



December 1, 2007

Dear Journalist:

The 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Wrestling and Judo will be hosted at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas, Nev., June 13-15, 2008. Attached is the Media Accreditation application for this exciting competition.

This is a can't-miss event for your organization. Up for grabs in this competition will be as many as 32 positions on the U.S. Olympic Team, including 18 weight classes in wrestling and 14 weight classes in judo. Featured in the competition will be a number of athletes who are considered medal-hopefuls for the Olympic Games in Beijing, China.

There will be hundreds of athletes who will be pursuing their Olympic dreams by competing in the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Wrestling and Judo. It is a very good bet that there will be athletes from almost every major media market in the nation who qualify for the tournament. In addition, those who cover the Olympic beat on a national or international level will be able to report on a number of compelling personal stories among the competitors in the event.

By attending this competition, your organization will be able to cover two major Olympic sports during the same weekend.

The host venue, the Thomas & Mack Center, will be an outstanding arena for this competition. Add to that the fun and excitement of Las Vegas, and you will understand why we encourage you to make plans to be there.

USA Wrestling, USA Judo and the U.S. Olympic Committee will be working as a team to manage the Media Operations for this U.S. Olympic Team Trials event. The Local Organizing Committee is Las Vegas Events, one of the nation's most respected sports event organizers. We look forward to working with you to assist you in covering this event.

You can contact any one of us if you have questions or needs concerning the U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Wrestling and Judo. I have included our email addresses for you if you want to touch base with our communications team members.

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| - Gary Abbott, Director of Communications, USA Wrestling | gabbott@usawrestling.org |
| - Michael Mack, Director of Marketing, Las Vegas Events | michael@lasvegasevents.com |
| - Nicole Jomantas, Director of Communications/Media Relations, USA Judo | nicole.jomantas@usajudo.us |
| - Craig Sesker, Manager of Communications, USA Wrestling | csesker@usawrestling.org |
| - Kevin Neuendorf, Manager of Media Services, U.S. Olympic Committee | kevin.neuendorf@usoc.org |

We ask that you fill out one application form for each journalist who is applying to cover the event. A letter of assignment from an editor or news director from each media outlet is also required as part of the application process.

We look forward to working with you at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials in Las Vegas in June.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Abbott".

Gary Abbott
Press Chief, U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Wrestling and Judo
Director of Communications, USA Wrestling



MEDIA ACCREDITATION APPLICATION

2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Wrestling and Judo Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, Nev., June 13-15

One form must be filled out for each individual journalist, along with a letter of assignment from an editor or news director.

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____ Web page: _____

Media Category (check the appropriate boxes and questions)

Print (newspaper, magazine, agencies, Sports Information Directors).

Primary deadline writer

Secondary writer

Columnist

Editor

Paid circulation: _____ Frequency of publication (circle): Daily Weekly Monthly Other _____

Print Photographer

Primary Photographer

Secondary Photographer

Other: _____

Rights-Holding broadcast (NBC and NBC affiliates)

On-air reporter

Producer/Director

Videographer

Engineer/support crew

Non-Rights Holding broadcast (local TV, other networks, websites with video)

On-air reporter

Producer/Director

Videographer

Engineer/support crew

Internet (written reports and still photos only with no video)

Primary deadline writer

Secondary writer

Primary Photographer

Radio

On-air reporter

Producer/Director

Engineer/support crew

Provide Special Needs below:

Deadline and acceptance procedures

The media accreditation process for the U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Wrestling and Judo will begin on Dec. 1, 2007. There may be limits on the number of media who can be accommodated, so all media outlets are encouraged to submit their applications as soon as possible.

It will be a "rolling" acceptance procedure, in which each application will be considered upon submission. Those who apply will be notified that they have either been accepted, denied or have been placed on a waiting list. This will allow those who have been accepted to make their travel and accommodation plans as soon as possible. Please allow two weeks from the date of your submission before inquiring about the status of your application.

The following will be considered when issuing approval:

- 1) Consideration for major national media, local media where the event is held, and wrestling/judo specialty media.
- 2) Consideration for media outlets which attend USA Wrestling, USA Judo and U.S. Olympic Committee events on a regular basis.
- 3) Consideration for media outlets which are covering specific "hometown" athletes participating in the event.

All media accreditation forms must be submitted by June 1, 2008.

Host Hotel - The Excalibur

The Excalibur Hotel & Casino has been named host hotel for the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Wrestling and Judo. The room rates at the Excalibur are based upon which nights of the week guests are staying. The daily rates for rooms at Excalibur for those involved with the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Wrestling and Judo are:

* Tue, June 10 – \$65	* Wed, June 11 – \$65	* Thu, June 12 – \$65	* Fri, June 13 – \$125
* Sat, June 14 – \$125	* Sun, June 15 – \$65	* Mon, June 16 – \$65	

Please call 800-937-7777 or visit the link below to book your reservation:

<https://reservations.mgmmirage.com/bookingengine.aspx?pid=EXC&host=group&code=XUS08I>

To receive the discounted rates for the U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Wrestling and Judo, you must refer to Group Code: XUS08
The deadline to book rooms is May 12, 2008.

Credential photos of each journalist

Photo credentials will be used at this competition. We ask that you submit a recent head shot, along with your credential application to gabbott@usawrestling.org. The photo must be a .jpg or .tif format.

News Access Guidelines for the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials

Journalists covering any and all of U.S. Olympic Team Trials competitions will be required to agree to and sign a form concerning News Access Guidelines. No accreditation will be issued without this agreement. These guidelines specifically regulate the use of video by accredited journalists at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials event.

Signature and title of journalist making request

Date

RETURN TO:

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Visit www.USAWrestlingLasVegas.com or www.USJudo.org for more information