

WORLD WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT INC

FORM S-8

(Securities Registration: Employee Benefit Plan)

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION
ENTERTAINMENT, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

04-2693383
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1241 EAST MAIN STREET
STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT
(Address of principal executive offices)

06902
(Zip Code)

WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION ENTERTAINMENT, INC., 1999 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN
(Full title of the plan)

**EDWARD L. KAUFMAN
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1241 EAST MAIN STREET
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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

TITLE OF PROPOSED SECURITIES TO BE REGISTERED	PROPOSED AMOUNT TO BE REGISTERED	PROPOSED OFFERING PRICE PER SHARE(1)	MAXIMUM REGISTERED OFFERING PRICE	MAXIMUM REGISTRATION FEE
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Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	10,000,050	20.88	\$208,801,044	\$55,123.48
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(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(h). The fee is calculated on the basis of the average of the high and low prices for the Registrant's Class A Common Stock reported on the NASDAQ National Market System on November 29, 1999.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

ITEM 3. INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE.

The following documents filed by the Registrant with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), are incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement: (i) the prospectus filed with the Commission as part of the Registration Statement on Form S-1, originally filed on August 3, 1999, as amended on September 10, 1999, September 22, 1999, October 13, 1999 and October 15, 1999 (File No. 333-84327) (the "Form S-1"); and (ii) the description of the Registrant's Class A Common Stock contained in the Form S-1.

All documents subsequently filed by the Registrant with the Commission pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), after the date of this Registration Statement, but prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement which indicates that all securities offered by this Registration Statement have been sold or which deregisters all such securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement. Each document incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a part of this Registration Statement from the date of filing of such document with the Commission until the information contained therein is superseded or updated by any subsequently filed document which is incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement or by any document which constitutes part of the prospectus relating to the World Wrestling Federation Entertainment, Inc. 1999 Long-Term Incentive Plan meeting the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

ITEM 4. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES.

The class of securities to be offered under this Registration Statement is registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act.

ITEM 5. INTERESTS OF NAMED EXPERTS AND COUNSEL

None.

ITEM 6. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.

Section 102(b)(7) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL") permits a corporation, in its certificate of incorporation, to limit or eliminate the liability of directors to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breaches of fiduciary duty, except for liability (a) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, (b) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (c) for the unlawful payment of a dividend or an unlawful stock purchase or redemption under Section 174 of the DGCL, or (d) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. The Registrant's amended and restated certificate of incorporation will contain the following provision regarding the elimination of liability for its directors:

The personal liability of the directors of the Corporation is hereby eliminated to the fullest extent permitted by Section 102(b)(7) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, as the same may be amended and supplemented. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no director shall be personally liable to the Corporation or any of its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Corporation or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) pursuant to Section 174 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

Under Section 145 of the DGCL, a corporation has the power to indemnify directors and officers under

certain circumstances, subject to certain limitations, against specified costs and expenses actually and reasonably incurred in connection with an action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative. The Registrant's amended and restated certificate of incorporation will contain a provision that the Registrant indemnify any person who was or is made or is threatened to be made a party or is otherwise involved in any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative by reason of the fact that he, or a person for whom he is the legal representative, is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Registrant or is or was serving at the request of the Registrant as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, trust, enterprise or non-profit entity, including service with respect to employee benefit plans, against all liability and loss suffered and expenses reasonably incurred by such person. Article VI of the Registrant's amended and restated by-laws will contain similar provisions and will permit the Registrant to maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was or has agreed to become a director or officer of the Registrant, or is or was serving at the request of the Registrant as a director or officer of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him or on his behalf in any such capacity, or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Registrant would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of the Registrant's by-laws. The underwriting agreement filed as an exhibit to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1, originally filed on August 3, 1999, as amended on September 10, 1999, September 22, 1999, October 13, 1999 and October 15, 1999 (File No. 333-84327), contains provisions pursuant to which each underwriter severally agrees to indemnify the Registrant, any person controlling the registrant within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act, each director of the Registrant, and each officer of the Registrant who signs such Registration Statement with respect to information relating to such underwriter furnished in writing by or on behalf of such underwriter expressly for use in such Registration Statement.

