



The **Anoa'i family** (Samoan: [ano'aʔi]) is a family of professional wrestlers originating from the Samoan Islands. Family members have comprised several tag teams and stables within a variety of promotions, most notably WWE. Famous members of the family include Roman Reigns and WWE Hall of Fame member Rikishi, Yokozuna, and the Wild Samoans (Afa and Sika). Other notable members include The Usos (Jey Uso and Jimmy Uso), Umaga, Rosey, Jacob Fatu, and Solo Sikoa among others.

Although not a member of the Anoaʻi family, Paul Heyman has served as the manager of several members of the family, including Rikishi and Roman Reigns.^[4]

The diagram is a family tree of the Anoa'i wrestling family, organized into three main horizontal levels. The top level shows the founding generation: Tovaleomanaia Amituana'i (Leoso Ripley, 1920-1988) and Amituana'i Anoa'i (1914-1994) on the left; and Fanene Anderson (Peter Maivia, 1937-1982) and Ofelia Fuaataga (Lia Maivia, 1931-2008) on the right. The middle level shows the second generation, including Lynn Anoa'i, Afa Anoa'i Sr. (Afa Anoa'i, 1942-2024), Tumua Anoa'i, Afoa Anoa'i, Leati Anoa'i (Sika Anoa'i, 1945-2024), Lisa Anoa'i Sr., Sipa Anoa'i, Elevera Anoa'i (Vera, 1947-2008), I'aualalo Folau Solofa Fatu Sr. (1945-2020), Toa Maivia, Mataniuefagaimaleata Fitisemanu (Ata Maivia), and Rocky Johnson (1944-2020). The bottom level shows the third generation, including Samula Anoa'i (Samu), Afa Anoa'i Jr. (Manu), Bernadette Anoa'i-Shroyer, Lloyd Anoa'i (L.A. Smooth), Monica Anoa'i, Gary Albright (1963-2000), Jacob Fatu, Journey Fatu, Isayah Fatu (Zilla Fatu), Trinity Fatu (Naomi), Jonathan Fatu (Jimmy Uso), Joshua Fatu (Jey Uso), Thavana Monalisa Fatu, Jeremiah Peniata Fatu, Joseph Yokozuna "Sefa" Fatu (Solo Siko), and Simone Johnson (Ava). Solid lines represent blood relations, while dashed lines represent marriages. Names in boxes with a light blue background are deceased.



Other members

Peter Maivia Jr., son of [Peter Maivia](#), wrestled for [NWA Polynesian Pro Wrestling](#).^{[6][7]} Hollywood stuntman [Tanoai Reed](#) (known as Toa on the *American Gladiators*) is the great nephew of Peter's wife Lia Maivia,^{[8][9]} while professional wrestler [Lina Fanene \(Nia Jax\)](#) is [Dwayne Johnson](#)'s second cousin once removed.^[10] [Ricky Johnson](#), [Rocky Johnson](#)'s brother, was also a professional wrestler.^[11]

[Dwayne Johnson](#)'s daughter [Simone](#) performs in [WWE](#)'s developmental brand [NXT](#) as [Ava](#) (shortened from her previous ring name [Ava Raine](#)). She is the on-screen general manager of [NXT](#).^{[12][13]} [Afa Anoaʻi](#)'s daughter, [Lynn Toval Anoaʻi](#) ([Vale Anoaʻi](#)), is an author and artist.^[14] [Vale](#)'s husband wrestles for [World Xtreme Wrestling](#) as [Vertigo "The Cure" Rivera](#).^[15]

[Journey Fatu](#), son of [Sam Fatu](#), wrestles primarily in [deathmatches](#).^{[16][17]}

[Thamiko T. Fatu](#), son of [Rikishi](#), wrestles on the [independent circuit](#).^[18]

[Sean Maluta](#), [Afa](#)'s nephew, was a participant in [WWE](#)'s [Cruiserweight Classic](#) tournament.^[19] [Afa](#)'s nephew [David Tua](#) is a professional [boxer](#).^[20]

[Jimmy Snuka](#) was a member of the [Anoa'i family](#) though his marriage to [Sharon Georgi](#). Their two children, [Jimmy Snuka Jr.](#) (otherwise known as [Deuce](#)) and [Tamina Snuka](#), would also wrestle for [WWE](#).^[21]

Tag teams and stables

The Wild Samoans

The Samoan SWAT Team/The Headshrinkers

3-Minute Warning

In [WWE](#) from 2002 to 2003, [Matt Anoaʻi](#) and [Eddie Fatu](#) formed a tag team using the names [Rosey](#) and [Jamal](#), respectively. 3-Minute Warning acted as [enforcers](#) for [Raw](#) brand [General Manager Eric Bischoff](#). The team was used to [squash](#) any activity in the ring that Bischoff deemed "boring". Bischoff would often cue the team's surprise entrances by uttering the phrase "three minutes".

