

Talking Points for Articles About the 2016 IL/USAW Girls Folkstyle State Championships

The growth of girls wrestling can be enhanced if broadcast and print media are doing news stories about it. What better way than to propose that your local station or newspaper do a story on your wrestlers efforts at the girls state championships. Most likely if you provide the guts of a story they will more likely consider running it as it saves them effort. Please ensure the accuracy of the information and much of the information below can help in that area.

Do not feel obligated to use all the points below, but if you do please make sure that you are accurate with the message across all of our media outlets. I tried to include clarifying statements below that help identify why some things may appear different than basic numbers may have shown.

It is always a good idea to include reference to your daughter or other local girls and if possible include a live action or still photo of those you specifically mention. In the absence of a photo of them specifically you can pull other photos from the facebook site (linked later in this document) these should all be available within a week of the event.

This was the 4th year for an officially sanctioned IL/USAW Girls Folkstyle State Championship event.

- However, this was not the first ever Illinois Girls State Championship over all as the United States Girls Wrestling Association has previously held 13 IL USGWA State Championships (2001-2013).
- And before that a grass root group of parents (one of which was David Brady) had run 2 events in 2000 (at Rockford East HS) & 2001 alongside the Midget Championships in Danville.

There were 204 participants in this year's event (ES=99; MS=35; HS=70) – common to list K-8th=134 and HS=70

- This once again was the largest gathering of female Illinois residents to participate in any wrestling event ever.
- Prior to this year the most girls from Illinois to compete in a single event ever was the 158 that participated in the 2015 IL/USAW event (an increase of 46 girls).

Year	List of All Post Season Folkstyle Events	IL Girls K-8	OOS	Total K-8	IL HS	OOS	Total HS	All IL Girls	OOS	All Girls
2000	Illinois Girls Wrestling State Championships			???			???			???
2001	Illinois Girls Wrestling State Championships			39			17			56
2001	1st Annual IL USGWA State Championships	17	0	17	15	4	19	32	4	36
2002	2nd Annual IL USGWA State Championships	18	8	26	20	8	28	38	16	54
2003	3rd Annual IL USGWA State Championships	13	8	21	23	4	27	36	12	48
2004	4th Annual IL USGWA State Championships	6	0	6	11	3	14	17	3	20
2005	IL USGWA State Championships OPEN	23	4	27	22	8	30	45	12	57
2006	IL USGWA State Championships OPEN	31	6	37	22	2	24	53	8	61
2007	IL USGWA State Championships OPEN	41	11	52	16	3	19	57	14	71
2008	IL USGWA State Championships OPEN	30	4	34	10	1	11	40	5	45
2009	IL USGWA State Championships OPEN	34	5	39	11	4	15	45	9	54
2010	IL USGWA State Championships OPEN	34	6	40	20	5	25	54	11	65
2011	IL USGWA State Championships OPEN	54	3	57	23	4	27	77	7	84
2012	IL USGWA State Championships OPEN	37	8	45	32	8	40	69	16	85
2013	IL/USAW Girls Folkstyle State Championships	79	0	79	21	0	21	100	0	100
2014	IL/USAW Girls Folkstyle State Championships	98	0	98	24	0	24	122	0	122
2015	IL/USAW Girls Folkstyle State Championships	110	0	110	48	0	48	158	0	158
2016	IL/USAW Girls Folkstyle State Championships	134	0	134	70	0	70	204	0	204

OOS = Out Of State participants – with IL/USAW sanctioning the state championships now out of state girls are no longer allowed to participate.

32 Champions were crowned at this year's event

In all the IKWF (IL/USAW) and clubs sponsored 6 regular season events this year with girl's only divisions.

Other event information (location, etc) is available in the tournament flyer:

http://illinoisgirlswrestling.com/docs/2016_ILUSAW_Folkstyle_State_Championships.pdf

Upcoming Girls Events:

3/24 to 3/27	USAW Girls Folkstyle National Championships (Oklahoma City)
4/16	Lady Lincoln Women's National Freestyle Duals (Danville, IL)
5/7	2016 IL Girls Freestyle State Tournament (Andrew HS)
5/20 - 5/22	Body Bar Women's National Championships (Irving, TX)
7/16 - 7/23	ASICS/Vaughan Junior & Cadet National Championships (Fargo, ND)

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Or visit our website at <http://illinoisgirlswrestling.com>

Complete results for the event can be found on Trackwrestling:

<http://www.trackwrestling.com/opentournaments/VerifyPassword.jsp?tournamentId=223848009>

Select the Results Menu and then choose Final Results.

