



## Scorpion Wrestling Club Parents Code of Conduct

1. No parent or fan is to physically or verbally abuse another parent, fan, coach, wrestler or referee. If a parent has a problem, concern, or issue with a fan, wrestler, or another parent, the only proper venue for discussion is with a Director/Board Member in private at an appropriate time.
2. We understand that there will always be cases where parents or parents/coaches will not be very fond of each other for whatever reason. Please keep these feelings away from the club whenever possible. We will not tolerate bullying/personal attacks on other parents and coaches. Ultimately, whether we all get along or not, we all have the same goal and that is for our wrestlers to learn the great sport of wrestling as well as achieve both individual and team goals.
3. All parents are to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. No unsportsmanlike yelling, such as: booing, teasing, or cheering if a wrestler is hurt or losing. No instructions to take specific advantage of any injury incurred by an opponent while wrestling. No unsportsmanlike gestures of any kind will be allowed.
4. Except in an emergency, no parent is to interfere with practices, meets, or coaching at any time. Parents may observe practice during the first 2 weeks of the season, but are to wait until before or after practices to interact with their child or talk with the coaches unless a coach requests a conversation. Coaches will be glad to talk to parents in private about any issue or problem before or after practices or tournaments, as their schedule allows.
5. We ask all wrestlers to remain silent when a coach is teaching and we require the same of all practice spectators. If you would like to carry on a conversation with another spectator during practice, please move outside the wrestling room when a coach is teaching.
6. Please see that your child is picked up at the designated time after practice. The coaches will try to finish practice as close to the designated time as possible.
7. Practice starts promptly at 6PM. Please arrive a few minutes early if at all possible. We would like all wrestlers in the room and ready to start warm ups at 6PM, not entering the room and tying shoes, changing clothes, etc. while the practice has started.
8. Please remember that this program is for our youth, but in no way is it to be used as an excuse for unfinished homework or other responsibilities. Explain this to your child so he/she can plan his/her time wisely. Wrestlers who are not performing in the classroom will not be permitted to participate in practices or tournaments.
9. Parents are not permitted on the tournament floor during tournaments unless they are a member of the Scorpion Wrestling Club Coaching staff and have passed the required background check, have an active USAW Coaches Card, and are in good standing with the club and the IKWF
10. Parents should notify John Gura or Matt Pancamo if they are unable to attend practice.

11. All Scorpion Wrestling Club parents are required to volunteer when we host the IKWF West Chicago Sectional Tournament. Setup and tear down for this tournament will be announced when dates become available.
12. Coaches have asked that collections are not taken from parents to purchase gifts for the coaches at the end of the season. While we very much appreciate the thought and gesture, we would much prefer in lieu of a gift, each parent would volunteer additional time during prep for Sectionals and other tasks. We are a full volunteer nonprofit organization and depend on everyone donating their time when they can.
13. The tournaments we participate in request us to send in our rosters in advance of the events. Please adhere to deadlines when submitting tournament forms. All tournament forms and payment are to be delivered to the Tournament Director, Mark Johnson. If Mark is not available, only John Gura is authorized to accept payments/registrations.
14. Wrestling is a passionate sport. There are going to be times where coaches will raise their voice. Coaches will always have the athlete's best interests in mind and will never use inappropriate language towards any wrestler.
15. Unfortunately, during the season there will be times where two members of our club will compete against each other. There typically are times where postseason advancement is on the line. We ask parents to use discretion when cheering/celebrating during these matches. When two members of our club compete against each other, there will be coaches in their corners, but they will not coach either wrestler. They are there only in case of injury.
16. Due to the large amount of wrestlers we have at practices and in some cases, limited amount of wrestlers at certain age/weights, please do not request practice partners as we will be unable to honor requests. Our coaching staff has a lot of experience and will do our best to match up partners of equal skill, effort level, size, etc. wherever possible. If we ever see a situation where we believe athlete safety is at risk, we will immediately address it.
17. If a wrestler has a skin issue or an injury concern, the board of directors may request approval from the wrestler's physician before allowing him/her to return to competition.
18. As a non-profit organization, it is very difficult for the club to cover expenses over the long term. If a wrestler has an outstanding balance past 2 weeks due, the wrestler will not be allowed to practice or compete. The Board understands that everyone's situation is different. In lieu of keeping kids out of a tournament, parents may work out a payment plan with the club to keep the kids on the mat. Good communication will almost always keep kids on the mat.
19. Scorpion Wrestling Club does not condone nor participate in dangerous weight cutting. There are instances that will come up, particularly with older wrestlers, where coaches feel that a wrestler will have the best chance of success at a certain weight class. Coaches may ask wrestlers to safely, through exercise and healthy eating choices, reach a certain weight. We ask for parent's cooperation. If parents have any questions or concerns, any board member would be glad to discuss any concerns. Coaches will never punish, nor treat any wrestler/family differently, if a wrestler does not make the goal weight or commit to make the jump in weight classes. Wrestlers must make the same weight for all tournaments in the state series (Regionals, Sectionals, and State) they register for and have the opportunity to declare a weight beforehand.

Parents, as well as their athletes, will be held responsible for compliance with their Code of Conduct.