

NCAA WOMEN'S WRESTLING

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL,
AND FINANCIAL MOBILITY

WHY VOTE YES?

Wrestling offers a new and diverse sporting opportunity to female student-athletes who are not participating in other sports. Voting YES for adding women's wrestling means voting YES for more opportunities, even if your school is not in a position to sponsor the sport... YET!

Wrestling builds leaders, and they need your voice for their NCAA Emerging Sport Status to Championship Status opportunity!

COST

FACILITIES

- Low if facilities already exist for a men's program.
- Adding a new facility or upgrading an existing one can support both women's and men's wrestling programs.

EQUIPMENT

- Singlets, shoes, and headgear for student-athletes. Estimated start-up budget for these items in the first year is ~\$3,500 (20 athletes x \$175), with an additional \$175 per incoming student athlete each year thereafter.

ROSTER SIZE

- Current roster median is 19.
- Programs that have existed four years or longer have an average of 26.8 student-athletes on their roster.
- Proposed roster size is 30-40.

SCHOLASTIC AND COLLEGIATE GROWTH INCREASE

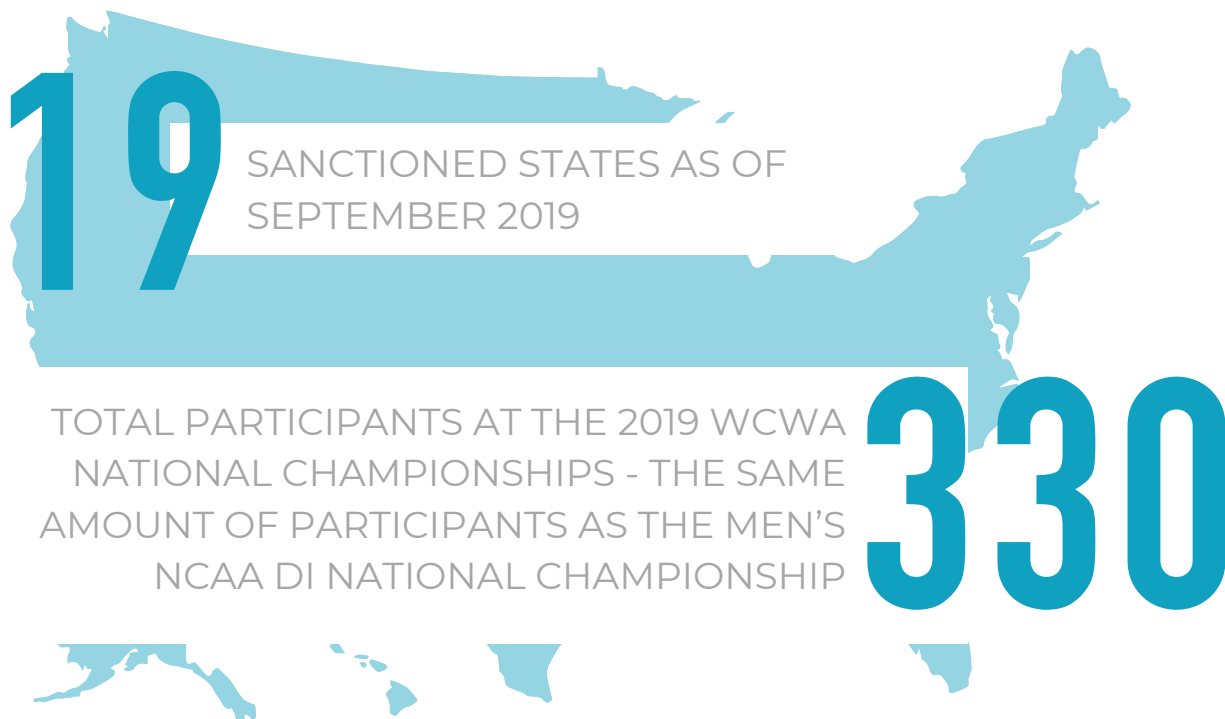
HIGH SCHOOL

- 2,361 student-athletes in 1999 to 21,124 in 2019: 27.5% growth last year alone
- 19 states now sponsor high school girls wrestling championships, with more being added each year.
- USA Wrestling has seen more than 20 straight years of growth in women's wrestling, spanning the youth to high performance levels.
- Consistent 14% average annual growth rate for the number of girls participating in high school wrestling over the past 4 years.



COLLEGE

- 2 programs at 4-year institutions in 1999, grew to 63 in 2019.
- Nearly 70 institutions offer varsity women's wrestling, 30+ of which are NCAA Institutions.
- WCWA Nationals participation numbers – 143 in 2011 to 330 in 2019.
- Adding women's wrestling is a useful strategy for maintaining Title IX Compliance and meeting increased demand for opportunities and proportional participation for female student-athletes.



INCREASED OPPORTUNITY

- Wrestling attracts athletes from all socio-economic classes, and offers equal opportunity and equal access with a lower barrier to entry.
- Wrestling can increase social, financial, and economic mobility for its participants as they pair sport with academic access.
- Across all collegiate sports, wrestling currently ranks 2nd in first generation college students with 23% (Football ranks first with 25%).
- Within the USA Wrestling Membership base, among women, the current demographics show a breakdown of 24.3% Hispanic, 4.9% Pacific Islander/Hawaiian, 4.8% Asian, 4.1% Black/African American, 3.7% Native American, and 2.4% Mixed Race, for a total makeup of 44.2% of women's members being non-white/Caucasian.
- Wrestling builds character, and instills values including responsibility, integrity, dedication, honesty, accountability and respect.