



2010 MEDIA CREDENTIALS APPLICATION USA WRESTLING NATIONAL EVENTS

Please check the events that you will attend. Feel free to photocopy. All media credential requests must be received by deadline date for each specific event. Confirmation letter and more information on the individual events will be sent to you. Applicants must agree to comply with media credential regulations.

	<u>Application deadline</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Girls Folkstyle Nationals, Girls YOG Qualifier, Girls Folkstyle Duals, Oklahoma City, Okla., March 26-28	March 22
<input type="checkbox"/> ASICS Folkstyle National Championships (Veterans, Junior, Cadet, Kids), Cedar Falls, Iowa., April 1-3	March 29
<input type="checkbox"/> ASICS University Nationals/FILA Cadet Nationals & Boys YOG Qualifier, Akron, Ohio, April 8-11	April 5
<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Open Wrestling Championships (GR, men & women FS), Cleveland, Ohio, April 23-24	April 19
<input type="checkbox"/> FILA Junior National Championships, Cleveland, Ohio, GR on April 22, FS on April 25	April 19
<input type="checkbox"/> Veterans National Championships, Western Junior Regionals, Heber City, Utah, May 6-8	May 3
<input type="checkbox"/> Body Bar Women's National Championships (FILA Cadet & Junior), Kissimmee, Fla., May 14-15	May 10
<input type="checkbox"/> FILA Junior & University World Team Trials (GR, men's FS), Colorado Springs, Colo., May 28-29	May 24
<input type="checkbox"/> National Schoolboy/girl Duals, Indianapolis, Ind., June 9-13	June 7
<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. World Team Trials (GR, men & women FS), Council Bluffs, Iowa, June 10-12	June 7
<input type="checkbox"/> National Cadet Duals, Rochester, Minn., June 15-19	June 11
<input type="checkbox"/> National Junior Duals (men and women), Oklahoma City, Okla., June 24-28	June 18
<input type="checkbox"/> ASICS National Kids Freestyle/Greco-Roman Championships, Orem, Utah, June 28-30	June 25
<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Beach National Championships, Rochester, N.Y., July 9-11	July 5
<input type="checkbox"/> ASICS/Vaughan Junior Nationals (men & women)/Accelerade Cadet Nationals, Fargo, N.D., July 18-24	July 16

Please contact USA Wrestling's Communications Department for more information on any of USA Wrestling's events. To receive accreditation for Regional events or other USA Wrestling activities, contact the Communications Department. Accreditation for international events will be done on a separate basis.

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ FAX Number: _____

E-mail address: _____ Web page : _____

Number of press row passes requested: _____ Number of photographer/TV passes requested: _____

For Print media - Paid circulation: _____ For TV/radio: Will you be broadcasting live? Circle YES or NO

Names of journalists and job titles using passes:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

List other special needs on your letterhead. Hotel and schedule information will be forwarded with acceptance letter.

Signature and title of journalist making request

Date

RETURN TO: USA Wrestling, 6155 Lehman Drive, Colorado Springs, CO, 80918
Attn: Craig Sesker
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Visit www.TheMat.com for complete USA Wrestling schedule on all age levels.



March 3, 2010

Dear Journalist:

USA Wrestling's Communications staff is gearing up for an exciting season full of drama and outstanding performances. The nation's best wrestlers are busy training and competing, in preparation for the 2010 World Wrestling Championships in Moscow, Russia, Sept. 6-12.

The 2009 World Championships was the first year of the new Olympic quadrennium, and Team USA had a number of stong performances, including silver medals by men's freestyle wrestler Jake Herbert (85 kg) and Greco-Roman wrestler Dremiel Byers (120 kg), and a bronze medal by men's freestyle wrestler Tervel Dlagnev (120 kg).

As always, you can follow all of the wrestling news online at www.TheMat.com. All of the USA Wrestling press releases are also on the U.S. Olympic Committee's Press Box, which has been upgraded and improved. The new USOC Pressbox URL is <http://pressbox.teamusa.org>

In addition to this, USA Wrestling often sends e-mails to journalists interested in our Olympic-level programs. If you wish to be included, contact USA Wrestling's Communications staff.

Included in this mailing is our 2010 USA Wrestling Media Accreditation Form. It features major national-level events where journalists are invited to apply for credentials to cover. You can sign up for a number of USA Wrestling events all on one form.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The U.S. Open Wrestling Championships, our annual national championship on the Senior level, has moved to a new city. It will be held at Wolstein Center in Cleveland, Ohio, April 23-24. The nation's best wrestling in the three Olympic styles, men's freestyle, women's freestyle and Greco-Roman, will be held in a new venue and city. Cleveland is a wrestling hotbed and the event should be very exciting as top stars battle for national titles and All-American honors.

Also note, the U.S. World Team Trials will again be held at the MidAmerica Center in Council Bluffs, Iowa, June 10-12. This is a must-attend event and we encourage you to make plans to be there. This event determines which athletes will represent the United States at the 2010 World Championships in Russia.

