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## **Wrestling Mats with Microban® Antimicrobial Product Protection**

**Northumberland, PA:** Resilite™ Sports Products, Inc., the world's largest mat manufacturer, announces another industry-leading advancement in wrestling mat technology by integrating Microban® antimicrobial product protection into the wrestling mat manufacturing process. Microban technology will continuously fight the growth of microbes such as bacteria, mold and mildew that cause stains and odors. By continuously fighting these microbes, Microban protection makes the Resilite mat easier to keep clean and reduces odors between cleanings.

Resilite Sports Products, Inc. has entered into an exclusive trademark licensing and supply agreement with Microban (Americas) for manufacturing wrestling mats using the Microban technology. Microban protection is added during the manufacturing process and will not wash off or wear away. Microban protection is engineered to provide continuous antimicrobial protection for the useful life of the wrestling mat.

"It's increasingly important to keep wrestling mats and practice rooms as clean as possible. Often mats are not cleaned and disinfected after daily use. Microban protection is not designed to protect users from disease-causing microorganisms." Explains Paul Gilbert, President of Resilite Sports Products. "Proper maintenance, care and cleaning of the wrestling mat must still be performed, but anything we can do to help fight microbes such as bacteria, mold and mildew that cause stains and odors and makes the mat easier to keep clean is a benefit we want to provide our customers." says Gilbert.

"Schools, universities and athletic departments are always concerned about day-to-day exposure to bacteria, mold and mildew," said Mike Pyle, Resilite's National Sales Manager. "By offering Microban antimicrobial protection as an option for our mats, those customers who are concerned about such microbes, or customers who may have mats stored in less than ideal environments can choose to have Microban protection added to their new mat. We feel strongly that Microban technology will help with the care and cleaning of the wrestling mat by eliminating the microbes that cause stains and odors," Pyle says.

On an unprotected mat surface, microbes can double in number every 20 minutes. Microban antimicrobial protection begins to work as soon as the microorganism comes into contact with the mat surface. It then works continuously to maintain a consistently lower bio-burden than on a product without Microban protection. Microban protection can be added to any existing Resilite mat during the reconditioning process. "We see hundreds of mats each year for reconditioning. Some mats are well over 20 years old, explains Paul Gilbert. "Now we have the ability to add Microban protection to those mats during our reconditioning process and since it is built-into the manufacturing process it will not wash off or wear away", says Gilbert. "This can be a significant benefit to schools who do not have the funds or availability of purchasing a new mat."

Resilite wrestling mats are manufactured to the highest standards within the industry. Resilite provides mats to some of the top wrestling programs in the world. Each wrestling mat manufactured is put through an extensive quality process from start to finish. That is the reason why Resilite mats have been the official mat supplier to the NCAA Wrestling Championships since 1963.

Resilite is featuring Microban antimicrobial product protection at Fan Fest during the 2007 NCAA Division I, Wrestling Championships in Auburn Hills, Michigan. "What better way to introduce Microban protection, than at the national finals, explains Jeff Baker, Director of Marketing for Resilite. "This is where the wrestling community comes together to celebrate the end of another great season and to watch some really fantastic wrestling. The coaches, athletic trainers, administrators and custodial staff that we have talked with all agree about the significant benefit this will provide their wrestling programs. Microban antimicrobial protection is not a disinfectant, normal mat cleaning practices should be maintained, but you get the extra assurance that your mat with Microban protection is working 24/7 to keep your Resilite mat cleaner between cleanings for the useful life of the mat," added Baker.

Warren Tischler, an Order of Merit inductee into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, founded Resilite in 1959. His personal wrestling experience at the University of Pennsylvania, lead him to develop a high-quality, vinyl-coated wrestling mat to provide the most protection possible in an athletic mat. "We at Resilite are continuing to improve and innovate our products with new benefits such as Microban technology. We also have developed ResiGuard™, the world's first Class-A fire rated wrestling mat. These products will add value and protection to the mat, the wrestling facilities and to the safety of our athletes", says Mr. Gilbert.

...Because keeping our athletes protected is Rule One!

Resilite™ Sports Products is a world leader in manufacturing athletic mats. With nearly 50 years of experience, Resilite Sports Products offers a variety of athletic mats, wall padding, and sports products to meet a variety of needs. For more information about any of the products offered by Resilite you may visit the website at: [www.resilite.com](http://www.resilite.com) or contact them toll free at 1-800-THE-MATS.

Microban (Americas), a division of Microban Products Company, headquartered in North Carolina, is a global leader in antimicrobial technology. Microban protection is engineered into a variety of consumer and industrial products to fight the growth of microbes such as bacteria, mildew and mold that cause stains and odors and lead to product degradation. For more information about Microban antimicrobial product protection you may visit the website at: [www.microban.com](http://www.microban.com).

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