

# **AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DUALS**

**July 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Orlando Florida**

## **Invitation and Team Entry Package**

Dear Coach or Team Administrator,

We would like to invite your team(s) to the newest National Premier Wrestling Tournament to be held at the Orange County Convention Center in beautiful Orlando Florida this coming July 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, The American Independence Duals.

Our tournament is designed to be the ultimate wrestling event for elite teams to compete at. Our awards, officials, professional trainers, staff and venue are second to none. Listed below are the features of our tournament.

As there are only 144 team entries available for teams coming from around the Nation, we ask that you act quickly and claim your teams spot to compete against some of the best in the country. On behalf of myself and my staff, I look forward to your participation in the greatest National tournament event to happen in wrestling in years.

We are proud to announce that a donation will be made to Wounded Warrior Project.

Yours in Wrestling,

*Dev Doyno*

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Executive Director

American Independent Duals

## **Tournament Features**

- **Each team is guaranteed a minimum of seven duals during the tournament. Pool competition on days one and two, with a bracketed team dual championship tournament in each division on day three. Teams not qualifying for the championship bracketed tournament will wrestle their seventh dual on day three.**
- **Three divisions: High School, Middle School, and Elementary School.**
- **Each division team champion will win and be awarded a brand new Resilite wrestling mat.**
- **All teams entered in the tournament will be entered into a random draw for the opportunity of one team's program winning a cash donation of \$2,500.00.**
- **Olympic size medals will be awarded to each wrestler of teams placing first, second, third, or fourth.**
- **Custom team trophies will be awarded to each team placing first, second, third or fourth.**
- **Weigh – in only once for the tournament, with a choice of weighing in early if selected.**
- **Pools are scheduled to wrestle consecutively once a day (no waiting around all day, get in and get out)**
- **Video replay challenges will be utilized.**
- **College out of bounds rules will be utilized.**
- **Track Wrestling will manage scoring and streaming of the tournament.**
- **Top College Scouts will be in attendance as special guests to consider future recruits.**
- **A donation will be made to Wounded Warrior Project.**

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## **Application Instructions and Additional Information**

- 1. The tournament will cap at 80 High School Teams, 32 Middle School Teams, and 32 Elementary School Teams.**
- 2. All tournament forms may be completed online at Track Wrestling, or sent by mail with payment to National United Wrestling Officials Association, Inc. (NUWOO) at 9040 Town Center Parkway, Lakewood Ranch, Florida 34202. Please make all payments payable to NUWOO.**
- 3. Please complete the team entry and commitment forms, team roster sheets, and athlete waiver forms completely as attached.**
- 4. Entry and early weigh-in fee payments are due in full by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. fees are nonrefundable after April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.**
- 5. Teams may register to be placed on our standby list, if the tournament entry reservations reach their cap levels. Teams interested in being placed on the standby list may do so by sending a \$300.00 refundable deposit as instructed above. Standby teams will be notified in the order they were received by April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 if team availability becomes available. Standby deposits shall become nonrefundable upon acceptance of the notified available team entry opening, and entry fee balance shall be paid in full to NUWOO by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**
- 6. Weigh-Ins are scheduled for Friday July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, between 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Orlando Convention Center West in Orlando Florida at 9800 International Drive, Orlando Florida 32819. For those selecting early weigh-in, early weigh-ins will be between at 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the above referenced address.**
- 7. Weigh-in procedure shall be as follows: Wrestlers shall be required to register at the designated registration desk to receive their official weigh-in card. Wrestlers shall change into and weigh-in in singlets or approved two piece uniforms. Wrestlers shall be checked for nails, hair and skin prior to weigh-ins. The tournament's Head Official Final shall be the final decision maker on all skin conditions acknowledged.**
- 8. Early weigh-in fees are nonrefundable if athletes miss the early weigh-in.**
- 9. Attached skin forms are the only forms that will be accepted.**

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## Team Entry and Commitment Form

### Entry

Team or Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Level:  High School                      Number of Teams Entering \_\_\_\_\_

Middle School                      Number of Teams Entering \_\_\_\_\_

Elementary School                      Number of Teams Entering \_\_\_\_\_

### Weight Classes

**High School – 14 Weight Classes** – 109, 116, 123, 129, 135, 141, 148, 155, 163, 173, 185, 198, 223, & 288 – Four Alternates are permitted.

