



Competition & Tournament Participation Policy

This policy outlines expectations and procedures related to athlete participation in competitions and tournaments associated with Stealth Wrestling Club.

Participation in competition is a privilege and opportunity, not a guaranteed right.

1. USA Wrestling Membership Requirement

A current USA Wrestling athlete membership is required for participation in any USA Wrestling–sanctioned practices, events, or competitions.

Parents/guardians are responsible for:

- *Obtaining and maintaining an active USA Wrestling membership.*
- *Ensuring membership is current prior to competition.*
- *Completing any required event registrations.*

Athletes without a valid USA Wrestling membership may not compete in sanctioned events.

2. Event Selection & Eligibility

Stealth Wrestling Club may identify recommended competitions throughout the season.

Participation in specific events may be based on:

- *Athlete readiness and skill level.*
- *Practice attendance and commitment.*
- *Sportsmanship and conduct.*
- *Weight class eligibility.*
- *Tournament entry limitations.*

Coaches retain discretion in determining whether an athlete is prepared to compete.

3. Registration & Fees

Unless otherwise communicated:

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- *Deadlines must be met directly with event organizers.*

Failure to register properly or by required deadlines may prevent participation.

4. Attendance & Commitment

Athletes are expected to:

- *Maintain consistent practice attendance.*
- *Arrive on time and prepared for competition.*
- *Represent the club with sportsmanship and respect.*

Repeated unexcused absences from practice may affect competition eligibility.

5. Coaching at Events

Coaches may provide corner coaching and support at events when available.

However:

- *Coach availability is not guaranteed at all events.*
- *Coaching assignments may vary depending on event size and scheduling.*
- *Athletes and parents must follow coach instructions during competition.*

Only authorized coaches may coach athletes mat-side during sanctioned events.

6. Parent & Spectator Conduct at Events

Parents and spectators are expected to:

- *Demonstrate respectful behavior toward officials, opponents, and other spectators.*
- *Refrain from coaching from the stands.*
- *Avoid confrontational or disruptive behavior.*

Inappropriate conduct may result in removal from the event venue and may affect an athlete's continued participation in the program.

7. Travel & Supervision

Stealth Wrestling Club does not provide transportation to competitions unless explicitly arranged in writing.

Parents/guardians are responsible for:

- *Transportation to and from events.*
- *Supervision outside designated competition times.*



SafeSport supervision guidelines apply at all competitions and travel-related activities.

8. Weight Management & Athlete Health

Athletes are expected to compete in appropriate weight classes in accordance with USA Wrestling rules.

Unsafe weight-cutting practices are strictly prohibited.

Coaches may restrict participation if an athlete's health or safety is a concern.

9. Withdrawal or Removal from Competition

Coaches may withdraw an athlete from competition if:

- *The athlete is injured or medically unable to compete.*
- *The athlete's behavior is unsafe or unsportsmanlike.*
- *Continued participation presents a safety risk.*

The safety and well-being of the athlete is the highest priority.

10. Changes & Updates

Tournament schedules and participation expectations may change due to:

- *Event organizer decisions.*
- *Weather.*
- *Facility issues.*
- *Safety considerations.*

Families will be notified through official communication channels.