



Junior Grappling Indians Parent/Guardian Info Letter

Parents/Guardians,

The fifth 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 Monday, 6:45-8:00 p.m., Thursday 6:30-8:00 p.m., and Saturday mornings as needed. The season kicks off on August 15th and usually runs into early March for wrestlers competing in the Kids State Tournaments.

Monthly Fees: Kids must be between the ages of 6-14 to participate in the youth club. The monthly club fee is \$35 due during the second month (Sep 15, Aug 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 15th 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. Coaches are not compensated and are volunteers.

Mandatory USAW Card: Several kids like to compete in the tournament circuit and some simply enjoy the wrestling practices. Tournaments are optional HOWEVER all club Wrestlers MUST join USA Wrestling in order to practice at our gym or compete in tournaments. This is a requirement of all USAW Charter Clubs and complies with our club's insurance policy standards. The annual membership fee is approximately \$35 and kids may register after September 1, annually. To join/renew USA Wrestling card 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 may 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 p.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.sportms.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. If you are a new wrestler, we are happy to loan wrestling shoes. Kids also need the wrestling ear-guard and singlet to compete in tournaments. Kids with braces should wear a mouth piece.

Discipline/Parent Involvement: 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 instructions and act in a respectful manner toward others while participating in wrestling activities. Kids who repeatedly disobey coaches will be removed from the team without refund. As a reminder, parents/guardians of first year wrestlers are required to remain at the gym during practice in the event of an emergency. Parents are always welcome to watch the practice sessions but we ask that you keep siblings off the mats and fitness equipment so they don't get injured.

Sponsors: We take great pride in our program and the lessons that competitive wrestling teaches our young kids. If you wish to support our mission we would be truly grateful. We have different sponsorship levels and our sponsor form can be found on our home page. We are also happy to come to your place of business and speak about the program.

We look forward to another great season!

Please visit our web site at: www.dodgewrestling.com

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