



# 2009 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 National Championships (Grades 1-12, College), Oklahoma City, Okla., March 27-29	March 23
<input type="checkbox"/> ASICS Folkstyle National Championships (Veterans, Junior, Cadet, Kids), Cedar Falls, Iowa., April 3-5	March 31
<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. National Championships (GR, men & women FS), Las Vegas, Nev., April 7-11	April 3
<input type="checkbox"/> FILA Junior National Championships (GR, men's FS), Las Vegas, Nev., April 7-11	April 3
<input type="checkbox"/> Veterans National Championships (GR, men's FS), Las Vegas, Nev., April 7-11	April 3
<input type="checkbox"/> ASICS University Nationals (GR, men's FS)/FILA Cadet Nationals, Akron, Ohio, April 23-26	April 20
<input type="checkbox"/> Body Bar Women's National Championships (FILA Cadet, Junior, University), Colo. Spgs, Colo., May 1-2	April 27
<input type="checkbox"/> FILA Junior & University World Team Trials (GR, men's FS), Colorado Springs, Colo., May 22-23	May 18
<input type="checkbox"/> World Team Trials, presented by U.S. Marines (GR, men & women FS), Council Bluffs, Iowa, May 30-31	May 25
<input type="checkbox"/> National Schoolboy/girl Duals, Indianapolis, Ind., June 17-21	June 12
<input type="checkbox"/> National Cadet Duals, Rochester, Minn., June 17-21	June 12
<input type="checkbox"/> National Junior Duals, Oklahoma City, Okla., June 23-28	June 18
<input type="checkbox"/> ASICS National Kids Freestyle/Greco-Roman Championships, Orem, Utah, June 29 - July 1	June 25
<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Beach National Championships, Rochester, N.Y., July 17-19	July 13
<input type="checkbox"/> ASICS/Vaughan Junior Nationals (men & women)/Accelerade Cadet Nationals, Fargo, N.D., July 19-25	July 14
<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Junior National Duals, Fargo, N.D., July 20-21	July 14

*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*

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**

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*Visit [www.TheMat.com](http://www.TheMat.com) for complete USA Wrestling schedule on all age levels.*



March 10, 2009

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 2009 World Wrestling Championships in Herning, Denmark, Sept. 21-27.

The 2008 Olympic Games featured three medalists for the United States. Henry Cejudo won the gold medal at 55 kg in men's freestyle wrestling. Adam Wheeler won a bronze medal at 96 kg in Greco-Roman and Randi Miller added a bronze medal at 63 kg in women's freestyle. With the start of a new Olympic four-year cycle, we expect many new and exciting young athletes to emerge during the next few seasons.

As always, you can follow all of the wrestling news online at [www.TheMat.com](http://www.TheMat.com). All of the USA Wrestling press releases are also on the U.S. Olympic Committee's Press Box at [www.USOCPressbox.org](http://www.USOCPressbox.org).

In addition to this, USA Wrestling often sends e-mails to journalists interested in our Olympic-level programs. If you are not receiving these and wish to be included, contact us. USA Wrestling's Communications staff plans to provide regular wrestling updates, including extensive story ideas on our top athletes, events and programs.

Included in this mailing is our 2009 USA Wrestling Media Accreditation Form. It features major national-level events where journalists are invited to apply for credentials to cover. As in other years, you can sign up for a number of USA Wrestling events all on one form.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The World Team Trials, presented by the U.S. Marines will be held at the MidAmerica Center in Council Bluffs, Iowa, May 30-31.** 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 2009 World Championships in Denmark.

Among the other key events to cover this year are:

**ASICS Folkstyle National Championships, in Cedar Falls, Iowa, April 3-5** - 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.

- **2008 U.S. National Championships, in Las Vegas, Nev., April 7-11** - In addition to crowning national champions in the three Olympic styles, this is the most important qualifying event for the World Team Trials.
- **ASICS/Vaughan Junior Nationals and Accelerade Cadet Nationals, Fargo, N.D., July 18-25** - The world's largest wrestling event, this annual spectacular features the nation's top Cadet and Junior athletes competing for national honors.

Our annual media guide is scheduled for publication this summer. 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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# 2009 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.**



# 2009 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SEND THIS FORM, BY MAIL OR FAX, TO:**

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