Welcome to Spring Klein Wrestling Club!!

Folkstyle Season Information Sheet

Beginning Monday, September 10th thru Thursday, February 28th, practices will be held Monday thru Thursday from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm and Sunday from 4 – 6pm. Tots through D2 will practice from 6:00 - 7:00pm, and D3 and up (or by invite) will practice from 7:00-8:30pm, all wrestlers all welcomed on Sundays.

Please wear defined practice clothing to practice. Water breaks are given frequently so <u>always bring water</u>. Wrestling shoes are not required for Divisions Tot (Ages 4 & 5), 1 (Ages 6 & 7) and 2 (Ages 8 & 9), however, they are recommended. Wrestling shoes are required for Divisions 3 (Ages 10 & 11), 4 (Ages 12 & 13), 5 (Ages 14 & 15) & and 6 (High School). Headgear is required for all divisions.

Five Local Tournaments are mandatory and will be held on Saturdays beginning in October / November and run thru mid February. A South Region Tournament Schedule will be determined toward the end of September and distributed then. Most of the South Region Tournaments will be held at Spring Klein Wrestling Club. Weigh-ins typically begin at 7am, tournaments normally start at 9 am and usually finish by mid afternoon. Entry fees for each tournament run \$17 for regular meets and \$40 for National or State Meets, registration for the tournaments is done through www.Trackwrestling.com.

The Spring Klein Wrestling Club website / Facebook Page will be updated weekly or as needed with any news about upcoming tournaments or changes in the practice schedule. Our website address is www.springkleinwc.com. Rules and Regulations for Texas USA Wrestling can be found at www.txusaw.com. Simply click on "organization info" then "youth". If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at springkleinwrestlingclub@hotmail.com.

Thank You,

Spring Klein Wrestling Club

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WRESTLERS GUIDELINES

1. Registration

- a. Payment can be made in full for the season, or a payment option must be arranged. Payment options are limited to
 - i. By Season, one (1) time payment
 - ii. Two (2) Installments payments
 - iii. Monthly Payments

2. Uniforms

- a. All competing wrestlers must purchase a basic wrestler package of a Spring Klein Wrestling Club (SKWC) shirt, shorts and singlet. An online store will be available for all SKWC Gear except for the singlet. An order of singlets will be placed during the first week of October.
- b. All wrestlers will be required to purchase practice clothing consisting of a grey t-shirt and blue athletic shorts. Since this is your practice uniform, it's recommended multiple pairs of practice clothing be available.

3. Schedule

- a. All wrestlers are required to come to three (3) practices. Please note, private lessons are not a substitute for team practices.
- b. Competing wrestlers should come to four (4) practices
- c. All Competing wrestlers are required to attend 5 local tournaments
 - i. Four (4) local tournaments hosted by SKWC at SKWC
 - ii. Houston Nationals hosted by the South Region
- d. It is highly recommended competing wrestlers plan to travel to four (4) of the five (5) National Tournaments in Texas / Iron Tournaments.
- e. It is highly recommended competing wrestlers plan to travel outside of Texas to at least one (1) or two (2) tournaments.

4. USA Wrestling Cards

a. All wrestlers and coaches must purchase a USA Wrestling Card. These cards can be purchased from USA Wrestling at https://www.usawmembership.com/login.

5. Conduct

- a. All wrestlers will be respectful of their coaches and team mates.
- b. All parents will be respectful toward the coaches, the wresters, and toward each other.
- c. Violation of the above two rule will not be tolerated.

6. Hygiene

- a. Please review the hygiene document in this packet and make sure your wrestler follows it.
- b. It's highly recommended your wrestler showers with an antifungal soap after each exposure to the wrestling mat.
- c. Some soaps are Selsun Blue, Head and Shoulders, Defense Soap, and Antifungal Soap with Tea Tree Oil.

SPRING KLEIN WRESTLING CLUB

REGISTRATION FORM

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Texas USA Wrestling Age, Division, and Experience Level Certification 2019

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Medical Information & Waiver Forms

This packet contains medical information forms and a sample waiver and release from liability form. In today's climate of insurance claims and liability action, the use of these forms is mandatory by your club and/or league.

Parent's Medical Instructions

This form can give your club coach or administrator instructions on how to proceed if an athlete becomes injured or ill and needs emergency treatment.

Medical History Questionnaire

If you are traveling and one of your athletes needs medical attention, this information can be of great value to an attending physician.

