In order to ensure the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, skill development and mutual respect among officials, opponents, teammates, spectators and one’s self, the following code of conduct has been established to support USA Wrestling’s Safe Sport Policy. The Southern Maryland Junior Wrestling League (SMJWL) is committed to providing safe and positive training and competition environments for its members, participants, coaches, officials and volunteers. All such persons, as well as parents, spectators, and other invitees attending or participating in SMJWL events and/or activities are expected to observe and adhere to the provisions of the SMJWL Coaches Code of Conduct.

For the purposes of this policy, misconduct is identified as but not limited to the following acts:

1) Flagrant Misconduct and Unsportsmanlike Conductas established by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

2) Fighting.

3) Threats.

I agree to abide with the following:

I will respect the officials and refrain from communicating with them in an abusive manner.

I will encourage affiliated team members and supporters to conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity at all times while in attendance at all SMJWL functions, events and activities.

I will refrain from remarks, criticisms or actions that may be detrimental or cause a loss of integrity to the SMJWL or any of its participants.

I will assist officials with maintaining control during SMJWL competitions.

I will refrain from physically or verbally intimidating, abusing or assaulting SMJWL members, parents, coaches or officials.

I will refrain from discriminatory remarks based on race, religion, gender or national origin.

I will provide a sports environment for the SMJWL that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use or be in an inebriated state during any SMJWL event.

I will not knowingly allow a wrestling member to compete in an SMJWL event without having met all of the eligibility requirements.

I will be knowledgeable in the rules set forth by the NFHS for Folkstyle wrestling and those deviations within the SMJWL Bylaws.

I will review and practice basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of wrestling members.

In an effort to ensure adherence to the established policy the enforcement of this policy shall be as follows:

**First Offense**: Two (2) week suspension from all SMJWL events/activities

**Second Offense**: Two (2) week suspension from all SMJWL events/activities with one year probation.

**Third Offense**: One year suspension from SMJWL events/activities.

*NOTE: Suspensions and probation will carry over from season to season. Each year is independent of itself with regards to first offenses.*

**As an affiliated SMJWL coach, I acknowledge that I have read the SMJWL Coaches Code of Conduct (Code) and agree to abide by the terms of this Code.**

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