

Terms and Conditions for Sanction of Event

To qualify for and retain this sanction the event organizer(s) must meet and abide by the following terms and conditions:

THIS IS YOUR EVENT - IT IS NOT ORGANIZED, CONTROLLED OR CONDUCTED BY USA WRESTLING. THE ISSUANCE OF A SANCTION BY USA WRESTLING SERVES THE PRINCIPLE PURPOSE OF AFFORDING THE INSURANCE COVERAGE REFERRED TO IN THIS SANCTION APPLICATION FORM. By issuing an event sanction, USA Wrestling neither accepts any responsibility, nor undertakes any obligation or liability, for the organization, conduct, promotion, solicitation or registration of participants, the condition or adequacies of the event facility, or any other arrangements for the subject event or any related practices or activities, including the conduct of event organizers, volunteers, coaches or officials, for all of which the Event Organizer and/or Club (i) will have sole responsibility and (ii) shall indemnify and hold harmless USA Wrestling and its members, directors, officers, employees, agents and affiliates against any and all liabilities, claims, demands and losses (including reasonable attorney's fees and costs).

- 1. Each participating wrestler must show or obtain a USA Wrestling Competitors membership card valid for the current year. Separate secondary sports accident insurance benefits are included for the individual members in the USA Wrestling membership fee.
- 2. This sanction form must be approved by the USA Wrestling State Chairperson/Director of the state in which the event is to be held. Competitive events, for purpose of this sanction, are formal wrestling competitions as defined by the use of mat officials, scorekeepers and a recognized pairing/bracket format. Use a separate form for each event.
- 3. All events held for wrestlers in the Kids Division age group (14 and under) must be conducted in accordance with the Kids Rules Modifications or other acceptable rules of wrestling (or similar age/weight variations) and the current USAW *Event Safety & Organizing Guide* (when applicable).
- 4. It is to be understood that the Event Director has read and will comply and cause the event to be conducted in accordance with all applicable provisions of the USA Wrestling current USAW *Event Safety & Organizing Guide* to the best of his/her ability.
- 5. This completed application plus a sanction fee should be received by the USA Wrestling National Office no less than 10 days before the date of the event. Sanction may not be provided if this provision is not met. Send all three copies of this application to your State Chairperson/Director well in advance of the 10 day deadline. Applications will not be accepted without appropriate fees. Be sure ALL questions on the form have been answered – incomplete forms may be rejected.
- 6. Events involving foreign teams, wrestlers or officials must receive prior written approval from USA Wrestling's National Office. Invitations to participants outside of the United States are issued exclusively by the National Office. Foreign participants in any USA Wrestling sanctioned event must purchase or be provided with a USA Wrestling membership card, which is available at a special discounted rate through your state office.
- 7. Special rates are available for tournament and event display advertising – contact the Advertising Department of USA Wrestler at the National Headquarters.
- 8. For their legal protection and that of USA Wrestling, Event Directors are encouraged to use the following language as a part of event entry documentation. **It is mandatory to obtain waivers on each member of USA Wrestling.**

Waiver and Release from Liability

1. I, _____, the undersigned, on behalf of myself, my heirs and next of kin, personal representatives, agents, insurers, successors and assigns (all hereinafter "Releasors") hereby FOREVER RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WRESTLING ASSOCIATION, INC., its insurers, its affiliated clubs, administrators, agents, directors, officers, state organizations, members, committees, volunteers, all employees of USA Wrestling, and any and all participants, officials, referees, coaches, host clubs, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, local organizing committees (and if applicable) owners, lessors and operators of premises used to conduct any USA Wrestling sanctioned event, meet, practice or activity (all hereinafter "Releasees") from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, causes of action or losses of any kind or nature, past, present or future, direct or consequential that I may hereafter have for PERSONAL INJURY, PERMANENT, TEMPORARY, TOTAL OR PARTIAL DISABILITY, DISFIGUREMENT, PARALYSIS AND ANY OTHER LOSSES OR DAMAGES TO PERSON OR PROPERTY OR DEATH, arising out of my participation in, attendance at or traveling to and from any USA Wrestling sanctioned event or activity including, but not limited to, LOSSES CAUSED BY THE PASSIVE OR ACTIVE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, or hidden, latent or obvious defects in the facilities or equipment used.

2. Releasor understands and acknowledges that USA Wrestling sanctioned activities and the sport of wrestling in general have inherent dangers that no amount of care, caution, training, instruction, supervision or expertise can eliminate. RELEASOR EXPRESSLY AND VOLUNTARILY ASSUMES ALL RISK OF PERSONAL INJURY, PERMANENT, TEMPORARY, TOTAL OR PARTIAL DISABILITY, DISFIGUREMENT, PARALYSIS AND ANY OTHER LOSSES OR DAMAGES TO PERSON OR PROPERTY OR DEATH, sustained while participating in, attending, preparing for or traveling to and from any USA Wrestling sanctioned event, meet, practice or activity, including the risk of PASSIVE OR ACTIVE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, or hidden, latent or obvious defects in the facilities or equipment used.

3. Releasor acknowledges and fully understands that each participant in any USA Wrestling sanctioned event, meet, practice or activity, including Releasor, will be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury, including permanent, temporary, total or partial disability, disfigurement, paralysis and any other losses to person or property, including death, and that severe social and economic losses may result not only from Releasor's own actions, in actions or negligence, but also from the actions, in actions or negligence of others notwithstanding the rules of play or the condition of the premises or of any equipment used. Further Releasor acknowledges and fully understands that there may be other associated risks with such activities which are not known or not reasonably foreseeable at this time.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE HAD SUFFICIENT OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE PROVISIONS OF THIS DOCUMENT AND UNDERSTAND ITS PURPOSE, MEANING AND INTENT.

(PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE) (DATE) (PRINT NAME)

The undersigned, _____ does hereby represent that he/she is, in fact, the parent or legal guardian of _____ and acting in such capacity agrees to the terms and conditions of the above stated waiver and release.

(Signature of parent or legal guardian) (Date) (Print Name)

(Relationship to minor)