

H A M M O N T O N  
**WRESTLING**  
— CLUB —

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Hammonton Wrestling Club (HWC) we would like to welcome you to the start of our 2017/2018 season. The HWC is a member of the Tri-County Youth Wrestling League for Tots (Born 2011/2012), Bantams (Born 2009/2010), Midgets (Born 2007/2008). The objective of this league is to introduce kids of all ages, weights, and experience levels to the sport of wrestling. The league is a developmental league and puts an emphasis on good sportsmanship and making sure that every child, regardless of their experience level, is given an opportunity to wrestle.

As always with any youth organization, nothing would be possible without the help of volunteers who give their time for the benefit of our youth. We are very pleased and lucky to have so many great people who are willing to give their time so freely for the benefit of our kids. As always, we encourage parents to help in any way, we welcome your assistance in our fundraising efforts, snack stand, set up and break down for matches, or working the scorer's tables.

We hope that you and your child enjoy your season this year. As we try to make it enjoyable for both you and your child we also welcome your feedback. If anyone has any concerns please feel free to contact me.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to Hammonton High School's Head Wrestling Coach Dave Mauriello, Hammonton Middle School's Head Coach Joe Thompson along with the administration at the Hammonton School District for all of their support in helping us achieve our goals.

Sincerely Yours,



Frank Italiano - President

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## Practices

We ask that all wrestlers be punctual for their respective practice schedules so we may start on time. Wrestlers who come late will disrupt the practices. Please be on the mat with you shoes on ready to go at your scheduled time. All wrestlers may wear shorts, t-shirts, or sweat outfits to practice in as long as they do not have zippers, buckles, or buttons. Wrestlers may not wear any jewelry of any kind to any practice, match, or tournament. We ask that all wrestlers carry their wrestling shoes in and put them on prior to stepping on the mat.

Picking up and dropping off- We must insist that when picking up your children that all parents come inside the building to pick them up. We will not release any kids unless a parent comes to pick them up. In the event of car pools then the responsible parent needs to come in. We must also insist that parents do not leave any child unattended at the school, other than the wrestler practicing. If a younger sibling (even if he wrestles) does not have practice, they cannot just hang out unattended, as we cannot watch them.

**Note: Practice schedule, match schedule and 1st day of practice is NOV 27, 2017. As always check [www.HammontonWrestling.org](http://www.HammontonWrestling.org) to download the most current schedule. Practice days of the week will more than likely change from week to week due to availability of the coaching staff and facilities.**

Discipline- All wrestlers are expected to be good sportsman and conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. We take the safety of all of our kids seriously. Fighting, cursing, and disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. If any wrestler acts inappropriately the parent will be called to pick their child up from practice. After the third occurrence they will not be allowed back to practice.

Coaches- All of our coaches are back-ground checked by a third party agency and have their USA Wrestling Coaching Card.

## **Hygiene**

All wrestlers **MUST** make sure they take showers after practices to help ensure that they do not get skin infections. Although skin infections are not common the possibility does exist. We disinfect the mats before every practice to keep the possibility of this occurring to a minimum. All wrestlers should also make sure they keep their finger nails properly trimmed to lower the risk of inadvertent scratches. If any child does suspect they may have developed a skin infection please see a coach and you will be advised of the proper treatment.

## **Practice Cancellations**

In the event of inclement weather practices and or matches may need to be canceled. We will try to post this on the website and/or text everyone. If school is ever canceled due to weather, there will be no practice that evening. General rule of thumb No School No Practice.

## Volunteers

Volunteers are what help any good organization run smoothly. We are looking for volunteers who would like to be a team parent (Mom or Dad). They can help us with getting information to all the parents and help with organizing events. We will also be seeking individuals to help with set up, break down, scorers/timers, 50/50 sales and snack bar at all home matches. Any help at our events is always appreciated. We hope you can offer some time to help make this season an enjoyable one for all the kids.

## Code of Conduct

Each parent is required to sign a code of. I would ask each of you to please read this document very carefully (attached to this packet). The code of conduct is something that the HWC takes very seriously. We have all read in the papers and seen on TV various instances of violent behavior at youth sporting events involving coaches or parents. We feel there is no place for this kind of behavior in youth sports and that parents and coaches need to be positive role models in the children's lives. Wrestling in particular can be an emotional sport. If you know that you have "an excitable personality" you will need to check it at the door. We have a zero tolerance policy concerning this type of behavior and will remove anyone who does not comply with this policy at any of our practices, matches, or tournaments. We kindly ask that everyone please act appropriately for the children's sake.

## Fundraising

Fundraising is the lifeblood for non-profit any organization. The profits from all of the fundraisers will be used to pay for referees, league fees, purchase equipment, scholarships, etc.

## Website

The web address is [www.hammontonwrestling.org](http://www.hammontonwrestling.org)  
We encourage you to visit it often as this will be a central information point for our organization.



## Code of Conduct

**The following athletic code of conduct is based on the NJ model of the athletic code of conduct in accordance with the provisions of P.L. 2002, Chapter 74.**

Youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. It is therefore essential for parents, coaches and officials to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Moreover, adults involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect and self-control.

**I therefore pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sports event and shall conform my behavior to the following code of conduct:**

1. I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
2. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
3. I will not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
4. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
5. I will not use drugs or alcohol while at a youth sports event and will not attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
6. I will not permit my child, or encourage any other person, to use drugs or alcohol at a youth sports event and will not permit my child, or encourage any other person, to attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
7. I will not engage in the use of profanity.
8. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in the use of profanity.
9. I will treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
10. I will encourage my child to treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
11. I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
12. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
13. I will not initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
14. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.

**I hereby agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sports event I will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:**

1. Verbal and/or written warning issued by the league or the HWC.
2. Offender will be expelled permanently for all league and/or HWC functions.

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*Participants Name*

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*Town*

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*Parent or Guardians Signature*

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*Date*