



Pierre Youth Wrestling Registration



2012 Season Registration

Monday, November 14th

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Georgia Morse Middle School

Registration Fee - \$30.00

The Pierre Youth Wrestling has been one of the most successful programs in South Dakota over the past six years producing over 40 state qualifiers and 25 state place winners every year. The program orients new and experienced wrestlers to the sport, with an emphasis toward developing wrestling techniques, sportsmanship, and athletic agility/coordination for novice and seasoned wrestlers. Registration provides club members with a t-shirt and access to practice sessions (designed for three different skill levels) with experienced youth coaches (see reverse side for additional benefits). For questions please contact Paul Turman (224-8817, pault@sdbor.edu) or John Lusk (280-7317, jlusk7317@aol.com). For a copy of the registration form or club information sheet prior to registration please go to:

www.pierrewrestling.com

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Additional Information

Practice Structure

Organized practices are held from late December until the end of March. The Pierre Youth Wrestling club assigns primary coaches to facilitate each of the scheduled practices, but parents are also encouraged to assist with certain drills to ensure that all members receive the individual attention that is needed. We leave the decision up to parents to determine which group will provide their son with the best experience. Wrestlers in their first year may want to attend Group 1 practices, but may find a need to move up to a more advanced group as the season progresses.

Group 1/Beginners: Monday & Tuesday 6:15-7:05 at the Georgia Morse Middle School (Begins December 12th)

Practices designed for an introduction to wrestling with an emphasis on providing young wrestlers with a general orientation to the sport, exposure to simple takedowns (single and double legs) and the bottom position.

Group 2/Intermediate: Monday & Tuesday 7:10-8:20 at the Georgia Morse Middle School (Begins December 12th)

Practices designed for wrestlers with 1 to 2 years of experience with an emphasis on developing technique and beginning to expand a wrestler's range of takedowns, riding skills, bottom work, and pinning combinations.

Group 3/Advanced: Tuesday & Thursday 5:45-7:00 at the Riggs High School Room (Begins December 13th)

Practices designed for wrestlers with 3/4 or more years of experience with an emphasis on providing a complete range of takedowns, riding skills, bottom work, and pinning combinations.

Youth Wrestling Tournaments

One unique feature about the sport of wrestling is that parents and wrestlers can decide to participate in tournaments at their own pace. Some families will begin competing the first week of January, while others may wait until the end of the season or decide not to compete at all. You are welcome to attend as many practices each week as you would like, and while it is beneficial to give young wrestlers a taste of competition early, we agree that parents are the best judge of a younger wrestler's capacity for winning and losing. The club president will update club members regarding tournaments held throughout the state, and individuals have the opportunity to compete at local tournaments (Pierre, Highmore, Miller, Presho, Ft. Pierre, Gettysburg, Onida) or throughout the state. As the season begins the most comprehensive list can be found at the North Central Youth Wrestling website (<http://www.sdyw.com>) where clubs post their tournament information on a monthly calendar. It is not uncommon to find 3 or 4 tournaments hosted on both Saturday and Sunday throughout the season.

AAU Card Purchases

If you do decide to compete, then most tournaments are sanctioned by AAU and the local host will require that you have a valid AAU card to compete. Because not all club members decide to compete, wrestlers are asked to purchase their own AAU cards which cost \$12.00 and can be purchased online. Information regarding the purchase of these cards will be provided after registration.

Additional Club Benefits

Singlets: Club singlets are available for all members for a \$50 deposit that will be refunded at the end of the season once the singlet is returned. The club simply retains the deposit and then returns the check at the end of the season. Checks are only cashed if the singlet is not returned. An equipment exchange is also held the night of registration.

Sweatshirts: Gray hooded sweatshirts with the Pierre Youth Wrestling logo are available for wrestlers, coaches, and parents. The club pays \$15 towards sweatshirts purchased by youth wrestlers.

Pierre Youth Wrestling Mini-camps: Each summer the club hosts between three or four mini-camps. Technicians from throughout the state/country are invited in to provide educational opportunities for our wrestlers at all age groups. Dates and times for the camps will be posted and all members are eligible to attend.

Wrestling Camp & National Tournament Participation: The club will reimburse members up to \$75 to cover the costs associated with attending a wrestling camp, or up to \$50 to cover the registration costs to compete in an out of state national tournament.