

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

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It has been an amazing year for USA Wrestling, both on and off the mat, as the organization has strategically moved forward during the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the traits of the wrestling community is that it is willing to work hard to overcome challenges. Not only did USA Wrestling get through some trying times, but it was able to have one of its greatest years ever. At every level of USA Wrestling this past year, the organization performed.

Perhaps the most remarkable highlight of the 2020-21 membership year has been the performance of our athletes on the international stage. On the Senior level, it included both an Olympic Games and World Championships the same year, something that never happened before. Team USA made the most of this opportunity, with record-setting medal production. Our Olympic team won nine medals, including Olympic champions Gable Steveson, Tamyra Mensah Stock and David Taylor. Our Senior World Team won 15 medals, with World champions Adeline Gray, Jordan Burroughs, Helen Maroulis, Kyle Dake and Thomas Gilman. Eight athletes won both World and Olympic medals.

Our age-group World Teams were equally successful, winning 28 medals including 14 gold medals. Our young women won two age-group World titles on the Cadet and Junior levels. Emily Shilson won both a Junior and U23 World title the same year, while Amit Elor won Cadet and Junior golds. Add together the Senior and age-group athletes, and Team USA won a remarkable 52 medals.

While you might think the challenges of the pandemic would wreak havoc on our financial situation, but it was exactly the opposite. When fiscal year 2020-21 ended, the organization had a positive change in net assets of \$992,662. When it got more challenging, USA Wrestling's staff and volunteer leadership got more creative and committed to moving the sport forward. Although membership was reduced from a normal USA Wrestling fiscal year, a combination of expense reductions, new programs and out-of-the-box thinking ended with a great organizational performance.

Special thanks goes to USA Wrestling's amazing staff, which personally sacrificed during the pandemic financially and in added work-load, in order to help USA Wrestling to reach this impressive outcome. I have no doubt in my mind that USA Wrestling has the best professional staff within the U.S. Olympic family.

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USA Wrestling is strong not because of what it does, but who it is. When put to the test with the worldwide pandemic, it was the people of USA Wrestling who made heroic efforts to keep the sport alive, and let us emerge with strength and confidence for an even brighter future. In spite of all that we faced, USA Wrestling had one of its best years.

Nobody in the wrestling community has ever gone through a pandemic. A group of experts in science, medicine, government, technology and other areas volunteered for a COVID-19 Advisory Committee. No organization had a better group to guide its decisions. Other committees were formed for event management and public relations, which allowed USA Wrestling to take a strategic direction.

A strength of USA Wrestling is its infrastructure. It all starts with the USA Wrestling Board of Directors and Executive Committee, which sets direction for the staff and makes decisions on key issues. It is supported by a network of standing and ad-hoc committees which tackle specific areas of wrestling. A key area of leadership came from our impressive Athlete Advisory Committee. Everybody worked overtime for the collective good this year.

There is no way that USA Wrestling gets through last year without its state leadership and local volunteers, who worked hard to re-open the sport. When possible, these leaders started clubs, held competitions using safety protocols and welcomed new athletes into the sport. Their effort was displayed at the 2021 USMC Junior and 16U Nationals in Fargo, which had a record 5,900 entries, just one year after the competition had been cancelled by COVID-19 - an amazing achievement.

Much credit for the record performance of U.S. athletes internationally goes to our national clubs, Regional Training Centers and the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee, all which provide training and direct support to elite athletes. USA Wrestling is bolstered by an impressive group of donors and corporate sponsors and partners, who stood with USA Wrestling in tough times and makes a difference moving forward. Most importantly are our members, who chose to participate in USA Wrestling clubs, events and activities. The success of 2020-21 is a story about our people. Thank you for all that you do for wrestling.

ORGANIZATION MILESTONES



The USA won a record 52 medals at all levels in 2021, which included nine Olympic medals and 43 World Championships medals at all levels (Senior, U23, Junior and Cadet).

Adeline Gray became the first U.S. wrestler to win six World gold medals in a career. She also won the silver medal at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo at 76 kg.





Winning gold at the 2021 World Championships in Oslo, Norway, Jordan Burroughs became the first male U.S. wrestler to win five World gold medals in a career.

Helen Maroulis became the first U.S. woman to win two career Olympic medals, adding a 2020 bronze medal to her 2016 gold medal.





The United States won a record 15 Senior World medals in a year, which included five gold medals, five silver medals and five bronze medals. Eight U.S. athletes won both an Olympic medal and

a World medal during the same year - David Taylor, Tamyra Mensah Stock, Kyle Snyder, Adeline Gray, Kyle Dake, Helen Maroulis, Thomas Gilman and Sarah Hildebrandt.

The nine Olympic medals secured by Team USA in Tokyo was the best medal haul in history, except for the 1904 Olympics (which had only USA entries) and the 1984 Olympics (which TOKY0 2020 featured a Soviet-bloc boycott).





For the first time, the U.S. women's program captured two age-group World Team Titles, winning both the Cadet World Championships

and Junior World Championships. Emily Shilson won World titles for Team USA at both the U23 and Junior Worlds, while Amit Elor won World titles at the Cadet and Junior Worlds.



FARGO, ND

USA Wrestling celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Junior Nationals, the most impactful youth wrestling competition in history, with a series of special activities in Fargo, N.D. in July.

The combined USMC Junior & 16U Nationals in Fargo, N.D. set an entry record for 5,900 total entries in 2021, which was up from the 5,374 total entries in 2019. Included was a reunion of the original 1971 Junior National freestyle champions.

With a few weeks notice, after being forced to move the event due to the pandemic, USA Wrestling partnered with the USOPC to host a highly



successful U.S. Olympic Team Trials in Fort Worth, Texas.



