

# *1<sup>st</sup> Annual USAW New York State Women's Folk-style Wrestling Championships*



March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008

Fredonia High School, 425 E. Main Street, Fredonia, NY 14063

Weigh-ins: Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:00pm – 9:00pm, or Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:00am – 9:00am.

(Call if other arrangements are needed for special circumstances)

Tournament will be run - Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00am through completion

## **General Information**

**ENTRY:** Athletes have the ability to register either by e-mail or on-site. The OFFICIAL WAIVER FORMS must be accurately completed and filed at registration. Participants **MUST** present proof of current USA Wrestling Membership Card (actual card or photo copy) at registration **AND** weigh-ins.

**ON-SITE REGISTRATION (Cash ONLY):** Entry fee for participants registering on-site is \$15.00 (cash only—**NO CHECKS**) per athlete. **NO REGISTRATION BY MAIL WILL BE ACCEPTED!** Participants **MUST** present proof of current USA Wrestling Membership Card

**INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:** Awards will be given to the top 3 individuals in each weight class in the Middle School, and High School divisions.

**TEAM AWARDS** The top Section Team will be determined by scoring ALL individuals in each weight class.

**RULES:** National Federation of State High School Association scoring rules will govern the competition for the Middle School, and High School divisions. (New York State Green Book rule modifications will be enforced.)

**UNIFORMS:** Collegiate or girls' singlet with under-briefs required. A sleeveless sport top is to be worn under the singlet (no T-shirts). **NO SCHOOL UNIFORMS ARE ALLOWED!**

**MEDICAL INFORMATION:** Athletes must be present in a **COMPETITION SINGLET** and must submit to a skin disease screening prior to weigh-in. If you have no Doctor's waiver for a skin condition, the Head Official will have full authority without appeal in determining the eligibility of an athlete to compete.

Medical and waiver forms for all USA Wrestling events are available at [WWW.THEMAT.COM](http://WWW.THEMAT.COM)

**WEIGH-INS:** Each athlete will be allowed two consecutive attempts to make weight and may not leave the weigh-in area. All wrestlers must be dressed in a **COMPETITION SINGLET** for weigh-ins and no weight allowance is given for the singlet.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All athletes who meet age group requirements and are current members of USA Wrestling are eligible to participate.

**PAIRINGS:** Pool bracketing will be utilized to maximize competition opportunities. When possible, wrestlers from the same club, or school will be separated.

**COACHING:** A floor passes is required. Coaches floor passes will only be issued to those individuals with a current USAW Coaches Membership Card and who are a minimum USAW NCEP Copper certified (photo I.D. required). Coaches Membership Cards should be obtained from your state office prior to the event, however, will be available for purchase at the Copper Coaches Clinic. Two certified coaches are the maximum allowed in each competitor's corner. To videotape any match at mat side, the operator must be one of the two certified coaches in the corner or have purchased a video pass. Otherwise video must be taken from the bleacher area.

**GATE:** Event passes are available and may be purchased at the ticket office.  
Event Pass **Adults:** \$ 3.00 **Children:** \$ 2.00

# USA Wrestling Membership

All contestants **MUST** present proof of current USA Wrestling Membership Card at registration. Membership Cards should be acquired from the State Chairperson or State Membership Director of the contestant's state of residence, but will be available for purchase at registration. Secondary sports accident insurance is provided as a benefit of membership. No pre-qualification required.

It's simple! Just go to [www.themat.com](http://www.themat.com), click "Become a Member," and follow the instructions.

## Weight Classes

Grades 6-8: 75 lbs, 82 lbs, 89 lbs, 96 lbs, 103 lbs, 110 lbs, 118 lbs, 126 lbs, 135 lbs, 145 lbs, 155 lbs, 155+ lbs (15 lbs maximum difference)

Grades 9-12: 95 lbs, 102 lbs, 109 lbs, 116 lbs, 123 lbs, 130 lbs, 138 lbs, 146 lbs, 155 lbs, 165 lbs, 185 lbs, 185+ lbs (25 lbs maximum difference)

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## Accommodations

*(All within 2 miles)*

Days Inn: 10455 Bennett Rd (Rt 60) Fredonia, New York, Phone 716-673-1351, [www.the.daysinn.com/fredonia05551](http://www.the.daysinn.com/fredonia05551)