**Middle School – 16 Weight Classes** - 77, 73, 88, 93, 98, 103, 108, 115, 122, 130, 138, 145, 157, 168, 183 & 233 – Four Alternates are permitted.

**Elementary School – 18 Weight Classes** - 53, 56, 61, 65, 69, 73, 77, 81, 86, 91, 96, 101, 106, 113, 127 & 151 – Four Alternates are permitted.

**NOTES:** Each Team will be allowed four alternate wrestlers. Sixth Graders may wrestle either Middle School or Elementary School.

### Fees

Entry Fee:                      \$800.00 per team entered

Early Weigh-In:              \$20.00 per athlete (nonrefundable)

**All fees are payable to NUWOO**

## Commitment

As the Authorized Signatory for \_\_\_\_\_,  
Team Name(s) or See Schedule A Below

I hereby, commit to entry of the named team(s) as listed in Schedule A below to participate in the American Independence Duals, to be held July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 through July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Orlando Convention Center West in Orlando Florida.

### Terms of Commitment

- a) Each team entered shall be guaranteed a minimum of seven (7) dual matches.
- b) Team entry fee \$800.00, due by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Non-refundable \$300.00 deposit required to secure event entry. Balance of \$500.00 paid in full to NUWOO no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and shall be deemed nonrefundable by this date.
- c) Early weigh-in fees shall be paid in full and accompany team entry fees no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and shall be deemed as nonrefundable for any reason.
- d) All team's entries agree with and to abide by all Tournament and Special Rules, and Team Requirements as attached.
- e) All teams shall provide team rosters and athlete waiver and release forms as attached.
- f) Each team shall provide one table worker, who will be granted free entry.

### Schedule A

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<hr/> <b>Authorized Signature</b>	<hr/> <b>Printed Signatory Name</b>	<hr/> <b>Date</b>
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## Tournament and Special Rules, and Team Requirements

1. **Tournament Rules** shall follow N.F.H.S. Rules as established with exception of specific Special Rules as listed below.
2. **Age Eligibility** shall be enforced. Athletes who have reached 20 years of age shall not be permitted to participate in the tournament as a competitor athlete. Athletes placed on rosters as wrestlers must currently be attending or entering in the upcoming fall semester the school division listed on the team roster.
3. **Special Rules:**
  - a) **Match Period Times** – Match period times are as follows: Varsity three 90 second periods, Middle three seventy five second periods, and Elementary three 60 second periods.
  - b) **Match Overtime** – Individual Matches that are tied shall wrestle the following over time procedure: a one minute sudden death overtime period in the neutral position, where first points win; if no winner in sudden death the official will flip his disc and give choice of top or bottom position to the athlete awarded or differed choice for a thirty second overtime period; if the top wrestler rides his opponent out, he will be awarded one point and win the match, if the bottom man escapes or reverses his position from bottom to top, he will be awarded the appropriate points and awarded the match; the match will conclude on either scoring an escape or reversal from the bottom position with no further need to continue wrestling in the thirty second period.
  - c) **Team Dual Tie Breaker** – Procedure for team dual ties shall be decided by criteria as established within the N.F.H.S. rule book.
  - d) **Pool Record Ties** – Teams tied for record at the end of the pool shall decide the pool winner by the result of head to head competition.
  - e) **Championship Bracket Seating** – Seating for teams qualifying for the championship bracketed tournament on day three shall be at the discretion of the tournament administration.
  - f) **Out of Bounds** - College out of bounds will be utilized during this tournament.
  - g) **Video review** - One video review will be granted per dual by dropping the challenge brick out on the mat to alert the mat official of the challenge. If the challenge is won then there will be no loss of review; if the challenge is lost no further review will be granted, with exception that one extra video review per dual may be purchased for \$100.00. All review decisions will be decided by the Review Official and are final with no opportunity for further appeal.
  - h) **Designated Coaches Corner** – Only two coaches or team personnel shall be permitted per designated coaches corner. All within the designated coaches corner must remain seated in chairs at all times during live wrestling action on the mat.
  - i) **Official's Table Conference** - Only one coach shall be permitted to go to the table for an official's table conference.
  - j) **Official's Decisions and Rulings** - All decisions on the mat made by the mat official will stand unless overturned by the challenge official. All rulings made by the challenge official will be final, and shall not be subject to further appeal, nor further discussion to appeal or challenge upon such final decision.
  - k) **Concussion Protocol** – Any loss of consciousness by an athlete shall cause immediate stoppage of the match by the mat official, and the unconscious athlete shall not be permitted to continue. The match shall be decided by rule as it pertains to the cause of injury. All action stopped for injury or perceived symptoms by the mat official that does not result in

