

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

Do not feel obligated to use the points below, but if you do please make sure that you are accurate with the message across all of our media outlets.

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 photo of them specifically you can pull other photos from the facebook site or direct them to the professional photographer's site to purchase an image to use.

### This was the 1<sup>st</sup> year for an IL/USAW Girls Folkstyle State Championship event.

- This was not the first ever Illinois Girls State Championship over all as the United States Girls Wrestling Association has previously held 12 IL USGWA State Championships and will actually hold their 13<sup>th</sup> on March 23, 2013 in Chatham.

### There were 100 participants in this event (ES=48; MS=31; HS=21) – common to list K-8<sup>th</sup>=79 and HS=21

- This 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 77 in the 2011 USGWA event.
- 2011 (84) & 2012 (85) were our overall high water marks before this years event but both of those years had many out of state participants and this years IL/USAW event was restricted to Illinois residents only.

Year	Post Season Folkstyle Events	IL Girls K-8	OOS	Total K-8	IL HS	OOS	Total HS	All IL Girls	OOS	All Girls
2001	1st Annual USGWA Illinois State Championships	17	0	17	15	4	19	32	4	36
2002	2nd Annual Illinois USGWA Girls State Wrestling Championships	18	8	26	20	8	28	38	16	54
2003	3rd Annual Illinois USGWA Girls State Wrestling Championships	13	8	21	23	4	27	36	12	48
2004	4th Annual USGWA Illinois Girls Wrestling State Championships	6	0	6	11	3	14	17	3	20
2005	Illinois USGWA Girls Wrestling State Championships	23	4	27	22	8	30	45	12	57
2006	Illinois USGWA Girls State Wrestling Championships OPEN	31	6	37	22	2	24	53	8	61
2007	Illinois USGWA Girls State Wrestling Championships OPEN	41	11	52	16	3	19	57	14	71
2008	Illinois USGWA Girls Wrestling State Championships OPEN	30	4	34	10	1	11	40	5	45
2009	Illinois USGWA Girls Wrestling State Championships OPEN	34	5	39	11	4	15	45	9	54
2010	Illinois USGWA Girls Wrestling State Championships OPEN	34	6	40	20	5	25	54	11	65
2011	Illinois USGWA Girls Wrestling State Championships OPEN	54	3	57	23	4	27	77	7	84
2012	Illinois USGWA Girls Wrestling 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

OOS = Out Of State participants

### 30 Champions were crowned at this event

- There was one girl in an ES girl division that had no opportunity for a match so she wrestled in one of the other 29 brackets against MS aged girls but was crowned as the champion of her ES bracket as an unopposed champion.

The IKWF (IL/USAW) sponsored 3 regular season events this year with girls only divisions (Dec – Belvidere, Jan – Jon Davis, Feb – O’Fallon).

All 3 broke the previous records for Illinois female participation for K-8<sup>th</sup> grades during a regular season.

- Note that the Jon Davis open only shows 47 girls participating in the girls division but there were 3 other girls that participated in boys divisions on this date that we count in the number of the 50 girls that participated below.
- Numbers below are sorted to show best attended events at the top.

Year	Regular Season Event	IL Girls K-8	OOS	Total K-8	IL HS Girls	OOS	HS Girls	All IL Girls	OOS	All Girls
2013	2013 Jon Davis IKWF Kids Open	50	0	50	0	0	0	50	0	50
2013	O’Fallon Pather Pummel	28	1	29	1	0	1	29	1	30
2012	Belvidere Bandits Holiday Brawl	21	6	27	0	0	0	21	6	27
2007	IKWF Kids Open	20	0	20	0	0	0	20	0	20
2010	Belvidere Bandits Holiday Brawl	18	0	18	0	0	0	18	0	18
2008	Jon Davis Memorial IKWF Kids Open	14	14	14	0	0	0	14	14	14
2007	Illini Invasion (USGWA)	13	14	27	5	3	8	18	17	35
2011	Jon Davis IKWF Kids Open	12	0	12	0	0	0	12	0	12
2012	2012 Jon Davis IKWF Kids Open	9	0	9	0	0	0	9	0	9
2009	IKWF Jon Davis Kids Open	6	0	6	0	0	0	6	0	6
2010	Jon Davis Memorial IKWF Kids Open	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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**Upcoming Girls only events:**

3/16-3/17	USGWA National Championships Girls Wrestling Tournament
3/23	13th Annual Illinois USGWA Girls Wrestling State Championships OPEN
3/30	USAW Girls Folkstyle National Championships
4/13	War of the Roses Mid-American Folkstyle & Freestyle Open
5/4	2013 Freestyle State Tournament
5/11	Body Bar Women’s National Championships
6/14	Northern Plains Kids & Cadet Regional Championships w/ Girls
7/12	ASICS/Vaughan Junior & Cadet National Championships