HIGH NATIONAL With the help of USA Wrestling's RECRUITING SHOWCASE started a new series called the started a new series called the National High School Recruiting

Showcase. Only high school state champions or National Prep champions automatically qualify, with others qualifying through regional events. The National Showcase included 417 high school boys and 307 high school girls, with 43 states represented.

The Living the Dream Medal Fund made record bonus payments to athletes for the 2020 Olympic Games (\$950,000) and 2021 IVING THE DREAM Senior World Championships (\$450,000).



Since the program's inception in 2009, U.S. World and Olympic medalists have received \$4,150,000 in bonuses funded by donor Stewards, USA Wrestling and the USOPC.



Women's wrestling continued its impressive growth with leadership from USA Wrestling at the youth, high school and college levels. Going into 2022, there are 34 state associations with

official state high school girls wrestling championships. There are over 110 women's college varsity programs.

NATIONAL TEAMS

TEAM USA PERFORMANCE OF A LIFETIME

Team USA wrestlers turned in the performance of a lifetime during the 2020-21 season, earning a historic 52 medals in Olympic and World Competition.

USA Wrestling's National Teams program confronted many challenges due to the pandemic. The biggest obstacle by far was Olympic Games preparation during nationwide shutdowns. Keeping athletes safe while navigating complex regulatory environments, testing protocols, and training in non-traditional locations are only a few of the tests our coaches, staff, and athletes faced on the road to Tokyo.

One of the National Teams mantras that kept all of us going during the pandemic was, "the harder it gets, the better it is for U.S. wrestlers." The implication was that we were going to navigate COVID-related challenges better than any other country in the world. And we did. U.S. wrestlers had the best quad on record, capped by what is arguably the best Olympic Games performance in history.

Due to Olympic & Paralympic Training Center restrictions and closures, USA Wrestling staff pivoted to work with key clubs and State Associations to find alternative training locations for our teams. We believe this was an important factor in our success at the Olympics and other World-level events.

Despite limited opportunities to train and compete, USA Wrestling captured nine Olympic medals, 43 World medals and two women's team titles.

2021 CADET WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

JULY 19-25, 2021 | BUDAPEST, HUNGARY GR 55kg: Cory Land - SILVER WFS 40kg: Erica Pastoriza – GOLD WFS 43kg: Angie Dill – BRONZE WFS 46kg: Ava Ward - BRONZE WFS 49kg: Audrey Jimenez – BRONZE WFS 53kg: Katie Gomez - GOLD WFS 69kg: Amit Elor - GOLD WFS 73kg: Lillian Freitas - BRONZE MFS 45 kg: Bo Bassett – GOLD MFS 48 kg: Luke Lilledahl – SILVER MFS 51 kg: Nathanael Jesuroga - BRONZE MFS 65 kg: Meyer Shapiro – GOLD MFS 80 kg: James Rowley – SILVER MFS 110 kg: James Mullen – SILVER

2021 U23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS NOVEMBER 1-7. 2021 | BELGRADE, SERBIA WFS 50kg: Emily Shilson - GOLD WFS 76kg: Kylie Welker – BRONZE MFS 97kg: Jonathan Aiello – BRONZE MFS 125kg: Anthony Cassioppi - GOLD

2021 JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AUGUST 16-22, 2021 | UFA, RUSSIA

GR 97kg: Braxton Amos - BRONZE WFS 50kg: Emily Shilson – GOLD WFS 62kg: Korina Blades – BRONZE WFS 68kg: Amit Elor – GOLD WFS 72kg: Kennedy Blades – GOLD WFS 76kg: Kylie Welker – GOLD MFS 65 kg: Beau Bartlett – BRONZE MFS 70 kg: Bryce Andonian – BRONZE MFS 74 kg: Keegan O'Toole – GOLD MFS 92 kg: Rocky Elam – GOLD MFS 97 kg: Braxton Amos - GOLD



2020 OLYMPIC GAMES

AUGUST 1-7, 2021 | TOKYO, JAPAN WFS 50kg: Sarah Hildebrandt – BRONZE WFS 57kg: Helen Maroulis - BRONZE WFS 68kg: Tamyra Mensah Stock – GOLD WFS 76kg: Adeline Gray - SILVER MFS 57kg: Thomas Gilman – BRONZE MFS 74kg: Kyle Dake – BRONZE MFS 86kg: David Taylor – GOLD MFS 97kg: Kyle Snyder – SILVER MFS 125kg: Gable Steveson - GOLD

2021 SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

OCTOBER 2-10, 2021 | OSLO, NORWAY GR 97kg: G'Angelo Hancock - BRONZE WFS 50kg: Sarah Hildebrandt - SILVER WFS 55kg: Jenna Burkert - BRONZE WFS 57kg: Helen Maroulis - GOLD WFS 62kg: Kayla Miracle - SILVER WFS 65kg: Forrest Molinari - BRONZE WFS 68kg: Tamyra Mensah Stock - BRONZE WFS 76kg: Adeline Gray - GOLD MFS 57kg: Thomas Gilman - GOLD MFS 61kg: Daton Fix - SILVER MFS 74kg: Kyle Dake - GOLD MFS 79kg: Jordan Burroughs - GOLD MFS 86kg: David Taylor - SILVER MFS 92kg: J'den Cox - BRONZE MFS 97kg: Kyle Snyder - SILVER

2020 OLYMPIC GAMES GRECO-ROMAN

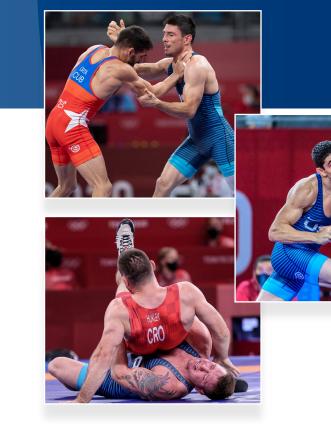
The U.S. was represented in four weight classes in Olympic Greco-Roman competition at 60kg, 67 kg, 87 kg and 97 kg.

