

Parent/Guardian Athletic Code of Conduct and Expectations:

The goal and purpose of the Axemen Wrestling program is to teach the athletes the meaning and understanding of sportsmanship, commitment, fairness, sacrifice, teamwork and hard work. Additional goals include knowing how to win and lose, increasing the knowledge of the sport, developing a healthy lifestyle and skill development. We ask all parents/guardians to support our efforts to help teach these goals. Listed below are the guidelines and expectations that we expect all parents/guardians to follow to ensure that our Axemen Wrestlers have a positive athletic experience.

****Parents/Guardians who are unable to meet these expectations may be asked to take a short break from some of the wrestling activities or possibly leave the program altogether.**

- 1.) Make every effort to have your child attend all scheduled practices and games, failure to attend events can lead to lack of playing time.
- 2.) Understand that participation in the program is a privilege and not a right.
- 3.) Avoid putting pressure on your child to start, score, or be the star of the team. Do not force an unwilling child to participate in sports. Children take part in organized sports for their own enjoyment, not yours.
- 4.) Support the coach, team managers and Axemen Wrestling Club around other parents and fans.
- 5.) Avoid speaking negatively about the coach in front of your child. It may create a major barrier in the child's hope for improvement in the sport.
- 6.) Support your child by being a positive listener, especially after a tough loss.
- 7.) Serve as a good role model for the athletes and other fans. Children often learn best by imitating a good example.
- 8.) Appreciate the enormous amount of time and effort provided by the volunteer Coaches/managers.
- 9.) Teach your child to always play by the rules and to be realistic with them about their abilities.
- 10.) Show respect and good sportsmanship to everyone involved in the Axemen Wrestling program- the coaches, athletes, fans, other parents etc.....including all game officials.
- 11.) Follow the chain of command when you have a concern. You or your athlete should speak to the manager first. The next step would be for you to contact the coach in order to set up a meeting at a mutually convenient time. If you are not satisfied after meeting with the coach, please contact Amber Anderson or Dylan Belleville club President and Vice President (email: info@sheltonwrestling.com)
- 12.) Express your concerns and questions in a courteous and civil manner and please do it at the right time and proper setting.
- 13.) Help "fuel" your athlete with healthy food choices.
- 14.) Teach your child that hard work and honest effort are more important than Winning or the amount of matches they get.
- 15.) Teach your child to live and play with class and to be a good sport. An athlete should be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity.

A Parent's Guide to Dealing with Coaches:

Communication parents should expect from the coach/Managers:

- The coach's philosophy.
- The coach's expectations for your son or daughter, as well as other players on the team.
- Locations and times of practices and games.
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Communication coaches expect from parents:

- Concerns about their child expressed directly to the coach at the appropriate time and place. Concerns about the coach's philosophy or expectations.
- Notification of any schedule conflicts in advance.

Appropriate concerns to discuss with a coach:

- The mental and physical treatment of your child.
- What your child needs to do to improve.
- Aspects of your child's behavior or any health issues or concerns.

Concerns that are NOT appropriate for discussion and must be left to the discretion of the coach:

- How much playing time each athlete is getting.
- Team Strategy or Practice Organization.
- Play calling.
- Any situation that deals with other athletes.

I / WE AS THE PARENTS/GUARDIAN(S) OF _____ HAVE READ THE AXEMEN WRESTLING CLUB PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT AND THE EXPECTATIONS DOCUMENT. I / WE UNDERSTAND THAT A FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THIS DOCUMENT MAY RESULT IN MY NOT BEING ABLE TO ATTEND FUTURE WRESTLING EVENTS OR MY BEING REMOVED FROM THE PROGRAM.

Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

Print: _____

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