



# INDIANA STATE WRESTLING ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## ISWA State Chair Annual Report

“Once you’ve wrestled, everything else in life is *easier!*”

- Dan Gable

Dear members,

Our state had a wonderful year of wrestling with many highlights outlined below as well in the following director’s reports.

While many sports expose its athletes to adversity, it’s hard to argue that any provide it in the abundance that wrestling does. For those who respond to the adversity by battling through they develop the values of courage, work-ethic, discipline, perseverance and humility. If you were a leader helping us to deliver wrestling’s life-lessons - thank you! To our brave athletes who completed another year of life training - congratulations!

Here’s ISWA’s year-end statistical “dashboard”:



Diving deeper into stats:

- Women’s membership grew to 329 from last year (+18%)
- We’re driving more wrestlers to Folk, Free and Greco State Championships. 26% of membership participated at Folkstyle State, 10% at Freestyle.

2017 ISWA state finals numbers		2018 ISWA state finals numbers		
Folkstyle	2125	Folkstyle	2145	1%
Women’s Folkstyle	80	Women’s Folkstyle	99	24%
Freestyle	713	Freestyle	810	14%
Women’s Freestyle	28	Women’s Freestyle	57	104%
Greco	383	Greco	467	22%
Elementary Duals	463	Elementary Duals	431	-7%
	846		898	6%

- Schoolboy Duals Host – most teams ever at 38 Free/36 Greco with a total of 1,433 athletes while completing event early.

Other notables:

- National Teams – increased focus on the quality of experience in addition to results. Our team leaders have recently revamped the leader’s guide to ensure that we are doing diligence and helping our leaders implement “best practices” better leveraging theirs or another’s experience going forward.
- Exposure – We have helped dozens of our athletes get on college coaches “radars” through events we’ve participated in and show they are worthy of spots on their rosters with many earning scholarship money and access to schools they mightn’t have had access to without wrestling.

- Technological gains – Tina Tonte, our State Services Manager, after implementing the our new iswa.com website a year ago has been consistently making tweaks to it and is leveraging the capabilities of both Sport Engine and USAW’s Membership system.
- Capital strength - The ISWA is financially strong and thanks to new treasurer Jeff Strueder our accounting system is as well. ISWA is a strong brand whom others would like to associate with and so we’ve added partnerships with Shelbourne Knee Center, USMC and Johnson-Melloh Mechanical as well as a couple others. Please let us know if you or someone you know would like to discuss partnership opportunities.

The opportunities:

- Grass-roots - Last year I pledged that we would get after grass-roots development working to grow the number of clubs we have as well as total athletes. We slipped a bit on clubs and need to attack that this year.
- College collaboration – we have strong interest in collaboration amongst the college wrestling programs in the state and have only just begun to tap into the available resources.
- Women – while we had great growth year-over-year, there are still many schools, counties and regions in the state not providing opportunities for girls or women to get involved with our sport.
- Club Running Help – we will be working to help clubs operate more efficiently and in compliance while utilizing the available technologies and updated policies/procedures.

We have many great volunteers who serve the association and are always looking to build our team with others. If you would like to get involved or more involved or have ideas and suggestions for improvements to help us with our pursuit of excellence, please reach out to me. I’d love to hear from you!

Yours in wrestling,

Keith Davison  
State Chairman