The parent's Medical Instruction and the Medical History Questionnaire for each athlete should be kept in a sealed envelope with his name on the outside in or with the club's medical kits. It is recommended that the kit also should have a list of emergency phone numbers for each club member, along with the standard 911, police, ambulance, fire, etc., phone numbers.

Participant's Waiver and Release From Liability Form

This form provides the club administration a copy of a standard participant's waiver and release from liability form. It is mandatory that club administrators have this form signed in addition to the form attached to the membership card. Failure to obtain a waiver and release on members will result in a loss of insurance coverage.

Please keep medical forms for no less than 18 months.

You must keep all Waiver and Release forms for 7 years.

USA WRESTLING

PARENT'S INSTRUCTIONS ON MEDICAL TREATMENT

PLEASE PRINT IN CAPITAL LETTERS

Wrestler's Name	Date of Birth
Parent/Guardian Name	Relationship
Address	
Home Phone	
Please indicate another person to call it an accident	occurs and we are unable to reach you:
Name	Phone No
Insurance Company	_ Policy No
Family Doctor	Phone No
Is your child presently on medication?	If yes, please list medication (s):
Drug Sensitivities	
Other Allergies	
Date of your child's last complete physical examinat If this is more than one year ago, please complete	ion by a medical doctor
Please read the alternative statements below and sig 1. If my child needs medical attention, it is my wish taken on my child, unless immediate treatment is ne injury.	in under the one that you choose. Sign only one! that I am contracted before any medical procedures are cessary to save my child's life or to prevent permanen
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date Signed
efforts are being made to contact me. So that	pating, it is my wish that the treatment is started while treatment is not delayed, I consent to any medica, on the understanding that efforts to contact me will osts related to such treatment.
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date Signed
Wrestler's USA Wrestling Card No.	
Name of Club	
Coach's Name	

USA Wrestling

MEDICAL HISTORY QUESTIONNAIRE

PLEASE PRINT IN CAPITAL LETTERS

Wrestler'	s Name	e: USA Card No.:
Emergen	cy Con	tact: Phone No.:
	PLEAS	E CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWER, ALL INFORMATION WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL
Yes No	1.	Are you <u>allergic</u> to any general medication (aspirin, sulfa, penicillin, etc.)? If so please indicate what medication(s
Yes No	2.	Are you now on any <u>prescribed medication</u> on a permanent or semi-permanent basis? If so, please indicate the name of the medication and why it was prescribed
Yes No	3.	Have you ever had an epileptic seizure or been informed that you might have epilepsy?
Yes No	4.	Have you ever been treated for diabetes? If so, please indicate the type(s) of insulin or pills you use.
Yes No	5.	Has a medical doctor ever told you that you were anemic or had sickle cell anemia?
Yes No	6.	Do you have or have you ever had <u>high blood pressure?</u> If so, list any medication for it that you take regularly
Yes No	7.	Do you have or have you ever had any of the following diseases? If so, please circle the appropriate ones. Heart disease (rheumatic fever) Liver disease (hepatitis) Kidney disease (infections) Lung disease(pneumonia)
Yes No	8.	Have you ever been informed by a medical doctor that you have <u>asthma?</u> If so, what medications, if any do you take regularly
Yes No	9.	Do you presently have an <u>unrepaired hernia?</u>
Yes No	10.	Have you ever been <u>"knocked out"</u> or experienced a <u>concussion</u> during the past 3 years? If so, give the dates of each
Yes No	11.	If the answer to No 10 is "yes" did the attending physician have you stay overnight in a hospital? If yes, give the dates of each
Yes No	12.	Have you ever had an <u>injury to your neck</u> involving nerves, vertebrae (bones),or discs that incapacitated you for a week or longer? If yes, give the dates of each such injury.
Yes No	13.	Do you wear any dental appliance? If yes, circle the appropriate appliance: Permanent bridge Permanent crown or jacket Braces Full plate Removable partial plate Permanent retainer Removable retainer