Best Western: 3912 Vineyard Dr. Dunkirk, New York, Phone 1-888-386-5475, [www.bestwestern.com](http://www.bestwestern.com)

Comfort Inn: 3925 Vineyard Dr. Dunkirk New York, Phone 1-888-672-8676, [www.choicehotels.com](http://www.choicehotels.com)

## Contact Person

Event Director: Alex Conti

Phone (Office): 716-679-1581 ext 2717

Phone (Cell): 716-640-7896

Fax: 716-672-8687

E-mail Address: [Aconti@fcsd.wnyric.org](mailto:Aconti@fcsd.wnyric.org)

## Waiver and Release from Liability

1. I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned, on behalf of myself, my heirs and next of kin, personal representatives, agents, insurers, successors and assigns (all hereinafter "Releasors") hereby FOREVER RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WRESTLING ASSOCIATION, INC., its insurers, its affiliated clubs, administrators, agents, directors, officers, state organizations, members, committees, volunteers, all employees of USA Wrestling, and any and all participants, officials, referees, coaches, host clubs, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, local organizing committees (and if applicable) owners, lessors and operators of premises used to conduct any USA Wrestling sanctioned event, meet, practice or activity (all hereinafter "Releasees") from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, causes of action or losses of any kind or nature, past, present or future, direct or consequential that I may hereafter have for PERSONAL INJURY, PERMANENT, TEMPORARY, TOTAL OR PARTIAL DISABILITY, DISFIGUREMENT, PARALYSIS AND ANY OTHER LOSSES OR DAMAGES TO PERSON OR PROPERTY OR DEATH, arising out of my participation in, attendance at or traveling to and from any USA Wrestling sanctioned event or activity including, but not limited to, LOSSES CAUSED BY THE PASSIVE OR ACTIVE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, or hidden, latent or obvious defects in the facilities or equipment used.

2. Releasor understands and acknowledges that USA Wrestling sanctioned activities and the sport of wrestling in general have inherent dangers that no amount of care, caution, training, instruction, supervision or expertise can eliminate. RELEASOR EXPRESSLY AND VOLUNTARILY ASSUMES ALL RISK OF PERSONAL INJURY, PERMANENT, TEMPORARY, TOTAL OR PARTIAL DISABILITY, DISFIGUREMENT, PARALYSIS AND ANY OTHER LOSSES OR DAMAGES TO PERSON OR PROPERTY OR DEATH, sustained while participating in, attending, preparing for or traveling to and from any USA Wrestling sanctioned event, meet, practice or activity, including the risk of PASSIVE OR ACTIVE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, or hidden, latent or obvious defects in the facilities or equipment used.

3. Releasor acknowledges and fully understands that each participant in any USA Wrestling sanctioned event, meet, practice or activity, including Releasor, will be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury, including permanent, temporary, total or partial disability, disfigurement, paralysis and any other losses to person or property, including death, and that severe social and economic losses may result not only from Releasor's own actions, in actions or negligence, but also from the actions, in actions or negligence of others notwithstanding the rules of play or the condition of the premises or of any equipment used. Further Releasor acknowledges and fully understands that there may be other associated risks with such activities which are not known or not reasonably foreseeable at this time. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE HAD SUFFICIENT OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE PROVISIONS OF THIS DOCUMENT AND UNDERSTAND ITS PURPOSE, MEANING AND INTENT.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(PRINT NAME)

The undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_ does hereby represent that he/she is, in fact, the parent or legal guardian of

\_\_\_\_\_ and acting in such capacity agrees to the terms and conditions of the above stated waiver and release.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of parent or legal guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Relationship to Minor)

# 2008 USAW Girls' New York State Folk-style Championships Consent & Waiver Form

(Please Print Clearly)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ USAW Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Weight Class \_\_\_\_\_ School/Club \_\_\_\_\_

Please Circle the age-group and weight Class you plan on participating in. Make sure to read the event flyer for the age-groups that are competing.

