

# 2023-2024 Topeka Blue Thunder Parent Meeting

## Who are we?

- TBTWC is a youth wrestling club dedicated to introducing as many children as is humanly possible to the sport of wrestling in a safe, fun, and growth-inspiring environment.
- Initially formed to support Washburn Rural HS wrestling, we now have no borders and serve many from all over NE Kansas.

## Who are our coaches?

- Joshua Hogan (12th year)
  - Email: [topekabluthunderwrestling@gmail.com](mailto:topekabluthunderwrestling@gmail.com)
- Travis McBurney (7th year)
- Austin Killinger (6th year)
- Chris Bas(4th year)
- Ryan Garrison(3rd Year)

## HS Advisors?

- Joshua Hogan: WRHS Men's Wrestling Coach
  - Email: [hoganjos@usd437.net](mailto:hoganjos@usd437.net)
- Damon Parker: WRHS Women's Wrestling Coach
  - Email: [parkedam@usd437.net](mailto:parkedam@usd437.net)

## Oversight Committee?

- Doug Vincent
- Justin Broxterman
- Heather Worrel
- Aaron Rivera
- Lance Doyal

## Peaceful and Harmonious Relationships:

- We value trust, respect, directness, honor, and sportsmanship.
- We do not tolerate gossip, triangulation, or poor sportsmanship.
- Please address any concerns directly with relevant personnel.

## Practice Schedule (November-March) WEBSITE CALENDAR HAS SCHEDULE

- Little Hammers: Wednesdays 530-615pm
- K-3 Novice: Mondays 6-7, Wednesdays 615-715
- K-3 Open: Tuesdays 6-7 Thursdays 6-7pm
- 4th-8th Open: Mondays 7-830 Wednesdays 715-830
- Elite: Mondays (Join 4-8th Open) 7-830, Tuesdays 7-830, Wednesdays (Join 4th-8th Open) 715-8:30pm, Thursdays 7-8:30pm

**Practice Levels:**

- Little Hammers: 3-5 year olds (must be potty trained).
- K-3 Novice: 1st and 2nd year wrestlers in grades K-3.
- K-3 Open: 3rd year+ wrestlers in K-3 OR a K-3 fully proficient in USAW Core Curriculum Level 1 w/ TBTWC modifications.
- 4th-8th Open: 1st and 2nd year wrestlers in grades 4th-8th.
- 4th-8th Elite: 3rd year+ wrestlers in 4th-8th OR a 4th-8th fully proficient in USAW Core Curriculum Level 1 & 2 w/ TBTWC modifications.

**Practice Locations:**

- WR<sup>M</sup>S Wrestling Room: November - February (closed practices after 1st week)
- WR<sup>H</sup>S Wrestling Room: March-October

**Equipment and Requirements:**

- Wrestling shoes (required after 1st Week), headgear(only for competition), team-branded competition uniform(rent or buy), and mouthguards (for those with braces)are mandatory.
- Coaches' requirements: background check, safesport training, USAW Wrestling Leader Card.
- Wrestlers' requirements: USAW insurance card, payment of dues.
- Hygiene practices and drama-free expectations outlined.
- Gear stores opening soon. Sublimated and Spirit Wear.

**Parent/Coach/Athlete Expectations:**

- Representation, sportsmanship, punctuality, and other standards.
- Email as the main communication method, text being reserved for time sensitive OR important updates.

**Fees: Registration Live on [topekabluthunder.com](http://topekabluthunder.com)**

Winter Session Fees: Nov-Mar

- \$175 Novice/Open/Elite
- \$100 Little Hammers
- \$50 discount for 2 wrestlers\*
- \$150 discount for 3 wrestlers\*
- \$325 discount for 4 wrestlers\*
- Siblings must live in the same household
- \*Little Hammers do not apply for the discount

**Home Tournament @ WRHS & Mock Novice Tournament:**

- Home tournament is our primary fundraiser.
- Need for parent involvement and volunteer roles.
- Tentative Date: February 10 and/or 11th, 2024 @ WRHS.