



ALBERTA AMATEUR WRESTLING

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Parent Code of Conduct

ALBERTA AMATEUR WRESTLING ASSOCIATION (Aawa) PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The Alberta Amateur Wrestling Association promotes the notion that children's sports are supposed to be fun. Parents, Fans, Officials 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.

I will follow the expectations of the AAWA by:

- Teaching my child the importance of playing fair and following the rules
- Abide by the competition day policies set forth by my home club and stay off tournament mats; **letting the coaches coach**, unless I am one of the official coaches or medical staff

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 parent. Hostility and violence will **not** be encouraged and I will teach my child to wrestle by the rules and resolve conflict appropriately.

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

I (and my guests) will:

- Be a positive role model for my child and all wrestlers
- Never use technology or social media to disrespect or exploit others
- Follow AAWA harassment policies
- 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

Failure to abide by this code of conduct may result in your removal from the competition venue, consequences as dictated by the policies of your home club, suspension or the revoking of AAWA membership for your child and/or police involvement if the situation warrants such action.