



2017-2018

ANNUAL REPORT



ORGANIZATION

IV HASTY AWARDS

**SEPTEMBER
2017**

- Jordan Burroughs elected as Chair of United World Wrestling's Athletes Commission, earning him a seat as a voting member of the UWW Bureau



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**OCTOBER
2017**

- First Beat the Streets LA benefit held featuring Women's Freestyle Team USA and Team Japan

**NOVEMBER
2017**

- Women's Freestyle National Team Coach Clarissa Chun named as an Athlete Role Model by the International Olympic Committee for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games
- 20th Annual Dave Schultz Memorial International held in Colorado Springs

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**JANUARY
2018**

- Next College Student Athlete (NCSA) becomes USA Wrestling's official sponsor in college recruiting

**FEBRUARY
2018**

- Dave Lehman pledges \$1.5 million over the next three years for the Women's Olympic Wrestling program

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**APRIL
2018**

- USA Wrestling establishes Director of Safe Sport position and becomes the first sports organization to require background checks and SafeSport training for all media covering its national and regional events, as part of a comprehensive new Athlete Safety Media Policy

**MAY
2018**

- Participation at the Women's Nationals in Irving, Texas increases more than 20% from previous year

USA Wrestling

reached an all-time
record of **237,572**
members in **2017-18.**



We are honored to serve so
many **athletes, coaches, and officials** on a
daily basis. It is an exciting time for wrestling and
we look forward to continued growth in the future.

JUNE 2018

- 3 locations in 3 weekends, USA Wrestling and FloWrestling host the Final X event series in Lincoln, State College, and Lehigh

JULY 2018

- 2018 US Marine Corps Junior & Cadet Nationals in Fargo features the largest event participation in the 23-year history (since the Junior & Cadet Nationals were first combined) with 4,999 entries

AUGUST 2018

- USA Wrestling finishes the 2017-18 season with an all-time record 237,572 members
- Nationwide becomes the official insurance carrier of USA Wrestling

SEPTEMBER 2018

- The launch of a new membership year in which 100% of USA Wrestling coach and official members are background checked and have completed SafeSport training

OCTOBER 2018

- USA Wrestling wins 12 medals at the Senior World Championships in Budapest, the most ever in a single world championships
- Robert Howard and Emily Shilson win gold at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, the first Youth Olympic Games gold medals in USA Wrestling history

NOVEMBER 2018

- USA Wrestling picks up 5 more medals at the U23 World Championships in Bucharest to bring the 2018 total medal count to 36, breaking last year's record of 32
- 8 new high school state associations officially add high school girls wrestling in past year, bringing the total to 14 states with sanctioned girls wrestling

MESSAGES FROM OUR PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



One of the most important successes of the 2017-18 USA Wrestling membership year has been the impressive growth of the organization. This year, USA Wrestling set a membership record with 237,572 total members, also breaking records in the number of athlete members (202,019)

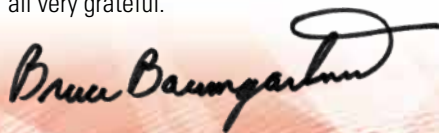
and coach members (33,086). This is a very important part of our mission at USA Wrestling, providing programs and services to an increasing number of people.

USA Wrestling received a commitment for a \$1.5 million donation covering three years for a new program, Women's Olympic Wrestling (WOW), sponsored by the Lehman Family. This is the largest single gift in the history of the USA Wrestling's women's program, and is already providing substantial support for the development of young athletes in their crucial early years in the sport.

This year saw a tremendous milestone as four employees passed the 30 year mark of service: Controller Mary Beth Powers, Director of Communications Gary Abbott, Membership Services Assistant Shonna Vest, as well as Executive Director Rich Bender. They have made a commitment to this organization and sport which has truly made a difference.

All of the areas of success and improvement at USA Wrestling are only possible due to the amazing collective efforts of thousands of volunteers who invest their time, talent and passion into the sport and give freely of their time and expertise all year long. I want to thank our Board of Directors and those who serve on various USA Wrestling committees for helping formulate the direction for the organization. We are also blessed by the service of our state association leaders, who develop and deliver USA Wrestling programs on the regional, state and local levels.

It takes a group effort for USA Wrestling to serve the most important people we have, our athletes and their families. No matter what role played in the organization, each person has made a difference in the lives of others. For this, we are all very grateful.

A stylized, handwritten signature of Bruce Baumgartner in black ink.

Bruce Baumgartner
President

USA Wrestling is coming off one of its most successful years as an organization, something that was possible through the efforts of so many people.

In 2018, our U.S. World Teams on all age-levels and Olympic styles were able to win a combined 36 World medals, eclipsing the previous record of 32 World medals in 2017. This included 12 medals from our Senior World Team (an all-time record for a single Senior World Championships), 11 medals from the Cadet World Team, eight medals from the Junior World Team and five medals from our U23 World Team. Included in that total were eight individual World champions, 12 silver medalists and 16 bronze medalists. It

shows the health of our program at all levels.

Also in 2018, USA Wrestling and FloWrestling came together to create a different way to select our Senior World Teams. The idea was to create a platform to elevate the sport and its athletes and



that vision was called Final X. Building on the strong first year of Final X, after learning from the experience and getting input from many stakeholders, we are confident that 2019 Final X will be an even better experience for our athletes and fans.

In a continuing effort of the entire Olympic movement to better protect members from all forms of abuse, the development of the U.S. Center for SafeSport to adjudicate all cases concerning sexual misconduct has been a big step forward. As an NGB, USA Wrestling has extensive responsibilities, and has made a commitment to being a leader in the Safe Sport space. This is not only our moral obligation but is also required under federal law. USA Wrestling added its first full-time Safe Sport Director, Dan Prochnow, who has 25 years of legal experience and has done a tremendous job strengthening our programs. New educational materials are being developed and a system of local and state Safe Sport procedures has been established. The 2018 year has helped us to set a strong foundation for development in this important area.

There are many ways to measure success. In some very key areas, USA Wrestling was able to break records and blaze trails that we can all be proud of.

A stylized, handwritten signature of Rich Bender in black ink.

Rich Bender
Executive Director

USA WRESTLING'S MISSION, VISION & VALUES

USA Wrestling is the National Governing Body for the Sport of Wrestling in the United States and, as such, is its representative to the United States Olympic Committee. Simply, USA Wrestling is the central organization that coordinates amateur wrestling programs in the nation and works to create interest and participation in these programs.

USA Wrestling has more than 237,000 members. These members include athletes of all ages, coaches, officials, parents and fans striving together to strengthen the sport. Each year, USA Wrestling charts over 4,500 wrestling clubs and sanctions over 2,200 local, state, regional and national competitions.

MISSION

USA Wrestling, guided by the Olympic Spirit, provides quality opportunities for its members to achieve their full human and athletic potential.

VISION

USA Wrestling will strive to be the world's best sports organization.

VALUES

Responsibility: Fulfilling all functions, tasks, duties and assignments with trust and credibility on behalf of USA Wrestling by honoring promises and pledges.

Integrity: Being true to self and the mission of USA Wrestling, while discerning right from wrong and acting on it.

