

MatStats - The Moneyball of Wrestling

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Waiting On A Friend

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MatStats celebrates the NCAA finally having a Women's Wrestling Championships. The gang dives into where we were and where we are now in 2026 with Women's Wrestling. The boys examine the stats and the number of teams as they explain the history of collegiate women's wrestling national championships.



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The MatStats Show is Here to Create a Library of Statistical Analysis for the NWCA.

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- **Mike Moyer, the Executive Director of the NWCA, approached the MatStats gang to create a library of statistical analysis for the NWCA.**
- **This is an effort to help grow the sport and educate the wrestlers, coaches, and fans.**
- **When MatStats was created in 2020 (book) and 2021 (monthly show), there was a serious need for statistical analysis.**

Are there any disclaimers MatStats needs to let everyone know about their shows?

The Opinions Expressed on this show do not necessarily reflect any policies or opinions of the NWCA. Also, the MatStats guys do not always agree on all things discussed on their shows.

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- MatStats is a subsidiary of the NWCA but is a separate entity that voices its own opinions on its statistical analysis.
 - MatStats three hosts, Gormley, Bryant, and Hazard are all equally responsible for all the good outcomes. Gormley for the bad feedback.
- Gormley writes the Power Points and selects the topics. Gormley uses the term MatStats often, but many times it is Gormley's opinion alone.
- Gormley does the stats work and then the three hosts & occasionally guests brainstorm about Gormley's findings and ideas.
- MatStats is designed to have educated thoughts and opinions to help the world's oldest and greatest sport.
- Wrestling is all about settling disagreements. The hosts are too old to settle these disagreements on the mat.
- Sometimes we agree, sometimes we disagree. It makes the world go round.

MatStats is based on numbers, stats, and analyzation. It starts with facts not opinions.

- MatStats is a numbers show.
- Thus, the name MatStats. Not MatOpinions.
- Gorms was remiss not explaining this from the get-go. Gorms lives in a numbers world and is starting to get the feeling not everyone does lol.
- Feedback from the Tribe alumni during this show has made Gorms realize he needs to address this and try to educate people with numbers. Thank you, Dr. Powell, for one of your texts.

RIP Doug Dix 1961-2026

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Tribe Wrestling
Lost one of its
All time greatest
Wrestlers.

Doug was the
Best human Gorms
Ever met.

The Tribe and
Countless others
Will miss Doug.



Tribe Wrestlers
And football players
At the 39th annual
W&M Wrestling
Reunion on “The Farm”
June 2025.

Doug is now “waiting
on his friends”
RIP 2/8/26

Thank you, Brian Berry,
For taking care of Doug
For 19 years!!

How many 4-year collegiate teams are there in the 3 wrestling organizations?

The inaugural NCAA women's wrestling Championships will be held in the Spring of 2026. In addition to this the first ever NCAA D3 women's wrestling championships will be held Spring 2028. As of 2/16/26, there are 77 announced NCAA D3 Women's Wrestling Teams.

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Category	Men	Women	Total
NCAA	290	127	417
NAIA	74	52	126
NCWA	125	81	206
Total 4-Year	489	260	749

Note - The NCWA number here does not include 9 trade/juco teams nor the 4 transitioning to the NCAA. It does include the 5 Puerto Rico schools. If we count Canada, we should count PR.

Updates “*On A Clear Day, You Can See College Athletics.*”

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- Gorms, could you give us a quick update on some major events that we dealt with in our 3-part series, “*On A Clear Day, You Can See College Athletics.*”

What major news have we heard about some of the big-time athletic schools recently?

The Ohio State & Tennessee saw record revenues in 2024-25, but what does the future hold?

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- Two of the Athletic Departments with blue blood (or in this case Scarlet or Orange) football programs have happily reported revenues of over \$300M for the first time ever in the 2024-25 FY.
- Of course, their expenses also skyrocketed. This is what happens in colleges.
- Both The Ohio State & Tennessee reported profits from these \$300+M revenues of \$15.7 & \$15.9M. When you read their press releases everything seems Rosey.
- The fail to accentuate the Rev Share that starts in 2025-26.
- Can they continue to increase their revenues and reign in their expenses?

How does the Rev Share starting in 2025-26 affect their profits?

The picture is significantly different once you account for Rev Share starting in 2025-26.

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School	Revenues	Expenses	Profit	Rev Share	Profit-Rev Share
The Ohio State	336.1	320.4	15.7	-20.5	-4.8
Tennessee	304.1	288.2	15.9	-20.5	-4.6

All dollar amounts in Millions

Texas & Oklahoma both lost money in 2024-25 and they cite not getting a full share of the SEC payouts yet, but is the light at the end of the tunnel an oncoming train?

