

WSWA General Membership Meeting

August 23, 2025

Hal Holmes Center, Ellensburg, WA

Introduction of Board Members and Directors: Jeff Moore, President; Travis (MT) Ayers, President Elect; Rene Torres, Coaches Director; LeeAnn Johnson, Operations Official Director; Marcus Requa, Mat Official Director; Stephanie Ottow, Women's Director; Anthony Zuniga, Junior Director; Justin Newby, Executive Director

Meeting called to order at 12:00pm

Motion to accept 2024 General Membership Meeting Minutes was made by MT Ayers and seconded by Stuart Harr, Steelclaw Wrestling. No objections, Motion carries.

President - Jeff Moore: Leadership Summit - Breaking records for membership growth in Washington. Not a lot of changes for this coming year from USA Wrestling. Focus is on the 2028 Olympics. Thank you to the general membership for helping break records in Washington State, adding 10% each year. WA is one of the top three states. 19,551 members for WA Athletes/Leadership. At the Leadership Summit there was talk about Duals in July, Fargo in June 2027 and 2028.

President Elect – MT Ayers: Local competitions, strive to have good sportsmanship. Help develop wrestlers and youth officials.

Mat Official Director – Marcus Requa: Region 1, getting youth involved with officiating. Each year growing. Will be hosting clinics in region 1 and 2 this fall. Marcus will be traveling to region 2 to help at tournaments with young officials and grow the officials pool. Coaches please help the young officials with errors and have good sportsmanship. Adults that helped with NW Regionals and National events will be getting their notice of upgrades this fall.

Treasurer – Justin Newby for Ed Hawthorne: Good year. Little over budget in national events but membership was up this year to help balance out.

Coaches Director – Rene Torres: Currently ready to renew memberships for the 2025-2026 year. Make sure to get background and safe sport completed. Had some young coaches/athletes come help coach at the local clubs and be involved at national camps/events. College wrestlers coming back to help out. Taking suggestions from clubs to have our next generation of coaches to help.

Operations Official Director Report – LeeAnn Johnson: Reminder to clubs for the 2025-2026 season, event sanctions for Folkstyle need to be completed by September 30th and the FS/GR sanctions need to be completed by December 31st. Another reminder to clubs, if you are hosting a WSWA event, a requirement is that your club must help run a table at the state events. We may also ask for help for any regional or national events. We will be allowing satellite weigh-ins for open events. All registration for this season will still be through USAW Membership, next year registration will be on USA Bracketing. New standard for WSWA events, onsite weigh-ins 7:30-8:00am, wrestling at 9:00am unless the hosting club wants something different. We will be eliminating true 2nd matches at local events, unless hosting clubs request it. We will continue using PIN rankings for our state events. The structure of the Operations Officials will be changing for USA Wrestling. There will no longer be Pairing Categories, P3-P1E, and all Operation Officials will start back at ground level.

There will be Ops3, Ops2 and Ops1 categories. Ops3 are officials that help with networking and matside scoring, Ops2 will be officials that start running events at the regional and local levels, Ops1 are mentors that help teach others on how to run successful events. Lastly, I was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from USWOA.

Executive Director - Justin Newby: Not a lot of changes for WSWA this year. Folkstyle State will be at the Tacoma Dome. Limited Folkstyle no longer allowed for Folkstyle State, wrestlers will need a Full Athlete Membership. First 1700 wrestlers to register will be \$35, after that up to 2000 at \$50. FS/GR state will be at the Podium in Spokane, NW Regionals will be in Centralia. NW Regional will have a schedule change, Men FS and Women GR on Saturday, Men GR and Women FS on Sunday. There will be no 14U festival. Women's numbers are still growing, this year there will be a qualifier for Fargo. Top three at state, top 6 at regionals, top 8 at UWW. Will be eliminating petitions for Fargo. Get serious athletes to attend national events. Hired LeeAnn Johnson full time with WSWA.

Age Level Reports

Stephanie Ottow, Women's Director:

National team camps held over the 24-25 season

Total camps: 12

Goals for the camps:

Building Relationships with athletes to coaches to parent/family

Learning the different coaching styles, their strengths and how to incorporate their philosophies to help our female athletes achieve to the best of their abilities as a wrestler and person.

Greco was a focus, it was our secret weapon, Jordan, Mason, Dom, Derek, this style set us apart from other teams who are not Greco focused, just having specific technique that other states won't know how to defend. – proved at National duals.

Viktorya's and Des focus on Partier defense was a huge success! Defending leg laces and guts... My goal was to learn and work on the technique or aspects of wrestling that wrestlers may not like to drill, and drill the heck out of it.

Most importantly as a director- build relationships with other clubs, asking them to host national camps, and highlighting their clubs.

National Duals Results:

Freestyle:

Jrs - 10th

16u - 12th

14u - 3rd

Greco:

Jr's – 4th Gold/ Silver

16u- 7th

14u 1st in Gold/Silver

Onto Fargo:

7 All Americans

Mia Cienega runner up

Malia Ottow 3rd

Winter West and Saige McCreery- 4th

Libby Roberts- 5th.

Selina Mae Castro- 5th, Vina “win” 7th

Pan Am Team –
Kamryn Mason (Canada) 3rd place
17U World Team
Masie Elliot 3rd place
Kamryn Mason DNP

Conclusion:

The 2025 season was a landmark year for the Washington State Women’s National Team. Our athletes not only proved their abilities on the national stage at Fargo, but they also showed the heart, unity, and determination that define our program. Through months of intense training, long travel days, and countless hours of mat time, these young women grew into more than just teammates — they became a family. The bonds they built with one another through sweat, sacrifice, and shared victories created a cohesive and supportive training environment that elevated everyone around them.