Dedication: Dedication to carrying out the mission and goals of USA Wrestling with the highest degree of sacrifice and discipline.

Honesty: Being truthful and upright with people and issues in furthering the mission of USA Wrestling.

Accountability: Providing answers and reasons to others for actions and behaviors intended to support the mission of USA Wrestling.

Respect: Recognizing the absolute dignity in every human being, with a sense of compassion, caring and concern for the well-being of other people.



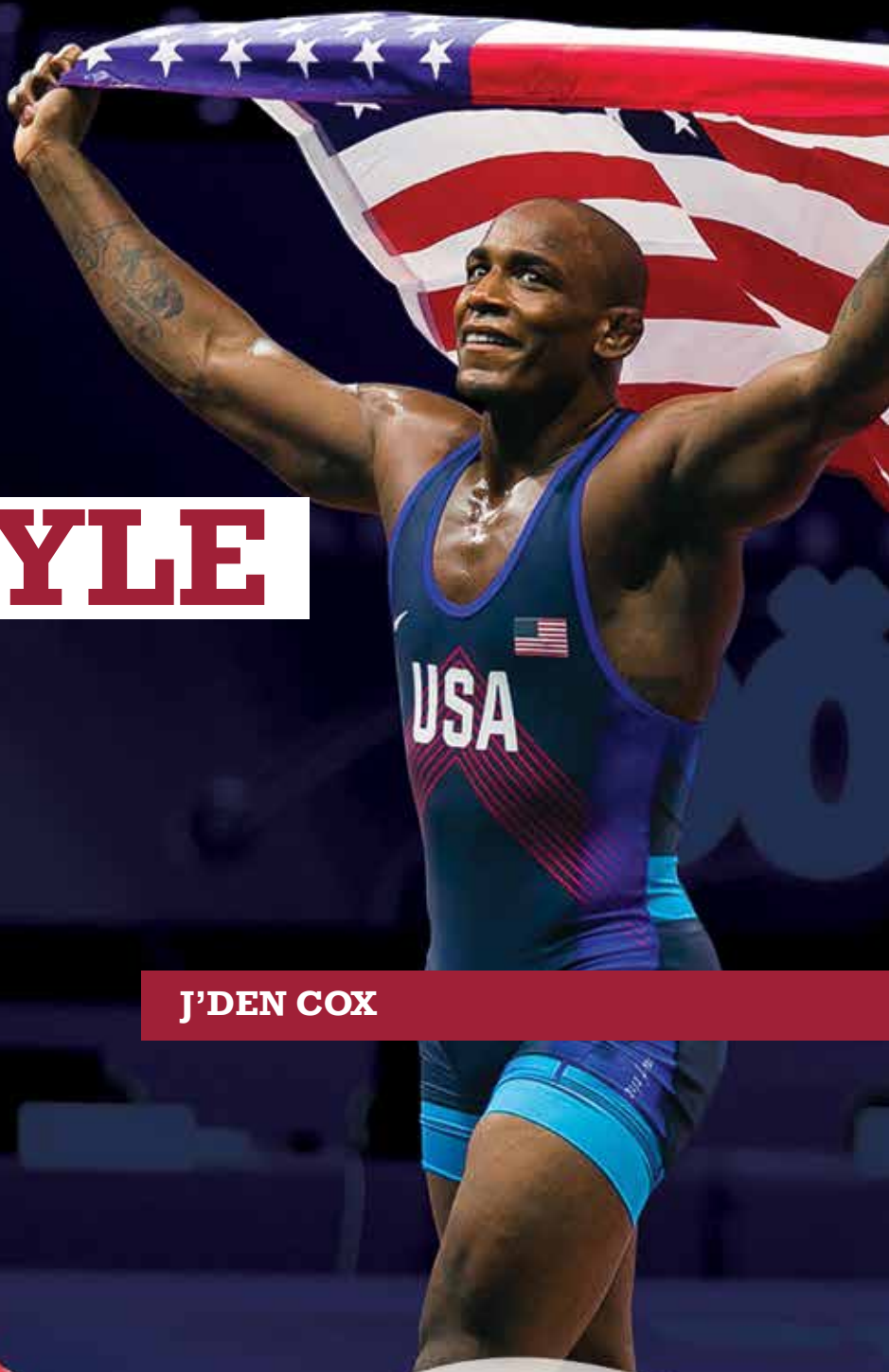
MALLORY VELTE



U.S. MEN'S

FREESTYLE

TEAM



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DAVID TAYLOR



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SENIOR MEN'S FREESTYLE TEAM

Thomas Gilman (57 kg), Joe Colon (61 kg), Logan Stieber (65 kg), James Green (70 kg), Jordan Burroughs (74 kg), Kyle Dake (79 kg), David Taylor (86 kg), J'den Cox (92 kg), Kyle Snyder (97 kg), Nick Gwiazdowski (125 kg)

MEN'S U23 TEAM

Jack Mueller (57 kg), Sean Fausz (61 kg), Colton McCrystal (65 kg), Hayden Hidlay (70 kg), Alexander Smyth (74 kg), David McFadden (79 kg), Myles Martin (86 kg), Christian Brunner (92 kg), Kollin Moore (97 kg), Youssif Hemida (125 kg)

JUNIOR MEN'S FREESTYLE TEAM

Dalton Fix (57 kg), Joshua Saunders (61 kg), Domonick Demas (65 kg), Brady Berge (70 kg), Mekhi Lewis (74 kg), Aaron Brooks (79 kg), Lou Deprez (86 kg), Jacob Warner (92 kg), Zachary Elam (97 kg), Gable Steveson (125 kg)

CADET MEN'S FREESTYLE TEAM

Chance Lamer (45 kg), Richard Figueroa II (48 kg), Matthew Ramos (51 kg), Robert Howard (55 kg), Joshua Saunders (60 kg), Carson Manville (65 kg), Alexander Facundo (71 kg), Abe Assad (80 kg), Albert Ferrari, Jr. (92 kg), Greg Kerkvliet, Jr. (110 kg)

USA WRESTLING 2018 WORLD MEDALISTS

SENIOR MEN'S FREESTYLE

Kyle Dake – GOLD
David Taylor – GOLD
J'den Cox – GOLD
Kyle Snyder – SILVER
Joe Colon – BRONZE
Jordan Burroughs – BRONZE
Nick Gwiazdowski – BRONZE

U23 WORLD MEDALISTS

Sean Fausz – SILVER
Kollin Moore – SILVER
Youssif Hemida – SILVER

JUNIOR MEN'S FREESTYLE

Mekhi Lewis – GOLD
Aaron Brooks – SILVER
Zachary Elam – SILVER
Daton Fix – BRONZE
Brady Berge – BRONZE

CADET MEN'S FREESTYLE

Matthew Ramos – GOLD
Richard Figueroa II – SILVER
Greg Kerkvliet, Jr. – SILVER
Alexander Facundo – BRONZE
Abe Assad – BRONZE
Albert Ferrari, Jr. – BRONZE