Number of participants by Section, Area and Age Group...

#	IKWF Sections
41	South
29	Central
25	North
24	West
24	North Chicago
22	Central Chicago
17	South Chicago
15	West Chicago
7	FS/GR or Non-IKWF Team
204	Grand Total

#	State Area +
127	North
41	South
29	Central
7	FS/GR or Non-IKWF team
204	Grand Total

#	Age Group
99	Elementary School
35	Middle School
70	High School
204	Grand Total

+ There are 3 Area's we were originally identifying in the past and they are North, Central and South

Number of participants by Team

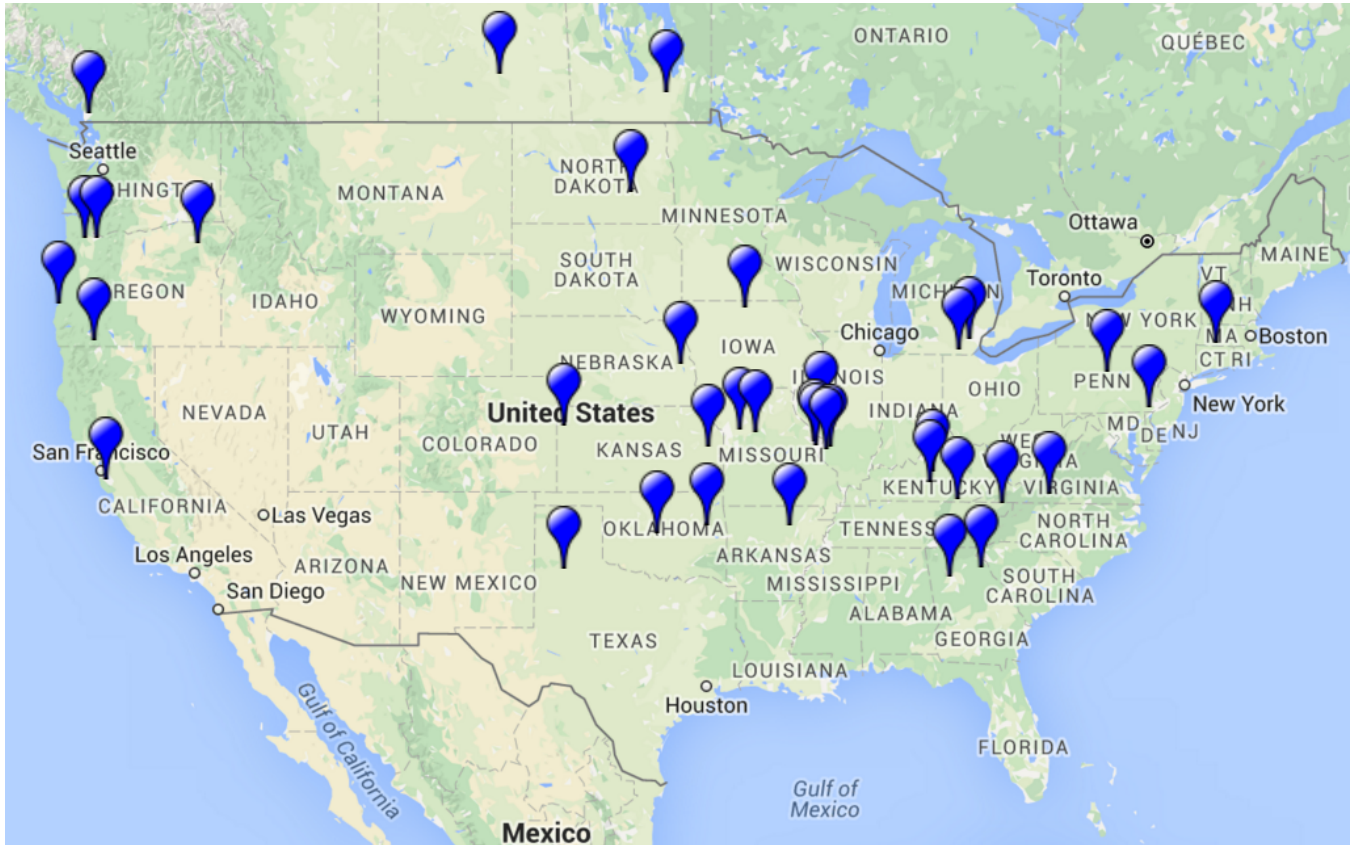
#	Team
17	Southern Illinois Girls
11	Team Illinois *
9	Riverside Brookfield
6	Prairie Central Hawks Wrestlin
6	Will County Warriors
5	Tomcat Wrestling Club
4	Chatham Wrestling Club
4	Harlem Cougar WC
4	Izzy Style Wrestling
4	Maddog Wrestling Academy
4	Old School Wrestling
3	Belvidere Bandits
3	Gomez wrestling academy
3	Greg Gomez Trained Wrestling
3	Illini Bluffs
3	Lionheart Intense Wrestling
3	Simeon
3	Streator Wrestling
2	Bethalto Bulls
2	Charleston Wrestling Club
2	Danville Chargers Wrestling
2	East St. Louis WC
2	Falcons Youth Wrestling
2	GCMS Wreslting
2	Hybrid Wrestling
2	Kelly HS
2	Lake County Wrestling Club
2	Lakeland Predators
2	Lawrence County Wrestling
2	Lil Reapers
2	Main West
2	MC Bulldogs
2	O`Fallon Little Panthers
2	Oak Park River Forest