Two-time Olympian Ildar Hafizov completed his Olympic competition at 60 kg with an 0-2 record finishing 12th overall in Tokyo. After losing his opening bout to a Pan American champion from Cuba, Hafizov was pulled into the repechage round where he dropped a 7-1 decision to 2018 World champion Sergey Emelin of the Russian Olympic Committee (ROC).

At 67 kg Alejandro Sancho was defeated in his opening match by 2018 World champion and No. 3 seed Artem Surkov of ROC, 10-4. Surkov lost his guarterfinal eliminating Sancho's hopes of being pulled into the repechage round. Sancho finished his competition with an 0-1 record and a 10th place finish.

2019 World Team member John Stefanowicz was defeated in the first round of the 87 kg competition by 2017 U23 World silver medalist Ivan Huklek of Croatia by a 5-3 margin. When Huklek lost his semifinals match. Stefanowicz was eliminated from competition. Stefanowicz finished 12th in Tokyo.

G'Angelo Hancock finished the Olympic Games in seventh place at 97 kg. Hancock opened up with confidence and power, defeating 2018 World bronze medalist Mihail Kajaia of Serbia, 5-1, then suffered a close guarterfinals loss.





JOHN STEFANOWICZ



ANGELO HANCOCH







2020 OLYMPIC GAMES MEN'S FREESTYLE

The U.S. men's freestyle team captured a whopping five medals at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, claiming two gold, one silver and two bronze in this historic performance. U.S. men won medals at every freestyle weight class contested by a Team USA member.

U.S. men kicked off the first day of men's freestyle competition with two Olympic medals. 2018 World champion David Taylor claimed gold at 86kg, edging 2016 Olympic champion and two-time World champion Hassan Yazdani

Charati of Iran with a takedown in the remaining seconds of the gold medal bout.

Earlier in the day, 2017 World silver medalist Thomas Gilman earned the first men's freestyle medal for Team USA, winning an Olympic bronze medal at 57 kg with an impressive win over Reza Atrinagharchi of Iran.

Gable Steveson finished off an amazing year of success with some last -second heroics, beating three-time World champion and 2016 Olympic bronze medalist Geno Petriashvili of Georgia in the gold medal finals of the Olympic Games at 125 kg.

Reigning Olympic champion Kyle Snyder claimed silver at 97 kg, with a heartbreaking loss in the finals. With his silver medal, Snyder has won a medal in the last five World Championships or Olympic Games.

Two-time World champion Kyle Dake also added an Olympic bronze medal at 74 kg, shutting out two-time World champion and 2016 Olympic bronze medalist Frank Chamizo of Italy in the bronze medal bout.





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JAVID TAVLOR



2020 OLYMPIC GAMES WOMEN'S FREESTYLE

The U.S. women's freestyle team finished the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo with four medals, the most ever won by U.S. women in a single Olympics. The U.S. women were led by two-time World medalist champion Tamyra Mensah Stock at 68 kg, claiming the only gold medal for U.S. women. Five-time World champion Adeline Gray secured the first medal of the Games with her silver medal at 76 kg. This was Gray's second Olympic appearance, placing seventh at 🛛 🖪 🖗 the 2016 Rio de Janerio Games.

U.S. women also secured two bronze medals in Tokyo with Sarah Hildebrandt at 50 kg and Helen Maroulis at 57 kg. Maroulis became the first U.S. woman to win two career Olympic medals, winning bronze in Tokyo and gold at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio. Hildebrandt made the most of her Olympic debut, winning the bronze medal in Tokyo.

At 55 kg, 2019 World champion Jacarra Winchester won her opening bout against 2019 World bronze medalist Olga Khoroshavtseva of

Russia, but lost guarterfinal and repechage bouts resulting in a fifthplace finish. Rounding out the women's team roster was Kayla Miracle at 62 kg, who dropped her opening bout and was not drawn back into repechage.

















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2021 WORLD **CHAMPIONSHIPS**



WFS 50KG - SILVER



SARAH HII DEBRANDT JENNA BURKERT WFS 55KG - BRONZE

The power of Team USA on the World's stage emanated

across World Championship competition at the Cadet,

Junior, U23 and Senior levels. Team USA had record-setting



UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS

THOMAS GILMAN MFS 57KG - GOLD

two women's team titles.

U23 World Championships.

Championship.



DATON FIX **KYLE DAKE** MFS 74KG -GOLD MFS 61KG - SILVER

performances at these events, winning an unprecedented 43 World medals and

In Senior-level competition in Oslo, Norway, Team USA captured an historic 15 medals; five each in gold, silver and bronze. Claiming gold for the U.S. were Helen

Maroulis at 57 kg and Adeline Gray at 76 kg in women's freestyle. Gray now holds

an historic six World Championship titles. Also winning gold were Thomas Gilman at 57 kg, Kyle Dake at 74 kg, and Jordan Burroughs at 79 kg in men's freestyle.

This is Burroughs sixth career gold medal, with five World titles and an Olympic

The U23 Championships, held in Belgrade, Serbia, garnered two gold and two bronze medals. In freestyle competition, Tony Cassioppi won gold at 125 kg, while Emily Shilson claimed two World titles at 50 kg winning gold at both the Junior and

Team USA Junior women captured their first team title, with four gold and

one bronze medals at the Junior World Championships in Ufa, Russia. Amit Elor

captured two World titles at both the Cadet & Junior World Championships. The men's freestyle team also earned four gold medals, with Braxton Amos winning

The U.S. Cadet women also won their first World team title winning three gold

and four bronze medals at the Cadet World Championships in Budapest, Hungary. The freestyle men also turned in a spectacular performance winning two gold and

two World medals; gold in men's freestyle and bronze in Greco-Roman.

four silver medals for a combined total of 13 medals in Cadet competition.





