

# USAWCT Travel Team Rules & Exceptions

## I. Behavior USAWCT CODE OF CONDUCT

The rules of conduct shall apply to all competitive members, affiliated members, officials, coaches, chartered clubs and individuals associated with the USAWCT. That all individuals and/or organizations affiliated with USAWCT in any manner shall conduct themselves in the most honorable, courteous and sportsmanlike fashion.

### Rules of Conduct:

- A. Neither the bylaws, Constitution of the USAWCT, the Charter of USA Wrestling, or any segment thereof shall be violated.
- B. No person or organization shall perform or allow willful, flagrant or repeated destruction of personal or private property.
- C. No person, or organization shall use or permit the use of abusive or threatening language or conduct toward any tournament official, USAWCT officer, USAW official or USAW officer.
- D. No person or organization shall conduct themselves in an unsportsmanlike fashion or allow unsportsmanlike conduct to exist.
- E. No person or organization shall conduct an act of theft, or allow an act of theft to be perpetrated.

- F. No alcohol, drugs or smoking will be allowed by any competitive member in or on the premises of any and all facilities where USAWCT or USAW sanctioned events are in progress. Drugs approved or prescribed by a proper medical personnel for use by a competitive member shall be exempted provided it meets the USAW rules and guidelines for prescribed drugs and medication for competition.
- G. No person or organization shall falsify or permit the falsification of any document relative to the USAWCT, USAW, or the activities of either.
- H. No person or organization shall participate in or permit the act of cheating, fighting or the act of physical, mental or verbal abuse.
- I. No person or organization shall conduct any act, or permit any act to be conducted, not specifically stated herein or in the Rules of the USAW, that may endanger any person or property tangible or intangible.

Any violation or infraction of these Rules of conduct are subject to disciplinary action as set forth by the International Rule Book and Guide to Wrestling and those specified by these by-laws.

## Rules for Traveling Teams:

All competitive members, coaches, managers, trainers or Adult leaders, who participate in any sanctioned trip sponsored by USAWCT shall be required to supply a document, initially prepared by the USAWCT and signed by the participant, a parent or legal guardian if under the legal age of consent, defining the rules of conduct and the behavior required of each competitive member, coach, manager, trainer or adult leader, prior to departure on the trip.

## Rule for Hotel stay:

- A. All participants shall be able to sleep, to expect others to refrain from shouting in the hallways, lounges, and public area and from slamming doors, and to tactfully confront inappropriate behavior of fellow participants without negative reactions.
- B. All participants are restricted to their assigned **Hotel ROOMS** from 11:00 PM to 6:30 AM.
- C. Visitation by members of the opposite sex is not permitted in the **Hotel ROOMS**. Parents wishing to visit their children and possibly take their child anywhere, must first consult the coach or team leader.
- D. Radios, CD or cassette players, stereos, etc. should be played at a volume that does not disturb others and that cannot be heard outside the room.
- E. There shall not be any Sports and horse play; such as football, wrestling, water fights, bouncing balls, flying discs, running in the hallways or rooms; are not permitted. **All items violating this policy will be confiscated and returned when participants check out.**
- F. *Appropriate clothing* is required when wrestlers are outside of their **Hotel ROOMS**. Common areas of every hall are routinely checked by both male and female staff members.
- G. Respect of all Event, Hotel and USA Wrestling staff is expected and no harassment will be tolerated.

## Restrictions

- A. Firearms, fireworks, weapons, etc. are not permitted anywhere on this trip and will be confiscated when found. Involved parties will be immediately removed from the Rooms and sent Home at the parents expense.
- B. Tampering with fire equipment and fire alarms is prohibited.
- C. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages, narcotic / addictive drugs, and other controlled substances is strictly prohibited in the hotel rooms, in Event venue. Involved parties will be immediately removed from the rooms and sent Home at the parents expense.
- D. Gambling ; which involves any exchange of money as a result of playing cards, betting, throwing dice, and etc.; is not permitted during the travel for this trip or in any rooms.
- E. Smoking is not allowed in any area *of the rooms or anywhere near the team or by any team member on the team.*
- F. No pizza or other deliveries will be accepted after 11:00 pm. Participants should relate this information when ordering food for delivery.
- G. Team members are not to go off on their own with out notifying their coach i.e. Junior Head coach, State Chairman or Team Leader.

## III. Facilities / Damages

A. Vandalism : the purposeful destruction of rooms / *Dining Center* / Event venue property : is not acceptable behavior. The cost incurred by such behavior and other damages accidentally incurred will be the responsibility of the offending participant(s). All attempts will be made to identify the participant(s) involved and report the name(s) to the Team Leader. In the event of damages to common areas, prorated charges will be assessed to members of the room occupying the room.

B. Furniture in individual rooms and lounges shall not be rearranged or removed from their assigned locations. All furnishings remain in the rooms.

## IV. Team Leader Responsibilities

- A. Coaches are primarily responsible for the discipline of wrestlers within their team and for the overall discipline of all wrestlers so as to promote the tournament in a positive manner.
- B. Medical emergencies or other immediate problems involving participants will be addressed by coaching staff.

## VI. Safety

A. Participants are advised to lock their room / suite doors whenever they are sleeping, out of the building, in the bathroom, down the hall, or even next door. Personal safety is important, and theft can take only a few seconds. USAWCT does not have insurance which covers the personal property of participants.

## VIII. Rule Violation/Participant Removal

### Disciplinary Actions:

#### A. Reporting Infractions

Any infraction of the Rules of Conduct, or rules and regulations of USAW, shall be reported to the appropriate Head Coach, State Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any Board of Director of USAWCT, if any uncertainty exists pertaining to the proper reporting channels. Each report shall contain all pertinent names, dates, locations and a detailed accounting of the infraction(s) prepared by the Head Coach or Director of the event where the infraction occurred, or by a Board Member, or any member of the USAWCT. In the event that the infraction involves one or more minors, a copy of the initial report shall be mailed to the appropriate Head Coach and parent (s) or guardian (s) of the involved minor by the State Chairman.

## B.Minor Infractions

In the case of a minor infraction of the Rules of Conduct, or the rules and regulations of USAW, the Head Coach, or the Director of the event where the infraction occurred, shall first comply with the rules for disqualification as defined in the USA Wrestling International Rule Book if applicable, and secondly shall notify the appropriate State Director or State Chairman in writing, of the infraction and the disciplinary action taken, at the earliest opportunity.

## C. Major Infractions

In the case of any major or serious infraction of the Rules of Conduct, or the rules and regulations or USAW, the Head Coach or the Director of the event where the infraction occurred shall first comply with the rules for disqualification as defined in the USA Wrestling International Rule Book, if applicable, and secondly shall eliminate the offender or offenders from the event and notify the appropriate State Director or State Chairman, in writing, of the infraction, at the earliest opportunity.

In the event of major infraction of the Rules of Conduct, or the rules and regulations of USAW, the offender or offenders may not participate in any sanctioned event(s) sponsored by USAWCT or USAW until an official review has been held. The participant may be sent Home at the parents expense.