7 SENIOR 2018 WORLD MEDALS
(3 Gold, 1 Silver, 3 Bronze)

3 U23 2018 WORLD MEDALS
(3 Silver)

4 JUNIOR 2018 WORLD MEDALS
(1 Gold, 2 Silver, 2 Bronze)

6 CADET 2018 WORLD MEDALS
(1 Gold, 2 Silver, 3 Bronze)



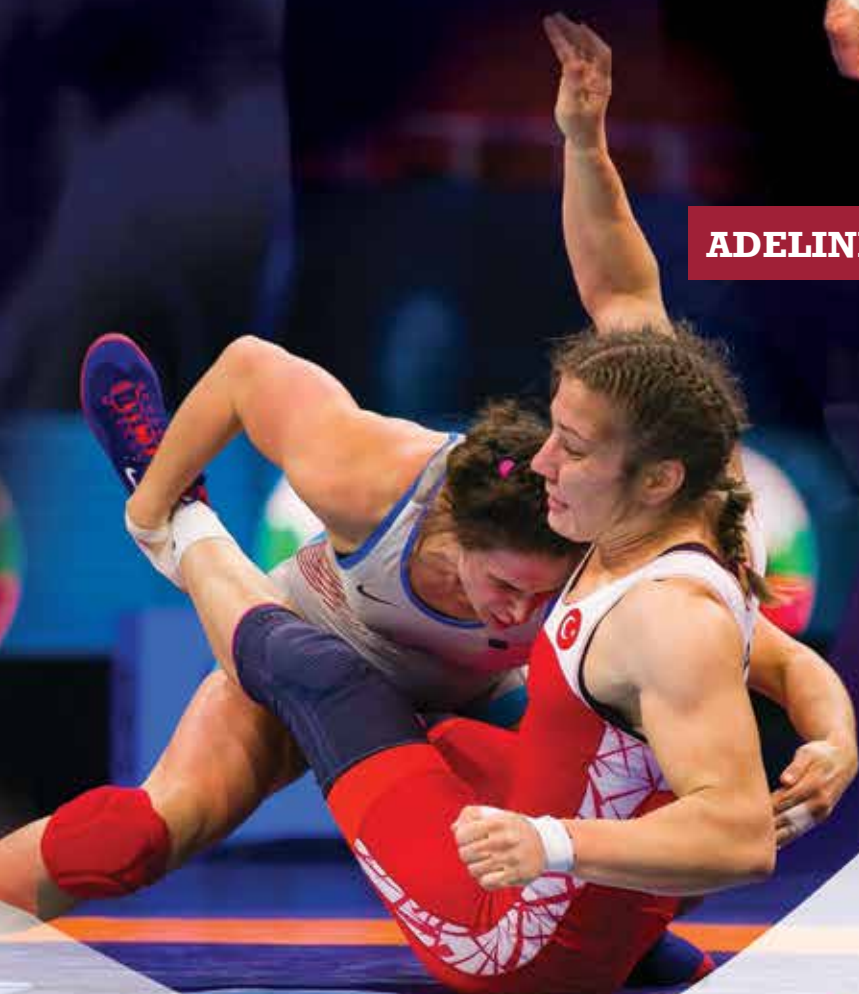
U.S. WOMEN'S

FREESTYLE

TEAM



ADELINE GRAY





SARAH HILDEBRANDT



**TAMYRA
MENSAH-
STOCK**

USA WRESTLING 2018 WORLD MEDALISTS

SENIOR WOMEN'S FREESTYLE

Adeline Gray – GOLD

Sarah Hildebrandt – SILVER

Mallory Velte – BRONZE

Tamyra Mensah-Stock – BRONZE

U23 WORLD MEDALISTS

Alex Glaude – BRONZE

Korinahe Bullock – BRONZE

JUNIOR WOMEN'S FREESTYLE

Macey Kilty – SILVER

CADET WOMEN'S FREESTYLE

Emily Shilson – GOLD

Macey Kilty – GOLD

Sterling Dias – BRONZE

Tiare Ikei – BRONZE

SENIOR WOMEN'S FREESTYLE TEAM

Whitney Conder (50 kg), Sarah Hildebrandt (53 kg), Jacarra Winchester (55 kg), Helen Maroulis (57 kg), Jenna Burkert (59 kg), Mallory Velte (62 kg), Forrest Molinari (65 kg), Tamyra Mensah-Stock (68 kg), Erin Clodgo (72 kg), Adeline Gray (76 kg)

WOMEN'S U23 TEAM

Cody Pfau (50 kg), Charlotte Fowler (53 kg), Dominique Parrish (55 kg), Becka Leathers (57 kg), Abigail Nette (59 kg), Kayla Miracle (62 kg), Forrest Molinari (65 kg), Alexandria Glaude (68 kg), Rachel Watters (72 kg), Korinahe Bullock (76 kg)

JUNIOR WOMEN'S FREESTYLE TEAM

Alleida Martinez (50 kg), Alisha Howk (53 kg), Ronna Heaton (55 kg), Alexandra Hedrick (57 kg), Brenda Reyna (59 kg), Alexandria Liles (62 kg), Jayden Laurent (65 kg), Macey Kilty (68 kg), Alyvia Fiske (72 kg), Dymond Guilford (76 kg)

CADET WOMEN'S FREESTYLE TEAM

Sterling Dias (40 kg), Emily Shilson (43 kg), Olivia Shore (46 kg), Tiare Ikei (49 kg), Leilah Castro (53 kg), Cheyenne Bowman (57 kg), Morgan Norris (61 kg), Kiana Pugh (65 kg), Macey Kilty (69 kg), Tristan Kelly (73 kg)

4 SENIOR 2018 WORLD MEDALS
(1 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze)

2 U23 2018 WORLD MEDALS
(2 Bronze)

1 JUNIOR 2018 WORLD MEDAL
(1 Silver)

4 CADET 2018 WORLD MEDALS
(2 Gold, 2 Bronze)



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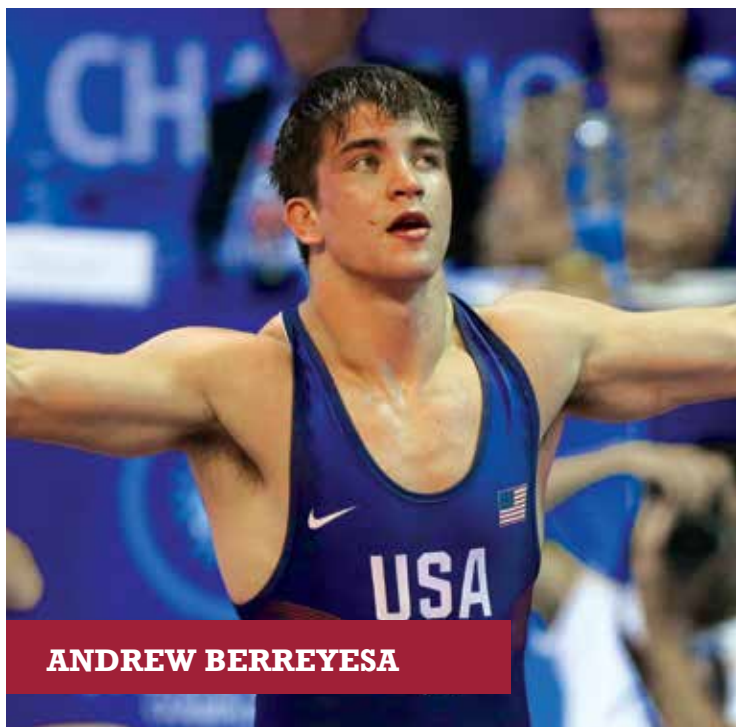
**GRECO-
ROMAN**

