

Indiana Youth Mat Club Coaches Code of Conduct

IYMC Wrestling promotes the notion that children's sports are supposed to be fun. IYMC parents, fans and coaches will take responsibility for their actions; understanding that their words and actions can have a lasting emotional effect on children. It is also noted that each parent, fan, and coach represent the club and its wrestlers at every event. By following the Code of Conduct and making every season about personal growth, skill and character development, and enjoyment of 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.

As a COACH:

1. I will follow the expectations of the Indiana Youth Mat Club by:

- Treating players, opposing coaches and league officials with respect.
- Treating facilities, wherever located, with respect. Understands that the use of the Indiana facilities is a privilege that can be taken away at any time if the facilities are abused.
- Inspires in the players a love for the sport and the desire to compete fairly.
- Is the type of person he/she wants the players to be and conducts themselves in a way that brings only credit to the league and community?
- Disciplines within reason those on the team who display unsportsmanlike behavior including but not limited to, taunting, overly aggressive behavior, profanity, or inappropriate comments/behavior.
- Respects the judgment and the interpretation of the rules by the officials and demands the same from his/her players.
- Knows he/she is a teacher and understands that the playing field or court is a classroom. Coaches prioritize good sportsmanship and the process, above wins and losses.
- Handling issues between coaches like adults and if resolution is not possible then contacting the President immediately. Issues are never handled in the middle of practice or in front of wrestlers/parents. NEVER!
- Does not use profanity in the presence of spectators, other coaches or athletes.
- Use of alcohol, tobacco products, vaporizers or illegal substances during IYMC events is prohibited. When at board meetings please use responsibly.
- Making every effort to attend practices and games, is on time and promptly notifies other coaches/players/parents of any changes in schedule.
- It is the responsibility of every coach to coach every kid, not just ones who display a talent for the sport.
- Every coach, and any parent assisting a coach on the field of play must have a current background check on file.
- Any physical contact with an athlete should be limited to relevant instruction, safety, consolation or celebration.

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

3. I will **NOT** encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and/or well-being of the athletes.

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After carefully reading the Code of Conduct, please sign the below lines.

In doing so, you agree to the Code, to providing guidance to children about good sportsmanship and to actively participate in the success at IYMC.

Coach's Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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

IYMC and its President, Head Coach and board members reserves the right to terminate your involvement and participation in our wrestling program based on the expectations of the code of conduct. This means that if you do not follow the rules set forth your child may be asked to leave the team.

IYMC and its President, Head Coach and board members reserves the right to limit and or remove your ability to participate, spectate or observe contests that IYMC participates in (including ones your child is participating in) if you have been warned and spoken to by the President or Head Coach about your actions. In essence, do not ruin the experience for your child.

IYMC also reserves the right to terminate (without registration refund) your child's and your affiliation with the club as a coach, parent helper, based on the expectations of the Code of Conduct.