

## Declaration of Support – Sanction Girls' Varsity Wrestling at High School level in Minnesota

Minnesota USA Wrestling Inc (MN USA), a division of USA Wrestling Inc, and a leader in the promotion, growth and support of amateur wrestling in the state of Minnesota, with a physical address of 1422 Emerson Ave N., Minneapolis, MN. 55411, hereby do solemnly and sincerely declare its undivided support in the effort to sanction Girls' Varsity Wrestling at the high school level in Minnesota.

MN USA confirms that the 2020-2021 school year will mark the fifth consecutive year that the proposal to sanction Minnesota Girls' Varsity High School Wrestling has been presented to the Minnesota State High School League. MN USA is extremely optimistic of the progress that has been made in Minnesota and looks forward to the day that all female wrestlers will be able to compete for an MSHSL Girls State Wrestling title.

MN USA confirms that girls' wrestling provides the greatest opportunity for participatory growth within the sport of wrestling as other states have seen their numbers sky rocket due to the result of sanctioning Girls' Varsity High School Wrestling.

MN USA confirms there are 28 states that currently sanction Girls' Varsity High School Wrestling and are optimistic that Minnesota will join the list of states sanctioning Girls' Varsity High School Wrestling very soon.

MN USA confirms female wrestling has exploded around the country over the past several years with almost 90 colleges and universities fielding women's wrestling teams. These schools are made up of approximately 46% from NCAA, 44% from NAIA and 10% from NJCAA affiliated schools.

MN USA confirms that the potential to improve one's social mobility is created when girls are given an opportunity to compete on a state, regional, national and international level, with wrestling being an excellent source of contributing to those potential opportunities.

MN USA confirms that it is widely considered to be true that the addition and subsequent growth of women's wrestling at the world and Olympic level saved all of wrestling from being withdrawn from the 2020 (now 2021) Tokyo Olympic Games.

This declaration of support for Sanctioning Girls Varsity Wrestling at high school level in Minnesota is valid from this day, February 21, 2021, and forward.

We are extremely excited to share this declaration with all of you.

Sincerely,

MN USA Wrestling Board of Directors