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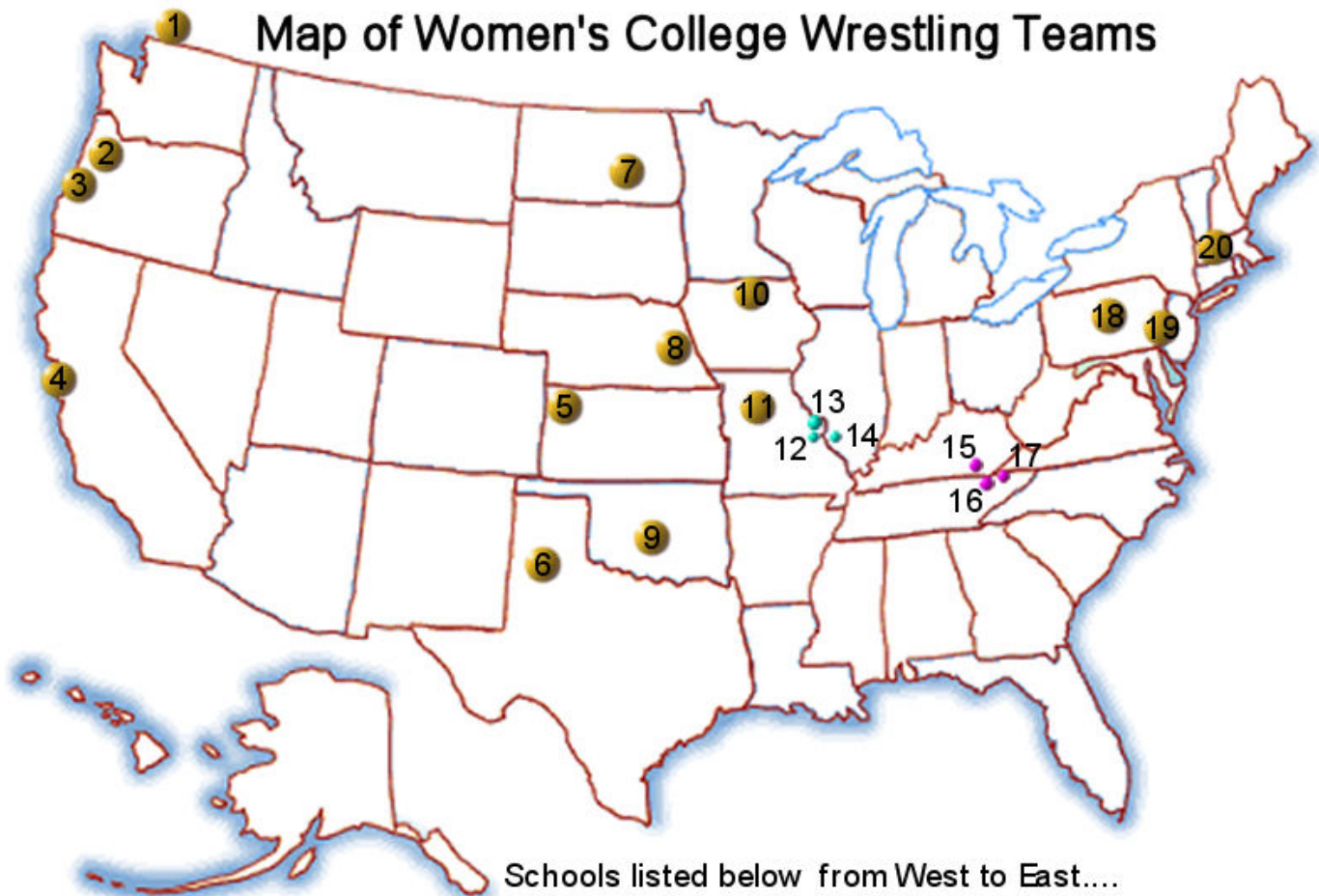
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There are currently 20 colleges in the United States Collegiate system that offer scholarships for women's wrestling:



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| 1. Simon Fraser (Canada)    | 11. Missouri Valley College          |
| 2. Pacific University       | 12. Missouri Baptist University      |
| 3. SW Oregon CC             | 13. Lindenwood University            |
| 4. Menlo College            | 14. Lindenwood Belleville University |
| 5. NW Kansas Tech College   | 15. University of the Cumberlands    |
| 6. Wayland Baptist          | 16. King College                     |
| 7. Jamestown College        | 17. East Tennessee State University  |
| 8. Midland University       | 18. Lock Haven University            |
| 9. Oklahoma City University | 19. West Chester University          |
| 10. Waldorf College         | 20. Springfield Technical CC         |

- These schools have the women's team wrestle freestyle.
- A 21<sup>st</sup> school Campbellsville University has announced their intent to start a program for the 2013-14 seasons.