



PAR-TROY WRESTLING CLUB

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

When you registered your child with PTWC you read and committed to adhere to PTWC by-laws as well as a Parent Code of Conduct by checking a box on the online registration form. We attempt to contain behavior of wrestlers, parents and spectators by individually speaking to them at practices, matches, tournaments. However, sometimes it is to no avail. Therefore, this updated Parent Code of Conduct will need to be read and agreed to by all PTWC families. This Code of Conduct also applies to any spectators who accompany the wrestler's family to events. The PTWC family is responsible for taking control of their guests and enforce PTWC policies. This Code of Conduct is in place to ensure the safety and well-being of your child.

1. Our coaches are not rookies. Each is experienced in the sport of wrestling, trained, and has the child's best interests in mind. PTWC is lucky to have them volunteer their time and skill. At no time during a wrestling event is a coach to be argued with by a wrestler or family member. If a question arises, you may discreetly and respectfully approach a coach before or after the event, provided they are not engaged with another wrestler. **You will abide by coach's decisions.**
2. Parents are not permitted in the weigh-in room at any event. Only team coaches and/or referees conducting the weigh-in are permitted to be present in the weigh-in room. This is standard procedure in the sport of wrestling.
3. No parents are permitted to enter PTWC practice rooms without a USA Wrestling Bronze Level Certification. Parents may not enter the room in an attempt to assist coaches reinforce instruction, or help maintain order if the coach is short-staffed without first attaining coaching status. PTWC has always invited parents to receive coaching certification, be involved with the program, and encourage wrestlers' progress.
4. Please advise your child that practice sessions are for learning and progressing, not for fooling around. Coaches do not have time to constantly re-direct, discipline, or control individual children who are not paying attention or disregarding instruction. This behavior is distracting and frustrating to other wrestlers. Coaches reserve the right to expel a wrestler from a practice session. Parents will be contacted and the child must be removed from the session.
5. At no time during a PTWC event (practice, match, or tournament) may parents or their guest yell instructions or coach a wrestler on the mat, **no matter how much they think they know.** You may cheer for your child in an appropriate manner but you will not be permitted to coach them. Doing so is extremely disrespectful to the coaches, distracting to the wrestlers, bothersome to the referee, and embarrassing to the entire PTWC program. Engaging in that behavior teaches your child that the rules, respect and discipline which the coaches work to instill need not apply to them. **Referees will stop the matches if this behavior occurs and may result in match forfeiture or team point loss.** For the sake of all involved, make the decision to remove yourself from the room before you are asked to leave if you are not able to control yourself.



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6. During matches and tournaments, wrestlers must be sitting in their seats or contained in the PTWC area of the stands. The coaches are busy working with wrestlers on the mat and cannot be expected to control your child. PTWC recognizes that younger children may not find it easy to sit and pay attention to his teammates on the mat. We suggest sitting in the row behind your child to reinforce positive behavior. Your wrestler will learn strategy by watching matches and most importantly, team comradery and sportsmanship by supporting fellow teammates.
7. Parents are required to provide transportation and attend events with their wrestlers. It is not the responsibility of any other PTWC wrestler, Coach, Board member, or parent to look after another child. No wrestler will be permitted to be dropped-off at an event without parental supervision. However, if previous arrangements have been agreed upon with another PTWC family, that family is responsible for the wrestler's well-being, behavior, and transportation.

Wrestling is an intense sport with fast-paced happenings. It is absolutely necessary for parents to exercise self-control, display good sportsmanship, and enforce these policies. We thank you for your cooperation.