

SECTION 4.5

CODE OF ETHICS

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The following Code of Ethics signifies that the members of the Canadian Amateur Wrestling Association (CAWA) voluntarily assume an obligation of self-discipline and share a vision that ethics and ethical behaviour are integral to the sport of wrestling and its continued place in Canada. It provides standards for ethical behaviour in the sport and reflects the Expectations for Fairness in Sport set out in the **London Declaration** of the Federal-Provincial/Territorial Sport Ministers – August 10, 2001.

Acceptance of this code is mandatory for all CAWA members. Failure to abide by the code will serve as a basis for disciplinary action in accordance with the Discipline Procedure of the association.

This shared vision requires that:

1. The CAWA is committed to the principle that lasting and meaningful athletic performance can only be achieved through fair means.
2. Participants in the sport of wrestling are expected to do so in a manner that adheres to the highest ethical principles.
3. Those who participate in wrestling will receive from their fellow athletes, coaches and officials, and parents/guardians and spectators, fairness and ethical treatment in a safe and welcoming sport environment, free of harassment and abuse.
4. The wrestling participation model will help to advance the widest array of athletic goals of all participants, with or without disability, without discrimination and in spite of barriers placed on personal circumstances.
5. Spectators to wrestling events can witness the activities without being subjected to abuse, interference or violence from others.
6. Coaches will be appropriately valued by their athletes, and their athletes' parents/guardians and supporters, that they will receive fair treatment and respect for their valuable contribution to sport, and that they will be free of harassment and threats of violence under any circumstance.
7. Wrestling officials will not be interfered with in the execution of their duties and will be respected for their decisions by athletes, coaches, parents, guardians and spectators.
8. Wrestling volunteers will be respected and recognized for their efforts to make sport participation possible and rewarding for athletes of all ages.

9. Parents/guardians are assured that their children participating in wrestling will receive fair treatment from coaches, officials, volunteers and spectators.
10. The wrestling system will provide just treatment in cases of disputes in wrestling and ensure that there are proper and accessible mechanisms that are available in a timely manner to resolve disputed issues through due process.
11. Athletes, coaches, officials and support personnel representing Wrestling Canada in the international sport context will conduct themselves in a manner that brings pride to all.
12. The CAWA, as a recipient of public funding, will be fully accountable for the use of such resources and will be transparent and democratic in its organizational behaviour.