



# Coach Requirements

## EXPECTATIONS FOR COACHES

1. Coaches are the leaders in the gym; therefore, they must set a good example for the children and the parents.
2. Coaches need to be kind and polite and display good sportsmanship – AT ALL TIMES.
3. Always be positive in words and positive in actions.
  - a. No foul language
  - b. No negative gestures
  - c. No open criticism
  - d. Keep emotions in check
  - e. Encourage and teach at every opportunity
4. If you are in disagreement with the referee, DISCUSS the point of contention.
  - a. Talk (no yelling) calmly with official, at the scorer's table.
  - b. Always show respect.
  - c. Accept official's decision – even if you know official is wrong.
  - d. Do NOT tell wrestler he or she lost because of official's decision.

## OYWA League Rule #2:

C. All coaches must have a background check every two years. Background check process will be available from September 15 and will not be processed after Jan. 1, for each league season. Coaches pass will be issued to be used for all practices and dual meets. USA wrestling coach pass will be honored.

D. All teams must have at least one person with a [certified CPR card](#).

E. All coaches must either (1) hold a [pupil-activity program permit](#) OR (2) successfully complete, every three years, an [online training program](#) in recognizing the symptoms of concussions and head injuries.

F. All coaches and parents must complete the requirements of the Ohio law titled the [Lindsay law](#).

\* **School Coaches Documents Needed for OYWA Badge:** You will need to submit proof. An official letter from the school district and documentation of employment as a coach. A letter from the Principal or Athletic director on official letterhead that states that you have completed the background check. This information is usually issued by the state. Basically, official letterhead documents that states you are approved as a possible coach for the school district. Please have these documents emailed or mailed to OYWA Help Desk. Please be sure to file the school coach form online ([LINK](#)). You will also need to send a \$5.00 check and a self-addressed stamped envelope for the OYWA badge to be processed and mailed to you.

## Coaching badge corrections/replacements/issues:

- If you have a badge that is not correct. Please mail the old badge, with the corrections attached, along with a self-address stamped envelope to the support/help desk.
- Replace badge: send \$5.00 check with full name and team name, along with self-addressed stamped envelope to support/help desk. If you lost your badge, please have verification that you have had a background check in the past by checking with the support/help desk for verification by email.
- If you have an issue that needs to be resolved, please email the support desk at: [dale@riccomputing.com](mailto:dale@riccomputing.com)

Thank you