

Intercounty Wrestling League (ICWL) 2021-2022
Code of Conduct regarding COVID restrictions and compliance
(For the period of September 2021 through March 2022)

To: All coaches, wrestlers, referees, parents/family, and fans
From: ICWL 2021-2022 Board

We hope this note finds you and your family healthy and safe. The last 12 months have been challenging given the COVID outbreak, and subsequent mandates, rules, and changes that have been made on local, regional/state and national levels. Unfortunately, the threat of virus spread forced us to cancel the 2020-2021 season, but we are hoping to get back on the mats this season.

To that end, there will be a zero-tolerance mandate put in place for non-compliance with the following:

- Your ICWL team will follow the township, city, or school rules as pertaining to COVID health precautions. This may include, although not exclusively so, the decision to enforce mask wearing for all or some age groups, possibly including wrestlers, coaches, referees, and all fans while in the facility or on the grounds. Each team will send notification to its team about such policies in advance of the season. Please keep in mind, participation in your team's wrestling practices, meets, tournaments or other such events is strictly voluntary. If you do not feel comfortable following the guidelines set forth, you should choose not to participate at all.
- Failure to comply may result in your team's inability to continue their program short or longer term. Schools, townships and other officials have the final say over what these policies are, which are largely based on information they have at their disposal at that time and are subject to update or change. All such changes will be communicated in advance by the team officials and leadership in a timely fashion once notified.
- The ICWL will adopt a zero-tolerance policy for anyone in violation or disregard of these rules. If a spectator, or any other person(s), refuse(s) to follow health and safety regulations in place, regardless of personal beliefs or "rights," they will be removed from the premises, and forfeit their right to participate not just in this but ALL ICWL events for the balance of the season with any team or event. Zero tolerance also infers there is no warning required, however each team is permitted to remind or warn violators prior to enforcement and should do so. The ICWL Board will review all non-compliance issues at the end of the season and make a determination on whether a permanent ban is required. If removed from the roster, or banned from the grounds, all monies paid for the season are considered forfeit and are non-refundable.

Our number one priority is the safety and health of those participating in, or supporting, our league. We don't have all the answers ourselves, so we will do our best to follow guidelines set forth by those who govern the individual practice, meet, and tournament events. Please do your part in helping us succeed and remember that the volunteers who run these programs are simply following the guidelines given to them as well. Please do not vent or take out frustrations on them.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you at our events in the near future. Be safe!

Michael Nichter
President, Intercounty Wrestling League

