

Missouri USA Wrestling State Series Coaches and Team Leaders:

As we approach the Missouri USA Youth State Tournament, I have a couple of brief reminders pertaining to the Missouri USA Wrestling Policies and Procedures:

- In the event that a coach is **charged with misconduct, or ejected, from any sanctioned tournament**, the tournament host is required to file a written report with the State Chairperson. **Any coach ejected from a tournament will automatically receive at least a one-week suspension.** Further penalties will be based on the severity of the incident.

Experienced coaches know what this means. New coaches, if you're kicked out of the Regional Tournament you will have to sit out next tournament, which at this point in the season would be the Youth State Tournament. Choose your battles wisely.

Coaches receiving credentials to coach matside at Missouri USA Wrestling sponsored tournaments. I know this is not highly enforced throughout the regular season. It will be enforced at Regionals and State. Have your membership card displayed (not on your phone) in a lanyard. If an official/tournament worker/security observe you without the card displayed you may be asked to leave the mat or floor area. Even if you are coaching a match in progress.

- Only coaches presenting a valid 2020-21 USA WRESTLING Leader membership card, with a current profile picture on it, and a minimum of bronze certification will be issued coaching credentials and allowed to coach at matside. The tournament host has the right to restrict floor access. Coaches Cards are not considered floor passes. **Coach's with a Valid Coaching Card & Bronze Certification must wear their credentials around their neck and have a valid issued coaching band to be matside. Any coach unable to produce both will not be allowed to coach matside or be allowed on the floor.**

More information concerning coaching at the youth state tournament in Kansas City will be released next week.

Best of luck and I hope everyone has a successful and safe next couple of weeks.

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