

Belvidere Bandits Parents 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 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 Belvidere Bandits, 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 Belvidere Bandits 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 Belvidere Bandits.

As a Belvidere Bandit parent, I understand that I am expected to adhere to the following standards. I will:

- not force my child to participate in the sport of wrestling
- remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults
- inform the coaches of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or others
- strive to learn the rules of wrestling and the policies of the club
- 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 event
- 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
- not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the wrestlers
- teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence
- demand that my child treat other wrestlers, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, gender or ability
- 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
- praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time when my child makes his or her best effort
- never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a match
- emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning
- de-emphasize competition in the lower age groups
- promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win
- respect the officials and their authority during tournaments and will never question or confront coaches at the gym until 24 hours have passed
- address any serious concerns I have with the coaching of my child to the Belvidere Bandits Wrestler/Parent Liaison
- 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
- refrain from coaching my child or other wrestlers during tournaments and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team

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 Belvidere Bandits Wrestling Club:

Parent/Guardian (Printed)

Parent Guardian (Signature)

Date