

Wrestling Facts

SCHOLASTIC WRESTLING (DATA PROVIDED BY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATIONS)

- Scholastic wrestling ranks 6th of all boys' sports in terms of participation at the high school level with 258,208 nation-wide. (Male Participation - Male Graphs 2015)
- The number of boy's teams at 10,597
- Since 1994, the number of women who wrestle in high school has grown from 804 to 11,496. (Total Female Participation - Female Graphs 2015)
- California, Guam, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Texas, and Washington sponsor a girl's state high school championship
- In 2008/09, 42 new wrestling programs were established in Arkansas and the Arkansas High School Athletic Association became the 49th state to sanction a high school state wrestling championship currently, Mississippi is the only state that does not.

COLLEGIATE WRESTLING (INFORMATION PROVIDED BY NCAA AND GAO REPORT)

- Intercollegiate wrestling has over 100 years of competition.
- Collegiate wrestling typically ranks in the top 5 in revenue production of all NCAA Championships.
- Over a 130 new or re-instated intercollegiate wrestling teams (all divisions) have been established since 2002
- Wrestling has one of the lowest per cost student-athlete of any male sport with a large squad size which makes it an ideal sport to help increase male enrollment.
- Wrestling has very modest start-up costs and needs
- Wrestling ranks first among all men's NCAA sports in 1st generation student-athletes
- Wrestlers have performed exceptionally well in the classroom as evidenced by the number of All-American and NCAA Champions earning National and Conference Academic accolades.

WOMEN'S WRESTLING

- 28 colleges now sponsor a varsity wrestling program
- Women's wrestling is now a recognized Olympic sport

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