

**Official USA Wrestling Statement on Freestyle World Cup, Friday, February 3, 9:05 a.m.
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USA Wrestling has seen the media reports that the Iranian Foreign Ministry plans to deny visas for the United States freestyle wrestling team to travel to Kermanshah, Iran to participate in the 2017 Freestyle World Cup, Feb. 16-17.

At this time, neither USA Wrestling nor United World Wrestling have been officially notified that these reports are accurate. We have no official documentation that the USA Wrestling team will be denied the opportunity to participate at the Freestyle World Cup.

The Freestyle World Cup is the annual World dual meet championship, one of the most important events that United World Wrestling hosts each year.

If these reports are true, USA Wrestling is extremely disappointed about this, which we believe would be an unacceptable situation. Wrestling is about competition and goodwill through sport, and is no place for politics

When or if USA Wrestling can confirm these reports officially, we may provide additional commentary.