## Grades 6-8

75 lbs, 82 lbs, 89 lbs, 96 lbs, 103 lbs, 110 lbs, 118 lbs, 126 lbs, 135 lbs, 145 lbs, 155 lbs, 155+ lbs (15 lbs maximum difference)

## Grades 9-12

95 lbs, 102 lbs, 109 lbs, 116 lbs, 123 lbs, 130 lbs, 138 lbs, 146 lbs, 155 lbs, 165 lbs, 185 lbs, 185+ lbs (25 lbs maximum difference)

## CONSENT AND RELEASE

In consideration for the opportunity to participate in the USAW GIRLS' FOLKSTYLE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (the "Event") the undersigned and his/her parent or guardian, if applicable ("Participant") hereby acknowledges that the "Event," and related activities and performances, may be televised live and/or videotaped for broadcast, cable cast, home video entertainment and/or any other use or distribution (collectively, "Dissemination") in a manner not inconsistent with applicable rules or The United States of America Wrestling Association, Inc., d/b/a USA Wrestling, Inc. ("USAW") and/or the Federation Internationale des Luttes Associees ("FILA") and hereby consents that USAW, for purposes of USAW's athletics/sports programs and related events and activities, and any television network, production company or any other parties with which USAW has agreements for such purposes, and/or their licensees, shall have the right, without any compensation to participant, to use Participant's name, photograph, image, likeness, biography and accomplishments and displays of wrestling ability in any Dissemination of the Event and for the purpose of advertising, promoting and publicizing the events and activities of USAW and the program and/or any program series of which any Dissemination of the Event is a part (provided that none of the above shall be used in such fashion so as to constitute an endorsement of any commercial product). Participant agrees, for and on behalf of Participant and Participant's heirs, personal representatives, administrators, agents, successors and assigns, to release, indemnify and hold harmless USAW and its officers, directors, agents, employees and licensees from any claim of any nature based upon or arising out of any Dissemination or other permitted uses contemplated by this Consent and Release.

Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

## MEDICAL CONSENT

Name of Primary Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Family Doctor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Presently on any medication? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please list medication(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Drug Sensitivities or Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Special Medical Conditions \_\_\_\_\_

### Please indicate another person to call in case of emergency

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent or Guardian of minor must read and complete the following:

Without this signed authorization from the parent/guardian, hospitals in many states are obligated by law to delay treatment of a contestant's injury or illness until the parents can be reached by telephone and their permission granted to begin treatment. Such a delay can prove unnecessarily painful and even dangerous to the athlete, particularly if the parents cannot be reached immediately. To avoid such delays, the parent/guardian should check one of the options below and endorse the selection with his/her signature.

#### Check one:

If my child needs medical attention, it is my wish that I be contacted before any medical procedures are begun, unless immediate medical treatment is necessary to save my child's life or prevent permanent injury, in which event I authorize all necessary treatment. \_\_\_\_\_

If my child, named above, needs medical treatment during this event, it is my wish that the necessary treatment be initiated while efforts are being made to contact me. So that treatment of my child will not be delayed, I consent to any medical procedures that the physician believes my child needs, on the understanding that efforts will continue to be made to reach me. I accept responsibility for all costs related to such treatment. \_\_\_\_\_

Adult athletes hereby authorize and consent to emergency medical treatment. Exceptions — List any medical procedures that you do not want performed unless specific approval is received: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT PARTICIPANT HAS HAD SUFFICIENT OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE PROVISIONS OF THIS DOCUMENT AND UNDERSTANDS ITS PURPOSE, MEANING AND INTENT.**

Print Name of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

## **Assumption of Risk, Code of Conduct, Waiver and Release of Liability**

**IN CONSIDERATION FOR the opportunity to participate in the EVENT described below, PARTICIPANT acknowledges, agrees and affirms the following:**

