

USA WRESTLING PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM

USA Wrestling maintains a number of Safe Sport policies, as set out in its Safe Sport Handbook, governing the activities of minors in certain circumstances for which written parental consent is necessary.

This Parental Consent form serves to document that the parent or legal guardian of _____ (Minor Athlete) hereby consents to the following activities in which Minor Athlete will be permitted to participate. Each activity must bear the initials of the Parent/Legal Guardian in the box provided, or USA Wrestling will presume that consent is not given for that activity. **PLEASE READ THE PARENT NOTICE ON REVERSE SIDE.**

_____ The Minor Athlete may interact one-on-one with USA Wrestling Coaches and staff members outside the presence of other adults. See Safe Sport Handbook, p. 14. This consent may be limited to specific activities and adults as set out below:

Coaches Name: _____

Limitations: _____

_____ The Minor Athlete may travel with, attend camp or training, or be transported by an unrelated adult without a parent/guardian for the activity/trip described below, see Safe Sport Handbook, p. 20. Where no activity is described, blanket consent will be deemed given.

_____ Parent/Guardian understands that their minor may share a room with other athletes. Every effort will be made to assign an athlete with same age athletes. However there may be age differences up to 3 years. Parent/Guardian authorizes such room assignments.

Activity/Camp: _____

Dates: _____

Location: _____

This Consent form shall expire 6 months from the date below, unless sooner revoked in writing by the Parent or Guardian. The Applicable Adult interacting or transporting an unrelated minor shall be responsible for maintaining a copy of this form.

I, _____, hereby affirm under penalty of perjury that I am the parent or legal guardian of _____ (Minor Athlete), that I have reviewed the policies cited above, and that I have the authority to consent on behalf of Minor Athlete to the activities above. Execution of this Form together with initialing lines by activity above constitutes my consent to the Minor Athlete's participation in such activity.

PRINT NAME: _____

RELATION ATHLETE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian

DATE

ADVISED CONSENT NOTICE TO PARENT/GUARDIAN:

USA Wrestling has enacted specific policies to protect the safety of our athletes; specifically our Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies in Section II of our Safe Sport Handbook (www.takedownmisconduct.com). The overwhelming majority of coaches/teachers/administrators have the best interest of your child at heart. Unfortunately, would be perpetrators know how to fit in and look like a great caring individual. It is not always possible to pick out perpetrators from the general public. Therefore, USA Wrestling is asking parents/guardians to exercise an abundance of caution when entrusting their child to unrelated adults. Ask questions and be involved in your child's wrestling endeavors.

One on One contact between an adult and unrelated minor athlete are strongly discouraged by USA Wrestling. However, where circumstances necessitate one on one meetings parents/guardians need to understand what behavior is appropriate. Isolating a minor athlete one on one is a key grooming tool used by predators. It usually comes about when the adult (coach/teacher/administrator) also "grooms" the parent/guardian, creating an atmosphere of trust to allow the one on one contact with the minor.

Parents/guardians should review the materials on USA Wrestling's Safe Sport webpage (takedownmisconduct.com) "Keeping Young Athletes Safe", and complete the Parent Tool Kit at www.uscenterforsafesport.com.

When a coach suggests One on One contact with your minor athlete they should be able to:

- articulate why it is necessary;
- why it can't be done at a routine team practice;
- when and where the session will take place;
- will it be in an area that is open (no closed doors)
- specifically invite you to watch any one on one session;

Be aware of any signs that make you uncomfortable. Ask questions of the coach/teacher/administrator. Don't let flattery of your child blind you to potential risks. We all have a role to play in making our sport safe for minor athletes.

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