- unconsciousness by the athlete, but where concussion is suspected by the mat official, shall cause a concussion protocol exam to be administered by a staff athletic trainer. Proper signal by the mat official shall be given to designate that the match is under concussion protocol for either unconsciousness or suspicion of concussion with no time limit to perform and conclude the concussion protocol exam. Upon conclusion of the concussion protocol exam the staff athletic trainer shall advise the official if the athlete may or may not continue action. Those athletes deemed to have lost consciousness or who have failed the concussion protocol exam as administered by the staff athletic trainer shall be cause for the staff athletic trainer to end the match. Athletes defaulted for suspicion of concussion shall not be permitted to continue wrestling in the tournament until such time the athlete has been examined and released by a qualified physician in writing on a signed document releasing the athlete to be medically cleared to return to competitive action. All decisions made by the staff athletic trainer as it pertains to unconsciousness of the athlete or the athlete failing the concussion protocol exam shall be final, without opportunity for any further appeal.
- l) **Ejections** - Any coach or athlete ejected by tournament staff or event officials shall leave premises immediately for the duration of tournament event.
  - m) **Competition by an Athlete on a Team** – During the duration of the tournament Athletes shall only compete for one team.
  - n) **Negative Physical Social Behavior** – Any forms or levels of negative physical social behavior such as: swearing, fighting, spitting or biting of any kind by either athletes or coaches at any time shall be deemed unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Those displaying such behavior shall be penalized and suffer automatic ejection from and for the remainder of the tournament.
  - o) **Distractive Devices** - No Horns, bells or any distractive noise making device of any kind will be permitted within the event arena. Coaches shall be responsible to stop such usage by team personnel, and security will remove any spectators using such devices within the event arena.

#### 4. Team Requirements

- a) **Alternates** - Teams shall be permitted up to four (4) alternate athletes per team; these athletes shall be listed on the team roster prior and submitted at time of team registration.
- b) **Match Reporting Protocol** - All teams must have each individual athlete at each weight class in attendance, ready, willing, equipped and able to wrestle at the time the weight class is called to be wrestled in each individual dual. There will be no exceptions made to this rule;
- c) **Guaranteed Competition** - Each team's entry fee entitles each team to be guaranteed to compete in seven (7) duals as scheduled and assigned by the tournament. Entry is not a guarantee of matches to specific athletes, requested adjustment to scheduled times, competition match ups as provided by tournament personnel, or ability to alter the rules as established by the tournament administration.
- d) **Amendment of Rules** - Requests by coaches to adjust, alter, change, modify or omit rules as established by the tournament administration shall not be permitted or considered. Continued requests made by coaches to adjust, alter, change, modify or omit rules as established by the tournament administration shall subject the requesting coach's team to suffer disqualification from the tournament.
- e) **Proper Equipment** - Teams shall be properly equipped and ready to wrestle, i.e.: Approved singlets or two (2) piece uniforms, mouthpieces for protection from braces, manufactured attached hair covers for hair not meeting NFHS rule, and head gear (as required by tournament rule for Elementary and Middle School divisions).

