Coaches Code of Conduct

The Miami Takedown Club (MTC) is a non-profit organization that is committed to providing all youth in Miami and the surrounding communities the opportunity to wrestle in a safe and enjoyable environment. As part of this commitment, we will emphasize the fundamentals of wrestling, teach sportsmanship and teamwork and begin implementing the knowledge the youth will need to wrestle at the high school level.

All wrestling coaches agree to abide by the following Code of Conduct provisions. If any of these provisions are violated, MTC shall have the authority and obligation to impose a penalty on you, including dismissal from coaching duties.

Coaching is a privilege – not a right. I have been placed in a position of trust, I shall:

- 1. Not use abusive or profane language at any time and shall not have any unnecessary physical contact with any MTC participant.
- 2. Not criticize fellow coaches or participants of the MTC in front of teammates and spectators but reserve constructive criticism for a later time for all to benefit.
- 3. Not criticize an opposing team's participants, coaches, or fans by word of mouth or by gesture.
- 4. Accept the decisions of match officials, as being called to the best of their ability, as fair and final.
- 5. Encourage sportsmanlike conduct by my team, our fans, and spectator parents or guardians, and their guests.
- 6. Personally exhibit sportsmanlike conduct at all times.
- 7. Always put a participant's health before all other issues and concerns.
- 8. Not use tobacco products during any practice, match, tournament or other MTC activity.
- 9. Not drink alcoholic beverages or use or possess illegal substances prior to participating in or during practices, matches, tournaments and other MTC activities.
- 10. Agree to follow all rules and regulations of MTC.
- 11. Not permit an ineligible wrestler to participate in a match/tournament.