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TO: SOUTHERN PLAINS COACHES & STATE LEADERS
FR: RUSTY DAVIDSON
RE: NATIONAL COACHES COUNCIL

Coaches and Leaders,

I hope you're celebrating the success our Junior World Team had. Is the Southern Plains Kickin' Ass... or what? Get pumped for some great results from Paris, and then from our Cadets in Athens!

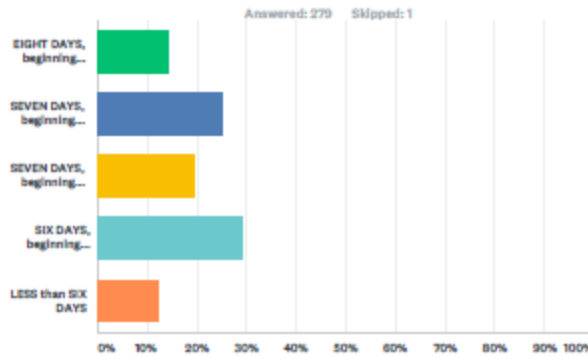
This update focusses on your input to the State Leaders at their recent Colorado Springs Summit, as well as the decisions they forwarded up the food chain, to the JOWC and, ultimately, the Board of Directors.

I have to tell you, they're already calling this the "*FARGO Summit*"! I think it's fair to say, there was some interesting, often heated, debate, regarding several of the 'Jigsaw Puzzle' pieces that define our premier event. I applaud the contributors and the debate. I have some deep concerns with some of the outcomes. But, that's for me and my State Chair. Please make the most of your own Chain of Command!

First, your input. With the help of Tony Black, USAW State Services Director, we distributed a Survey Monkey instrument to a total of 780 Coaches, registered in Fargo. We got timely responses from 280 (that's 36 per cent). That number gave us 'Validity', which is important. We are encouraging all stakeholders to work at making their decisions Data based, rather than Emotion based.

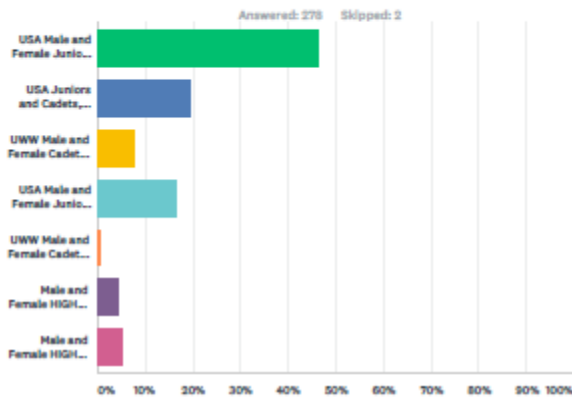
Please see, next, the bar-graph results of the instrument. NOTE: If the graphics are too small, adjust your VIEW to 200%. Please also note, I am NOT computer magician enough to combine several snips on a single page. Apologies! Please scroll through several pages.

Q1 The USAW National Championship, For HIGH SCHOOL aged athletes, should ideally be competed over: (choose ONE)



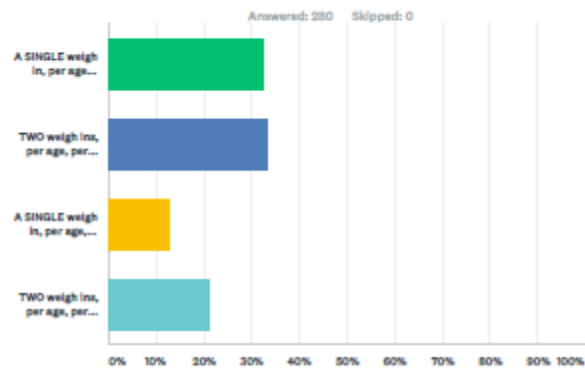
Answer Choices	Responses
EIGHT DAYS, beginning Saturday Morning and ending Saturday Afternoon	14.34% 40
SEVEN DAYS, beginning Sunday Morning and ending Saturday Afternoon	25.09% 70
SEVEN DAYS, beginning Saturday Morning and ending Friday Night	19.35% 54
SIX DAYS, beginning Sunday Morning and ending Friday Night	29.03% 81
LESS than SIX DAYS	12.19% 34
TOTAL	279