TEAM

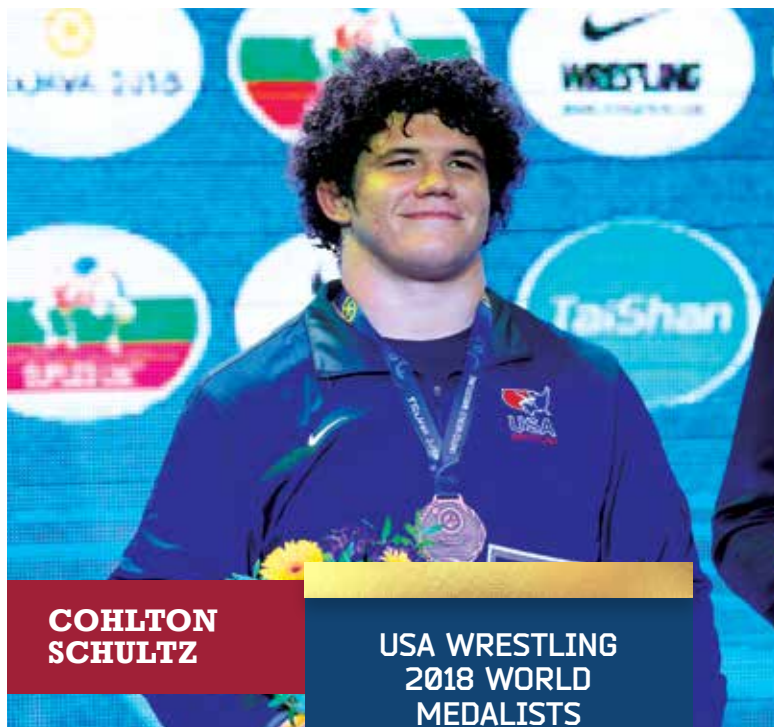


ADAM COON





ANDREW BERREYESA



COHLTON SCHULTZ

**USA WRESTLING
2018 WORLD
MEDALISTS**

SENIOR GRECO-ROMAN

Adam Coon – SILVER

JUNIOR GRECO-ROMAN

Andrew Berreyesa – SILVER
Cohlton Schultz – BRONZE

CADET GRECO-ROMAN

Jacob Kaminski – BRONZE

SENIOR GRECO-ROMAN TEAM

Sam Hazewinkel (55 kg), Dalton Robert (60 kg), Jesse Thielke (63 kg), Ellis Coleman (67 kg), RaVaughn Perkins (72 kg), Kamal Bey (77 kg), Geordan Speiller (82 kg), Patrick Martinez (87 kg), Tracy Hancock (97 kg), Adam Coon (130 kg)

U23 GRECO-ROMAN TEAM

Dalton Duffield (55 kg), Randon Miranda (60 kg), Travis Rice (63 kg), Nolan Baker (67 kg), Logan Kass (72 kg), Jesse Porter (77 kg), Carter Nielsen (82 kg), George Sikes IV (87 kg), Tracy Hancock (97 kg), Cohlton Schultz (130 kg)

JUNIOR GRECO-ROMAN TEAM

Brady Koontz (55 kg), Taylor Lamont (60 kg), Alston Nutter (63 kg), Peyton Omania (67 kg), Tyler Dow (72 kg), Kamal Bey (77 kg), Andrew Berreyesa (82 kg), Barret Hughes (87 kg), Chad Porter (97 kg), Cohlton Schultz (130 kg)

CADET GRECO-ROMAN TEAM

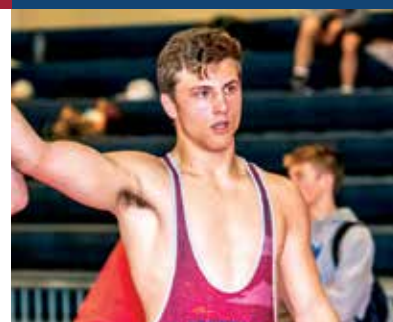
Cale Anderson (45 kg), Brenden Chaowanapibool (48 kg), Jakason Burks (51 kg), Hunter Lewis (55 kg), Phillip Moomey (60 kg), Dominic Damon (65 kg), James Burks III (71 kg), Jonathon Fagen (80 kg), Jacob Kaminski (92 kg), Luke Luffman (110 kg)



1 SENIOR 2018 WORLD MEDAL
(1 Silver)

2 JUNIOR 2018 WORLD MEDALS
(1 Silver, 1 Bronze)

1 CADET 2018 WORLD MEDAL
(1 Bronze)



JACOB KAMINSKI

SAFE SPORT REPORT

USA Wrestling is committed to creating the safest possible environment for participation in the sport of wrestling. We pledge to protect, support, and empower our athletes and members. The Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017 was passed by Congress Feb. 14, 2018. The Act creates a new paradigm for all NGB's through the lens of the SafeSport Code for the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement. Studies show that nearly 75% of athletes under 18 say they have experienced at least one type of abuse (physical, emotional, or sexual) while participating in sports.

In response, USA Wrestling hired its first full time Director of Safe Sport, Dan Prochnow in April 2018. Subsequently, the USA Wrestling Safe Sport Program Handbook has been completed and is available online at themat.com.

Our Policy requires SafeSport Training for all individuals seeking the privilege of membership and who will have regular contact with, or authority over, minor athletes. Each State Affiliate will

be appointing a Safe Sport Coordinator who will assist USA Wrestling to proactively implement our Safe Sport Program. Education will be the key to maintaining a robust program. USA Wrestling is in a pilot training program with the Monique Burr Foundation to assist in developing effective age appropriate education to our K-5 athletes on sexual abuse in sports. More educational opportunities will be made available in the first half of 2019.

A new Safe Sport webpage will be coming online early in 2019 as part of themat.com which will provide complete information on Safe Sport including easy reporting options, educational opportunities, and best practices for clubs. 2019 will see the roll out of our campaign "Stand Up for Kids, and Takedown Misconduct." USA Wrestling encourages all parents and athletes to get actively involved in our Safe Sport Program. The more knowledge there is, the less place there will be for bad actors to hide in our sport.

**Any questions can be directed
to Dan Prochnow at
safesportdirector@usawrestling.org**





NATIONAL COACHES EDUCATION PROGRAM



PA USA Wrestling Coach Kyle Martin utilized his bronze certification training to create an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for his program. When an athlete became injured, they implemented the plan and saved the athlete's life.



The USA Wrestling coach programming is held in extremely high respect across the sport landscape in the United States. The bronze program can set up a coach from any level of wrestling for a lifetime of success.

