#### 1. Introduction Questions:

- o Can you please introduce yourself and your background in wrestling?
- o How long have you been coaching wrestling, and what inspired you to become a coach?

### 2. Team and Training Questions:

- What does a typical training session for your wrestling team look like?
- o How do you motivate your athletes to give their best in training and competitions?
- What kind of drills and techniques do you focus on during practice sessions?

## 3. Coaching Philosophy:

- What is your coaching philosophy when it comes to developing young wrestlers both athletically and personally?
- o How do you handle setbacks and losses, and what do you teach your athletes about resilience and sportsmanship?

# 4. Preparation and Strategy:

- o How do you prepare your team mentally and physically for important matches?
- Can you share some insights into the strategic aspects of wrestling and how you develop game plans for different opponents?

# 5. Athlete Development:

- o How do you identify and nurture talent among your wrestlers?
- What kind of support and resources do you provide to help your athletes improve their skills and reach their full potential?

## 6. Team Dynamics and Leadership:

- How do you foster a sense of camaraderie and teamwork within your wrestling team?
- What qualities do you look for in team captains and leaders, and how do you groom them for their roles?

## 7. Parent and Coach Relationship:

- How do you maintain a positive and open line of communication with parents of your athletes?
- o In your experience, what role do parents play in the success of young wrestlers, and how can they support their children effectively?

### 8. Future Goals:

- What are your short-term and long-term goals for the wrestling program and your athletes?
- o How do you envision the future of wrestling, and what changes do you think are necessary to promote the sport further?

I have told myself to remember to tailor these questions based on the coach's specific background and the context of the interview.

Am I missing anything? I am always wanting history so if I forget my outline I always go to **history.** 

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