MFS 79KG - GOLD

MEDALS



MEDALS

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FORREST MOLINARI

WFS 65KG - BRONZE



TAMYRA MENSAH STOCK

WES 68KG -BRONZE

J'DEN COX

KYLE SNYDER MFS 92KG -BRONZE MFS 97KG -SILVER

2021 SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OCTOBER 2-10, 2021 OSLO. NORWAY

MEDALS

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G'ANGELO HANCOCK GR 97KG - BRONZE

2

ADFI INF GRAY

WFS 76KG - GOLD

FMILY SHILSON WFS 50KG - GOLD

MFS 65KG - BRONZE

KORINA RI ADES WFS 62KG - BRONZE

AMIT ELOR WFS 68KG -GOLD







EMILY SHILSON WFS 50KG - GOLD

JONATHAN AIELLO WFS 76KG -BRONZE MFS 97KG -BRONZE



AVA WARD

WFS 46KG - BRONZE



ERICA PASTORIZA

WFS 40KG - GOLD

BO BASSETT MFS 45KG - GOLD

ANGIE DILL

WFS 43KG - BRONZE

2021 CADET

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

JULY 19-25, 2021 | BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

LUKE LILLEDAHL MFS 48KG -SILVER







BEAU BARTLETT BRYCE ANDONIAN

KEEGAN O'TOOLE

MFS 74KG - GOLD



















AUDREY JIMENEZ WFS 49KG -BRONZE



KATIE GOMEZ WFS 53KG - GOLD



AMIT ELOR WFS 69KG -GOLD



LILLIAN FREITAS WFS 73KG - BRONZE





MEYER SHAPIRO MFS 65KG - GOLD



JAMES ROWLEY MFS 80KG -SILVER



USA CADET WOMEN WIN

1ST WORLD TEAM TITLE

JAMES MULLEN MFS 110KG -SILVER



ROCKY ELAM MFS 92KG -GOLD



KENNEDY BLADES WFS 72KG - GOLD



BRAXTON AMOS MFS 97KG - GOLD GR 97KG - BRONZE



KYLIE WELKER WFS 76KG -GOLD

2021 JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AUGUST 16-22, 2021 **UFA. RUSSIA**



USA JUNIOR WOMEN WIN 1ST WORLD TEAM TITLE



TONY CASSIOPPI MFS 125KG -GOLD

2021 U23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS **NOVEMBER 1-7, 2021 BELGRADE SERBIA**



REGIONAL **TRAINING CENTERS**

Regional Training Centers (RTCs) have experienced tremendous growth within the last few years and are becoming the breeding ground for our World and Olympic teams. There is no doubt that this growth coupled with our recent success at the Olympic Games and World Championships illustrates the power this system has for impacting results at all age levels.

RTCs are investing new dollars into the international styles each year which only strengthens the ties between USA Wrestling and high-level RTCs. Not only is the investment good for wrestling, but it is also helping advance these young athletes at a considerable rate. Young athletes can develop skills quickly by having the opportunity to train alongside Senior-level athletes and learn from the greatest minds in wrestling.

It's no secret that most of the high-level coaches in this country are tied into college campuses. Providing athletes the opportunity to have access to great facilities, highlevel coaching, and quality training partners is a win for everyone in our sport. We are seeing the formation of a younger generation of athletes that aspire to hold the standard that is being set by the likes of Olympic Champions Kyle Snyder, Jordan Burroughs, David Taylor, Gable Steveson, Tamyra Mensah Stock and Helen Maroulis.

Iron sharpens iron and the bar is being raised every year. It takes people involved at all levels to help keep the U.S. team on top. RTCs are an extension of the National Coaching staff, therefore the rise in RTCs over the last few years has made world-class coaching and training more accessible for a much larger number of athletes to chase their dreams of World and Olympic gold.

Not only does USA Wrestling see the benefit of this model, but college campuses across the country benefit greatly as well. For example, it is great exposure for a university when Olympic Champions are walking around and training on their college campuses. This helps provide stability in Olympic sports as college administrators love the exposure this brings to their campuses and athletic departments.

This model coupled with the continued support, strength and leadership of USA Wrestling National Clubs such as Titan Mercury Wrestling Club, Sunkist Kids Wresting Club, the New York Athletic Club, Army World Class Athlete Program and the Minnesota Storm, provide a foundation for continued success.

- AIR FORCE RTC
- **BOONE RTC**
- **BUFFALO VALLEY RTC**
- **BUIES CREEK WRESTLING CLUB** •
- **BULLS WRESTLING CLUB** •
- CALIFORNIA RTC
- CAVALIER WRESTLING CLUB
- CENTRAL COAST RTC
- **CENTRAL MICHIGAN WRESTLING CLUB** •
- CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA RTC
- CLARION RTC
- CLEVELAND RTC
- CLIFF KEEN WRESTLING CLUB •
- COWBOY RTC
- CYCLONE RTC •
- **GOPHER WRESTLING CLUB**
- **GREAT LAKES RTC**
- HAWKEYE WRESTLING CLUB •
- ILLINOIS RTC
- JACKRABBIT WRESTLING CLUB •
- KNIGHTS WRESTLING CLUB
- LEHIGH VALLEY WRESTLING CLUB
- MCKENDREE BEARCAT WRESTLING CLUB •
- NAVY-MARINE CORPS MAT CLUB
- NEBRASKA WRESTLING RTC
- NEW JERSEY RTC
- NEW YORK CITY RTC
- NITTANY LION WRESTLING CLUB
- NORTHERN COLORADO WRESTLING CLUB
- NORTHERN ILLINOIS RTC •
- OHIO RTC •
- **OKLAHOMA RTC**
- OLYMPIAD RTC •
- PANTHER WRESTLING CLUB RTC
- PENNSYLVANIA RTC
- PITTSBURGH WRESTLING CLUB
- PRINCETON WRESTLING CLUB •
- RISE RTC
- SOUTHEAST RTC
- SPARTAN COMBAT RTC
- SUNKIST KIDS WRESTLING CLUB
- TAR HEEL WRESTLING CLUB
- WEST POINT WRESTLING CLUB •
- WISCONSIN RTC
- WOLFPACK WRESTLING CLUB