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- Two other blue-blood (Burnt Orange & Crimson in these cases) football programs suffered massive athletic department losses in 2024-25.
- They are quick to blame this on that they have not received a full SEC share of the conference distributions yet since they left the Big 12 quickly for what they thought was greener pastures in the SEC.
- They fail to mention the Rev Share they need to account for starting in 2025-26.

What would Oklahoma and Texas profit/loss look like if they got a full SEC share and had to pay Rev Share?

Even with a full SEC Distribution when you include Rev Share there isn't a good profit scenario for Texas (+\$3.2M) or Oklahoma (-\$17.2M).

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School	Profit	Increase SEC Distributions	Rev Share	Adjusted Profit
Oklahoma	-43.7	+47	-20.5	-17.2
Texas	-23.3	+47	-20.5	+3.2

All dollar amounts in Millions.

Will MatStats have a follow up show on this topic in the future?

If The Ohio State, Rocky Top, Boomer Sooners, & Hook 'Em Horns are in tight financial situations, what is the rest of the country like?

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- A word of caution from MatStats, if these 4 hallowed Athletic Departments struggle to make a profit or turn a loss, what does the future hold?
- MatStats will dive deeper into this question once the 2025-26 financials are available.

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- What is this month's topic?
- Why is it titled' “*Waiting on a Friend*”?

What is this month's topic? Why is it called, "*Waiting on a Friend*"?

The NCAA has its inaugural National Championships in 2026.

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- This month we celebrate the first ever NCAA Women's Wrestling Championships and review the history of women's collegiate wrestling as we statically evaluate the NCAA numbers behind the world's oldest and greatest sport. MatStats also deals with NAIA & NCWA Women's national championships.
- Wrestling has always been a great friend to the 3 hosts of MatStats, and we have all been waiting on our friend to expand to Women's Wrestling national collegiate Championships.

First NCAA Women's Wrestling Championships

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- Yes, wrestling is an old friend of all of ours. I will be with 20K of my closest friends in Cleveland. Our good friend brings us all together.
- Can you tell us a brief history of women's wrestling national championships, where the first NCAA Championship is, how many wrestlers will there be, and when it is.

A women's collegiate national tourney began in 2004 and in 2008 it begat the WCWA.

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- Before there was NCAA, NAIA, and NCWA women's national tourneys there was an independent national championships for women.
- This started in 2004.
- Bring together women's collegiate wrestlers and let's see who is the best.
- In 2008, the Women's College Wrestling Association (WCWA) was formed to provide a competitive structure.

Can MatStats provide the viewers with the past WCWA team champions?

The past Women's Collegiate Wrestling Association (WCWA) champions

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Year	Host City	Winner	Runner Up
2004	Marshall, MO	Missouri Valley	U. of the Cumberlands
2005	Atherton, CA	Missouri Valley	Pacific
2006	Williamsburg, KY	U. of the Cumberlands	Missouri Valley
2007	Forest Grove, OR	U. of the Cumberlands	Missouri Valley
2008	OK City, OK	U. of the Cumberlands	Oklahoma City
2009	Marshall, MO	Oklahoma City	U. of the Cumberlands
2010	Marshall, MO	Oklahoma City	U. of the Cumberlands
2011	Atherton, CA	Oklahoma City	Simon Fraser
2012	Bristol, TN	Oklahoma City	King
2013	Bristol, TN	Simon Fraser	Oklahoma City
2014	St Louis, MO	King	Oklahoma City
2015	St Louis, MO	King	Campbellsville
2016	OK City, OK	King	Oklahoma City
2017	OK City, OK	King	Simon Fraser
2018	Campbellsville, KY	Campbellsville	Simon Fraser
2019	Marietta, GA	Menlo	Simon Fraser
2020	Marietta, GA	Campbellsville	Life

Note - From 2004-07 the Women's Nationals were an Independent Championships before the WCWA was formed.

Note - 3X Champion The University of the Cumberlands is in Williamsburg, KY. Why does that school in another Williamsburg (VA) not have two wrestling teams?

Can MatStats provide the viewers with the past NCWWC team champions?

The past NCWWC team champions. The NCWWC was the predecessor to the NCAA tourney.

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National Collegiate Women's Wrestling Championships (NCWWC)

Year	Host City	Winner	Runner Up
2020	Adrian, MI	McKendree	Simon Fraser
2021	Tiffin, OH	McKendree	King
2022	Adrain, MI	McKendree	King
2023	Cedar Rapids, IA	North Central	King
2024	Cedar Rapids, IA	Iowa	North Central
2025	Coralville, IA	Iowa	North Central

The 2026 NCAA Women's Wrestling Championships are in Coralville, IA on 3/5 to 3/7.

