

MWC Wrestling Academy Parent Code of Conduct

POSITIVE ADULT ROLE MODELS ALLOW ATHLETES TO GROW AND ACCEPT CHALLENGES

MWC Wrestling Academy promotes the notion that children's sports are supposed to be fun. MWC parents, fans and coaches will take responsibility for their actions; understanding that their words and actions can have a lasting emotional effect on children. By following the Code of Conduct and making every season about personal growth, skill and character development, and enjoyment of the sport, our wrestlers will be more likely to stay connected to a sport, which will in turn, will help them to achieve life success.

The highest potential of sportsmanship and ethics of sports is achieved when athletes bring trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship to every practice and competition.

1. I will follow the expectations of the MWC Wrestling Academy by:
 - ❖ Learning the rules of wrestling and teaching my child the importance of playing fair and following those rules
 - ❖ Staying out of the wrestling room and off tournament mats; **letting the coaches coach**, unless I am one of the official coaches or official parent helpers (coach in training) of the MWC Wrestling Academy
 - ❖ Informing coaches prior to practice if my child cannot attend or will need to leave practice early
 - ❖ Having my child wear the designated MWC Wrestling Academy team singlet to all competitions

2. I will remember that participation in wrestling is suppose to be fun, for the youth and is **not** to be forced by me as the parent. Hostility and violence will **not** be encouraged and I will teach my child to wrestle by the rules and resolve conflict appropriately.

3. I will **not** encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the heath and/or well-being of the athletes and I will keep coaches informed about any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.

4. I (and my guests) will:
 - ❖ Be a positive role model for my child and all MWC wrestlers
 - ❖ Encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy for all wrestlers, coaches, officials and spectators
 - ❖ NOT use profane language or gestures, boo or taunt others, use verbal or physical threats or refuse to shake the hands of others
 - ❖ Treat other wrestlers, coaches, officials, parents and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability
 - ❖ Respect coaches and officials, as well as their authority, during wrestling matches; never questioning, discussing or confronting coaches during or after a match (concerns should be addressed later at an agreed time and place)
 - ❖ Demand a sporting environment that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use

5. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning by:
 - ❖ Praising my child for competing fairly, trying hard and acting like a winner despite match outcomes
 - ❖ Never ridiculing or yelling at my child or other participants for making mistakes or losing a competition
 - ❖ Emphasizing the benefit of skill development and practicing over winning (especially in the novice age group)
 - ❖ Respecting the team's right to a healthy practice environment and not removing my child from practice due to his/her performance

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After carefully reading the Code of Conduct, please sign the below lines. In doing so, you are agreeing to the Code, to providing guidance to your child about good sportsmanship and to actively participate in your child's success at the MWC Wrestling Academy.

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Note: Failure to sign this document does not exclude you from the expectations set forth in the code of conduct.

MWC Wrestling Academy reserves the right to terminate (without registration refund) your child's privilege to participate in our wrestling program based on the expectations of the code of conduct.

MWC Wrestling Academy also reserves the right to terminate (without registration refund) your affiliation with the club as a coach, parent helper or board member based on the expectations of the Code of Conduct.

In addition to the expectations of the Parent Code of Conduct, all coaches, volunteers and parents should understand that the club has accepted the guidelines for sportsmanship and discipline of unsportsmanlike conduct as outlined in the Nebraska Schools Activities Association Sportsmanship Manual.