

JAPAN-USA PROTOCOL AGREEMENT INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EXCHANGE FOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

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Agreement of protocol between Japan and the United States concerning the national cultural exchange program between high school age wrestlers in the sport of wrestling.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

(1.1) The goals of this program are to develop long-lasting friendships and understanding among our students, teachers, and the general public; to gain an appreciation of the cultural similarities and differences between our great nations; to exchange technique and training methods and to help promote the development of wrestling among the youth of our communities.

(1.2) This protocol is patterned after the annual long standing amateur wrestling exchange of high school age wrestlers that first began in 1962. All other exchanges will be decided upon by our respective national governing bodies on a case by case basis.

DATES

(2.1) The exchanges shall be conducted on an annual basis with a minimum of 10 nights and a maximum of 14 nights being spent in the host nation.

(2.2) The exact exchange dates will be established one year in advance.

(2.3) A quadrennial rotation calendar will be maintained by mutual agreement that identifies the hosting USA states and the hosting Japanese blocks of prefectures.

(2.4) Host nation will designate cities of arrival/departure in its letter of invitation.

(2.5) USAW agrees to create a high school girls national rotation and protocol (HSGNR&P) committee composed of participating states. Washington will host an annual planning meeting for the USA side (HSGNR&P Committee). The Japan side is automatically invited to attend and participate. These dates are target dates only and are subject to

change based on WSWCA calendar, membership needs and hotel.

November 4-5, 2016 Yakima Convention Center
October 27-29, 2017 TBA
October 26-28, 2018 TBA
October 25-27, 2019 TBA
October 23-25, 2020 TBA (Olympic year Protocol review)

NATIONAL ROTATION CALENDAR (USA)

(3.1) Maintained four years in advance. USA participating states can withdraw from the rotation if a one-year advance notice is given to the USA HSGNR&P Committee. Each state speaks for itself and is required to send a letter of invitation through USA Wrestling.

- *Washington has asked to host /send every ___years.
- *Oregon has asked to host/send every ___ years.
- *California has asked to host/send every ___years.
- * Montana TBA
- * Idaho TBA

2017 _____
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2018 _____
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2019 _____
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ORGANIZATIONAL FORMAT

- (4.1) Should we follow a format similar to the Klippan Cup, a mixture of Juniors and Cadets?
- (4.2) Should we have a mixture of training, competition and cultural experiences?
- (4.3) Some USA States might wish to combine their resources to form a 50-50 team to host/send

We suggest that we model this school girls experience after the Klippan Cup experience by combining 4.1 and 4.2. Starting with a three-four day training camp in one community followed by a series of activities (competitions, practices, sightseeing and cultural events) with various host

teams.

AGE DIVISIONS

(5.1) UWW age categories for cadets 16-17 years (from 15 with medical & parental certificate)

UWW age categories for Juniors 18-19 years (from 17 with medical & parental certificate)

(5.2) Up to nineteen years OK if still in high school

(6.1) GIRLS UWW WEIGHT CLASSES

Cadets (ten) Juniors(eight)

39-42 kg 46-50 kg

46 kg 55 kg

50 kg 60 kg

54 kg 66 kg

58 kg 74 kg

63 kg 84 kg

69 kg 96 kg

76 kg 96-120 kg

85 kg

85-100 kg

STRUCTURES AND FINANCE

(7.1) Girls' team maximum participants 16 persons (leader, coaches, referee, wrestlers).

(7.2) Extra wrestlers should come from the most popular weight classes.

(7.3) Two teams will be sent/hosted annually.

(7.4) The sending side will send by bank wire transfer to the designated office of the hosting side a participation fee of \$400 USD or 50,000 yen per person at least two weeks in advance of their arrival. Using the daily exchange rate the USA side will send the funds in Yen.

(7.5) All appropriate waiver, emergency and release forms will be filled out on each athlete and carried by team leader.

COMPETITION FORMAT: Dual Meets and Tournaments

(8.1) For dual meets the honor system will be followed. Weight should be reasonable and be within 2.5 kilograms of the qualifying weight class, as best as possible.

(8.2) Tournaments - USA and Japan have agreed to participate in team and individuals tournaments. USA will mention the contested weight classes in the invitation because some tournaments have many weight classes. Competition in tournaments will have weigh ins for all competitors with daily allowance (if any) given to all competitors.

(8.3) Number of meets: Four minimum, eight maximum. There will also be a limit of four (4) meets per week. (Sunday through Saturday).

(8.4) Host chooses freestyle or folk-style per each individual match.

(8.5) For tournaments, wrestler's rest in between matches must be at least 30 minutes
We will follow UWW rules for freestyle (20 min) and NFHS for folk-style matches (45 min)

(8.6) Host side can schedule up to two individual exhibition matches to accommodate local interest.

(8.7) Sending side agrees to select all members of its delegation at least four (4) weeks in advance. Selections can be made earlier. As soon as possible, the (1) names, (2) selection tournament weight class, (3) team photo sheet, (4) rankings, (5) biographical information and (6) team function will be electronically sent to the hosting side.

HOSTING RESPONSIBILITIES

(9.1) At least four months in advance, electronically send the name and contact information of each local organizing committee chairperson that is responsible for hosting on a day by day basis in each state/prefecture.

(9.2) Hosting side agrees to have a representative for all arrivals and departures at the designated cities and whenever transfers are made by traveling team.

(9.3) Hosting side decides which states/blocks (groups of prefectures) will host. The sending side agrees to accept the decision of the hosting side.

(9.4) Upon arrival in the designated city, the hosting side shall provide all domestic transportation, room, board, cultural and sightseeing activities during the visit of the sending side.

(9.5) Hosting side will purchase insurance coverage for the teams and their hosting activities, if necessary.

SENDING RESPONSIBILITIES

(10.1) Two weeks before departure the weights of the wrestlers will be sent to the hosting side.

(10.2) The sending side shall assume all costs for its own domestic transportation and international air tickets to/from the cities designated by the hosting side.

(10.3) The sending side shall purchase adequate health, medical accident, repatriation and liability insurance coverages for its team members.

(10.4) Hand carry their national flag and anthem for ceremonial use.

(10.5) Team leader will hand carry a brief written speech for ceremonial use.

BASIS

This exchange is based upon the principle of 50-50 and takes into account the differences in size, distances and differences of our nations. We follow the guidance of the United World Wrestling as the international governing body for the sport of wrestling.

AMENDMENT

If any disagreement arises concerning any article of this protocol, the agreement should be settled by discussions between the two parties. We envision that improved communication via the creation of the GHSNR&P Committee structure will improve mutual communication and understanding between our two national wrestling bodies.

Japan and USA agree to review protocol each summer Olympic year.