The more coaches that take the training the stronger the great sport of wrestling will be across our country.

Chris Snyder
USOC Director of Coach Education

I have been officiating for over 44 years and have worked 80 State Finals for youth & HS in Illinois. I have also coached at the kids level for the past 5 years. I am slowing down officiating and spending more time with my grandsons as they begin their wrestling experience. When I started coaching I had my ideas and expectations; and of course, my plans on how my grandkids should act and respect me as their coach. After all, I had all those State Final experiences and everyone knew me on sight. Let me get to the point. Your new Copper Clinic opened my eyes, mind and heart. I spent several hours preparing to teach and learn the criteria. But, most importantly, I learned the way to keep our youth involved in wrestling is to make it fun. I also realize that I must show them the respect that I expect from them. Once this is established, we have a whole new learning experience. I now go to practice with a smile and I am always asking the wrestlers if they are having fun. I also take time with the younger ones who are reluctant to embrace the new surroundings of the wrestling room. The USAW Copper Clinic is spot on for today's youth lifestyle. I would suggest to veteran Coaches that they take the new Copper Clinic. I believe they would see great benefits. Teaching our youth how to wrestle is a privilege!

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Fulscher
IKWF Rules Advisor
IHSA Rules Interpreter/Clinician

Athlete Development Model (ADM)

Athlete Training Standards from USA Wrestling's National Coaches Education Program

Age 5-8	Age 9-12	Age 13-17	Age 18-22	Age 22+
Early Years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus is on FUN, games and activities Daily agility, balance and coordination drills 5-12 hours/week physical activity (excluding wrestling) No weight loss (unless for health reasons) Focus on long-term learning over winning Learn wrestling rules and basic techniques Learn respect for opponents, coaches & officials 	Late Childhood to Young Adult <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce wrestling specific strategies Learn to focus through a full practice Increase levels of competition 	World-Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speed, strength, endurance, power and flexibility Well defined competition style Competitive weight management 		
For Parents <p>At this age, it is essential that your child learns basic Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS).</p> <p>Early success is not a good indicator of future success in wrestling. Provide a fun and positive environment so your child can enjoy wrestling well into the next age groups.</p> <p>It's ok to ask your child about practice and events but respect their privacy if they choose not to talk about them. Focus on positives, not negatives.</p> <p>Children don't fully understand competition, they just want to make their parents happy. Mistakes at this age are ok and they will learn from them.</p>	For Parents <p>Ensure goal setting skills are introduced</p> <p>Promote confidence and self-discipline</p> <p>Emphasize rest and recovery periods after training & competition</p> <p>Multi-sport approach</p> <p>Athletes should be eating and hydrated daily w/ balanced diets</p>	For Parents <p>Trust your coaches, enjoy the sport and support your athlete</p> <p>Athletes will typically specialize in one sport</p> <p>Athletes learn to take criticism as feedback and they understand winning and losing</p> <p>Healthy diets with well structured gradual weight descent plans</p>	For Parents <p>Your athlete should be self-reliant and independent</p> <p>Excellent attention control and positive self-talk</p> <p>Mastery of technique with advanced concepts</p> <p>Elite national & international competitions</p>	
For Coaches <p>2-3 practices/wk of 45-60 minutes</p> <p>Tumbling and FUN</p> <p>Free Play > Technique</p> <p>Recommend 10-20 matches/year</p>	For Coaches <p>4-6 practices/wk of 60-90 minutes</p> <p>Routine and repetitions</p> <p>Group and Individual</p> <p>Recommend 30-40 matches/year</p>	For Coaches <p>5-10 practices/wk of 90-120 minutes with rest between sessions</p> <p>Focus on routines, core strength and flexibility</p> <p>Recommend 50-60 matches/year</p>	For Coaches <p>10-15 practices/wk of varying intensity</p> <p>Periodization planning should be utilized year-round</p>	For Coaches <p>1.5-2.5 hour practices + key recovery plans</p> <p>Sport science specialists essential</p> <p>Test and track all training program results</p>

10 Factors for Athlete Development: Physical literacy, Specialization, Age, Trainability, Intellectual/Emotional/Moral Development, Excellence Takes Time, Periodization, Competition, System Alignment, Continuous Improvement

2018 UWW Senior World Champions

Photo by Justin Hoch and John Sachs

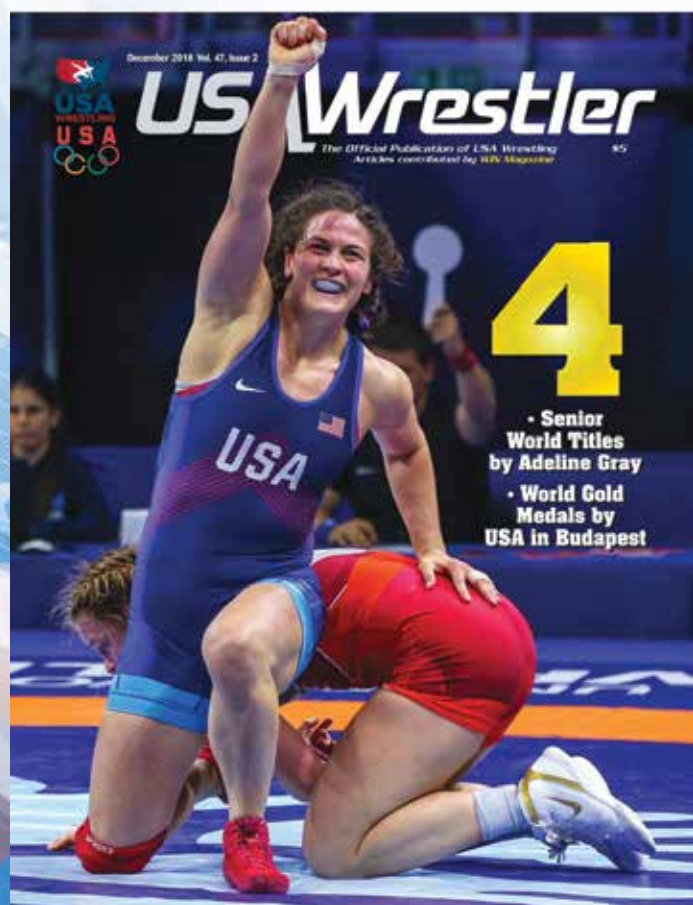
COMMUNICATIONS

CREATION OF NATIONAL GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL RANKINGS

Working with partners from the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and FloWrestling, USA Wrestling helped create the first National Girls High School rankings in the nation. All three organizations invested staff and research time to create these popular rankings, which are published during the high school season and in the post-season. These rankings recognize the achievements of the top female high school wrestlers in the nation and promote women's wrestling, one of the fastest growing segments of the sports community.

IMPLEMENTATION OF ATHLETE SAFETY MEDIA POLICY

In April 2018, USA Wrestling created its new Athlete Safety Media Policy, requiring all media to pass its background check and take the U.S. Center for Safe Sport's online training to receive credentials for USA Wrestling's national and regional events. The background check and SafeSport training is provided free to all members of the media seeking accreditation. USA Wrestling is the first national sports organization to initiate athlete safety procedures as part of its media operations. In year one, over 225 media have complied with this policy to receive event accreditation. USA Wrestling is working to educate the Olympic family and national sports organizations about this media policy and why they should institute this program.



