

2019 ISWA Womens End of Year Report

2019 opened with a BANG for Indiana Girls Wrestling. The first month of January was packed full of wrestling opportunities for girls of all ages throughout the state. We (ISWA) have been working hard to communicate with clubs to add all girls' divisions. For starters, Martinsville 2/17/2019, New Palestine 2/24/2019, and Beech Grove 3/3/2019 will all have girls' divisions in the upcoming months. The 3rd Annual IHSGW (Indiana High School Girls Wrestling) State grew from 132 girls in 2018 from both the North and South Regionals to 168 girls in 2019. It was held once again at Hamilton Heights on January 11 setting the stage for some exciting high school women's wrestling. The evening was beautifully orchestrated by Pat Culp, Gary Myers and friends with team introductions under a spotlight and 4 full mats of wrestling. 109 girls competed for the right to say they were the 2019 IHSGW State Champion.

For the first time in history the IHSWCA Middle School State in February tournament added an all-girls division to level the playing field giving them the opportunity to shine amongst their peers. 33 girls took advantage of the opportunity and the event was a success. Pat Culp, Jake O'Neill and friends delivered another quality tournament that's sure to be talked about.

The biggest area of growth was seen in the ISWA Fokstyle Womens State in early March. Last year there were 99 and this year 168. That's a growth of %70 in just one year! We are confident in saying that the more opportunities the girls have throughout the year to wrestle other girls the larger the number will be in the years to come. So if you are a club that wants to add a girls division, then now is the time! We will be promoting them on the ISWA site.

Also new for the first time ever the ISWA fielded two Girls National Teams. One was at the Heartland Duals in Council Bluffs Iowa and was made up from girls in the 1st-8th grade. The team did well and finished 3rd overall with two girls going undefeated. The second team was made up of 14U girls at the Junior duals in Tulsa. That team also did very well and ended up 3rd too. Wev are hoping to send two teams to this tournament next year. One being Junior/Cadet combined and the other 14U.

Last but certainly not the least was Fargo. We took 12 women to Fargo tying the most ever which was set in 2006 and 4 of them came back All-Americans with one of the doubling up in the Cadet and Junior divisions. Those who went were; Trinity Malave Cadet 106lbs., Torieanna Buchanan 112lbs. 6th Cadet, 8th Junior, Charissa Fauber Cadet 112lbs., Ciera Broukal Junior 117lbs., Cailin Campbell Cadet 122lbs., Jaryn Strong Cadet 127lbs., Catie Campbell Cadet 132lbs., Alara Boyd 138lbs. 1st Junior, Autumn Terhune Junior 152lbs., Kiersten O'Neill 164lbs. 6th Cadet, Jasmine Hale 164lbs. Junior, Riley Dempewolf 180lbs. 6th Cadet

A big thanks to all the parents and coaches who helped make this the most successful year to date for our ladies. Let's keep pushing forward to see how far these young warriors can go on the local and National stages!

Yours in Wrestling,

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