

Washington State Wrestling Association Year End Junior Report 2006

The major events for the juniors each year include the tals, nationals and training camp.

Junior Duals -Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Washington did not have its best showing at the duals in Oklahoma this past summer however the team did compete well in both styles. The team was led by Mike Harter, and assisted by Mike Schmidt of Yakima (also YVCC coach) and Gus Anaya. Washington won the sportsmanship award. There are several reasons that we are not able to fill the team with the best athletes and some reasons are valid and others not. The main reason is money and in these trying times with rising gas costs it is costly to families and many have to make a choice. We are going to attempt to put together a stellar team for next year and would like to make a run at winning the event.

Training Camp -Eastern Washington University

This year's camp held at EWU was great. This year we were a combined camp with the cadet and junior teams training together. The number of coaches was solid and we were able to work out all details. Eastern were great to work with and we hope to keep this going.

It is a great site as there is an incredible amount of mat space and the weather typically mimics that of Fargo very well. We have good meals and the accommodations are solid. We are in discussion about length of camp needed and possibly having a shorter pre-tournament camp and having 2 other mini-camps at local high schools prior to the final camp.

USA Wrestling National Tournament— Fargo, ND

Washington had a solid performance with 6 Greco All Americans, 3 Freestyle All-Americans and 1 Women's All-American. To highlight this we had 1 champion in each Greco and Freestyle.

Greco AllAmericans were 125 Kelly Kubec 2nd, Michael Mangrum 3rd, 145

Trevor Hall 1st, 152 Zac Brissey 8th, 171 Brandon Sitch 3rd, 275 Brian Stults 8th

Freestyle All-Americans were 125 Kelly Kubec 4th, Michael Mangrum 1st, 145 Trevor Hall 7th

Women's Freestyle All-Americans were 110 Whitney Conder 3rd

This past year we had several placers at the regional events including the NW regional and the West regional. This allowed us to add more to our team, as these placers were not counted toward our allotted amount.

Cost of Trip

Last year I went into negotiations with board approval and met with three companies about getting a sponsorship of sorts. We settled with Suplay Wrestling are grateful for their work and donation this past year to reduce costs of the trips. We were able to eliminate uniform costs and get the trip cost down to under \$1000.00. Jamie, Carla and Gary of Suplay Wrestlers World deserve a great big thank you from all of us. Along with them Matman needs to be thanked for giving us "at cost" singlets. It is a tremendous savings and other states don't enjoy this benefit. All together this is about a \$20,000.00 donation that helps all of our teams.

We will work with these companies to keep the deal and work on a design/artist to help them out. Art work is not their forte and they would appreciate that part being done and the rest being handled by them.

I also feel that we need do all of our business with them and not go to other vendors if they are sponsoring us in this fashion. Let's not forget what they are doing for us. The athletes benefit!

Respectfully,

Craig Hanson
Junior Director