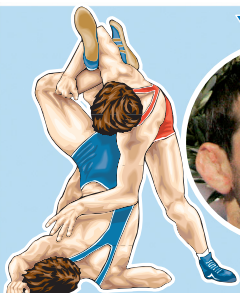


# Russia and Japan dominate freestyle wrestling

A total of seven men's and four women's gold medals will be awarded to freestyle wrestlers in Beijing. Based on past performances, the Russian men's team and the Japanese women's team are the favourites

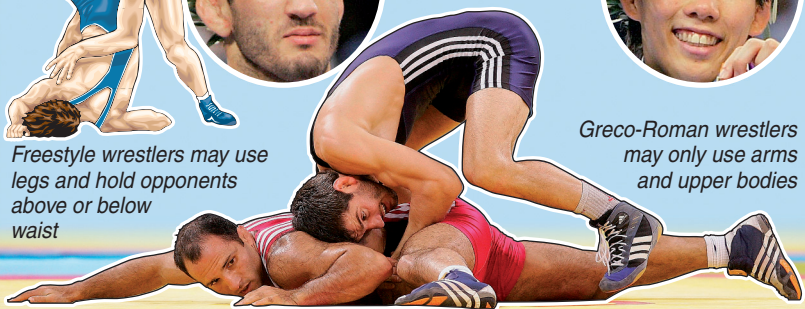


Freestyle wrestlers may use legs and hold opponents above or below waist

▼ **Buvaysa Saytiev:** Age 33. Twice 66-74kg-class Olympic champion



**Saori Yoshida:** ▶ Age 25. 48-55kg-class Olympic champion



Greco-Roman wrestlers may only use arms and upper bodies

Russian men took five gold, one silver and three bronze medals in Athens

Japanese women took two gold, one silver and one bronze in Athens

## Freestyle world champions – men

## Freestyle world champions – women

-55kg	Besik Kudukhov	(RUS)
55-60kg	Mavlet Batirov	(RUS)
60-66kg	Ramazan Shahin	(TUR)
66-74kg	Makhach Murtazaliev	(RUS)
74-84kg	Georgi Ketoev	(RUS)
84-96kg	Khadjimourat Gatsalov	(RUS)
96-120kg	Beylal Makhov	(RUS)

-48 kg	Chiharu Icho	(JPN)
48-51kg	Hitomi Sakamoto	(JPN)
51-55kg	Saori Yoshida	(JPN)
55-59kg	Audrey Prieto-Bokhashvili	(FRA)
59-63kg	Kaori Icho	(JPN)
63-67kg	Jing Rui Xue	(CHN)
67-72kg	Stanka Zlateva Hristova	(BUL)

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① Medal events

AUG	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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