Yes No	14. Do you wear <u>contact lenses</u> during competition?
Yes No	15. Have you had a <u>fracture</u> during the past 2 years? If yes, indicate which bone was broken and the date if happened
Yes No	16. Have you had a <u>shoulder</u> dislocation, separation or other shoulder injury in the past 2 years that incapacitated you for a week or longer? If so, give the date of the injury.
Yes No	17. Have you ever had surgery to correct a <u>shoulder</u> condition? If so, give the dates and what was done
Yes No	18. Have you ever had an injury to your <u>back?</u>
Yes No	19. Do you experience <u>Pain in your back?</u> If yes, indicate frequency: Seldom Occasionally Frequently With vigorous exercise With heavy lifting
Yes No	20. Have you injured your knee during the past 2 years with severe swelling as a result?
Yes No	21. Have you ever been told that you injured the ligaments and / or cartilage of either knee?
Yes No	22. Have you ever been advised to have surgery to correct a knee problem?
Yes No	23. If the answer to No. 22 is yes, has the surgery been completed? Date
Yes No	24. Have you experienced a severe sprain of either ankle during the past 2 years?
Yes No	25. Have you had any injury to your <u>foot or toes</u> in the past 2 years. If yes, explain:
Yes No	26. Do you have any chronic conditions that have not been mentioned above? If so, explain:
The ques	tions on both sides of this form have been answered completely and truthfully to the best of my knowledge.
Wrestler'	Signature Date
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USA Wrestling Waiver and Release from Liability

FOREVER RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND COVENA WRESTILING ASSOCIATION, INC., its insurers, its state organizations, members, committees, volumparticipants, officials, referees, coaches, host organizing committees (and if applicable) owners, Wrestling sanctioned event, meet, practice or acticlaims, demands, causes of action or losses of consequential that I may hereafter have for PEPARTIAL DISABILITY, DISFIGUREMENT, PARALYSI PROPERTY OR DEATH, arising out of my particil Wrestling sanctioned event or activity including, ACTIVE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, or hid used. 2. Releaser understands and acknowled of wrestling in general have inherent dangers that or expertise can eliminate. RELEASOR EXPRESSI INJURY, PERMANENT, TEMPORARY, TOTAL OR PAOTHER LOSSES OR DAMAGES TO PERSON OR attending, preparing for or traveling to and from an including the risk of PASSIVE OR ACTIVE NEGLI defects in the facilities or equipment used. 3. Releaser acknowledges and fully sanctioned event, meet, practice or activity, including serious injury, including permanent, temporary, total losses to person or property, including death, and from releaser's own action, inactions or negligence	accessors and assigns ANT NOT TO SUE THE ARTIFICIAL PROPERTY OR DEATH OF THE RELET TO SUE THE RELET TO SUE THE RESONAL INJURY, PER IS AND ANY OTHER LOST THE RESONAL INJURY, PER IS AND ANY OTHER LOST THE RESONAL INJURY, PER IS AND ANY OTHER LOST THE RESONAL INJURY, PER IS AND ANY OTHER LOST THE RESONAL INJURY, PER IS AND ANY OTHER LOST THE RESONAL USA Wrestling amount of care, cauly AND VOLUNTARILY ARTIAL DISABILITY, DIST PROPERTY OR DEATH OF THE RELET THE RESONAL INJURY OF	nistrators, agents, directors, officers of USA Wrestling, and any and all encies, sponsors, advertisers, local of premises used to conduct any USA (eleases") from any and all liabilities, past, present or future, direct or RMANENT, TEMPORARY, TOTAL OR OSSES OR DAMAGES TO PERSON OR at or traveling to and from any USA (SSES CAUSED BY THE PASSIVE OR DEFECT
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(Participant's Signature)	(Date)	(Print Name)
The undersigned,legal guardian ofconditions of the above stated waiver and release.	_does hereby represent _and acting in such	t that he/she is, in fact, the parent or capacity agrees to the terms and
(Signature of parent or legal guardian)	(Date)	(Print Name)

(Relationship to minor)

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Spring Klein Wrestling Club has implemented a volunteer program in which each family will be required to volunteer a minimum of 25 - 30 hours during the season including the Houston National Tournament. We rely solely on parents to work tables, help with awards, work the concession stand, collect money at the door and clean up after the mats. A volunteer Fee Deposit of \$300 is required and will be refunded to you after you have completed your required number of volunteer hours.