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- 3/5-3/7 Xtream Arena Coralville, IA is the host of the 2026 NCAA Women's Wrestling Championships. Capacity 5,100.
- Coralville borders Iowa City.
- Xtream Arena is different from the famed Carver-Hawkeye Arena where Iowa wrestling and other Iowa sports play.

Where does Women's Wrestling rank on the number of teams by sport in the NCAA?

Women's Wrestling ranks **#14** on the list on number of NCAA teams by sport.

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Rank	NCAA Championship Sport	NCAA Teams 2024-25	Rank	NCAA Championship Sport	NCAA Teams 2024-25
1	Basketball	1,082	12	Field Hockey	282
2	Volleyball	1,055	13	Rowing	147
3	Cross Country	1,048	14	WRESTLING	127*
4	Soccer	1,029	15	Ice Hockey	121
5	Softball	983	16	Beach Volleyball	102
6	Outdoor Track	961	17	Bowling	95
7	Indoor Track	885	18	Gymnastics	84
8	Tennis	840	19	Water Polo	64
9	Golf	710	20	Fencing	45
10	Swimming	546	21	Skiing	34
11	Lacrosse	525	22	Rifle	28

* - Announced women's wrestling teams as of 2/16/26.

Can MatStats provide a table on the normal division for the schools with Women's Wrestling?

A table of the 127 announced teams based on the normal division the school is in.

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Category	Announced Women
NCAA D1	8
NCAA D2	42
NCAA D3	77
Total NCAA	127

In 2026 & 2027 all schools compete in the same division. In 2028 D3 splits off.

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- In 2026 & 2027, there will be 1 NCAA Women's Wrestling Championships.
- All schools will be in 1 division competing for the National Championships.
- In 2028, D3 will split off in its own division. We will have 2 tourneys. The D3 NCAA Championships and the remaining will be competing in the National Championships.
- This is all standard operating procedure in the NCAA.

We will have **180** wrestlers in the first ever NCAA Women's Wrestling Championships.

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- Each regional has 3 qualifiers from each weight for the NCAA Championships.
- The first ever NCAA Women's Wrestling Championships will have 18 wrestlers per weight for a total of **180** wrestlers.

Women's Wrestling Qualifying Tournaments

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- That is a nice synopsis of the past women's collegiate wrestling especially at NCAA schools.
- Can you explain to the viewers the qualifying tournaments for the NCAAs in Women's Wrestling?

There are 6 regional qualifiers and 3 from each weight qualify for the NCAA Championships.

- There are 6 regional qualifiers. All 6 are on campus.
- Top 3 in each weight qualify for the NCAA Championships.
- Since there has not been a women's NCAA Championships prior to 2026, it is impossible to have the same qualifying system that Men's D1 has, where different conferences get different number of auto qualifiers.
- They are regionals. Geography dictates what schools are in which regional.

How does the number of Women's qualifying tourneys and qualifiers compare to the Men's in NCAAs?

Women have 180 qualifiers. In 2028, when there are 2 NCAA Women's Championships, the total number for women will most likely increase.

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NCAA Division	Qualifying Tournaments	Qualifiers
Men's D1	8	330
Men's D3	7	210
Women's	6	180
Men's D2	6	180

The schedule and locations of the 6 regional qualifiers for the **108** NCAA women's teams.

Region	Date	Host	Teams
1	2/21 & 2/22	Elmira (NY)	18
2	2/20 & 2/21	West Liberty	17
3	2/20 & 2/21	Emmanuel (GA)	18
4	2/20 & 2/21	Tiffin (OH)	20
5	2/20 & 2/21	Simpson (IA)	17
6	2/21 & 2/22	Lindenwood	
		(MO)	18
		Total	108