Our coaching staff deserves tremendous recognition for cultivating this atmosphere. Their leadership provided a positive, structured, and empowering learning environment where athletes could push past limits while always knowing they were supported. The coaches inspired confidence, demanded discipline, and modeled resilience, guiding each wrestler to trust not only in their own preparation but in their teammates standing beside them. Their mentorship was more than technical — it instilled pride, self-belief, and the understanding that excellence comes from both effort and character.

As Director, I could not be prouder of this team. From the mat to the stands, the growth of our athletes reflects the elite level of coaching and the strength of our wrestling community. Our Washington girls left Fargo as fierce competitors, loyal teammates, and future leaders. This season was not just about medals and placements — it was about building a culture of excellence that will carry forward into every step of their journey

Proposed Items:

Fargo Training 2nd camp a week prior to FARGO, work with Suner and boys side Neutral site on the west side, discuss CA training together at a hotel- lodging, accommodations- what could we subsidize, raise money? Would this become a part of the overall total?

Fargo Changes: all athletes need to stay at hotel, not with parents, travel together as a team.

Reason for :

Team meetings, runs, bonding, traveling to and from, building relationships with their teammates. This is not individual... we are still a team. Libby Roberts / Karlee

Brummett inclusive- team walk/run-- photo

Only taking the top 3 placers from qualifiers- limiting or taking zero petitions.

Riverview and the 2nd Fargo camp Mandatory

Positives: Gear!! Amazing!! All the athletes and coaches loved the gear!

Extremely thankful for this opportunity to be the director, I know that there are more qualified , but to have this time to represent our state and be with my amazing coaches and athletes, directors and board members, extremely grateful.

Anthony Zuniga, Junior Director:

TEAM WASHINGTON UPDATE

Our Juniors put in serious work this season, hitting 7 different camps and competing hard on the national stage.

- Kade West – Finalist, 2nd place HWT
- Czar Quintanilla – 5th place, 126 lbs
- Justyce Zuniga – 6th place, 132 lbs Freestyle
(ranked 15th in the country Freestyle, 5th in the country Greco) – dropped a tough 1-point match to the eventual 3rd-place finisher.

We're proud of these young men for showing grit against the nation's best.

Shoutout to our coaches who continue to pour into the program:
Kenny Sanders, Mason Phillips, Chris Feist, Matt Harshman.

Duals Coaches - Kenny Sanders, Geoffrey Kaylor

Moving forward, 16U and Juniors will train together as one team — Fargo prep, coaching corners, and joint sessions. We'll also be hitting regional tournaments to sharpen our edge.

The grind doesn't stop. The standard is high. Team Washington is built for the big stage.

Mike Bundy, 16U Director:

Duals - Finished 7th overall in Greco with a 4-3 overall record. Team was very competitive, in every dual, and made the Gold pool for 2nd straight year.

In F/S, team WA finished with an overall record of 6 - 2 and won the Red/Blue Pool.

Fargo F/S

Team WA finished 15th overall, we had 2 All-Americans, and our first 16U Freestyle champ since 2012.

Fargo Greco

Team WA finished tied for 2nd overall with 6 All-Americans and 2 National Champs. It was our highest 16U team finish since finishing 2nd in 2017.

Moving forward in 2026

More collaboration between 16U & Junior Directors on working to create training opportunities regularly leading into Duals/Fargo.

Voting for Open Positions

Results:

Operations Officials Director: Mollie Gandy Unopposed. Motion by MT Ayers, Second by Jim Thrall to approve the positions as presented and voted on.

New Business:

Zoom meeting option for membership meeting - open for discussion with membership.
Future General membership meeting - Virtual? Discussion to have regional meetings in person to make the schedule. Have a Board member present per region. Third week in August virtual, then meet for schedule. Board meeting the week before?
Suggest to keep meeting in Ellensburg and zoom from there. Record and post later with minutes. Too hard to have conversations via zoom, voting option thru membership or must be present to vote.

Past discussion to have a coaches clinic following membership meeting?? other breakout groups?? No further suggestions or conversations.

Jim Thrall - Bigfoot beach wrestling - 5 total events for 2025. On August 31st Beach State Championships. I would like more locations, Yakima, Washougal, Ocean Shores, Ilwaco. Beach Nationals at Newport Beach, CA. I would like to grow this sport more in WA. Grateful for the Voss sisters to help run these events. Fargo did host an event in 2025. Junior Olympics hosted Beach Wrestling (no Freestyle, Greco, or Women's). It is growing across the world. Tournaments are quick, great family time on the beach. Currently on Sunday mornings, last a few hours. Lots of fun, great support. Next year WA will be on the Beach Tour of America. WSWA will help with the budget to help support. Moses Lake interested August 16th to host an event in the Tri Cities. Sadie Evans competed in Greece and others from Washington going internationally. Cheyanne Wolfard-Henry from Washington is also going overseas to compete.

Todd Blank from CA is on the USA Board. Will help train Officials.

John Lane - Medal rounds try to have three man mechanics for the FS/GR state event. Clubs will need to support and grow officials to be able to help. Officials need training for FS/GR. Marcus can help grow these officials. Clubs need to help also. Program at state level for training, getting middle school and high school wrestlers involved. Moses Lake and Quincy worked together to help build and communicate across the state. Tools like band apps to use for the state. Numbers in our state are growing so we need to help grow the officials pool at all ages across the state. USWOA has lots of support to help us build our grassroots. WSWA program with template where, when path for progress. Parents and coaches need to have good sportsmanship with the young officials. Club leaders need to have conversations with their teams coaches and parents.

Meeting Adjourned: motion by Chris Fiest, 2nd by MT Ayers. 1:18pm

Clubs met to schedule 2025-2026 Tournament Schedule