

Community Coaching Incentive Program

Overview

The Manitoba Amateur Wrestling Association (MAWA) is interested in increasing in membership, particularly at the grassroots level. The hope is for these athletes to have positive experiences early in their lives as wrestlers.

The goal of this particular program is for MAWA to provide support to those individuals who will assist our sport in meeting this grassroots goal. The Community Coaching Incentive Program is designed to support coaches who are willing to start new programs and recruit young athletes to the sport of wrestling.

Program Details

MAWA will provide funds for Community Coaches who are willing to start new programs and recruit young athletes to the sport of wrestling. MAWA will support the creation of new programs by supporting Community Coaches who run a six-week wrestling season that concludes in a MAWA Jamboree. The following requirements must be met in order to receive full MAWA support:

- Community Coaches will contact an elementary school, middle school, or community club, etc. to find an institution interested in starting a new wrestling program. A letter from the institution's administration should be forwarded to MAWA immediately upon their confirmation of interest.
- Coaches should ensure the institution has the facilities (space & mats) to host a wrestling practice(s) 2-3 hours per week. Some existing schools/clubs can also qualify as an appropriate host for the new club.
- Coaches will hold an information session with athletes & parents to ensure an appropriate amount of interest is evident. The goal is to have 8-10 wrestlers compete in a Wrestling Jamboree at the end of this six-week program. In order to have 8-10 finish the program, initial interest should exceed 8-10 athletes.
- The Community Coach must be in the process of completing the Respect in Sport Online Course before meeting their athletes on the mat. All coaches are expected to be completed the course before registering their athletes for the Jamboree.
- The Community Coach should also attend and successfully complete the MAWA Community Coaching Course. This is the minimum level required for a Community Coach to be eligible for full MAWA support. The cost of Community Coaching Course will be waived for all coaches involved in this Incentive program
- Coaches must properly register their athletes (and themselves) with MAWA. This includes a child abuse registry check. This can be done free of charge through MAWA. Contact MAWA at mawawrestling@mts.net for details.

- Meet/Practice with their athletes a minimum of 2 hours per week for six weeks leading up to the MAWA Jamboree.
- Participation in the MAWA Jamboree Tournament with their properly registered team.

It is MAWA's hope that former wrestlers or interested & qualified parents show an interest in giving back to their sport by stepping up to the challenge of meeting one of our grassroots goals. In exchange for their commitment, MAWA will make up to a \$500 honourarium available as an appreciation for their work in making our sport a viable and positive option for young Manitoba athletes.

All interested coaches should complete the attached application form. The application form should be submitted to MAWA (mawawrestling@mymts.net) by Friday, January 28th. Successful applicants will be notified by a MAWA representative by Friday, February 4th. Limited resources are available for this initiative, so please ensure the timely submission of your application.