

CLUB LEADER MEMO

To: Club Leaders
 From: Tony Black, Director of State Services
 RE: 2014-2015 Membership Year

Welcome to USA Wrestling and a new and exciting membership year! Below you will find information, which will be a reminder for some, and new for others. The USA Wrestling National Headquarters is looking forward to the 2014-2015 member year and assisting club leaders with their various programs. Please read all the information below and feel free to contact your State Membership Director or National Headquarters if you have questions.

FORMS:

All forms are available online at www.USAWrestling.org

MEMBERSHIP SUBMISSION AND AUDIT:

Remember that each year State Associations are subject to a membership card audit. All membership cards must be accounted for prior to August 31, 2015. Contact your state association membership director for details. Club leaders must submit membership immediately to their state association membership directors. Failure to submit membership in a timely manner may jeopardize membership benefits.

SPORTS ACCIDENT SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS:

This provides secondary sports accident benefits for USA Wrestling members who participate in limited non-sanctioned events.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS:

You will notice a Participant's Waiver and Release from Liability form attached to membership cards. The use of a waiver and release is now mandatory in the insurance industry. Members are required to complete the waiver and release form and return it to the National Headquarters or keep on file at the club.

Failure to obtain a waiver and release from members may result in a loss of insurance coverage.

- Suggested procedures for handling these forms are as follows: The form is signed and dated by the member when they register (athlete, coach, or official). If under 18 years of age the parent or guardian must sign the form. Then those procedures outlined by your state association should be followed for having the forms returned to the National Headquarters or keep on file at the club. No one other than the legal guardian of an individual under the age of 18 should sign the form.
- Waiver and release forms provide important information to the National Headquarters in the event of a lawsuit.
- If you have any questions regarding the waiver and release form please contact USA Wrestling's Department of State Services or your State Association membership director.

CERTIFICATE HOLDERS AND ADDITIONAL INSURED:

Separate procedures have been established for adding.

SECONDARY SPORTS ACCIDENT INSURANCE COVERAGE:

Be sure to read the revised Insurance Summary for 2014-2015 at www.TheMat.com

OTHER "DON'T FORGET" ITEMS:

- If you plan to host a foreign team or cultural exchange event, please contact USA Wrestling's Department of State services for details and necessary preparations. Please note:

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- Foreign teams must also be approved through USA Wrestling before they can practice or compete in the United States.
- An international or cultural exchange meet does not have liability insurance coverage unless it has been sanctioned—just like any other event.
- All American Wrestling Supply (www.usawrestlingproducts.com) offers a 5% discount on many items to members of the USA Wrestling. This applies only to mail or telephone orders—not sales at events.
- Per United States Olympic Committee (USOC) policy, the use of the term “Olympic” cannot be used in the title of a club or event unless authority has been granted by the USOC.
- Additional Insured practice sites are intended for same club members from the originating club. Additional insureds are subject to approval by the insurance carrier.

USA Wrestling would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for everything you do in promoting a safe and rewarding experience for your club members.



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