PROMOTION AND MEDIA OPERATION FOR FINAL X SERIES

Working with broadcast partner FloWrestling and local hosts in three different cities, USA Wrestling Communications staff helped formulate and execute a promotional plan for the new Final X Series, which set the 2018 U.S. Senior World Team in men's and women's freestyle in an exciting, fan-friendly format. USA Wrestling helped lead the national and local promotion of successful Final X events in Lincoln, State College and Lehigh. Substantial information was developed about each Final X finalist and distributed through multiple platforms. Press conferences were held in each city, as well as a broadcast of each weigh-in. Working with Events staff of both USA Wrestling and FloWrestling, an effective media operations plan was developed for each site.

OTHER DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS

- USA Wrestling and WIN Magazine completed their second year of a partnership to produce USA Wrestler, the official magazine of the organization. Year two saw improvement in content provided to members and also provided new revenue to USA Wrestling.
- USA Wrestling expanded cooperative projects with its broadcast partners FloWrestling and TrackWrestling, which went beyond promotion of the live video streams from a record 40 event broadcasts. There was extensive content sharing and cooperation that benefitted all three companies.
- USA Wrestling staff attended and reported from all 2018 World Championship events including the Senior Worlds in Budapest, the Cadet Worlds in Croatia, the Junior Worlds in Slovakia and the U23 Worlds in Romania. Many of these events were possible due to a cooperative arrangement with United World Wrestling, which utilized staffer Taylor Miller for UWW World-focused event coverage while supporting her coverage for the USA Wrestling platforms.

1.1 MILLION SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS - NOV. 2018



No. 06 of 49 National Governing Bodies in combined Social Media

No. 05 YouTube and Instagram followers

TOP 8 in Facebook and Twitter followers



Platform	Fans 2018	Fans 2017	Growth	NGB Rank
YouTube	89,783	65,208	37.6%	5 th
Instagram	332,832	263,091	26.5%	5 th
Twitter	202,000	192,275	5.1%	8 th
Facebook	463,984	481,275	-4.0%	6 th

STATE SERVICES

USA Wrestling's State Services Department concluded the 2017-18 membership season with a record number of total members, as it set an all-time record in both athlete and coach members. For the first time in its history, USA Wrestling topped the 200,000 member athlete total with 202,019 athletes nationwide. The department successfully developed and launched its own robust membership system for the season, and over 132,000 users created accounts in the system. Lastly, in its ongoing effort to increase safety in the sport, USA Wrestling implemented mandatory SafeSport training for all of its member coaches and officials.

TOP 10 STATES BY NUMBER OF ATHLETES

- 1) California 19,763
- 2) Illinois 13,907
- 3) Wisconsin 10,060
- 4) Kansas 9,520
- 5) Indiana 8,485
- 6) Washington 7,989
- 7) Missouri 7,622
- 8) Oregon 7,146
- 9) Colorado 6,487
- 10) Pennsylvania 6,464



MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON

Category	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Traditional Athletes	97,045	95,616	98,755	100,321	103,137
Tiered Full Athletes	33,716	33,993	32,977	30,944	31,389
Tiered Limited Folkstyle Athletes	46,854	41,809	40,449	35,829	33,153
Tiered High Performance Athletes	488	553	513	433	437
HS Team Members	4,125	20,435	22,633	23,468	22,989
Open License	19,791	3,715	3,680	3,534	3,364
TOTAL ATHLETES	202,019	196,121	199,007	194,529	194,469
Coaches	33,086	32,253	31,555	29,464	28,255
Officials	2,467	2,544	2,433	2,460	2,541
Clubs	4,529	4,313	4,349	4,445	4,464
Events	2,288	2,056	2,032	2,147	2,143
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	237,572	230,918	232,995	226,453	225,265

USA WRESTLING CORPORATE PARTNERS

Corporate sponsors are critical to the mission of USA Wrestling. Not only do these organizations provide significant resources, but their investment in the sport of wrestling elevates our members experience with USA Wrestling both on and off the mat.



FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

In 2017-18, the Development Department achieved another milestone by growing the total revenue and pledges for the 2017-2020 Quad and beyond to \$6.5M. The department's fundraising efforts encompass **VIPs, alumni, donors, and fans**. We continue to impact the wrestling community through the creation of programs, a more robust event/hospitality experience for our valued supporters, and expansion of our fundraising network.



The Living the Dream Medal Fund

The Living the Dream Medal Fund allows the entire wrestling community to participate in celebrating and honoring the hard work of our World and Olympic medalists. The LDMF is funded by individual stewards, the United States Olympic Committee, USA Wrestling, and online general donations. Athletes receive bonuses for winning gold, silver, or bronze medals at the World championships and/or Olympic Games. At the 2018 World Championships in Budapest, our athletes earned a collective \$350,000. Since the inception of the program in 2009, over two million dollars has been distributed through the LDMF. The Living the Dream Medal Fund stewards are: Mike Novogratz, Andy Barth, Dave Barry, Jamie Dinan, Dave Bunning, Art Martori Family, Rich Tavoso, Stan Dziedzic, Jim Bennett, Dave McCormick, Jack Moses, John Bardis, and Paul Shiverick.



USA Wrestling for Peace (USAW4P)

Wrestling is a global sport that transcends borders. It bridges the gaps between rivals and cultures around the world. USA Wrestling for Peace strengthens these bonds through mission trips, cultural exchanges, and humanitarian aid.



Wrestler for Life (W4L)

Wrestler for Life is the USA Wrestling fan club. W4L aims to keep the community up to date with the latest happenings at USA Wrestling and the wrestling world in general. With monthly contests and the World Team video highlight "Hub", W4L strives to give wrestlers and former wrestlers an outlet to follow along and be a fan.



Platinum Hospitality Experience

Our new Platinum hospitality experience elevates the engagement for our VIPs; from premium seating, exclusive socials, and international and national event opportunities, all with a behind the scenes feel.



United States Wrestling Foundation (USWF)

Our long-standing partnership with the United States Wrestling Foundation (USWF) focuses on growing the wrestling market to specifically accelerate participation, build audience and increase relevance of wrestling.



Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)

We continue to receive charitable funding from federal and state sources such as the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC).

