



## **Maple Valley Parent Code of Ethics Agreement**

Youth wrestling can be very important for character building by demanding good sportsmanship consisting of these important character points: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship.

I therefore agree:

- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the sport is for youth, not adults.
- I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will learn the rules of wrestling and the policies of the Maple Valley Wrestling Club.
- 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 practice, tournament, or other event.
- I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, athlete, 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 athletes.
- I will teach my child to obey the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- 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 praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize competition in the lower age groups.
- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during competition and will not confront coaches during a match.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at events.
- I will remember that this is a learning opportunity and my child deserves to have fun during their wrestling experience and will have them alert me if it stops being fun!

By participating in the Maple Valley Wrestling Club as a parent or volunteer, I agree to follow these guidelines in order to insure a positive, safe and enjoyable environment for all.