



## **Crystal Lake Wizards Youth Wrestling Coach Code of Conduct 2016-2017 Season**

As we begin this wrestling season, please remember that the Crystal Lake Wizards Wrestling Club has high character expectations for anyone associated with it. Every coach is not only a representative of this club, but of our community. Our actions are as important as our words, so please lead by example to show our children the true definition of good sportsmanship and support.

Wrestling is one of the most intense sports on the planet and because of this, our emotions run very high during competition. We need to remember that these are only kids. How we act both positively and negatively impacts the kids, families and our club's reputation. With this in mind, these rules for our club have been established.

### **Coaches Code Of Conduct**

1. I will follow all rules and regulations established by the IKWF and the Crystal Lake Wizards Wrestling Club.
2. I will always keep youth wrestling a positive and fun experience for our team.
3. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support of all wrestlers, coaches, and officials at every practice and tournament.
4. I will not criticize wrestlers but will provide instruction and coaching in an appropriate manner.
5. I will place the emotional and physical well being and safety of our wrestlers above all other considerations.
6. I will read and seek to be informed about the rules of the sport I coach.
7. I will try to attend practices regularly in order to understand what the team has worked on, so that I may effectively coach at tournaments.
8. I will not sit and watch at practice and tournaments if I am a certified Wizards coach. I will help out with ALL wrestlers as needed, not just my own.
9. I will be fair while coaching live drills in practice by coaching both wrestlers, not just my own.
10. I will be respectful in victory and defeat.
11. At practice and tournaments, I will not show favoritism toward any wrestler. I will coach at the direction of the Head Coach(es) and will not show favoritism toward my own child(ren) or put additional expectations or duties on my own child(ren).
12. At tournaments, I will coach wrestlers in every division and age group and provide assistance when waiting for the next match no matter the wrestler's level of experience.

13. I will always speak to game officials with respect, on and off the mat.
14. I will accept the final decisions of officials as being fair and called to their best ability. I may discuss calls with an official in a manner within the rules, but will not berate or yell at the officials. I will keep an open line of communication between myself and other coaches, parents, and board members.
15. Coaching your own children while wrestling other Wizards is prohibited unless it is a state series tournament (regionals, sectionals, championships). We don't coach when two Wizards wrestle at a general tournament.
16. I will check in with the lead coach at a tournament before leaving and stay as long as needed to make sure enough coaches are present for all wrestlers' matches.
17. I will support and promote the Crystal Lake Wizards and not engage in any activities that conflicts with the best interests and goals of our club.
18. I will not criticize an opposing team, its wrestlers, coaches, or fans by word of mouth or by gestures.
19. I recognize my personal problems and conflicts may interfere with my effectiveness as a coach. Accordingly, I will refrain from undertaking an activity when I know or should know that my personal problems may cause a negative effect on athletes or other participants or cause harm to the parent-club relationship.
20. I will immediately inform the Crystal Lake Wizards Wrestling Board, in writing, of any negative issue which arises and would be reflected on a current background screening including, but not limited to, being arrested, receiving drug related ticket, domestic abuse involvement, etc.
21. I will refrain from using or being under the influence of drugs, tobacco or alcohol while attending games, practices or any other youth wrestling events.
22. I will remember that the game is for youth, not for adults.
23. I understand and accept that the Crystal Lake Wizards Wrestling Board, at its discretion, retains the right to immediately expel/suspend any coach, depending on the severity of a violation of this Coaches Code of Conduct.

**Consequences for violating any of the above:** All violations of the Coaches Code of Conduct will be reviewed by a majority of the Board within one week of the incident to determine any and all consequences. Consequences may include verbal warning, practice and/or tournament suspensions, or removal as coach. Consequence decisions made by the Crystal Lake Wizards Wrestling Club Board are final.

By signing this pledge, I commit to uphold the values and integrity of the Crystal Lake Wizards Wrestling Club and accept the responsibility as a coach as set forth in this Coaches Code of Conduct.

Thanks for your cooperation.

***PLEASE DO NOT PRINT AND SIGN THIS DOCUMENT. THIS IS MEANT FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN READING THE CODE OF CONDUCT. COACHES SHOULD ELECTRONICALLY SIGN THE FORM ONLINE IN OUR FORMS/COACH SECTION.***