

## Redshirt or Red Flag?

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**J**udging from recent announcements by several Division I programs, more wrestlers than ever before are taking advantage this year of an opportunity to "redshirt" for a season in pursuit of Olympic dreams.

At least six participants in the 2003

Division I Wrestling Championships who would have been sophomores, juniors or seniors this year have publicly declared their intention to sit out this season and seek what often is called an "Olympic redshirt," or more precisely, a waiver that will permit the student-athletes to use a sixth year to complete four years of competition.

They are seeking the sixth year because all already have used the regular redshirt opportunity that is available to all wrestlers.

Another couple of wrestlers - including defending Division I heavyweight champion Steve Mocco of the University of Iowa-also are taking the season off, but