



Rev. 10/8/25 - Ohio Youth Wrestling Association Coaching Requirements

All background check details/information will be handled by the support center.

You may choose to use either the OYWA process or USA Wrestling* process. Your process of choice **must be completed before January 1st.**

Rule 2C: 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, and viewable for all practices and dual meets. USA wrestling coach pass will be honored. **School (High School/Middle School)** – please refer to **School Coach Requirements** document for details.

OYWA Process:

- 1.) It is your responsibility to complete this as explained below prior to January 1st. Background process opens on September 15th. You have 90 days to complete this. Nothing will be processed after January 1st.
- 2.) Fill out and submit the proper (school***/non-school) [ONLINE FORM](#) to begin the process. **School (High School/Middle School)** – please refer to **School Coach Requirements** document for details.
- 3.) Follow the directions that are sent to you by email. (check spam folder or do step 4)
- 4.) **Example email: MAIL a payment check/money order (OYWA) for \$25.00 to Support Desk (4710 Fishcreek Rd. Stow 442244) for the process to continue. Upon receipt of the check or money order the background process will commence with a special email with the personal link** to finalize the process.** Official Report of your final step completion is usually received by the support desk in 2-3 business days. Your payment will be processed to set up your OYWA background account, thus if you do not complete this process as described above, there will be no refunds.
- 5.) Those approved for badges are printed on Sat/Sun and usually mailed on Monday. If you wait till December, I will tell you that the USPS is very slow, suggest you add more postage to ensure your badge will get to you in time.

****The finalization link will not be emailed until the payment (check or money order) is received at the support desk.**



***If you choose USA Wrestling, you will use your USA Wrestling membership card as your badge (be sure that it can be worn in plain sight. No OYWA badge will be issued for this option.**

Coaching badge corrections/replacements/issues:

- If you have a badge that is not correct. Please mail the old badge, with the corrections attached.
- **Replace badge:** \$5.00 check. Must email support desk your full name and team name. **Please have verification that you have had a background check in the past by checking with the support desk for verification prior to payment.**

*****School Coaches/ Community Centers Documents Needed for OYWA Badge:**

You will need to submit proof:

- System opens on September 15th. You have 90 days to complete the process. Process ends on January 1st.
- An official letter from the school district and documentation of employment as a coach. This letter from the **Principal or Athletic director on official** letterhead stating that you have completed the background check, and that states you are approved as a possible coach for the school district.
 - Please have these documents emailed or mailed to OYWA Support Desk.
 - [Email Link](#)
 - Address: 4710 Fishcreek Rd. Stow 44224
- Please be sure to file the school coach form online ([LINK](#)).
- You will also need to send \$5.00.
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Thank you for your cooperation.

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