



NYWA Code of Conduct – Wrestler

In consideration of being permitted to participate in the Newtown Youth Wrestling Association and any wrestling related events or activity, including but not limited to practices, matches, weigh-ins, team photographs, team meetings at any time during the _____ wrestling season (referred to as “Activity” or “Activities”), the below named wrestler and his/her parent or guardian, on the parent/guardian’s own behalf (referred to as “my” or “I”) and on behalf of his/her minor child (referred to as “my wrestler”), acknowledge and agree to the following Code of Conduct:

1. My wrestler will attend Activities on time and in proper attire as instructed by the coaching staff. If my wrestler cannot attend an Activity, I will contact the applicable head coach or his designee as soon as possible before such event and advise him of my wrestler’s inability to attend. I acknowledge that I am aware that all Activities start promptly at the time scheduled notwithstanding any past inconsistency.
2. I understand that a significant portion of the communication that occurs relative to Activities occur via email, verbally at wrestling practices, or by other electronic means. I also acknowledge that the coaches and volunteers devote a significant amount of their time and energy to the success of the program and that they deserve my full cooperation in providing clear and timely communication. Therefore, I will use my best efforts to respond to any email or other communication related to Activities within twenty four (24) hours.
3. I understand that the health and welfare of all the wrestlers is of paramount importance and I will, therefore, refrain from having my wrestler participate in an Activity if I have any indication that my wrestler may be ill or be carrying any contagious or readily transferable infection, ailment, or organism or has had a fever in the period 24 hours prior to the Activity. If I become aware of such illness or condition after an Activity has occurred where there is any chance of transferring such ailment or organism to any other wrestler, I agree to make the coaching staff immediately aware. I additionally agree to inspect and insure that prior to all Activities my wrestler’s finger nails are closely trimmed and that shorts worn do not have pockets to prevent injuries to my wrestler and other wrestlers.
4. I agree that my wrestler and I are responsible for properly disposing of all of our trash (i.e., water bottles, wrappers, napkins, etc.) and that we will maintain all items of personal property in a neat and tidy manner at all Activities, and refraining from any conduct that is reasonably calculated to cause damage or injury to persons or property.
5. I agree that my wrestler may not engage in horseplay, inattentive behavior or act in a manner that is otherwise insubordinate, disrespectful or is calculated to cause injury to any other wrestler outside the rules of folkstyle wrestling at any Activity. Notwithstanding the same, prior to the start of wrestling practice, wrestlers are free to sharpen their wrestling skills by engaging in “live” wrestling drills with other wrestlers provided that such drills are conducted on the wrestling mat with another wrestler of similar size and weight in an area well clear of other wrestlers conducting similar drills. Such pre-practice wrestling drills shall not constitute misbehavior subject to disciplinary action.
6. Newtown Youth Wrestling coaches expect all wrestlers to be at all practices unless prior notification is provided. Participation in Newtown’s travel program (“Blue Room”) is on an invitation basis at the discretion of Newtown coaches. It is a privilege to be part of the travel program. Participants are required to be at all regularly scheduled travel team practices (typically three times / week). Participants are required to wear Newtown issued team singlets at all tournament events and be coached by Newtown coaches where Newtown (NYWA) is a team participant. Wrestlers who wish for additional training outside of NYWA are encouraged to do so only after fulfilling their NYWA travel team practice and tournament obligations on non-Newtown practice or tournament scheduled days. Participants of the NYWA travel program are required to participate in a majority of the scheduled travel team tournaments / events each season.
7. I understand that my wrestler is a member and representative of the Newtown Youth Wrestling Association, and I agree that at any Activity my wrestler and I will behave in a sportsmanlike, courteous and respectful manner to fellow wrestlers, coaches, referees, officials, parents, spectators and members of the community. Unsportsmanlike and similar conduct includes but is not limited to temper tantrums, crying, fist pumps, trash-talk, throwing gear, using profanity, or being otherwise inappropriate or demeaning to any person prior to, during or immediately after an Activity. Any wrestler (or related family member or guest thereof) who engages in any such activity or behavior shall subject my wrestler to disciplinary action, including preclusion from participating in the Activity or expulsion from the wrestling program, at the sole discretion of the coaching staff.
8. At all match events and wrestling tournaments, my wrestler shall attentively support his/her teammates from a designated sideline area, as identified by the coaching staff, when not actively wrestling or preparing to wrestle. It is my responsibility to ensure that all associated family members shall remain supervised at all times and remain in an area designated for spectators, as identified by the coaching staff.
9. My wrestler and I understand and agree that violating any part of this Code of Conduct shall subject my wrestler to disciplinary action, including preclusion from participating in the Activity or expulsion from the wrestling program, at the sole discretion of the coaching staff. No warnings need be issued as a precondition to such disciplinary action.
10. I have reviewed this Code of Conduct with my wrestler and acknowledge that we both understand and agree to its terms without reservation. We both further acknowledge that my wrestler’s participation in this sport is a privilege and not a right.

Parent / Guardian:

Wrestler:

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Printed Name