COACHES EDUCATION

A number of new courses and programs were created through the National Coaches Education Program during the 2020-21 season.

The new Coaching Philosophy Course, as well the Officials Education Program For Coaches, are now available through the online membership system.

In honoring long-time board member and distinguished wrestler and coach Greg Strobel, a new program emerged through the efforts of Greg's family and USA Wrestling, The Greg Strobel Leadership Academy. The inaugural fundraiser garnered more than \$20,000 for training and development programs focused on supporting Senior athletes by learning, discussing, and sharing experiences around the core values of family, accountability, discipline, and creating a lifetime of good habits.

3733 TOTAL COPPER & BRONZE COURSES COMPLETED

ASSOCIATED STYLES

VETERANS/MASTERS WRESTLING

freestylers Dan Chaid (Div. E, 130 kg), Rob Prebish (Div. C, 62 kg), Stephen Horton (Div. D, 70 kg) and Jon Banko (Div. D, 78 kg), plus Peters (70 kg). Greco-Roman wrestlers David Yi (Div. B, 62 kg) and Octavius Bellamy. (Div. C, 88 kg). The U.S. Veterans men's freestyle team won the team title and the Greco-Roman team placed third, with 29 overall Veterans World medals.

BEACH WRESTLING

The USA sent a five-athlete Senior team to the 2021 Beach World Series Final in Constanta, Romania, with three men and two women on 70 kg.

the team. All five of the U.S. wrestlers placed Reece Humphrey won gold medals in both in the top 10 of their weight class, and the styles in Div. A at 70 kg at the 2021 Veterans USA finished seventh in the 13-team men's World Championships in Loutraki, Greece, standings with 12 points. Anthony Raupp placed leading the USA effort. He was joined by highest among the U.S. athletes, earning fifth at seven other Veterans World champions, men's 80 kg. Placing seventh were Jamal Morris (80 kg), Breanna Stikkelman (60 kg) and Tiara Scott (Over 70 kg). Earning 10th place was Michael

USA Wrestling sent its largest age-group team to the Beach World Championships on the Cadet and Junior levels, also held in Constanta, Romania. Three women competed at the Cadet Beach Worlds, with the highest finish being Lilly Luft, who was fourth at 60 kg. Isabella Hoffman was eighth (50 kg) and Isabella Carrington was 10th (70 kg). At the Junior Beach Worlds, Zoe Hussar was the U.S. entry, and she took fifth at

Also launched this season was the High School Athlete Leadership Development Course, a seven-week course for athletes of all backgrounds and abilities to learn from USA Wrestling Gold and Silver Certified Coaches.

In an effort to help expand opportunities for girls and women in the sport, the NCEP program partnered with the Wrestle Like a Girl Foundation to create a set of Girls Wrestling Best Practices.

HEADS UP PODCAST

The National Coaches Education Program and the USA Wrestling Coaches Council partnered to launch the new Heads Up Coaches Council Podcast. The twice-monthly podcast, available on Apple Podcasts. Google Podcasts and Spotify, offers valuable information on coaching tips and techniques for the coaching community.



EVENTS

The 2020-2021 Event year was met with COVID-19 challenges, but by utilizing the "USA Wrestling Event Operational Plan", the events department met the uncertainty head on and was able to host many of our events.

In the early summer of 2020, the USA Wrestling events department formed a COVID-19 committee. This committee assisted in the development of several protocols to safely return to practice and competition.

This committee was instrumental is assisting with two important documents, "Return to Mat Guideline" and "Return to Events Guideline." These plans provided USA Wrestling State leaders, event organizers and wrestling consumers with valuable information so that wrestling could begin again.



The Olympic Trials were slated to be hosted at Penn State University in 2021. As we got closer to February, the restrictions in State College did not loosen. USA Wrestling Events made a quick pivot with eight weeks of planning and the journey to the Olympic Team Trials led us to Fort Worth, Texas and Dickies Arena.

The short timeframe provided numerous challenges and required numerous overtime hours to plan for the event. The biggest challenge was the guidelines and requirements required by the USOPC with testing and social distancing. Our partners, Fort Worth Sports Commission and Dickies Arena, were a blessing and helped make this event a smashing success. Approximately 700 athletes, coaches, staff, referees, volunteers and media went through COVID-19 testing protocols.

Social distancing also was a requirement. Dickies Arena was able to accommodate approximately 6,000 fans, who were treated to a first-class event.

FOLKSTYLE NATIONAL EVENTS

The 2020 USA Wrestling Brian Keck Memorial Preseason Nationals sold out in a few days with 2,944 athletes registered. Competitors ranged from first grade to high school and competed over three days in Des Moines, Iowa.

