

## **Isaiah Martinez, USA Wrestling Competes at Freestyle World Cup**

*Martinez joins Jordan Burroughs at 74kg*

**CHAMPAIGN, Ill.** – Illinois two-time NCAA champion wrestler [Isaiah Martinez](#) and USA Wrestling competes this weekend, April 7-8, at the 2018 Freestyle World Cup at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

The World Cup is an annual international dual meet championship that pits the best eight men's freestyle wrestling teams in the world. Joining Team USA will be Georgia, Azerbaijan, Japan, Cuba, Kazakhstan, India and Mongolia.

Each country will wrestle three dual meets over the course of Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Place meets will begin at 12:30 p.m. central time with the gold medal match at 4 p.m.

With each team allowed two team members at each weight class, Martinez was added to the roster at 74 kilograms, 163 pounds, joining former Nebraska wrestler Jordan Burroughs of the Sunkist Kids and Nebraska wrestling clubs. Martinez is currently a member of the Titan Mercury and Illini wrestling clubs.

In total, Team USA World Cup members have claimed three Olympic medals, 13 Senior World medals, eight age-group World medals and 30 NCAA Division I national titles.

Martinez recently concluded his Illinois career with his fourth NCAA Finals appearance. Illinois' first four-time All-American and four-time Big Ten champion, the Lemoore, California native owns a program-leading .975 win-percentage and is tied for ninth on the all-time wins list.

[Ticket opportunities](#) for the World Cup include a Gold all-session package (\$225), a Black all-session package (\$150), and standard all-session tickets (\$75/\$50). Tickets are now available on the University of Iowa Athletics website.

Visit [worldcupiowacity.com](http://worldcupiowacity.com) for more information on the event.

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### **U.S. FREESTYLE WORLD CUP Roster (New additions in bold)**

57 kg/125.5 lbs. – Thomas Gilman, Iowa City, Iowa (Titan Mercury WC/Hawkeye WC)

**57 kg/125.5 lbs. – Frank Perrelli, Charlottesville, Va. (Titan Mercury WC/Cavalier RTC)**

61 kg/134 lbs. – Kendric Maple, Lincoln, Neb. (Titan Mercury WC/Nebraska WTC)

**61 kg/134 lbs. – Joe Colon, Fresno, Calif. (Titan Mercury WC/Valley RTC)**

65 kg/143 lbs. - Logan Stieber, Columbus, Ohio (Titan Mercury WC/Ohio RTC)

**65 kg/143 lbs. - Joey McKenna, Towaco, N.J. (Lehigh Valley WC/Ohio RTC)**

70 kg/154 lbs. – James Green, Lincoln, Neb. (Titan Mercury WC/Nebraska WTC)

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**70 kg/154 lbs. – Frank Molinaro, Blackburg, Va. (Titan Mercury WC/Southeast RTC)**

74 kg/163 lbs. – Jordan Burroughs, Lincoln, Neb. (Sunkist Kids/Nebraska WTC)

**74 kg/163 lbs. – Isaiah Martinez, Leemore, Calif. (Titan Mercury WC/Illini WC)**

79 kg/174 lbs. - Kyle Dake, Ithaca, N.Y. (Titan Mercury WC/Finger Lakes WC)

**79 kg/174 lbs. – Alex Dieringer, Stillwater, Okla. (Titan Mercury WC)**

86 kg/189 lbs. - David Taylor, State College, Pa. (Titan Mercury WC/Nittany Lion WC)

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92 kg/202.5 lbs. - J'den Cox, Columbia, Mo. (Titan Mercury WC/Missouri WF)

**92 kg/202.5 lbs. – Hayden Zillmer, Minneapolis, Minn. (Minnesota Storm)**

97 kg/213 lbs. - Kyle Snyder, Woodbine, Md. (Titan Mercury WC/Ohio RTC)

**97 kg/213 lbs. – Kyven Gadson, Ames, Iowa (Sunkist Kids/Cyclone WC)**

125 kg/275 lbs. – Nick Gwiazdowski, Raleigh, N.C. (Titan Mercury WC/Wolfpack WC)

**125 kg/275 lbs. – Dom Bradley, Lincoln, Neb. (Sunkist Kids/Nebraska WTC)**

National Freestyle Coaches – Bill Zadick, Kevin Jackson and Joe Russell (Colorado Springs, Colo.)

Honorary Coaches – Dan Gable (Iowa City, Iowa), J Robinson (Minneapolis, Minn.), Mike Duroe (Marion, Iowa)

### **World Cup Schedule**

\*Gates open at 9:00 am both days\*

#### **Saturday, April 7 (All Times, CST)**

10:00 am: United States v. India (Mat A) // Mongolia v. Kazakhstan (Mat B)

11:15 am: Georgia v. Japan (Mat A) // Azerbaijan v. Cuba (Mat B)

2:00 pm: Opening Ceremonies

2:30 pm: United States v. Japan (Mat A)

4:30 pm: Mongolia v. Cuba (Mat B)

5:45 pm: Georgia v. India (Mat A) //Azerbaijan v. Kazakhstan (Mat B)

#### **Sunday, April 8 (All Times, CST)**

10:00 am: United States v. Georgia (Mat A) // Mongolia v. Azerbaijan (Mat B)

11:15 am: Japan v. India (Mat A) // Kazakhstan v. Cuba (Mat B)

12:30 pm: Fifth Place Match (Mat A) // Seventh Place Match (Mat B)

2:15 pm: Bronze Medal Match (Mat A)

4:00 pm: Gold Medal Match (Mat A)



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