



# Becker Youth Wrestling Team Guidelines / Principles

## **Team Schedule:**

1. Coaches will recommend a team tournament schedule to the board. The board will review and approve an official tournament schedule. This schedule can only be modified by a vote of the board.
2. Wrestlers can attend tournaments not listed on the official tournament schedule but they are not to represent themselves as the Becker Youth Team.

## **Team Membership:**

3. An attempt will be made to get every wrestler in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and above that is interested in wrestling in a team event the opportunity to do so.
4. Coaches and the Board Youth Team Representative will decide which wrestlers will be given the opportunity to wrestle at specific events.
5. In some instances the coaches will assemble multiple Becker teams for a single tournament. Team members will be determined by the coaches and the Board Youth Team Representative. The decision on whether we field two balanced teams or an A and B team will be made on a case by case basis by the coaches and board.
6. The coaches will attempt to assemble the most competitive team possible for the more competitive events. These events include but are not limited to the Conference Championships, Gopher State Team, NYWA Regions, and NYWA State tournaments.
7. The youth wrestling program is a feeder program for the junior high and high school programs. In order to better prepare and get wrestlers excited about moving into those programs we will attempt to include as many 6<sup>th</sup> graders as possible on any team we take to NYWA State.  
(The competitive team guideline overrides this guideline in the event of a conflict)
8. As stated above, Coaches and the Board Youth Team Representative will determine team members. We will not conduct "Wrestle offs". Team membership disputes can always be brought to the attention of the board. However, the board feels that the coaches are in the best position to determine which wrestlers should be on the team.

## **Wrestler/Parent Conduct:**

9. Team events are different than individual matches and therefore are coached differently. No wrestler is obligated to wrestle in a team event but if they chose to accept an invitation to wrestle for a team event then they will be coached during the team event by the team coaches rather than a parent.
10. All wrestlers should review the Becker youth wrestling code of conduct before wrestling a team event. During individual events parents are expected to insure that wrestlers adhere to the code of conduct. During team events the coaches are responsible for enforcing the code of conduct. When wrestling in a team event each wrestler is representing the entire Becker wrestling program and will be expected to conduct themselves appropriately.



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## **Conflict Resolution:**

11. Parents are encouraged to be involved in the team wrestling program. Any concerns or issues concerning any aspects of the team can be brought up to any coach, board member, or at any board meeting. The principles and guidelines presented in this document will be used as a guideline to resolve issues.
12. Coaches will have a quick meeting prior to each practice to see if anyone has received any comments or complaints. All comments and/or complaints will be shared openly with all coaches so that they can be discussed and the group can agree on how best to resolve the issue. If the coaches are unable to adequately resolve an issue then it will be brought to the board.
13. Issues involving a specific coach or board member should be first brought to the attention of the specific coach or board member. If direct talks fail to resolve the issue then it should be brought to the attention of the board.

## **The Team concept doesn't just apply to the wrestlers:**

It is important that our wrestlers function as a team but it is just as important that the coaches, parents, and board members also work together as a single team. In fighting and complaining about issues, perceived or real, in ways other than those laid out in this document tear down our wrestling organization and hurt the entire team. If an issue is important enough to gossip or talk about then it is important enough to bring up to the specific person and/or to the board otherwise it is just damaging to the team.