Samoan Gangsta

[Samoan Gangstas](#) was a tag team in the [independent promotion](#) [World Xtreme Wrestling](#) ([WXW](#)).^[24] The tag team consisted of members from the [Anoaʻi family](#).^{[22][23]}

[Samoan Gangstas](#) was a tag team made up of brothers from another mothers [Matt E. Smalls](#) and [Sweet Sammy Silk](#) ([Matt](#) and [Samu Anoaʻi](#)).^[25] Their tag team was formed in 1997 in [WXW](#), the promotion of one half of [The Wild Samoans](#), [Samu](#)'s father and [Matt](#)'s uncle [Afa Anoaʻi](#). The duo received success in [WXW](#) in the tag team division.^[24] On June 24, they won their first [WXW Tag](#)

Samoan Gangstas	
Tag team	
Members	<div><div></div><div>Matt E. Smalls^[22]</div><div>L.A. Smooth^[23]</div></div>
Name	<div><div></div><div>Samoan Gangstas^[24]</div></div>

Team Championship by beating Love Connection (Sweet Daddy Jay Love and Georgie Love).^[24] However, they were temporarily suspended and the title was declared vacant.^[26] Matt was repackaged as Matty Smalls. They returned in the summer of 1997 and defeated Siberian Express (The Mad Russian and Russian Eliminator), on September 17 to win their second WXW Tag Team Championship.^[24]

Problems began between Smalls and Smooth. The two partners began feuding with each other and could not focus properly on their tag title. On March 27, 1998, Smooth defeated Smalls in a Loser Leaves Town match. As a result of losing this match, Smalls was forced to leave the promotion.^[24] He left WXW while Smooth focused on a singles career. After a short while, Smalls returned to WXW and the two partners reunited again as Samoan Gangstas and began teaming in the tag team division. They feuded with several tag teams in WXW and focused to regain the WXW Tag Team Championship. However, due to their family disputes and problems with each other, they did not take part in the tournament for the vacated tag title, and instead feuded with each other. Samoan Gangstas feuded with each other after their splitting until Smalls left WXW and began wrestling as Kimo. He began teaming with Ekmo (Eddie Fatu) as The Island Boyz and the duo worked in Frontier Martial-Arts Wrestling (FMW) before signing with World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) and working in its developmental territories.

Billed heights	6 ft 4 in (1.93 m) - Matt 6 ft 2 in (1.88 m) - Lloyd
Combined billed weight	713 lb (323 kg; 50.9 st)
Debut	1997
Disbanded	1998
Trained by	<u>Wild Samoan Training Center</u> ^{[22][23]}

The Sons of Samoa

The Sons of Samoa are a tag team currently wrestling in the Puerto Rican wrestling promotion World Wrestling Council and WXW. The team consists of Afa Jr. and L.A. Smooth.

The team was formed at WXW in 1998, briefly as a stable with Samu. The team reformed in April 2009 at a WXW show with Afa Jr. and L.A. Smooth. In 2013, they began wrestling at the WWC promotion in Puerto Rico. At Euphoria 2013, they lost to Thunder and Lightning. They won the WWC World Tag Team Championship from Thunder and Lightning on February 9, before losing the titles back to Thunder and Lightning on March 30 at Camino a la Gloria. However, they won the titles on June 29, 2013, at Summer Madness.

The Usos

The Usos (born August 22, 1985) are a Samoan American professional wrestling tag team consisting of twin brothers **Jey Uso** and **Jimmy Uso**, who appear in WWE. They were three-time Raw Tag Team Champions (during their first two reigns, it was called the WWE Tag Team Championship) and five-time SmackDown Tag Team Champions—their fifth reign is the longest reign for the title as well as the longest male tag team championship reign in WWE history. They are the first tag team to simultaneously hold the Raw and SmackDown Tag Team Championships as the Undisputed WWE Tag Team Championship. The pair were previously managed by Tamina Snuka and are one-time FCW Florida Tag Team Champions.

The Bloodline

The Bloodline is a professional wrestling stable performing in WWE. The group was initially led by Roman Reigns, who was the first to simultaneously hold the WWE Championship and WWE Universal Championship as the Undisputed WWE Universal Champion. Also in the group, Roman Reigns' cousin Solo Sikoa, who is a former NXT North American Champion. The Usos (Jimmy and Jey Uso), who previously held the Undisputed WWE Tag Team Championship, left the group, though Jimmy rejoined and was subsequently removed post-WrestleMania XL. In February 2024, The Rock—a cousin of Reigns through ancestral blood oath—joined the group. Paul Heyman, who was the special counsel to Reigns, was also a member of the group.

See also



- List of family relations in professional wrestling

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