USA Wrestling launched a new series called the High School National Recruiting Showcase. To qualify for the tournament, athletes had to be a high school state champion, a National Prep champion, or qualify in the top eight at one of the eight Showcase qualifiers. The final High School National Recruiting Showcase featured two divisions, which included 417 high school boys who contested folkstyle, and 307 high school girls who contested folkstyle. The High School National Recruiting Showcase was a tough event, featuring the "who's who" among high school athletes. We look forward to watching this event grow and prosper. The High School National Recruiting Showcase partnered with Girls Folkstyle Nationals and hosted 638 female athletes.

Following the Showcase and Girls Folkstyle Nationals, USA Wrestling hosted the 2021 USA Wrestling Folkstyle Nationals in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

MARINES

FARGO, ND

USA

FREESTYLE/GRECO-ROMAN NATIONAL EVENTS

SENIOR LEVEL EVENTS

With the COVID-19 pandemic starting to wain, USA Wrestling kicked off a busy events season with the 2020 Senior Nationals in Iowa City, Iowa. The first Operational Plan was approved by the Iocal health authorities, and we did our best to protect the athletes, staff and spectators. There were 371 Senior athletes who dusted off their wrestling shoes and competed in the two-day event.

With the delay in the collegiate season and a hunger for wrestling, USA Wrestling staff started working on plans to host the 2020 U23 and UWW Junior Nationals in cooperation with the MWC Wrestling Academy. That event took place in Omaha, Neb., with 1,269 registered athletes and served as a 2021 Senior World Team Qualifier. **1,269 PARTICIPANTS** U23 & UWW JUNIOR NATIONALS SENIOR WORLD TEAM QUALIFIER





Women's Nationals continues to highlight female athletes of all ages ranging from 8U to U23. This tournament serves as the World Team Trials for the female age divisions U15, UWW Cadets, UWW Juniors, & U23. The pandemic did not affect participation at the Women's Nationals; total entries only decreased by a single athlete from 2019 to 2021.

Kids Nationals returned to Wisconsin Dells, Wis. over the summer. More than 1,000 athletes competed in both Freestyle and Greco-Roman. At the conclusion of Kids Nationals, six athletes were crowned with the Triple Crown award.

USA Wrestling completed its season with a recordsetting 2021 U.S. Marine Corps 16U & Junior Nationals. Celebrating 50 years of Junior Nationals, this historic event included more than 5,900 total entries in 2021. This event was represented by athletes from 48 states and Puerto Rico.

MEMBERSHIP & **STATE SERVICES**

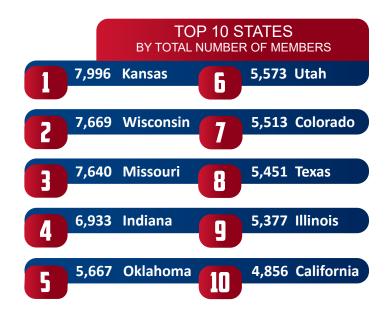
USA Wrestling's State Services Department, like others, felt the impact of COVID-19 in the last six months of 2019-20, but essentially throughout the entire membership season in 2020-21. While many wrestling clubs were dormant at least the first part of 2020-21, USA Wrestling did see some states with membership totals within 75% and above previous membership records.

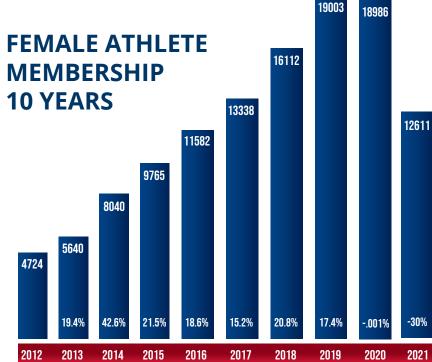
The department continues to conduct regularly scheduled state leadership meetings via Zoom and was able to host the State Leaders Summit in-person in Colorado Springs in August 2021. State leaders are as involved and creative as ever, and their leadership at the national and state levels was instrumental in wrestling re-imagined during COVID-19.

Lastly, the State Services Department continues to develop its membership system to meet the needs of its individual members, club leaders and event directors. An enhanced certificate of insurance delivery system is fully deployed, and compliance with any safety effort, as well as any US Center for SafeSport and/or USOPC requirements are built into the membership system.

Wrestling is one of the fastest growing women's sports in the United States with explosive participation increases at the youth, high school, and college levels.

Currently, 34 states now offer an official Girls Wrestling Championships at the high school level, with more states expected to join in the coming year.



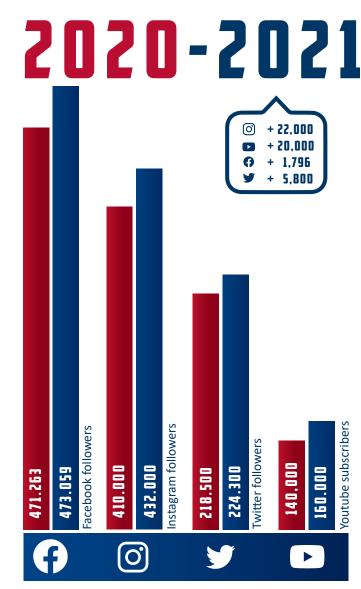


COMMUNICATIONS

SOCIAL FOLLOWING

At the beginning of the fiscal year, the wrestling community was still mostly shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As the year progressed, there was more wrestling activity, more news and features, and activity on the USA Wrestling social platforms increased.

By early August 2021, USA Wrestling now had over 1.29 million followers/subscribers in the four big social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube). All four platforms showed increases from a year ago.



