

# **Belvidere Bandits**

## **Coaches Code of Conduct**

The Belvidere Bandits Wrestling Club is an organization that promotes fitness, self-discipline, teamwork, academics, dedication, self esteem and good sportsmanship for all its wrestlers. Its coaches are expected to maintain the highest standards of conduct, personal behavior, ethics and sportsmanship and to display these standards at all times. By signing this document, I am acknowledging that I understand that I am expected to maintain these standards, and that failure to do so may result in the Belvidere Bandits Board of Directors removing me from my position as a coach.

**As a Bandits coach, I understand that I am expected to adhere to the following standards. I will:**

- identify and meet the needs of the individual Bandits wrestlers and of the team as a whole to improve performance and encourage development through a progressive program of safe, guided practice
- place the well-being and safety of the wrestlers above the improvement of performance
- develop an appropriate working relationship with the wrestlers and with other coaches based on mutual trust and respect
- never exert undue influence to obtain personal benefits or reward
- never use abusive, offensive or harassing language while addressing a wrestler, nor will I tolerate wrestlers addressing their teammates in this manner
- encourage and guide wrestlers to accept responsibility for their own behavior and performance
- ensure the activities I direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual wrestler
- cooperate fully with parents and other coaches in the best interest of the wrestlers
- always promote the positive aspects of wrestling and never condone rule violations or the use of prohibited substances
- consistently display high standards of personal behavior and appearance
- never consume any amount of alcohol prior to coaching wrestlers
- never use illegal drugs at any time
- never consume excessive amounts of alcohol at a club-related event
- never consume any amount of alcohol prior to transporting a wrestler in a vehicle

**I agree to abide by this code of conduct and understand the potential consequences for failing to do so, which may include my removal from my position as a coach:**

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Coach's Name (Printed)

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Coach's Name (Signature)

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Date