

Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation

Instructions for coaches (Under 18)

In compliance with Part IV, Section B, Line 13 of Federal Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, the IKWF requests that any suspicious activity that a member, a members' parent or guardian witness, be reported to Jeff Tolbert at jtolbert@ikwf.org.

Instructions for coaches 15 years old or a high school freshman to 17 years old:

1. **Create an account**
 - a. Go to www.usawmembership.com (USAW's membership system) and create an account.
Note: Creating an account only gives you access to the system.
2. **Claim or create a profile**
 - a. **Returning** coaches will **claim** their **old** profile from USAW's previous membership system.
 - b. **New** coaches will **create** their profile.
Note: Your profile contains all your personal data.
3. **Complete Safe Sport Certification (NEW)**
 - a. Starting with the 2018-19 season, all coaches and officials are required to complete the Safe Sport certification provided by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) to coach or officiate at any USAW event.
 - b. Go here for USAW's Safe Sport Policy:
<http://content.themat.com/AbuseandHarassmentPolicy.pdf>.
 - c. Go here to take course: <https://training.teamusa.org/store/details/1>.
 - d. You'll need your USAW ID to link your certification to your USAW profile.
 - e. **There is no fee to take this course.**

PLEASE NOTE: You are **required** to have a COMPLETED SAFE SPORT CERTIFICATION before you can purchase your USAW coach's membership.

4. **Purchase USA Wrestling Coach's Membership**
 - a. **\$39.75 fee** Must be done online through www.usawmembership.com.
5. **Complete National Coaches Education Program (NCEP) certification (if required).**
 - a. The IKWF requires ALL coaches to have one of USAW NCEP certification levels (copper, bronze, silver, or gold) to coach at ANY IKWF event.
 - b. Click this link for NCEP information and links to take the courses:
<http://www.teamusa.org/usa-wrestling/coaches/ncep-certification>
 - c. **Fees** start at \$40.