SPECIAL PROJECTS



The 2020-21 fiscal year has been a busy year, as USA Wrestling has helped re-open the sport after the COVID-19 shutdown closed all wrestling activity in the early months of the pandemic. With the start of selected national events in the fall of 2020, USA Wrestling ultimately was able to conduct its full national and regional events schedule during the 2021 calendar year, along with the addition of some new event properties. In addition, the delay of the Olympic Games for one year meant that the 2020-21 fiscal year was once again an Olympic year, with all of the additional promotion and communication activities that occur leading into, during and shortly after the Olympics.

Olympic Year Promotions:

- Promotion of Final Olympic Trials Qualifiers
- U.S. Olympic Trials media promotion •
- U.S. athlete hometown & national promotion
- #OlympiansMadeHere campaign •
- Coverage of Olympic Training Camps
- 2020 Olympic Games coverage in Tokyo, Japan

COVID-19 Pandemic Communications

USA Wrestling continued to conduct numerous special committee meetings to help the organization through the COVID-19 pandemic. Included was the COVID-19 Advisory Committee of health, medical and government experts to educate USA Wrestling and assist in its decision-making process. In addition, USA Wrestling had three more special COVID-19 committees: Public Relations and Messaging Committee, Collegiate Wrestling COVID-19 Sustainability Planning Committee and the Return to Practice and Competition Committee Communications staff actively ran the PR/Messaging Committee meetings, and provided support to the other two specific special committees.

In order to maximize safety for the athletes, but continue a commitment to promoting the sport during the pandemic, USA Wrestling conducted virtual interview opportunities for media during its major competitions. The champions of each weight class at a number of major events were interviewed live on a Zoom meeting, where journalists (either onsite or remotely from other locations) could interview the athletes.

CORPORATE SPONSORS

The 2020-21 season has remained steady in the partnership category. We have extended a few of the partners through the remainder of the Tokyo quad and gained two additional partners along the way.

Fokken Nuts is USA Wrestling's official peanut butter supplier, while LevelChanger was signed on as USA Wrestling's official digital scoring sponsor.

In addition to the new sponsor and supplier, our team scored a major win by renewing the U.S. Marines Corps partnership for the vear and into 2022. The USMC played a significant role in Fargo, N.D., as the title sponsor of the 2021 USMC Junior & 16U National Championships. We look forward to working with the Marines again this year, as there are many new and exciting activations coming for events this fall.

Fargo played host this year to the celebration of the 50th Junior National Championships and the recognition of the champions from the first Junior Nationals in 1971. Our Events team created a great opportunity for this group to be represented and celebrated to the full audience at the FargoDome. Our sponsors, Dollamur and NCSA, sponsored this 50th team's room and board and played a large role in making this celebration memorable and a success for all involved.



FUNDRAISING

The USA Wrestling Fundraising Department exercises management oversight for the current Olympic Quad of approximately \$8 million (including quad pledges), and approximately \$2 million annually. The department's fundraising efforts encompass VIPs. booster donors, alumni, and fans. The department is responsible for raising funds for general operations, as well as all styles of wrestling at all age groups and Senior levels.

Through August 31, 2021, the Fundraising Department recorded revenue of \$2,521,134. This number exceeds our 2021 revenue budget by 30%.

We recorded substantial fundraising "constituent" increases from the prior year, and have experienced positive results in all categories, which represents a greater number of donors and greater fundraising revenue coming into the organization.

+11%

BRONZE THRU

170 to 189 Donors

DIAMOND

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54 to 59 Donors

+212%

CONSECUTIVE YEAR DONORS

78 to 243 Donors

SAFE SPORT



AUDIT

USA Wrestling had its first US Center for SafeSport (the Center) audit during the Junior & 16U Nationals. The auditor indicated that our membership system and methodology for validating membership, suspensions, banned and other administrative holds is "Best In Class." In an effort to protect its members, USA Wrestling created resources to educate its constituents on misconduct reporting and minor athlete protection, including emails, posters and PA announcements. We also created procedures for states and sanctioned events to follow regarding athlete safety.

NEW MAAPP

The Center revised its Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy requirements. We worked with the Center to obtain its approval of USA Wrestling's revised policy. This version includes new nuances like a close-in-age and dual relationship exceptions.

TRAINING

In addition to the Center's Core SafeSport training and refresher courses, the Center has developed new training modules that are tailored for medical personnel and volunteers who do not have regular contact with or authority over minor athletes (e.g., table workers). USA Wrestling continues to lead

REVISED SAFESPORT CODE HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED

MINOR ATHLETE ABUSE PREVENTION POLICIES (MAAPP) REVISED

MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM ENHANCEMENTS

the charge in athlete safety as the only National Governing Body requiring media personnel to obtain SafeSport training and pass a background check.

KEY ENHANCEMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM

We continue to upgrade the membership system that assist USA Wrestling and its state affiliates in the safe sport realm.

1. State chairpersons and safe sport coordinators are immediately contacted by email if a member is put on the USA Wrestling disciplinary list. This assists in knowledge transfer and helps disciplinary measure implementation.

2. The disciplinary list has been refined to ensure issues are properly categorized and tracked.

3. Incorporated an electronic volunteer registration form that checks against "banned" lists and requires them review and accept key concepts like the MAAPP and where to report misconduct. This will help states and event organizers in managing volunteers.

STATE SAFE SPORT COORDINATORS

USA Wrestling met approximately once a month with the state safe sport coordinators to discuss various safe sport issues, investigation tactics, policy changes, etc. We also created educational documents for the group. The goal is to have the state safe sport coordinators investigate lower-level issues that they can more efficiently handle. We will continue to assist and educate on these matters.

SAFESPORT EVOLUTION

The Center continues to evolve, which is not unusual given it is still, for all intents and purposes, in its infancy. Similarly, the USOPC is also refining its athlete safety protocol. As each of these entities evolves, USA Wrestling will refine its policies and requirements.