Q2 AGE GROUPS competing in the USAW National Championship, for HIGH SCHOOL aged athletes should ideally consist of: (choose ONE)



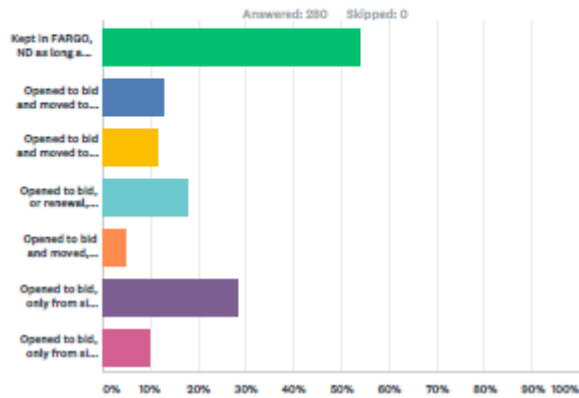
Answer Choices	Responses
USA Male and Female Juniors (under 20 on September 1st and recently enrolled 9-12) and USA Male and Female Cadets (15 or 16 this calendar year), in Individual, bracketed tournaments (NO DUALS)	46.40% 129
USA Juniors and Cadets, MALE ONLY, in Individual, bracketed tournaments	19.42% 54
UWW Male and Female Cadets (16 or 17 this calendar year... 15 with medical release) and UWW School Boys / Girls (14 or 15 this calendar year... 13 with medical release), in Individual, bracketed tournaments (NO DUALS) (with the ADDITION of a Championship event to Include Graduating Seniors and recent graduates)	7.55% 21
USA Male and Female Juniors and Cadets WITH WOMEN'S DUALS	16.55% 46
UWW Male and Female Cadets and School Boys / Girls WITH WOMEN'S DUALS (with the ADDITION of a Championship event to Include Graduating Seniors and recent graduates)	0.72% 2
Male and Female HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (Incoming Grades 9 - 12... No Graduates) (with the ADDITION of a Championship event to Include Graduating Seniors and recent graduates)	4.32% 12
Male and Female HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (Outgoing Grades 9 - 12... No 8th Graders)	5.04% 14
TOTAL	278

Q3 WEIGH IN structure for USAW's National Championship. For HIGH SCHOOL aged athletes, should include: (choose ONE)



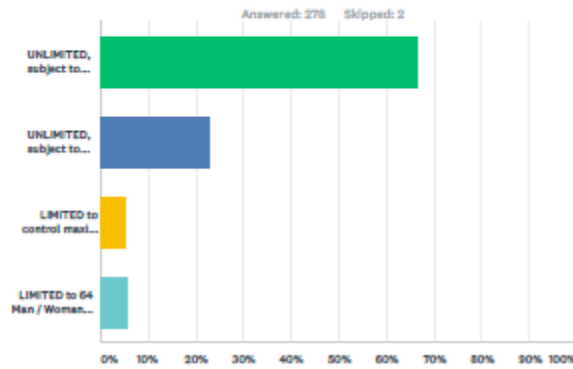
Answer Choices	Response
A SINGLE weigh in, per age group, per style, held the EVENING BEFORE competition	32.50% 91
TWO weigh ins, per age, per style, the first held the EVENING BEFORE competition, the second held TWO HOURS before second day competition	33.57% 94
A SINGLE weigh in, per age, per style, held TWO hours prior to competition	12.88% 36
TWO weigh ins, per age, per style, both held TWO hours prior to competition	21.07% 59
TOTAL	250

Q4 The LOCATION of USAW's National Championship, For HIGH SCHOOL aged athletes, should be: (choose MORE than one)



