

No One-on-One

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide officers, coaches, volunteers and parents associated with the New Hampshire Wrestling Association for Youth, hereafter referred to as the Association, clear guidance on their responsibilities with regard to one-on-one interactions between adults and minors. This policy is intended to reduce risks to minors by reducing opportunities for abuse.

Policy

1. The Association is committed to the safety and well-being of all minor participants and spectators at its events. Minors are any person under age eighteen (18).
2. No minor athlete (regardless of team affiliation) is ever allowed to be alone with an adult that is not his/her parent or guardian at any time. At least one other adult or minor athlete should be present at all times.
3. No minor athlete is to ever be left alone.
4. Wrestler are not allowed into the practice or competition area unaccompanied.
5. Violations of this policy should be reported immediately to the Association staff. Violators of this policy will be subject to corrective counseling and may result in disciplinary action, up to and including banishment from Association activities. Where necessary, the Association will advise appropriate officials of any violations of law.

Examples

1. A wrestler has a bloody nose and needs to go to the bathroom to wash it. If any adult accompanies the wrestler into the bathroom, they must not do so alone unless the wrestler is their child. Another adult or another wrestler would be required to enter the bathroom if the wrestler with the bloody nose is not the child of the adult.
2. A wrestler's parent is late picking him/her up after practice. The wrestler cannot be left alone, cannot leave the facility alone and cannot wait for the parent with a single adult. An adult and ideally another adult, or at least one other wrestler, will stay with the wrestler until the parent arrives.