



USA Wrestling Media Credential Application Instructions

Create USA Wrestling Account

All journalists seeking credentials need to create a free account at usawmembership.com.

Create Media Pool Request

Once signed in to the USA Wrestling account, journalists can proceed with the media accreditation request process.

- 1) Select **USAW Events** from the top navigation bar
- 2) Select **Media Credentials**
- 3) New applicants select **Create Media Pool Request**; returning applicants select **Manage Requests**
- 4) Fill out **Media Details** form and select **Save Media Pool Request**

Complete USA Wrestling Profile

Journalists should provide all necessary information for credential consideration, including email, phone number, state, media outlet, media outlet website and job function (which includes print journalist, print photographer, internet reporter, Non-Rights Holder Broadcast, Rights Holder Broadcast or Press Attache/SID). Applicants are required to place a photo in their USA Wrestling profile to complete their application.

Select USA Wrestling Events

Journalists can select from all current season USA Wrestling events to apply for a media credential. All events can be selected at once, rather than making individual requests. Once a journalist has submitted a media pool request, they can return at a later time to request additional events as needed.

Background Check and Safe Sport Training Requirement

The U.S. Center for Safe Sport training includes watching an online video and taking short tests on the topics covered. Journalists will need to do Safe Sport training every season, as the U.S. Center for Safe Sport provides different refresher courses annually. There is no cost for the background check for individuals approved for the media pool. Currently, a USA Wrestling background check

covers two membership years. Please apply for the free background check right away, as it can take a week or more to be cleared.

Application Status

Journalists will receive an email with the status of their media request and other instructions on the required background check or Safe Sport training. Journalists should not pay for a background check. Instead, wait for the email with detailed instructions on how to complete this step of the process. Journalists will not receive this email until they have been approved for the media pool. No refunds will be issued by USA Wrestling to journalists who pay for the background check.

Applying in no way guarantees credentials will be provided. At many events, space may be limited, and only a certain number of media credentials will be issued. A journalist might be approved for some USA Wrestling events and not for other USA Wrestling events.

Journalists seeking further assistance in the application process can email communications@usawrestling.org.