



Sept. 1, 2009 - Aug. 31, 2010

Application for Club Charter

Instructions → Type or print all information. Press hard - you are making two copies. Answer all questions. Send all pages of this application, individual memberships, and one check to your State Director.

State Director: Send top two copies to the National Office immediately. Keep bottom copy for state records.

Club Information

• Name of Club _____ • Date of Application _____

• Was this a USA Wrestling chartered club in the previous membership year? Yes No **Club Code:** _____

• List the name of the recognized club leader who should receive the Club Certificate and other information:

Name _____ Position _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Evening Phone _____ (Area Code) Day Phone _____ (Area Code)

• Your club information will appear on USA Wrestling's official website unless otherwise noted. **DO NOT POST**

• I verify with my signature that the club will comply with USA Wrestling By-laws, operating rules and policies pertaining to USA Wrestling Chartered Clubs. _____
Signature

• What style(s) of wrestling do you expect your club to focus on? (check *all* that apply)

- Mostly Freestyle Mostly Greco Mostly Folkstyle Grappling Beach
 Some Freestyle Some Greco Some Folkstyle Sombo

• What are the ages of the wrestlers you expect in your club? (circle *all* that apply)

8 or younger 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 & older

• Approximately how many *wrestlers* do you expect to be members of your club this year? (circle only *one* group)

Under 10 11-20 21-30 31-40 41-50 51-60 61-70 71-80 More than 80

• Approximately how many *coaches* do you expect to be members in your club? (circle only *one* group)

1-3 4-6 7-9 10-12 13-15 16-19 More than 20

• What months will your club be most active? (circle *all* that apply)

September October November December January February March April May June July August

• Club e-mail address: _____ Club web site: _____

Certificate of Insurance and Fees

A club which qualifies as a USAW chartered club by registering all of its wrestlers and coaches may wish to add as a Certificate Holder the owner/operator of the facility the club uses for its practices and sanctioned events. The processing fee is \$20.00. Adding an Additional Insured is subject to the approval of the Insurance Carrier, see separate form. List below the Owner/Operator of the Facility to be listed as a Certificate of Insurance Holder, if any. **Do not** abbreviate.

(Name/Address)

(Name/Address)

Note: In order to comply with USAW requirements, all club coaches must hold current individual USA Wrestling Coach Membership cards.

1) USA Wrestling Chartered Club membership fee _____

2) Certificate of Insurance, if any, @ \$20.00 (processing fee) _____

Total _____

STATE OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Application received from Club Director _____

State Chairperson/Director Approval _____

NATIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Application received _____

Approved by _____ # _____

General Information

USA Wrestling Chartered Clubs

A USA Wrestling Chartered Club provides an opportunity for member athletes, coaches and volunteers to practice, train, compete and enjoy amateur wrestling while being under the USA Wrestling umbrella of benefits and services. All chartered clubs are entitled to receive an array of benefits including: liability insurance, access to information in a one-year subscription to the national publication, coaching education and training guides, "how to" help, community public relations assistance and fundraising opportunities, discount apparel, merchandise and tournament supplies. Contact USA Wrestling for more information.

Being chartered as a USA Wrestling club also carries with it responsibilities. Participation in national sponsorship programs, reviewing the *Club Organizing Guide*, and complying with membership rules, insurance requirements, and USA Wrestling's By-Laws, operating rules and policies is required.

While USA Wrestling Chartered Clubs exist to carry out the mission and purposes of USA Wrestling on a local level, clubs are formed and operated as separate entities from USA Wrestling. USA Wrestling neither accepts any responsibility, nor undertakes any obligation or liability, for the organization, conduct, promotion, solicitation or registration of club members, the condition or adequacies of the practice site or any other arrangements for subject club or any related practices or activities, including the conduct of club directors, administrators, and volunteers, for all of which the Club (i) will have full and 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).

Individual Memberships Within Clubs

All members of a USA Wrestling chartered club *must* be individual members of USA Wrestling. USA Wrestling has three categories of individual membership: **It is mandatory to obtain waivers on each member of USA Wrestling.**

<i>Competitor</i>	–the category of any active wrestler.
<i>Coach</i>	–the category of individuals involved in coaching or teaching wrestling.
<i>Official</i>	–the category of individuals who wish to learn about or practice officiating, including referees and pairing masters.

Application Procedures for Chartered Clubs

Members of a Club may join USA Wrestling in any of the first two categories by going to <http://usawmembership.com> and purchasing their membership on-line or the Club can register all members through the on-line membership system. Members can also contact their state association regarding this process. Because space on this form precludes listing membership benefits by category, separate literature is available that describes insurance programs, discounts, complimentary subscriptions and other benefits.

Individual memberships are accepted throughout the membership year by your State Chairperson/Director. As new members join your USA Wrestling Chartered Club throughout the membership year, register their individual memberships in USA Wrestling immediately. Failure to register *all* of your club members individually with USA Wrestling will result in the suspension/revocation of club charter privileges with USA Wrestling.

This application and appropriate fees can be processed on-line through the membership system or fees can be received and accepted by the State Office for chartered club benefits to apply.

Club Benefits and Services

USA Wrestling benefits and services are provided to every chartered club in which all wrestlers and designated coaches are individual members of USA Wrestling. Practices must be organized and supervised by USA Wrestling *member* coaches.

USA Wrestling liability insurance coverage for chartered clubs insures the club itself, as well as club coaches, administrators and volunteers for covered claims and cost of related litigation.

If the owner/operators wish to be named as Additional Insured for USA Wrestling Chartered Club activities held at the practice site, the chartered club director must contact USA Wrestling's Department of State Services.

Chartered clubs will receive a free subscription to the *USA Wrestler*, the official publication of USA Wrestling.

Chartered clubs can become involved in USA Wrestling's National Coaches Education Program. In addition, from time to time USA Wrestling publishes and provides, free of charge, coaches' education materials.

Merchandise benefits include: 5% discount on club orders, special team order pricing, merchandise consignment fundraising program.

These explanations are provided as an aid to completing this form, and are not intended to be a detailed description of insurance coverage, membership benefits, or the rules regulating these matters. For answers to specific questions, or for help in organizing your club contact USA Wrestling's Department of State Services or your State Association Membership Director.