\$6.5M

Revenue & Pledges
for Quadrennial
(2017-2020) & beyond

\$2.4M

Reported Grants
& Contributions
(2017-18)

20%

Planned Growth
in Annual Funds
Raised (2018-19)

EVENTS



Age Group National Events	2018	2017	2016
Girls Folkstyle Nationals	1109	1038	922
Folkstyle Nationals	1740	1913	1864
Women's Freestyle Nationals	759	664	540
UWW Cadet Nationals	610	608	602
UWW Junior Nationals	744	704	588
U23 Nationals	992	975	930
Kids Freestyle Nationals	631	605	670
Kids Greco-Roman Nationals	577	558	630
Cadet & Junior Nationals	4999	4793	4836

Freestyle & Greco-Roman Regionals	2018	2017
Northeast Regional	1392	1627
Southeast Regional	954	1527
Central Regional	693	973
Northern Plains Regional	1640	1619
Southern Plains Regional	1216	1188
Northwest Cadet & Junior Regional	628	807
West Regional	2566	2400
TOTALS	9089	10141

Folkstyle Tour of America	2017-18	2016-17	2015-14
Northwest Bigfoot Battle	1026	951	903
King of the Mountain	1140	1154	1095
Salt Lake Slam	873	848	808
Dominate in the Dells	1123	1096	1083
Rough Neck Rumble	199		
Southern Grind	575	520	N/A
TOTALS	4936	4569	3889

AGE GROUP NATIONAL EVENTS

- Highest participation ever at the Women's Nationals
 - Participation increased in every single division this year with Cadets seeing the biggest increase at 33.8%
- Kids Freestyle & Greco-Roman Nationals was hosted in Atlanta, GA
- Overall increase of 4.3%, while Women's Freestyle saw an increase of 13.7%
 - Overall participation increased 4% from previous year
- All time record participation at the Cadet & Junior Nationals
 - Overall increase of 4.3%, while Women's Freestyle saw an increase of 13.7%

FREESTYLE & GRECO-ROMAN REGIONALS

- Central Regionals moved from Michigan to Ada, OH
- Northeast Regionals took place in East Stroudsburg and also hosted the 2018 UWW Cadet Pan-American Trials
- Northern Plains Regionals took place in Rochester and also hosted the 2018 UWW Jr. Freestyle World Team Trials and the Senior Freestyle World Team Trials Challenge Tournament

TOUR OF AMERICA

Tour of America is USA Wrestling's Youth Folkstyle series that travels across the US with our final stop at the Folkstyle Nationals in Iowa. 2017-18 Tour of America (TOA) featured 6 events across the US. New for 2018-19 season will be the addition of girls divisions at all 6 TOA events. New Girls Dual 2nd -8th grade, Queen of the Mountain added to the 2018 Tour of America in Colorado.



MEN'S WORLD CUP

The United States won its 14th career World Cup title and its first since 2003, with an impressive 6-4 win over Azerbaijan in the gold-medal finals in front of a raucous crowd at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City, Iowa.

Since 2011, when things get tough, the USA has counted on Jordan Burroughs and he has delivered. Some things never change.

With the dual meet tied at 2-2 after four matches, the dominant American freestyle wrestler of his generation stepped up on the raised mat to face 2013 Junior World bronze medalist Gasjimurad Omarov of Azerbaijan. The USA needed a big win.

The 2012 Olympic champion and four-time World champion knew what was at stake. Leading 3-0 after the first period, Burroughs came out in the second, secured another takedown and somehow found a way to crunch Omarov to his back, adjusting to secure the pin in 3:15. The crowd went wild and Burroughs celebrated with all of his passion. The USA never trailed from that point on.

"It's been a long time. I'm not a pinner. It's an art form to be able to pin. I couldn't see the ref because of the way my head was positioned, and I was like, 'please slap the mat before this guy gets off his back because this is a big moment for me.' I don't get guys on their backs a lot. All I know is to squeeze as hard as I can and hope to hear a whistle and



people cheering," said Burroughs.

Burroughs ran his World Cup record to 27-0. In his sixth World Cup, where he has been perfect, his American team got the opportunity to step on the top of the championship podium for the first time in his career and the first time in 14 years since the last win, which was in Boise, Idaho in 2003.

National Coach Bill Zadick was an active athlete back when the USA was winning the World Cup often, and appreciated the heart his team showed all weekend.

"It means a lot. It was a significant performance and something you key in on because of the prestige that it brings. You know it's always going to be a super strong competition. It's a really fun competition because it's a different format than we're used to. It means a lot and even more because of an environment like this. This is a place where wrestling is important to people," said Zadick.

FINAL X

USA Wrestling and FloSports, the innovator in live digital sports and original content, launched an entirely new process for the Men's and Women's Freestyle final World Team Trials, Final X. After months of incubation with key constituents, including significant contributions from Xander Schultz and Mike Novogratz, USA Wrestling and FloWrestling announced three locations, the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Penn State University in State College, and Lehigh University in Bethlehem, for the best two out of three finals, with all 20 weight classes divided up among the three sites.

For the first time ever both finalists would be fresh entering the finals of the World Team Trials, as the challenge tournament was conducted several weeks in advance of Final X. Designed to maximize the fan experience, each Final X featured a two to three hour card of just the best in the country battling to make the World Team and punch their ticket to Budapest.

"This process provided the opportunity to showcase these fantastic athletes and create excitement around their very important pursuit," USA Wrestling Executive Director Rich Bender said. "With our partners at FloWrestling, we believe Final X will become a foundational platform to elevate attention for wrestling and its outstanding competitors."



Final X transformed what was once a weekend of wrestling to determine our World Team into a month long campaign that highlighted the sport and the athletes. FloWrestling was honored and up to the challenge of elevating the trials process to that commensurate with the pinnacle events in other sports. We saw increased and sustained interest in the trials process and in turn the talents and personalities of the athletes were put on display like never before.

Willie Saylor
Managing Editor, FloWrestling



2018:

ONE FOR THE RECORD BOOKS

ADELINE GRAY JOINS LEGENDS JOHN SMITH, JORDAN BURROUGHS, AND TRICIA SAUNDERS WITH MOST WORLD TITLES IN U.S. HISTORY

Adeline Gray continues to add to her legacy as one of the greatest U.S. wrestlers in history.

With a dominant performance in the finals, Gray won her fourth career World gold medal, scoring a 13-1 technical fall over 2017 World champion Yasemin Adar of Turkey on the big stage in the Papp Laszlo Sports Arena at the 2018 World Championships. Gray has been in four World finals and won them all.

"I feel great. I did such a good job mentally. I'm so proud of myself, proud of my body, proud of my team. I'm so proud of everything that happened. This has been a wonderful two days!," said Gray.

To reach the finals, Gray defeated three World/Olympic medalists. She beat past World medalist Epp Mae of Estonia by a 10-0 technical fall, then pinned Olympic bronze medalist Elmira Syzdykova of Kazakhstan in 4:49. In the semifinal, she won a clutch 3-1 match over 2016 Olympic champion Erica Wiebe of Canada, 3-1.

USA WRESTLING SETS ALL TIME MARK WITH 36 WORLD MEDALS ACROSS ALL AGE GROUPS

In 2017 USA Wrestling set a record with 32 World medals, a mark that would only stand for one year. Led by an historic 12 medals at the Senior World Championships (previous record at a single Senior World Championships was 10) and impressive performances at the Cadet, Junior, and U23 World Championships USA Wrestling amassed 36 World medals in 2018.

