



**Affiliated with the Village of Orland Park Recreation & Parks Department
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Dear Parents:

The Orland Park Pioneer Wrestling Club is an organization that has been in Orland Park for over 43 years. Our history is full of winners as evidenced by the State Championship Banners that adorn the main gym. Every year, the wrestlers participate in tournaments across the state to reap the benefits of all of their hard work and dedication throughout the wrestling season. As with any sport, there are those who excel, but in the eyes of our organization, every athlete who participates is a **winner**.

The ability to provide such an outstanding experience for all of our wrestlers is due not only in part to the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department, a sponsor of the club, but also to the dedication and commitment of our outstanding coaching staff.

Joe Tholl, the Athletic Director, who has been with the program since its inception, along with several other volunteer coaches, share their knowledge, time and experience in order to make wrestling a sport that will challenge and provide an enjoyable experience for your child.

As with any other extracurricular activity, we cannot depend on sponsors and coaches alone to provide the best possible learning experience for your child. Therefore, it is imperative and expected that all parents will provide some of their own time and effort by volunteering in the various tournaments, fundraising and/or day-to-day activities that make this program such a success.

In this packet, please find an overview of our wrestling program. If you have any questions, please contact **Joe Tholl, Athletic Director at 708-567-1801**.

Thank you.

2018 – 2019 WRESTLING SEASON: GENERAL INFORMATION

PRACTICE TIMES & LOCATIONS:

JUNIOR VARSITY

Age 8 & Under
Loebe Center
Monday & Thursday
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

VARSITY

Age 9 & Over
Loebe Center
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE: PRACTICES WILL BEGIN NOVEMBER 8, 2018

PRACTICE ATTIRE:

- ✓ Sweatpants or shorts – no pockets, no zippers, no jeans, no boxers
- ✓ Tshirt
- ✓ Headgear
- ✓ Wrestling shoes – brought in, not worn to practice for sanitary reasons

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

A monthly schedule will be provided to parents providing specific dates, times, and directions for each tournament. Please note that most tournaments are on Sundays and require the wrestlers and parents' time from early morning hours to mid-afternoon.

The Pioneer Wrestling Club will host two (2) tournaments (tentative to gym availability):

- ✓ The Pioneer Kickoff Classic – December 9, 2018
- ✓ The Joe Tholl Sr Elite Tournament – December 16, 2018

TOURNAMENT ATTIRE:

- ✓ Singlet – singlets are provided by club
- ✓ Headgear – not provided by club
- ✓ Socks – not provided by club
- ✓ Wrestling shoes – not provided by club
- ✓ Warm-up outfit – provided by club

PARENT PARTICIPATION: REQUIRED AT BOTH TOURNAMENTS

A huge part of the success that the Pioneer Wrestling Organization has comes from hosting The Pioneer Kickoff Classic and The Joe Tholl Sr Elite Tournament. There is a lot of work that needs to be put into these tournaments in order to make them successful. **These tournaments are our most profitable fundraisers.** The following are areas that need volunteers:

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| ✓ Tournament Set-Up | ✓ Concessions | ✓ Head Table |
| ✓ Calligraphy | ✓ Front Gate | ✓ Scorer's Table |
| ✓ Time Keepers | ✓ Security | ✓ Tournament Take-Down |