If you choose not to volunteer, you can buy out t	he Volunteer Fee for \$300.
Yes, I plan to volunteer. My Deposit is atta	iched.
No, I do not plan to volunteer. Please dep participates at Houston Nationals (local tournam	osit my Volunteer Fee however, if your wrestler ent), you must volunteer.
Wrestlers Name(s)	
Parents Signature	Date
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optional Fundraiser. Turnaround time will be a turned in. If you elect to participate in the fund	fundraiser for the 2018 seasons, Tamale Sales. It is an pproximately one week once the order form has been traiser, orders will be placed in mid January in order to order form is received, your order will be placed. You nimum order of 25 dozen.
Wrestlers Name(s)	
Parents Signature	Date
SPONSOR	SHIP OPTIONS
	uth wrestling club for ages 4-18 years old. We are a up of Wrestlers, Parents, Volunteers and Coaches.
The cost of operating our team includes: tournam insurance, equipment, and uniforms. The wrestle including hotel, dining, and other related expense	er's family is responsible for all travel expenses,
Any Sponsorships our wrestlers can obtain will be toward Spring Klein Wrestling Club, and 50% will	e split with the wrestler's family 50/50. 50% will go go toward the wrestler's registration.
Wrestlers Name(s)	
Parents Signature	Date



Spring Klein Wrestling Club



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SpringKleinWrestlingClub@Hotmail.com WEBSITE http://www.springkleinwc.com

SKWC President: Ryan Sheeren 18016 East Strack Spring, TX 77379

Dear Sponsor,

Spring Klein Wrestling Club is an all-volunteer, youth wrestling club for ages 4-18 years old. We are a non-profit 501 (C) (3) Corporation. We are made up of Wrestlers, Parents, Volunteers and Coaches.

The Club was founded in 1997 in a garage in North Houston and has see hundreds of kids go through the program to become champions as Youth, High School and Collegiate Wrestlers. We host dozens of wrestling meets, camps and clinics per season. Last year we hosted over 1,500 wrestlers from all over Texas, along with a total attendance of over 3,000 for all combined events. We have a 14,000 square foot facility with over 8,000 square feet of mat space.

Our wrestlers compete on a National Stage and compete at the highest level with the ultimate goal of earning a college scholarship using wrestling as the vehicle in obtaining a quality education. The cost of operating our team includes: tournaments expenses, sanctioning fees, facility costs, insurance, equipment, and uniforms. The wrestler's family is responsible for all travel expenses, including hotel, dining, and other related expenses.

Listed below are the different levels of tac deductible sponsorships. Please consider one of the options given, however, any amount that you contribute will be greatly appreciated.

Please	choose	your	level	of	support
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- 0 \$2500
- 0 \$1000
- 0 \$500
- 0 \$300
- 0 \$100
- o Other

Your donations will go a long way in allowing our wrestlers the opportunity to gain valuable leadership and teamwork skills that will last them for the rest of their lives. Any type of donation is truly appreciated. Non-monetary donations will be used as raffle and silent auction items to help raise funds for the team. Please make checks payable to Spring Klein Wrestling Club.

Spring Klein Wrestling Club is a registered 501©(3) non profit organization, tax ID #76-0550659.

