

# Durango Wrestling Club 2023

## Parent Code of Conduct

The Durango Wrestling Club (DWC) is an organization that promotes fitness, self-discipline, teamwork, academics, dedication, self-esteem and good sportsmanship for all its wrestlers. Its coaches and wrestlers are expected to maintain the highest standards of conduct, personal behavior, ethics and sportsmanship and to display these standards at all times. Parents play a vital role in supporting their child in the sport of wrestling and in supporting the DWC, and are also expected to maintain these standards. By signing this document, I am acknowledging that I understand these expectations, and that failure to meet them may result in the DWC Board of Directors preventing me from attending practices and/or tournaments, and that repeated or serious violations of these standards may result in my removal as a member of the DWC.

**As a DWC parent, I understand that I am expected to adhere to the following standards:**

- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- I will inform the coaches of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or others.
- I will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all wrestlers, coaches, officials and spectators at every tournament, practice or other club-related events.
- I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, wrestler, or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the wrestlers.
- I will demand that my child treat other wrestlers, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, gender or ability.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a match or his/her performance.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a match.
- I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
- I will respect the coaches and officials and their authority during practices and tournaments.
- I will address any serious concerns I have with the coaching of my child to the DWC Board President.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at practices or tournaments.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other wrestlers during tournaments and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
- **I understand that I may purchase a wristband for my Division 1 or 2 child and coach him/her at the tournaments, but if my child is Division 3, 4 or 5 they must be coached by a Durango Wrestling Club Coach. NO OUTSIDE COACHES!! NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

**I agree to abide by this code of conduct and understand the potential consequences for failing to do so, which may include my removal as a Member of the DWC.**

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(Print) Parent Name

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(Signature) Parent Name

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Date