ITEM 7. EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION CLAIMED.

None.

ITEM 8. EXHIBITS.

The following exhibits are filed herewith or incorporated by reference as part of this Registration Statement:

EXHIBIT NO. -----	DESCRIPTION -----
4.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1, originally filed on August 3, 1999, as amended on September 10, 1999, September 22, 1999, October 13, 1999 and October 15, 1999 (File No. 333-84327)).
4.2	Amended and Restated By-Laws of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.4 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1, originally filed on August 3, 1999, as amended on September 10, 1999, September 22, 1999, October 13, 1999 and October 15, 1999 (File No. 333-84327)).
5.1	Opinion of Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP.
23.1	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP.
23.3	Consent of Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP (included in the Opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1).
24.1	Power of Attorney (set forth on the signature page of this Registration Statement).

ITEM 9. UNDERTAKINGS.

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers of sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

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(h) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on December 3, 1999.

WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION ENTERTAINMENT, INC.

By: /s/ Vincent K. McMahon

Vincent K. McMahon
Chairman of the Board of Directors

We, the undersigned directors and officers of World Wrestling Federation Entertainment, Inc., do hereby constitute and appoint Edward L. Kaufman and Frank G. Serpe, or either of them, our true and lawful attorneys and agents, to do any and all acts and things in our name and on our behalf in our capacities as directors and officers and to execute any and all instruments for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, which said attorneys and agents, or either of them, may deem necessary or advisable to enable said corporation to comply with the Securities Act and any rules, regulations and requirements of the Commission, in connection with this Registration Statement, including specifically, but without limitation, power and authority to sign for us or any of us in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) hereto and we do hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents, or either of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this Registration Statement and the foregoing Power of Attorney have been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date(s) indicated:

<i>SIGNATURE</i> -----	<i>CAPACITY</i> -----	<i>DATE</i> ----
/s/ Vincent K. McMahon ----- Vincent K. McMahon	Chairman of the Board of	December 3, 1999

----- Directors Vincent K. McMahon

/s/ Linda E. McMahon ----- Linda E. McMahon	President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) and a Director	December 3, 1999
/s/ August J. Liguori ----- August J. Liguori	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer) and a Director	December 3, 1999
/s/ Frank G. Serpe ----- Frank G. Serpe	Senior Vice President-Finance and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	December 3, 1999
/s/ Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. ----- Lowell P. Weicker, Jr.	Director	November 29, 1999
/s/ David Kenin ----- David Kenin	Director	November 29, 1999
/s/ Joseph Perkins ----- Joseph Perkins	Director	November 29, 1999

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5.1	Opinion of Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP regarding the legality of the shares being registered hereunder.
23.1	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP.
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Exhibit 5.1

December 3, 1999

World Wrestling Federation Entertainment, Inc. 1241 E Main Street
Stamford, CT 06902

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are counsel to World Wrestling Federation Entertainment, Inc. (the "Company") and we have acted as counsel for the Company in connection with the preparation of the Registration Statement on Form S-8 to be filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, of 10,000,050 shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share (the "Shares"), which are to be issued from time to time to certain key employees, directors, consultants and performers of the Company and its subsidiaries in connection with the World Wrestling Federation Entertainment, Inc. 1999 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan").

We have examined the originals, certified copies or copies otherwise identified to our satisfaction as being true copies of the Plan and such other documents as we have deemed necessary or appropriate for purposes of this opinion.

Based on the foregoing, we are of the opinion that the Shares have been duly and validly authorized and reserved for issuance, and that the Shares, when issued under the terms of the Plan, will be legally and validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP

Exhibit 23.1

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' CONSENT

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement of World Wrestling Federation Entertainment, Inc. (the "Company") on Form S-8 of our report dated July 16, 1999 (October 1, 1999 as to Note 9 and October 15, 1999 as to Note 10), appearing in the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-84327 on Form S-1, filed on October 15, 1999, as amended.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Stamford, Connecticut

November 30, 1999

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