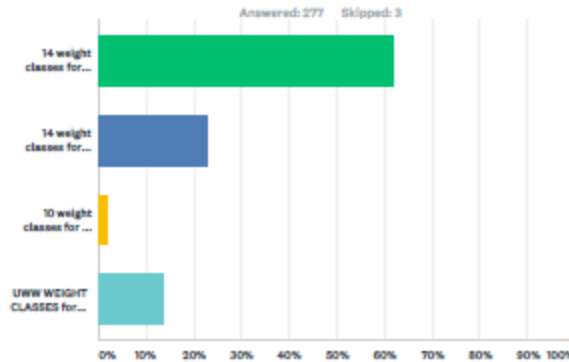
Answer Choices	Responses
Kept in FARGO, ND as long as we can keep it there	53.93% 151
Opened to bid and moved to a new site, for an undetermined number of years	12.86% 36
Opened to bid and moved to a new site, every FOUR years	11.43% 32
Opened to bid, or renewal, every four years	17.86% 50
Opened to bid and moved, ANNUALLY	4.84% 13
Opened to bid, only from sites that can provide Indoor Football Stadium, Turf, Big Screens, fixed seating	28.21% 79
Opened to bid, only from sites that provide concrete floor, Convention Center configuration, moveable bleacher seating, wall projection,	9.64% 27
Total Respondents: 200	

Q5 BRACKET SIZE, for USAW's National Championship for HIGH SCHOOL aged athletes, should be: (choose ONE)



Answer Choices	Responses
UNLIMITED, subject to maximum qualifiers per state, PLUS Regional Qualifiers, with athletes able to compete in MULTIPLE Regions	66.55% 185
UNLIMITED, subject to maximum qualifiers per state, PLUS Regional Qualifiers, RESTRICTING athletes to their Region of RESIDENCE	23.02% 64
LIMITED to control maximum matches per athlete / per session / per day	5.04% 14
LIMITED to 64 Man / Woman brackets, with a maximum of TEN qualifiers per REGION, PLUS WILD CARDS, selected by committee, to fill the 64	5.40% 15
TOTAL	278

Q6 WEIGHT CLASSES contested at USAW's National Championship, For HIGH SCHOOL aged athletes, should ideally include: (choose ONE)



Answer Choices	Responses
14 weight classes for JUNIOR WOMEN, 14 weight classes for CADET WOMEN, 15 weight classes for JUNIOR MEN, 17 weight classes for CADET MEN	61.73% 171
14 weight classes for JUNIOR WOMEN, 14 weight classes for CADET WOMEN, 14 weight classes for JUNIOR MEN, 14 weight classes for CADET MEN	22.74% 63
10 weight classes for UWW CADET WOMEN, 10 weight classes for UWW SCHOOL GIRLS, 10 weight classes for UWW CADET MEN, 10 weight classes for UWW SCHOOL BOYS	1.81% 5
UWW WEIGHT CLASSES for both men and women, WITH ADDITIONAL weight classes decided by age group Councils	13.72% 38
TOTAL	277

Thank You ! to the 280 Coaches who took the time to fuel the fire. We're about to take a look at the outcomes of all the discussion in Colorado Springs. In some cases, let me advise: Pour yourself a drink; Go to the room that does not have very many sharp things; Sit down; Hit the drink, pretty hard, at least once; Breathe; Remember NOT to PANIC. Everything will be OK !

Seriously... What I'm presenting you are the large generalizations that came from the State Chairs. None of the Details are fixed. We have experts, in our Events and State Services departments, that really DO care about your kids ! Ready ?

*In 2018, we will wrestle Freestyle Men First, Greco Last

*In 2018, the Womens' Duals will NOT be contested in Fargo (During the same event as the individual tournaments)

*In 2018, the First Weigh in, for Each Style / Age Group, will, OPTIMALLY, take place the evening before their competition begins

*In 2018, All Matches in the Championship Bracket and Medal Matches will consist of Two THREE-MINUTE periods

*In 2018, All Non-Medal Matches in the Consolation Bracket will consist of Two TWO-MINUTE periods

OK... one more sip ! We'll be OK ! I know there are some points that will make you happy, and some that will have you scratchin' your noggin. We'll be OK ! Give our Staff time to process these decisions and present us with a plan... probably late winter / early spring.

Enjoy the Seniors and the Cadets. If you want to Wrestle on the Beach, in Turkey, in October... Call me !

If you have kids in the room, just make your Magic. Get them ready for the Folkstyle Season. We'll be OK. (That's three times I've said that).

Get some rest, we have things to do ! I really appreciate what you do for kids.

Ciao,
Rusty