestyle competition begins Wednesday, July 27 with Pastoriza, Jimenez, Moore, Perry and Garcia. Valdez, Gomez, Ivaldi, Hamilton and Robinson will start on Thursday, July 28.



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# Greco-Roman coaches

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The Greco-Roman roster features 10 athletes who will make their World Championships debuts in Rome, Italy, July 25-31.

They will be led by volunteer coaches Steve Horton, LeRoy Gardner and Kyle Martin.

Horton of Cibolo, Texas has served as the head coach of NB Elite Wrestling since 2015. From 2017-2021, he was the director of Texas/USA wrestling for both freestyle and Greco-Roman. Formerly, he was the assistant coach of the U.S. Air Force Greco-Roman and freestyle U17/U20 teams.

Horton was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2015. As an athlete, he was a 14x All-Airforce Greco-Roman and freestyle champion, five-time Air Force Athlete of the Year and 1996 Olympic Regional champion.

Coming from Clarksville, Arkansas, Gardner is the head women's and men's wrestling coach at the University of the Ozarks. During his six seasons, Gardner guided three wrestlers to the NCAA II Championships, had two wrestlers ranked in the top 10 nationally and had two wrestlers win conference titles.

In 2016, Gardner was named the National Collegiate Wrestling Association (NCWA) Southwest Conference Coach of the Year. As an athlete, Gardner wrestled for Wartburg College where he led his team to two NCAA Division II championships. In 2002, he placed fifth at the U.S. Senior World Team Trials.

Rounding out the Greco-Roman coaching staff, Martin, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, is the head coach at Doherty High School and Spartan Elite Wrestling Club.

The tournament will open with Greco-Roman competition on Monday, July 25, followed by women's freestyle on Wednesday, July 27 and men's freestyle on Friday, July 29.

All action will be live on FloWrestling. USA Wrestling will live tweet the matches and provide daily updates on [themat.com](http://themat.com).