



Fresno State Wrestling makes return in style finishing No. 5 nationally in attendance
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FRESNO, Calif. - In its first year back as a program after an 11-year hiatus, Fresno State Wrestling made a national statement in its return finishing the 2017-18 season fifth in the nation in home attendance.

"I just want to thank the Red Wave for a great start," said head coach [Troy Steiner](#). "Bringing wrestling back to the Valley was the right decision and we are going to build this program into something very special. We understand we must do our part and put a exciting product on the mat that is entertaining to watch and we will work to do that as we continue to climb. GO DOGS!"

With an average home attendance of 4,566 at the 'Dogs six home duals this season, Fresno State ranked fifth in the country as they were only surpassed by Big Ten programs Iowa, Penn State, Ohio State and Rutgers nationally.

The 'Dogs had at least 3,700 Red Wave supporters at all six home duals and over 4,000 at four of the six duals. The home opener against No. 14 Illinois on Nov. 17 was attended by 6,840 at the Save Mart Center for the third-largest attended dual in Fresno State program history.

2017-18 Fresno State Wrestling Home Attendance Figures

Nov. 17 - vs Illinois - 6,840 (third-largest attendance for a Fresno State dual)
Dec. 8 - vs. CSUB - 3,704
Jan. 4 - vs. Cal Poly - 4,175
Jan. 19 0 vs. Utah Valley - 3,954
Feb. 3 - vs. Stanford - 4,395
Feb. 18 - vs. Oklahoma State - 4,328
Totals: 27,396 (avg. 4,566 per dual)

NCAA Division I Wrestling attendance Top 25 for 2017-18:

Rank	School	Avg Attendance
1	Iowa	8996
2	Penn State	7693
3	Ohio State	6681
4	Rutgers	4680
5	Fresno State	4566
6	Iowa State	3361
7	Oklahoma State	3152
8	Lehigh	2705
9	Michigan	2615
10	Minnesota	2185
11	South Dakota State	2004
12	NC State	1868
13	Virginia Tech	1860
14	Oklahoma	1842
15	Northern Iowa	1724
16	West Virginia	1415
17	Arizona State	1411
18	Lock Haven	1262
19	Utah Valley	1148
20	Wyoming	1136
21	Wisconsin	1079
22	Nebraska	1061
23	Cornell	1053
24	Missouri	848
25	Binghamton	794

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