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Club

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	2018 - 2019 FOLKSTYLE SEASON - TEXAS USA WRESTLING SOUTH REGION	SOUTH REGION - AVAILABLE TOURNAMENTS
Date Local	Texas Nationals (Iron Man) / Texas State	Additional Information
8-Sep Super 32 Qualifier - League City (Boys Folkstyle & Girls Freestyle)	30ys Folkstyle & Girls Freestyle)	
30-Sep		9/29 - RMN Cosmic Wrestling, Denver CO
	October	O O
6-Oct		
13-Oct UHD @ SKWC		
20-Oct Legacy @ Bryan		10/20-21 - RMN, Freakshow - Las Vegas, NV
27-Oct Klein Takedown @ SKWC		10/27-28 - Super 32 Challenge - Greensboro, NC
		10/27-28 - USAW Preseason Nationals - Des Moines, Iowa
3-Nov SKWC	November	
10-Nov Leonidas @ SKWC		11/3 - KIVIN, Wonster Match Nationals - Denver, CO
17-Nov TBD		11/16-17 - WOW Elp Vishoff / Girls Vishoff Classic Titles OV
24-Nov	11/23 & 24 - Panhandle Nationals - Amarillo, TX	
	December	
1-Dec Brazos Valley @ College Station		
8-Dec KAWC @ SKWC		12/8 - Holiday Duals - Virgina Beach Contact Brett Camden for Info
15-Dec	12/14 & 15 - Edge of Texas Nationals - El Paso, TX	
22-Dec TBD		
29-Dec SKWC		12/28-29 Dixie Nationals - Atlanta, Ga Contact Brett Camden for Info
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5-Jan TBD (Legacy @ Bryan??)		1/5-6 - USIOC Open & Novice (OK Novice Rules) - OKC OK
12-Jan	1/11 & 12 - Houston Nationals - Bryan	
19-Jan SKWC		01/17-19 - WOW, Flo Tulsa Nat'ls (Expo). Novice, Girls (Ford) - Tulsa, OK
26-Jan	1/25 & 26 - Heart of Texas Nationals & NS - Round Rock, TX	משך ביי ביי יו מיין ווא ושוש ושנים (ביקט) ומיוובין טוום ווטושן ושופק טוו
	February	
2-Feb	2/1-2 - Lonestar Nationals - Ft. Worth, TX	
9-Feb SKWC		2/7 - 2/10 UIL Districts 2/9 Wildwood National Duals - NJ Contact Brett Camden for Info
16-Feb 17th TBD Regional Practice		2/15 & 16 UIL Regionals in Allen
23-Feb 24th TBD Regional Practice		2/22 & 23 UIL State @ Berry Center
	March	
2-Mar	3/1 & 2 - STATE - Open/Rookie/MS Girls - EI Paso, TX **HD Qualifier	
9-Mar		3/9 & 10 - Youth Nationals Duals, Tulsa, OK
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		3/21 - 24 - HSAW HSAWC Enlicated Martinials Championalism ()
23-Mar		Middle School Folkstyle National Duals - TBD
30-Mar		3/29 - 31 HS Folkstyle Nationals - Virginia Beach
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7-Apr	ripin.	A/S - 7 - WOW EIG Bong Worlds & Girls Bong MV
14-Apr		4/12 - 14 Heartland Duals - Council Bluffs, IA **Vourh Folkstyle State is Ouglifier
21-Apr	4/20-21 AMSTERDAM FS/GR youth thru HS Contact Derrick Waldrup	4/21-22 - RMN, Aztec Warrior Championships - Farmington, NM
USA Wrestling - Regional, National and International	ational	http://lucaumonte.com/arout
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		nups;//www.rmnevents.com/page/snow/106/83/-tournaments

Sports Hygiene – Guidelines to Minimize Infectious Diseases Position Statement and Guidelines National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Sports Medicine Advisory Committee

Preparation for competition in any sport requires proper training and practice. Whether it means preparing your body or maintaining your equipment, proper preparation is necessary. Keeping your body and equipment clean is part of that process. Infectious diseases do propagate and are easily transmitted in the sports environment. Contact sports and those with heavy amounts of equipment are more prone than others, but needless to say, proper hygiene is necessary in all sports to reduce the potential of transmitting these agents. The NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee realizes these issues and has helped establish guidelines to educate the sporting and medical community about their presence and means to reduce transmission of sports related infectious diseases.

Proper Hygienic Practices

- 1. Shower immediately after each practice or competition. Use your own bottled soap and towel and don't share them with others, let alone other toiletries. Studies have shown that transmission of infectious diseases can occur when these items are shared with other athletes.
- 2. Don't share water bottles. Viruses and bacterial infections can be easily transmitted via a shared bottle.
- 3. Don't perform cosmetic shaving. Needless shaving of the chest or legs or genital areas have been associated with increased outbreaks of Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcal aureus (MRSA). Consider cropping or closely trimming the areas if necessary.
- 4. Wash equipment on a routine basis. Work-out clothing after each practice. Consider washing smaller pads (for knees or elbows) on a weekly basis or if soiled with contaminated material, each day. Larger pads, such as those in Hockey or Football, should be disinfected (1:100 solution of household bleach and water) on a routine basis. More frequently if soiled with blood or bodily fluids. Commercial equipment utilizing detergents or ozone for decontamination could also be considered.
- 5. Don't let abrasions or open sores go without evaluation by your coach or Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC). Be sure to keep them clean and covered with proper dressings.
- 6. Inform your coach or ATC about any suspicious lesion at the beginning of practice. Consider withdrawal from practice or competition until the lesion is evaluated by your Health Care Provider (HCP). If it is considered infectious, wait to return to competition until it has cleared by your HCP. Also have other team mates evaluated for such lesions and cared for in the same manner.

- 7. Don't use a whirlpool or cold tub with any open wounds, scrapes or scratches.
- 8. Shower before using whirlpools or common tubs.

Following these guidelines will help reduce the occurrences and outbreaks of infectious diseases. This will take an active participation of the coach, parent and athlete. Together this will create a healthy environment that will allow the athlete to compete and reduce the risk of being sidelined.

Revised and Approved April 2007