At the Senior level, David Taylor, Kyle Dake, and J'den Cox all brought home gold as Team USA finished 2nd behind Russia in the Men's Freestyle division. Over the first two years of this quad, the Men's Freestyle team has earned 13 World medals with 5 different individuals winning World titles, which is arguably the best start to a quad in U.S. wrestling history. Adeline Gray added to her trophy case with a U.S. record tying 4th World gold medal in leading the Women's Freestyle Team to a 3rd place finish, while Japan and China took the 1st and 2nd spots, respectively. Greco-Roman saw its first World finalist since 2009 as 1st time world team member Adam Coon pinned his way to the finals en route to a silver medal.

At the age group levels, we are seeing the emergence of several rising stars. In Women's Freestyle, Macey Kilty won gold at the Cadet World Championships and followed that up by taking home silver at the Junior World Championships. Emily Shilson also won gold at the Cadet World Championships. On the men's side of freestyle, Virginia Tech's Mekhi Lewis won a world title at the Junior World Championships, while Matthew Ramos brought home gold at the Cadet World Championships. In Greco-Roman, 2017 Cadet World Champion Cohlton Schultz competed in the Junior division this year and earned a bronze medal.

In addition to the 36 medals won at annual World championship events, USA Wrestling also brought home two medals from the Youth Olympic Games. After winning at the Cadet World Championships, Emily Shilson then went on to win gold at the Youth Olympic Games, the first Youth Olympic Games gold medal in U.S. wrestling history. The next day Robert Howard became the 2nd US wrestler to win gold at the Youth Olympic Games, taking the top spot at 55 kg in Men's Freestyle.

MARINE WEEK CHARLOTTE

USA Wrestling was honored to be a part of the United States Marine Corps' Marine Week in Charlotte, NC, Sept. 7-8. The roster of athletes attending the event included Men's Freestylers Jason Chamberlain and J'den Cox, Greco-Roman athletes Adam Coon and Jesse Thielke, and Women's Freestylers Haley Augello and Becka Leathers. Kevin Jackson, National Freestyle Developmental Coach for USA Wrestling, was also in attendance as a guest clinician.

During the two days, USA Wrestling spent time connecting with the city of Charlotte, both inside and out of the wrestling community. On September 7, the athletes visited elementary students at the Dwight Howard Boys & Girls Club at Starmount Academy of Excellence. There, Team USA athletes and the All-Marine Wrestling team led the students through a variety of physical activities and challenges.

"Wrestlers share many of the same values and warrior spirit as those exhibited by Marines," said LtCol. Christian Devine, Marine Corps Recruiting Command, Director of Marketing and Communication Strategy.



"It was a natural fit to work hand-in-hand with USA Wrestling during the wrestling clinic at Marine Week Charlotte. Opportunities to work with and learn from the great people within USA Wrestling help us connect with diverse audiences in multiple venues. Their professionalism, motivation, and athleticism set the bar for a high-tempo engagement which really enhanced our Marine Week footprint in Charlotte."

USA ATHLETES WIN 18 ASSOCIATED STYLES WORLD MEDALS IN 2018

USA Wrestling's Associated Styles program includes competition in the non-Olympic wrestling styles of Grappling, Beach Wrestling, Belt Wrestling, Koshti Pahlavani and Pankration, as well as USA Wrestling's programs for Masters/Veterans wrestlers in the Olympic and non-Olympic styles.

USA Wrestling athletes won 18 World medals in the Associated Styles, including seven World gold medals, six World silver medals and five World bronze medals.

The USA also participated in the World Alysh Belt Wrestling World Championships in Cholpon-Ata, Kyrgyzstan, with two entries, Jessica Phillipus of Iowa and Breanna Stikkelman of California, as well as the World Beach Wrestling Championships in Sarigerme, Turkey, with Michael Peters of Illinois competing.

2018 ASSOCIATED STYLES WORLD MEDALISTS GOLD MEDALS

Kevin Pine (88 kg Div. D Veterans freestyle)
Travis Clark (Unlimited 35-39 Veterans Gi Grappling and No-Gi Grappling)
Gabe Beauperthuy (Unlimited 40-44 Veterans Gi Grappling and No Gi Grappling)
Jeff Anderson (100 kg Over 45 Gi Grappling)
John Morgan (71 kg Veterans 35-39 No-Gi Grappling)

SILVER MEDALS

Carlos Soto (92 kg Gi Grappling)
Vincent Mancuso (Unlimited Gi Grappling)
Steven Ramos (77 kg No-Gi Grappling)
Stephen Horton (70 kg Div. D. Veterans Greco-Roman)
Rudy James (70 kg Div. B Veterans freestyle)
Aaron Johnson (62 kg 40-44 Veterans No-Gi Grappling)

BRONZE MEDALS

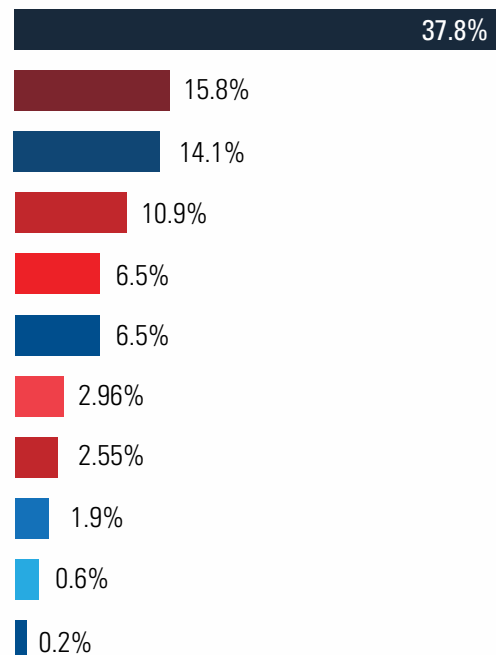
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Jordin Humphrey (70 kg Div. A Veterans freestyle)



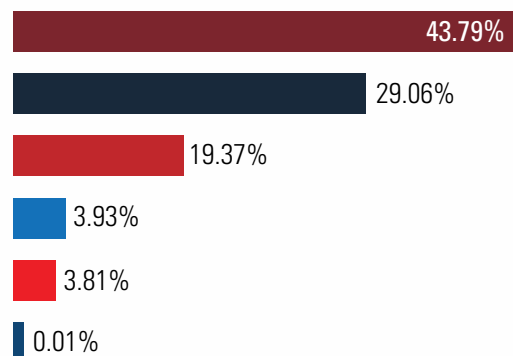


PERCENTAGES BY AREA

REVENUE



EXPENSES



MEKHI LEWIS
2018 UWW JUNIOR
WORLD CHAMPION

FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUE

Membership	\$5,973,196
Grants & Contributions	\$2,498,154
Events & Educational Programs	\$2,238,494
USOC Grants	\$1,727,036
Corporate Sponsorship	\$1,028,738
Tour & Other Programs	\$1,030,128
Investments	\$467,678
Royalties	\$403,828
Digital Media (USOC)	\$300,000
Newspaper & Internet	\$95,761
Other	\$34,776
Total	\$15,797,789

EXPENSES

National Teams	\$6,069,097
Membership/State Services	\$4,027,100
Events & Educational Programs	\$2,685,167
Marketing & Fundraising	\$544,877
General & Administrative	\$528,658
Sport Development	\$2,014
Total	\$13,856,913

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