



USA
WRESTLING



Purpose

The purpose of the USA Wrestling for Peace (USAW4P) program is to promote wrestling as a positive force in local, national and global communities. The sport of wrestling can cultivate stronger international ties which in turn can enhance the future of wrestling as an Olympic sport. USAW4P will promote the positive values of the sport, cultural exchanges, public relations and competition. We must act with meaning and purpose in the global public sphere, as well as engaging influential decision-makers who can enhance relations.

Mission

To foster international relations and strengthen cultural understandings through the sport of wrestling.

Vision

Connecting the world through the sport of wrestling.

Concept

Wrestling diplomacy has emerged as an integral component of strengthening inter-societal relationships. In today's global village, citizens of different countries relate to each other independently of their governments, either as individuals or as members of non-governmental organizations and the emerging transnational civil society. Wrestling transcends borders, political ideologies and religious affiliations. It has a universal language through which people can find a medium to express their affinity and communicate. Wrestlers and their coaches are respected around the world regardless of their nationality or religion. The sport of wrestling is one of the most diverse sports in the world, with almost 200 nations participating worldwide and 179 nations sponsoring a wrestling federation.

USA Wrestling for Peace will contribute to building relations between people all over the world through wrestling. This effort can also move the sport forward by delivering on the International Olympic Committee's goal of increasing participation, audience, and sponsorship, including building a network of leaders from across public, private, and social sectors that see the value of wrestling as more than just a sport. All of these are part of the IOC's evaluation criteria for sports and disciplines.