Among the other key events to cover this year are:

ASICS Folkstyle National Championships, in Cedar Falls, Iowa, April 1-3 - This event features the best young wrestlers in the nation, competing for national titles in the American-style of wrestling. This is a growing event in size and prestige. This is the first leg of the USA Wrestling Triple Crown for Kids, Cadets and Juniors.

• **ASICS/Vaughan Junior Nationals and Accelerade Cadet Nationals, Fargo, N.D., July 18-24** – The world's largest wrestling event, this annual spectacular features the nation's top Cadet and Junior athletes competing for national honors.

Make sure to contact us if you need any information on the sport of wrestling, including biographies, athlete portraits and historical information. Contact us if you have any needs in the year ahead. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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2010 USA WRESTLING MEDIA CREDENTIAL REGULATIONS

1. Eligibility

USA Wrestling will issue media credentials to members of the working press only. Journalists who receive credentials must be on assignment for a specific media outlet at each event. All journalists who wish to attend USA Wrestling events must submit a media credentials application.

Freelance journalists must submit a letter, on letterhead, from an editor or other staff professional from the media outlet for which they are working. The letter must indicate that they are on assignment at that specific event. Copies of articles or proof of photographs in media outlets may be requested by USA Wrestling.

2. Application deadlines

Press credential applications must be received at USA Wrestling by the deadline date for each specific event. USA Wrestling will not guarantee that journalists who submit their applications after the deadline will be accommodated.

Applying in no way guarantees that your agency will receive credentials. At some events, space may be limited and only a certain number of media credentials will be issued.

Journalists may apply for more than one USA Wrestling event at a time, by filling out one of USA Wrestling's multi-event credential forms.

3. Credential acceptance

USA Wrestling encourages all media to attend USA Wrestling events. However, if there is a limitation on the number of credentials issued for a specific event, USA Wrestling will consider the following when issuing approval:

- 1) Consideration for major national media, local media where the event is held, and wrestling specialty media.
- 2) Consideration for media outlets which attend USA Wrestling events on a regular basis.
- 3) Consideration for applications which are received by the deadline date.

4. Credential usage

Credentials must be worn at all times. Each media credential is issued specifically for the journalist who was accepted through the credential process. Any media outlet which wishes to change the name(s) of their credentialed journalist(s) may do so, in writing to USA Wrestling, prior to the competition. Credentials may not be given or lent to another person for any reason.

Credentialed journalists will receive admission to the event, access to media work areas at the event venue, as well as any other areas where media accreditation is provided access.

Misuse of a USA Wrestling media credential or failure to follow USA Wrestling press operation procedures, will result in loss of your credential, removal from the media areas, and the possible loss of credential privileges for future events.

5. Credential pickup

Credentials will be available at a designated area at the event venue, unless otherwise specified in the acceptance literature.

6. Photographers

Photography locations and restrictions will be clearly indicated at each major USA Wrestling event. Photographers who do not adhere to these rules will have their credential removed.

USA Wrestling reserves the right to restrict the use of flash photography and strobes at any time. Credentialed photographers must use professional camera equipment.

7. Television and internet broadcast coverage

At certain events, USA Wrestling may have a contractual arrangement with a broadcasting company concerning the television coverage and/or the internet broadcast of the event. At some events, non-rights holding television and internet companies may be required to agree to restrictions in order to receive credentials and broadcasting privileges. An internet/broadcast agreement must be signed in order to receive credentials.

8. Interview policy

At each USA Wrestling event, credentialed media must agree to work with USA Wrestling communications staff and follow interview policies for that event. Any interview requests not included in the interview policy will be considered on an individual basis.

9. U.S. Olympic Training Center interview process.

All media must contact USA Wrestling communication staff in order to conduct any interviews with athletes, coaches or staff members on the U.S. Olympic Training Center complex. A credential will be issued and journalists must be escorted at all times on the USOTC campus by a USA Wrestling staff member.

USA Wrestling values your media coverage at our events, and appreciates your cooperation with our media regulations. We look forward to working with you at each event.

If you have any questions, contact USA Wrestling at 719-598-8181.



2010 USA WRESTLING JOURNALIST INFORMATION FORM

NAME: _____

MEDIA OUTLET: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

OFFICE PHONE NUMBER: _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER: _____

FAX NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

WEB PAGE: _____

PLEASE INDICATE ANY SPECIAL NEEDS OR REQUESTS: _____

PLEASE SEND ME MORE INFORMATION ON:

- USA Wrestling's Web Page
- U.S. Olympic Committee's Web Page

I WOULD LIKE RELEASES BY EMAIL WHEN APPROPRIATE: YES NO

PLEASE CONSIDER ME AS A(n):

- Olympic Beat Journalist
- Wrestling Beat Journalist
- Hometown Journalist of U.S. athlete(s)
- Women's Sports Beat Journalist
- Newspaper Columnist or Broadcast Commentator
- OTHER _____

PLEASE LIST ANY SPECIFIC ATHLETES THAT YOU REQUIRE INFORMATION ON: _____

SEND THIS FORM, BY MAIL OR FAX, TO:

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