COMPLIANCE AUDIT

USA Wrestling will undergo its first USOPC Compliance Standards audit in 2022. For the avoidance of doubt, this is in addition to the USOPC financial audit and the USCSS SafeSport audit. Organizational policies and practices will be judged against an 80-page standards document. These standards are critical for USA Wrestling to maintain its National Governing Body status. We have updated various policies in an attempt to align ourselves with the USOPC compliance standards.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY **AND INCLUSION**



Creating a culture that welcomes members of all races, gender, religion, sexual orientation, and ethnicities; embracing equity, inclusion, and multicultural awareness that helps to effect lasting, meaningful change.



In October 2020, USA Wrestling President Bruce Baumgartner re-populated the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee, naming Kerry McCoy as the

The Committee has been focusing on four initiatives in order to assist USA Wrestling in becoming a leader in the DEI area. The Committee meets monthly to support the research, education, partnerships and longevity initiatives.



DEI INITIATIVES

RESEARCH

The Committee determined that understanding USA Wrestling member demographics was key to analyzing areas of strength, weakness and blind spots. To that end, it developed a call to action letter and survey that was launched with the new membership year and that requests members to disclose certain demographics.

For those that participate in the preliminary survey and are over 18 years of age, there is a secondary anonymous survey that delves deeper into various potentially more sensitive questions.

EDUCATION

The Committee has analyzed and come up with a calendar of events that highlight USA Wrestling's member diversity and initiatives that will be featured on TheMat.com and the USA Wrestling social media platforms.

PARTNERSHIP

The Committee is working with various USA Wrestling partners and sponsors to ascertain and enhance their DEI initiatives.

LONGEVITY

As this initiative is dependent on the above three initiatives, it is in a holding pattern of sorts until the Committee secures more data to effectively more forward.

FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

STAFF DIRECTORY AS OF MARCH 2022

	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	2020ne
	AUDITED*	AUDITED*	AUDITED*	AUDITED	AUDITED	QUAD TOTAL
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:						
MEMBERSHIP	\$5,842,820	\$5,973,196	\$6,635,931	\$6,027,155	\$4,140,106	\$28,619,208
EVENTS & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS	\$1,564,517	\$2,238,494	\$2,155,485	\$656,574	\$2,602,708	\$9,217,778
GRANTS & CONTRIBUTIONS	\$3,757,195	\$2,498,154	\$697,275	\$655,387	\$2,543,702	\$10,151,713
INVESTMENT INCOME, NET	\$433,679	\$443,029	\$83,888	\$551,448	\$1,659,146	\$3,171,190
USOPC GRANTS	\$1,291,620	\$1,454,105	\$1,452,811	\$1,515,517	\$1,534,644	\$7,248,697
CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP	\$863,565	\$1,028,738	\$1,277,684	\$889,835	\$841,281	\$4,901,103
ROYALTIES	\$395,001	\$403,828	\$406,605	\$402,756	\$400,177	\$2,008,367
USOPC DIGITAL MEDIA	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$1,500,000
TOUR & PROGRAM REVENUE	\$658,812	\$1,030,128	\$871,045	\$333,029	\$275,486	\$3,168,500
US OLYMPIC TEAM TRIALS MGMT FEE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
OTHER	\$24,578	\$34,776	\$5,645	\$3,400	\$59,486	\$127,885
NEWSPAPER & INTERNET INCOME	\$183,504	\$95,761	\$125,591	\$129,615	\$44,418	\$578,889
GAIN/(LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OF ASSETS	\$0	\$0	(\$599)	(\$1,728)	\$0	(\$2,327)
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$15,315,291	\$15,500,209	\$14,011,361	\$11,462,988	\$14,601,154	\$70,891,003
EXPENSES:						
PROGRAM SERVICES:						
NATIONAL TEAM	\$5,781,680	\$6,060,223	\$7,196,780	\$5,022,726	\$6,048,548	\$30,109,957
MEMBERSHIP	\$3,771,497	\$4,021,184	\$4,546,393	\$4,357,927	\$3,918,679	\$20,615,680
EVENTS & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS	\$1,824,060	\$2,682,209	\$2,447,985	\$1,461,589	\$2,413,526	\$10,829,369
PROMOTIONS & SPORT DEVELOPMENT	\$92,227	\$2,014	\$143,587	\$138,702	\$145,824	\$522,354
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	\$11,469,464	\$12,765,630	\$14,334,745	\$10,980,944	\$12,526,577	\$62,077,360
SUPPORTING SERVICES:						
MARKETING & FUNDRAISING	\$458,803	\$541,427	\$764,815	\$670,352	\$629,910	\$3,065,307
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE	\$529,637	\$525,207	\$518,102	\$486,537	\$452,005	\$2,511,488
TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES	\$988,440	\$1,066,634	\$1,282,917	\$1,156,889	\$1,081,915	\$5,576,795
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$12,457,904	\$13,832,264	\$15,617,662	\$12,137,833	\$13,608,492	\$67,654,155
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$2,857,387	\$1,667,945	(\$1,606,301)	(\$674,845)	\$992,662	\$3,236,848

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Mark Reiland

3.25.1969 - 12.8.2021



This year's annual report is dedicated to Mark Reiland, USA Wrestling's First Vice President, who tragically passed away in December at age 52.

Mark was an NCAA champion at Iowa, and a multiple-time state championship coach at Iowa City West High. For two decades, he was USA Wrestling's State Chairperson in Iowa, impacting youth across the state. As a volunteer *leader, he served on numerous* national committees, always stepping up when the organization and sport had a need.

His selfless service to wrestling and commitment to USA Wrestling made a lasting impact, and his legacy includes the countless people he influenced and inspired through his passion for the sport. We miss you Mark and love you.

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