- f) **Weigh In Protocol** – Upon checking in at the registration desk, athletes shall be permitted to weigh in individually. Athletes shall weigh in wearing approved singlets or two (2) piece uniforms, and must have all special equipment with them for review and approval by the Head Official.
- g) **Skin Conditions** - Teams are required to have the approved skin form attached within the entry form package for all athletes weighing in with skin conditions, properly completed and signed by a treating physician prior to the start of weigh ins. No exceptions shall be permitted. The tournament reserves the right to override all skin forms at the time of weigh in, if tournament physician, training staff or head official deems it necessary to do so as the last line of defense to protect all who come into contact with the athlete either in physical body or secondary from mat contact.
- h) **Special Equipment Rulings** - All final ruling decisions on special equipment shall be made at the discretion of the head official prior to the beginning of competition.
- i) **Extra or Exhibition Bouts** – Teams may only wrestle the number of bouts as designated for a dual in the division as established. No extra or exhibition bouts will be permitted to be wrestled with exception of the following: extra or exhibition bouts may be wrestled if a double forfeit has occurred at any weight class. These extra or exhibition bouts will be wrestled at the conclusion of the dual (TIME PERMITTING), and will not count towards team scores.
- j) **Team Entry Fees and Deposits** – All team entries shall be due no later than April 1, 2019. Entry to the tournament will be by order of receipt and at the discretion of the tournament administration. Entry fees and deposits will be considered nonrefundable by April 1, 2019. All standby deposits will be refundable unless a team is notified of a team opening in the tournament, upon acceptance by the team of the standby entry the team's deposit and ensuing entry fee shall become nonrefundable.
- k) **Rules and Regulations** - All coaches, team personal, and team athletes by entry to the tournament shall be considered to have agreed to follow all rules and regulations of the tournament established by tournament administration, as well as all rules established by the Orange County Convention Center.
- l) **Coach's Responsibility to Maintain Civility** - Team head coach is responsible for all team coaches, team personal & team athletes to maintain civility towards others participating, working or spectating the event.
- m) **Table Worker** – Each team shall provide one table worker for their duals throughout the tournament. Table workers will be granted free access to the event and be issued proper credentials for entry.
- n) **Rules and Special Rules** – By entry all teams agree to follow all rules as established.



## Team Roster

High School – Team \_\_\_\_\_

Wrestler	Birth Date	Weight Class	Early Weigh-In (circle one)	
1. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
2. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
3. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
4. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
5. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
6. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
7. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
8. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
9. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
10. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
11. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
12. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
13. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
14. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
15. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
16. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
17. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
18. _____	_____	_____	yes	no

**\*NO ATHLETES OVER AGE 19 PERMITTED\***

**\*\*ATHLETES MUST BE ATTENDING OR ENROLED FOR THE UPCOMING SEMESTER TO ATTEND HIGH SCHOOL TO WRESTLE IN THIS DIVISION\*\***

# Team Roster

## Middle School – Team

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Wrestler	Birth Date	Weight Class	Early Weigh-In (circle one)	
			yes	no
1. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
2. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
3. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
4. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
5. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
6. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
7. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
8. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
9. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
10. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
11. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
12. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
13. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
14. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
15. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
16. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
17. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
18. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
19. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
20. _____	_____	_____	yes	no

**\*NO ATHLETES OVER AGE 19 PERMITTED\***

**\*\*ATHLETES MUST BE ATTENDING OR ENROLED FOR THE UPCOMING SEMESTER TO ATTEND HIGH SCHOOL TO WRESTLE IN THIS DIVISION\*\***

## Team Roster

### Elementary School – Team

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Wrestler	Birth Date	Weight Class	Early Weigh-In (circle one)	
			yes	no
1. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
2. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
3. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
4. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
5. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
6. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
7. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
8. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
9. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
10. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
11. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
12. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
13. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
14. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
15. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
16. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
17. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
18. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
19. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
20. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
21. _____	_____	_____	yes	no
22. _____	_____	_____	yes	no

**\*NO ATHLETES OVER AGE 19 PERMITTED\***

**\*\*ATHLETES MUST BE ATTENDING OR ENROLED FOR THE UPCOMING SEMESTER TO ATTEND HIGH SCHOOL TO WRESTLE IN THIS DIVISION\*\***

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## ATHLETES WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM

Athletes Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletes Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletes Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletes Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Coach's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

As Parent/Legal Guardian of my child/ward, \_\_\_\_\_, I hereby, grant permission for him/her to participate in the American Independence Duals, and therefore, agree to hold harmless and release the American Independence Duals, National United Wrestling Officials Organization, Inc., the Orange County Convention Center, the Florida County of Orange, and any of the commissioners, directors, officers, management, staff, employees, hires, agents, licensees, contractors, vendors, representatives and volunteers of those listed of any form of legal liability whatsoever, including from but not limited to injury, illness, and medical or healthcare issues. I further recognize and accept that participation in the sport of wrestling is dangerous in nature, and participation may result in severe injury and/or death. I congruently, hereby, grant permission to my child's/ward's team coach to authorize minimal noninvasive emergency medical treatment as may be required until such time that I as parent /guardian may be reached for medical decisions. I further recognize and accept full responsibility to pay for all expenses incurred to perform medical treatment due to illness and/or injury to my child/ward during their participation in the American Independence Duals.

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Signature of Authorized Parent or Legal Guardian