#	Team (continued)
2	Plainfield
2	Power House Wrestling Club
2	Quincy Cyclones Wrestling
2	Reed Custer Jr. Panthers
2	Riverton
2	Team 312
2	Team Mascoutah WC
2	TopNotch
2	Vandalia Jr Wrestling Club
1	Aces Wrestling
1	AJ Jr. Wildcat Wrestling
1	Amundsen
1	Argo HS
1	Batavia Wrestling Club
1	Blackhawk Wrestling Club
1	Bloomington High School
1	Bolingbrook Junior Raiders
1	Burlington Central
1	Carbondale Wrestling Club
1	Champaign Wrestling Club
1	Dakota Wrestling Club
1	Diamond
1	Dundee Highlanders WC
1	East Peoria Crossface
1	Essex
1	Force Wrestling Club
1	Gilbert Grappling
1	Granite City Wrestling Associa
1	HF Spartan Elite WC
1	Hononegah Wrestling Club
1	Jacksonville Area Wrestling
1	Jefferson
1	Jersey Jr. Panthers
1	Lil Bucs

#	Team (continued)
1	Lil Coalers
1	Marengo Youth Wrestling Club
1	Mean Green Machine
1	Mendota Mat Masters
1	Morton Little Mustangs
1	Mt. Vernon Lions
1	Mt. Zion Kids Wrestling Club
1	Overtime Wrestling
1	Pekin HS
1	Petersburg Youth Wrestling
1	PRECISION WRESTLING CLUB
1	Quincy
1	Rochelle WC
1	Rochester
1	Rock Island Wrestling Club
1	Rockets Youth Wrestling Club
1	Roxana Outlaws
1	Sandwich Little Indians WC
1	Somonauk Wrestlers Club
1	Sterling HS
1	Stockton Renegades
1	Super Soldiers
1	Sycamore Wrestling Club
1	Team Spalla
1	The LAW
1	Tiger Town Tanglers Wrestling
1	Timber Wolves Wrestling Club
1	TJ Trained
1	Uplift
1	Vandalia
1	Warriors
1	West
1	West Chicago
1	Wolfpack Wrestling
204	Total (102 different teams)

+17 Girls from various clubs and school teams also regularly practice together as the Southern IL Girls Team
*** 11 high school aged girls that that did not affiliate with a youth club and did not list a high school.**

There are currently 37 colleges that wrestle in the United States Collegiate system that offer scholarships for women's Freestyle wrestling:



States	Colleges
Oregon (5)	Eastern Oregon University
	Pacific University
	Southern Oregon University
	Southwestern Oregon CC
	Warner Pacific College
Missouri (4)	Lindenwood University
	Missouri Baptist University
	Missouri Valley College
	Wentworth Military Academy and College
Illinois (3)	Lindenwood University - Belleville
	MacMurray College
	McKendree University
Kentucky (3)	Campbellsville University
	St Catharine College
	University of the Cumberlands
Georgia (2)	Emmanuel College
	Life University
Kansas (2)	Northwest Kansas Tech College
	Ottawa University

States	Colleges
Michigan (2)	Adrian College
	Eastern Michigan University
Oklahoma (2)	Bacone College
	Oklahoma City University
Pennsylvania (2)	Lock Haven University
	West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Arkansas	Lyon College
California	Menlo College
Iowa	Waldorf College
Massachusetts	Springfield Technical CC
Nebraska	Midland University
North Dakota	University of Jamestown
Tennessee	King University
Texas	Wayland Baptist
Virginia	Ferrum College
Canada	Colleges
British Columbia	Simon Fraser (Canada)
Manitoba	The University of Winnipeg
Saskatchewan	University of Regina