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Reynolds Coliseum (Raleigh, N.C.) was selected to host the 2019 World Team Trials May 17-19.

The World Team Trials Challenge Tournament will feature top Olympic hopefuls in the three Olympic disciplines of men's freestyle, Greco-Roman and women's freestyle. The nation's best wrestlers who are age 17-20 in men's freestyle will compete at the UWW Junior Freestyle World Team Trials, held alongside the World Team Trials Challenge Tournament.

I wanted to pass along the credential process through USA Wrestling. If you plan on attending with a media/photo pass, I highly recommend applying through their system now as it takes time to process.

Any questions, of course please reach out to me. Thanks.

Here is the info from USA Wrestling:

### **USA Wrestling launches online media accreditation system for 2019 national schedule events**

USA Wrestling has launched its media accreditation application process for its national and regional events in 2019. For the first time, this process will feature an online application system, which is now available for use.

Journalists will be able to request media credentials for one event, or for multiple events, on the USA Wrestling schedule, through an online form.

All journalists who wish to cover a USA Wrestling national or regional event must comply with USA Wrestling's Athlete Safety Media Policy, which requires journalists to pass USA Wrestling's background check and complete the U.S. Center for Safe Sport online education. The background check and Safe Sport training is free of charge to approved journalists.

The media accreditation system has been integrated with USA Wrestling's membership system, which keeps a record of those who have passed the background check and have completed Safe Sport training. No journalist will be added to the media list of any USA Wrestling national or regional event until they have completed the Athlete Safety Media Policy procedure.

Athlete Safety Media Policy procedures.

All journalists seeking credentials will need to have create an account at <https://www.usawmembership.com>

Journalists who received accreditation from USA Wrestling starting in April 2018 should already have an account in the system by going through the procedures last year.

Once a journalist has signed into their existing account, or created a new account, they will be able to proceed with the media accreditation request process. Once in your account:

- 1) Go to the top of the website and click the “USAW Events” scrollbar
- 2) Scroll down and click “Media Credentials”
- 3) Click the button in the upper right corner entitled “Create Media Pool Request” or by clicking the “Manage Requests” button in your media request list.

Journalists will be asked to provide information including email, phone, 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).

At this time, journalists can click their request from a list of 23 events. When the events are chosen, click Make Media Request.

Once a journalist has submitted their media request, the person can come back at any later time and request additional events as necessary by clicking the Manage Requests button in their media request list.

Journalists will receive an email with the status of their media request, and other instructions on the background check or Safe Sport training as necessary. (Please make sure to apply at least a week prior to an event, in order to allow enough time for the background check. The U.S. Center for Safe Sport training includes watching online videos and takes about 90 minutes to complete).

Journalists seeking assistance in the application process can contact Gary Abbott of USA Wrestling at [gabbott@usawrestling.org](mailto:gabbott@usawrestling.org) or call 719-659-9637 cell.

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