



The Growth of Youth Folkstyle Wrestling in America

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The growth and interest of amateur wrestling is on the rise in America. Evident, is the growth at the Cadet and Junior competitions (freestyle & Greco-Roman) in Fargo, North Dakota.

Unbeknownst to many, much of the nation's growth is in folkstyle type competitions at the youth ages, ranging from nine to fifteen years old. Popular in the Midwest for many decades, mainly Oklahoma, the

Cliff Keen Athletic Tulsa Nationals has been the center stage for youth level folkstyle competition for forty-eight years. The director of this prestigious event since 1980 is National Wrestling Hall-of-Fame mem-