



# COACHING CODE OF ETHICS

## Victory School of Wrestling



At Victory School of Wrestling, we desire to develop championship wrestlers with championship character and a tremendous work ethic with high morality and integrity. The same is true for our coaching staff. As leaders of young men, we are in the position to set the standard of excellence and portray a picture of what we would like our athletes to become. Our role is extremely important and not to be taken lightly. Below is an outline of the Coaching Code of Ethics at Victory School of Wrestling.

- 1. I will be an example to my athletes.** As a coach, I have a position of influence and young athletes can be very impressionable. I will be a positive role model and demonstrate the character and work ethic that I desire to see in my athletes.

“In the same way, encourage the young men to live wisely. And you yourself must be an example to them by doing good works of every kind.” Titus 2:6-7

- 2. I will use a positive coaching style.** My approach will be to encourage and build-up athletes instead of discouraging and tearing them down. I will focus on their strengths and what they do well as we work together to improve their overall athletic ability and wrestling skills.

“Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.” Philippians 4:8

- 3. I will demonstrate patience in the practice room and at competitions.** It is imperative that I represent my athletes and Victory School of Wrestling well. Some athletes will understand concepts sooner than others and I will treat all of them as individuals. In addition, my mat side contact is extremely important and I will maintain an understanding that everyone is learning and able to become better, including athletes, coaches, officials, etc.

“Fools vent their anger, but the wise quietly hold it back.” Proverbs 29:11

- 4. I will be a source of encouragement for my fellow coaches and athletes.** Positive attitudes and outlooks are contagious and I will do my best to help those around feel better about every situation so they can achieve more.

“So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11

- 5. I will be honest to myself and my athletes.** Trust is built out of honesty with athletes. I will be true to who I am and upfront about my assessments. I will also recognize my strengths as a coach and leader and be truthful when I do not know the answers or have the abilities to complete certain tasks.

“Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.” Romans 12:3

- 6. I will be a life-long learner.** Education is essential at every level and coach's education will be a passion of mine. I will seek to become educated by staying current with technique and training strategies. I will also have an objective outlook in life because I can learn from anyone at any given time.

"Cry out for insight, and ask for understanding. Search for them as you would silver; seek them like hidden treasures." Proverbs 2:3-4

- 7. I am no longer an athlete, my role as a coach is not about my success, but the athlete's success.** My competitive years are behind me. I am now a leader of young men (and women) and will put their needs above mine while training and competing.

"Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too." Philippians 2:3-4

- 8. I am created by God to do great things.** I am currently coaching because I have God-given abilities that help me manage, lead and guide athletes in the sport of wrestling. God has created us with design for a purpose and I have the potential to be a great wrestling coach.

"Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

- 9. I will capture the heart of each athlete in a loving, caring way.** Love is a verb and requires action. I will choose to care for all athletes, regardless of their ability level. Each athlete deserves my affection no matter how difficult it may be.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." – 1 Corinthians 13:4-13

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Coach's Signature

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