



## Jr. Grappling Indians Parent/Guardian Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The fourth season for Dodge County Wrestling Club is here! We are excited at the growth of the program and look forward to working with you and your wrestler. We practice on Tuesday, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Thursday 6:30-8:00 p.m., and Saturday mornings from 10-11:30 a.m. The full season kicks off the first week in September (first practice on Aug 31) and usually runs into early March for wrestlers competing in the Kids State Tournament.

**Monthly Fees:** Kids must be between the ages of 5-14 to participate in the youth club. The monthly club fee is \$35 due during the second month (Oct 15, Sept is free). The fee for two children in the same family is \$50. The fee for three children in the same family is \$60. Make all checks payable to DCWC. Fees are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for the months you participate. For example, if you plan to play football and won't be attending wrestling during that time frame, there is no charge for those months. Thus far, we've worked on the "honor system" focusing on wrestling rather than collecting fees. Please do your best to stay caught up. All fees go directly back into the wrestling club account and are used for purchasing a variety of items such as mat cleaner, mat tape, singlets, trophies, medals, thank you cards, frames, large pictures, concession stand items, etc.

**Singlets:** This year we will continue to loan the basic red wrestling singlet (uniform) to wrestlers who compete at tournaments. Please return them once your child is done with the season. If you would like to purchase the new Dodge County custom singlet they are \$65 each and must be custom ordered.

**Competitions:** Several kids like to compete in the tournament circuit and some simply enjoy the wrestling practices. Tournaments are optional. Wrestlers must join USA Wrestling in order to compete in tournaments across Georgia. The annual fee for this is approximately \$35 and kids may register after September 1, annually. To join USA Wrestling go to:  
<https://www.teamgeorgiawrestling.com/cards>

You will have to set up a new member account unless you were a member last season. Once you complete the registration, ensure you print a copy of your

child's membership card and keep it in a safe place. You will need to bring it with you to each tournament. I suggest you copy the card and provide us with a copy just in case you lose it or forget it during a tournament.

Registration for each tournament is \$15 and you must register by 10 a.m. on the Thursday preceding the tournament date. You will need to know your wrestlers accurate weight before you register. To register, you should set up an account at: <https://www.sportms1.com/tgusaw/>

**Equipment:** Wrestlers should wear shorts and a t-shirt during practice. In order to compete in tournaments, kids will need wrestling shoes. Our club web site has several recommended vendors for shoes at a discounted rate. We'd also ask that seasoned wrestlers consider donating their old shoes to the club for new wrestlers. Kids also need the wrestling ear-guard and singlet to compete in tournaments. Anyone with braces should wear a mouth piece.

Finally, we strive to provide each wrestler with a clean, safe, and respectful environment. Kids who fail to comply with the basic rules and guidance of the coaches risk injury to themselves and other wrestlers. Please ensure your child is mature enough (we know they are just kids) to listen to basic commands and act in a respectful manner toward others while participating in wrestling activities. As a reminder, parents are always welcome to watch the practice sessions but we ask that you keep siblings off the mats so they don't get injured.

We look forward to another great season! Get Tough, Wrestle!

Please visit our web site at: [www.dodgewrestling.com](http://www.dodgewrestling.com)

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