

## Parents Code of Conduct

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Being involved in Amateur Wrestling is a privilege for my son or daughter. In order to ensure my child gets the most enjoyment out of wrestling, I know that as a parent I have a very important role to play.

As a Parent, when I register my son or daughter with the OAWA, I confirm that I am aware of the Parents code of Conduct and that I will:

- Make myself aware of the OAWA's policies and procedures, in particular the Code of Conduct and Harassment policies. (available at [www.oawa.ca](http://www.oawa.ca) in the About Us section).
- Ensure that both I and my child abide by these policies.
- Model sportsmanship for my child by treating all athletes, coaches, officials, tournament directors and members of other clubs with courtesy and respect.
- Respect the integrity of the on-mat and other tournament officials and administrators and not advise them how to call the match, or question their honesty.
- Emphasize the cooperative nature of the sport and encourage hard work and honest effort that will lead to improved performance and participation.
- I will encourage my child to participate for enjoyment as well as competition.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give of their time and resources to provide opportunities for my son or daughter.
- Not advise the coach on how to coach.
- I will stay off the competition mat during my son or daughter's match.
- I am there to cheer on and I will not coach my child during the match.
- If I have questions about my son or daughter's involvement in wrestling or participation at/during an event, I will address these directly with the coach in a mutually respectful manner at a time that is appropriate.
- I will not do so in the heat of the moment.
- If interested in helping coach, I will inquire about coach training with the club.
- I will encourage my son or daughter to be involved in wrestling, drug, tobacco and alcohol free.
- Cheer for my child's team and applaud good and fair play during matches.
- Learn the rules of wrestling to help me better understand what is happening on the mat, and encourage my child to follow the rules.
- Support all attempts to remove verbal or physical abuse and intimidation from organized wrestling activities, including language.
- Respect other parents.
- I will honour financial commitments made by me to the club and the OAWA.

Lastly, I am aware that failure to abide by this Parents Code of Conduct may result in my being asked to leave the club event/function or OAWA event where this failure has occurred.