

States Presently in Progress of Studying the Interest in Girls Wrestling and the Feasibility of adding it as a sanctioned sport.

Oregon - In process since 2009

Oregon has been working with their state scholastic organization for several years to promote and sanction a girls state HS tournament. They are running numerous middle school and high school tournament for girls. Check out their Facebook page under Oregon Women's Wrestling for their tournament schedules.

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Oregon: year 1 had 70 females, year 2 had 150; 2009 held an exhibition girls division in state championships and continues to do so through 2017.

Colorado- In process November 2016

January 2017- first girls high school tournament held with 81 girls from 42 school in attendance.

A Sub-committee has been appointed by their state CHSHAA (Colorado High School Activities Association) to determine if there are enough girls in the state that are interested in wrestling to make it feasible to add girls wrestling as a sanctioned sport.

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Virginia- In Process; in April 2016,

VAWA Women's Director went to Virginia High School League (VHSL) to advocate for sanctioning

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2013- Virginia Women's Wrestling organization was created to support the Virginia Association of USA Wrestling (VAWA) in helping grow and support the girls program in the state of Virginia in age group as well as high school wrestling.

2015 1st annual USAW 85 total girls attended ages K-12

2017 first inaugural high school season tournament 52 High School girls attended.

War of the Roses East Coast Championships

2014- 44 athletes to 84 athletes in 2015 = 90% growth

VSHL Mandated Hydration Test numbers have increased from 124 in 2013-2014 to 226 in 2016 - 17.

Iowa - Kansas- Nebraska - 2016-17 - all are working toward increasing numbers of high school girls by running girls only high school tournaments during the HS wrestling season. Check each state's Facebook page for more details. Each state has individuals that have reached out to their State Scholastic High School committees to further promote and work toward sanctioning girls wrestling as a separate sport.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8x7FsRSwG8-> Wrestle Like A Girl Kansas video.

Illinois 2017 IHSA has not officially sanctioned girls wrestling.

Illinois will have their first girls state tournament being run by their Coaches and Officials Association alongside the 21st Annual IWCOA Freshman/Sophomore State Championships.

1st Annual IWCOA Girls' Folkstyle State Championships

Fri. & Sat., March 10 & 11, 2017

Prairie Capital Convention Center

<http://illinoismatmen.com/2017/01/29/2017-iwcoa-froshsoph-and-girls-folkstyle-state-series/>

INDIANA-2017 IHSAA has not officially sanctioned girls wrestling.

January 20, 2017 - The first Indiana Girls State Wrestling Finals event was organized by Hamilton Heights wrestling coach Gary Myers with the blessing of the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA).

<http://www.wthr.com/article/champions-crowned-at-inaugural-indiana-high-school-girls-wrestling-state-finals>

New York City (PSAL): Has 28 all-girls freestyle teams, as of Spring 2016.