

USA Wrestling Chartered Clubs

Please Note: Chartered clubs must enforce USA Wrestling policies and procedures with regard to membership at all times. This means that no persons ineligible for USA Wrestling membership - which includes registered sex offenders - may be associated with the organization or its activities in any way during all club activities (to include non-USA Wrestling events).

A USA Wrestling Chartered Club provides an opportunity for members to practice, train, compete and enjoy amateur wrestling in a safe environment.

All chartered clubs are entitled to an array of benefits including:

- General Liability Insurance for club volunteers, coaches, and organizers
- Four levels of Certification for Coaches
- Free access to USA Wrestling's Core Curriculum Series
- National Training and Developmental Camps
- Access to Support from the National Office
- Secondary Sports Accident Insurance for Athletes
- Free subscription to USA Wrestler, the official publication of USA Wrestling
- Participation in Local, Regional and National Competitions
- Association with the Olympic Movement

Being chartered as a USA Wrestling club also carries with it the following responsibilities:

- Review of the Club Organizing Guide by the club organizer
- Compliance with membership rules and insurance requirements
- Adherence to USA Wrestling's Bylaws, operating rules and policies
- A membership verification system must be in place - either through USA Wrestling's online membership system or inspection of physical membership cards. Failure to implement such a system will result in the suspension of club charter privileges, including insurance coverage.

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 Requirements:

All members of a USA Wrestling chartered club must be individual members of USA Wrestling. USA Wrestling has three categories of individual membership:

- **Athlete: Any active wrestler**
- **Coach: Individuals involved in coaching or teaching wrestling**
- **Official: Individuals who wish to officiate, including referees and pairers**

Application Procedures for Chartered Clubs

Individuals may join USA Wrestling through USA Wrestling's online membership system and/or by contacting a state's Chairperson or membership Director, depending on state of residence. As new members join your USA Wrestling Chartered Club throughout the membership year, be sure to immediately verify existing membership or purchase if necessary.

Additional Insured Entities

If the owner/operators wish to be named as an Additional Insured for USA Wrestling Chartered Club activities held at the practice site, the chartered club director can accomplish this through USA Wrestling's online membership system or by contacting USA Wrestling's Department of State Services.

This information is provided as a reference, and it is 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.