1. The following words used in this document will have the meaning indicated:
  - A. "EVENT" shall mean the USAW GIRLS' FOLKSTYLE NEW YORK STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS.
  - B. "USAW" shall mean The United States of America Wrestling Association, Inc., d/b/a USA Wrestling, Inc., and its directors, officers, members, employees, officials, committees, clubs, affiliates, agents and their successors and assignees.
  - C. "EVENT ORGANIZER" shall mean a club, local organizing committee or any other person or entity responsible for hosting, conducting, and/or sponsoring the EVENT, including any director, officer, member, official, committee or agent thereof and their successors and assignees.
  - D. "PARTICIPANT" shall mean the undersigned individual who competes or is involved in the EVENT and his/her parents, legal guardians, heirs, personal representatives and their successors and assignees.
  - E. "PERSONAL INJURY" shall mean and include any bodily injury; permanent, temporary, total or partial disability; paralysis; dismemberment; or death.
  - F. "PROPERTY DAMAGE" shall mean and include damage or destruction to PARTICIPANT'S gear, equipment and all other personal property or belongings.
  - G. "MEDICAL TREATMENT" shall mean and include all emergency medical treatment, medical procedures, hospitalization or other care rendered to PARTICIPANT in connection with or resulting from his/her participation in EVENT.
  - H. "LOSS" shall mean and include any and all liabilities, losses, damages and claims (including reasonable costs and attorneys' fees), which are suffered or result directly or indirectly from PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE and/or MEDICAL TREATMENT to PARTICIPANT, or others, and which are incurred during or in the course of PARTICIPANT'S preparation for, participation and involvement in, and travel to or from the EVENT or the conduct and management of the EVENT.
2. By issuing a sanction for the EVENT, USAW is not responsible or liable for the management or conduct of the EVENT, unless USAW has otherwise expressly agreed in writing to serve in such role.
3. PARTICIPANT understands and appreciates the risks of serious injury that may occur in the sport of wrestling or in the course of preparing for, participating in and traveling to or from the EVENT, and that such activities may involve risks, including PERSONAL INJURY.
4. PARTICIPANT knowingly and voluntarily assumes all such risks of LOSS and all legal and financial responsibility therefore.
5. USA Wrestling (USAW) is committed to providing a safe environment for its members, participants, coaches, officials and volunteers and to prevent abusive conduct and harassment in any form while participating in the activities of USAW. USAW promotes good sportsmanship throughout the organization and encourages qualities of mutual respect, courtesy and tolerance in all members, participants, coaches, officials, staff and volunteers. USAW advocates building strong self-images among participants. Athletes with a strong self-image may be less likely targets for abuse or harassment; similarly, they may be less likely to engage in abuse or to harass or bully others around them.

To this end, USAW has established the following guide lines of behavior. All members of the organization, as well as parents, spectators and other invitees are expected to observe and adhere to these guidelines.

**Harassment and abuse are defined in various sources such as state law, case law, sports organization and professional association codes of conduct and training manuals, corporate and business workplace documents and human rights commission materials. USAW has not adopted any specific definition of harassment or abuse, choosing instead to defer to such general sources and definitions for reference and application, depending on the circumstances. As further elaboration of examples given above, the following generally describe conduct that may be considered harassment or abuse:**

- Any improper or inappropriate comment, action or gesture directed toward a person or group that is related to race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability or other personal characteristic.
  - Creating an environment through behavior or course of conduct that is insulting, intimidating, humiliating, demeaning or offensive.
  - Harassment usually occurs when one person engages in abusive behavior or asserts unwarranted power or authority over another, whether intended or not, and may include, for example, name-calling, threats, belittling, unwelcome advances and requests for sexual favors (as well as undue pressure to perform or succeed).
  - Harassment includes child abuse.
  - Child abuse can include physical contact – or the threat of it – that intentionally causes bodily harm or injury to a child. This may include, for example, hitting, shaking, kicking, shoving, forcing an athlete to wrestle when injured or mandating excessive exercise as a form of punishment. It may also include touching for the purpose of causing sexual arousal or gratification that involves a child, rape, incest, fondling, exhibitionism and sexual exploitation. It may also include chronic attacks on a child's self-esteem, such as psychologically destructive behavior consisting of ridiculing, screaming, swearing, racist comments, threatening, stalking, hazing and isolating.
6. PARTICIPANT releases, waives any claims and promises not to sue the EVENT ORGANIZER and/or USAW with respect to any LOSS incurred during or in connection with his/her participation in the EVENT, any activities associated with the EVENT and the conduct and management of the EVENT (including as may result from the negligence of the EVENT ORGANIZER), except any LOSS which is the result of gross negligence and/or willful or wanton misconduct by the EVENT ORGANIZER. PARTICIPANT further agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the EVENT ORGANIZER and/or USAW from any claims brought against the EVENT ORGANIZER and/or USAW resulting from, arising out of or in any way associated with any LOSS.
  7. Prior to participating in the EVENT, PARTICIPANT shall have the right to inspect the facilities and equipment to be used and, if PARTICIPANT discovers any condition which he/she reasonably believes to be unsafe, PARTICIPANT will immediately cause EVENT officials to be notified of such condition and will not participate in the EVENT so long as such condition exists.

**BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGES HAVING READ AND UNDERSTOOD ITS MEANING AND CONTENTS.**

Print Name of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_