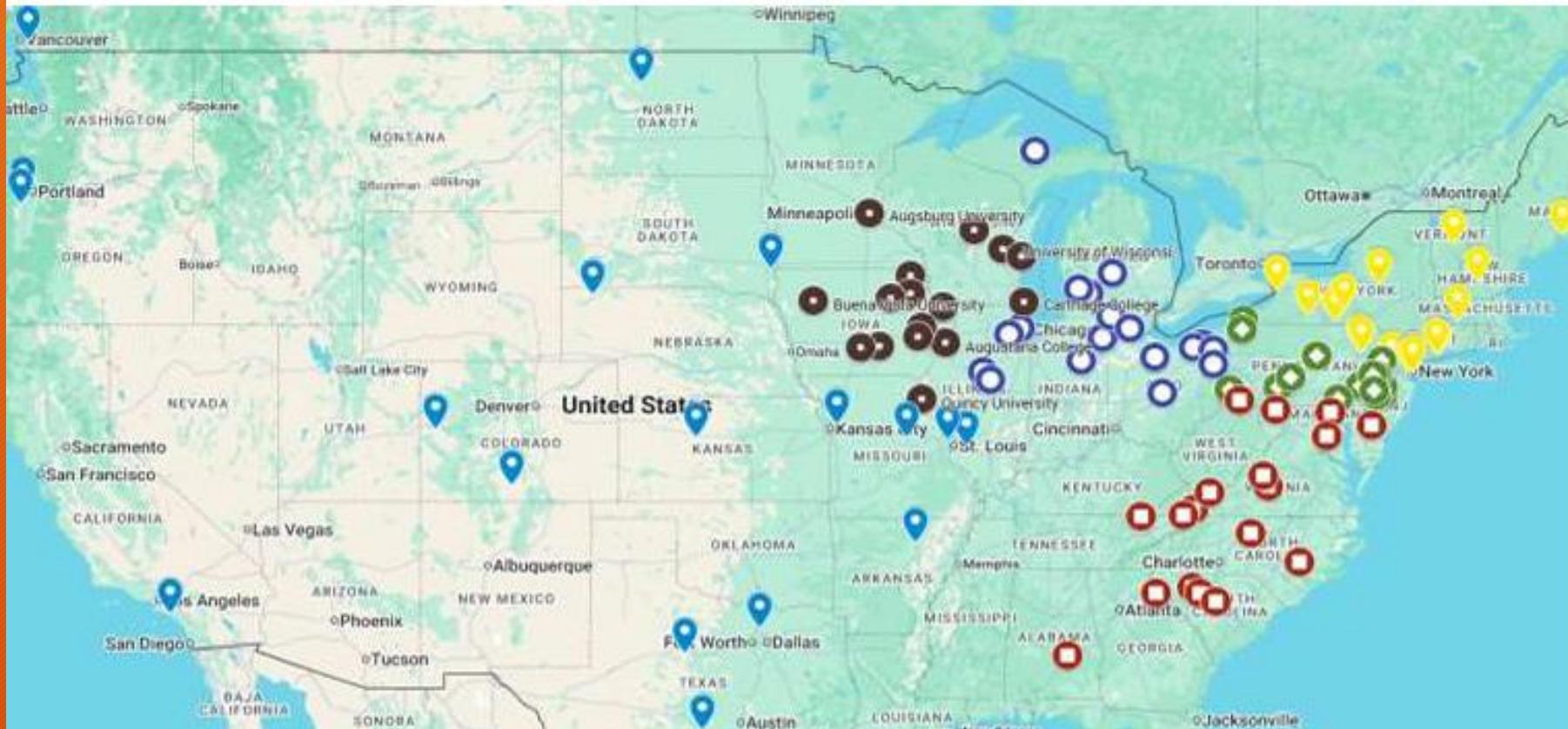
Can MatStats provide a map for the viewers to see just how regional the regions are?

A Map Shows the Geographics of the 6 Regional NCAA Women's Qualifiers.

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2026 National Collegiate Women's Wrestling Regional Alignment

Updated 10/2/25



- 1 - Yellow
- 2 - Green
- 3 - Red
- 4 - White
- 5 - Black
- 6 - Blue

It is completely in line with NCAA tradition that the Women's qualifiers are on campus.

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- For as long as anyone can remember the NCAA Men's D1 wrestling has held their qualifiers on campuses almost exclusively.
- NCAA D1 Women's Basketball Championship Tourney has the first two rounds on campus.
- Many of the NCAA Men's D1 basketball conference championships are on campus.
- When UCLA Men's Basketball won 10 titles in 12 years from 1964 to 1975, they played 10 different schools in the finals and all 10 were east of the Mississippi. Yes, regionals were regionals in the old days. And yes, Gorms and Hazard do remember those days.
- The first 4 CFP playoff games are on campus.

Can MatStats provide the viewers with a list of the schools in each region?

The schools in NCAA Women's Regions 1-3.

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Number	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3
1	Alfred State	Alvernia	Allen
2	Bridgeport	Arcadia	Bluefield State
3	Buffalo State	Bethany (WV)	Delaware State
4	Centenary (NJ)	Cedar Crest	Emmanuel (GA)
5	D'Youville	Delaware Valley	Emory & Henry
6	Elmira	East Stroudsburg	Frostburg State
7	Felician	Eastern	Greensboro
8	Ithaca	Edinboro	Huntingdon
9	Kean	Gannon	King (TN)
10	Maine Maritime	Lehigh	Lincoln Memorial
11	Misericordia	Lock Haven	Marymount (VA)
12	New England College	Muhlenburg	McDaniel
13	NJCU	Penn State Altoona	Mount Olive
14	Norwich	Pitt-Johnstown	Newberry
15	Sacred Heart	Ursinus	Presbyterian
16	Utica	West Liberty	Randolph
17	Western New England	York (PA)	Southern Virginia
18	Wilkes		Waynesburg

Can MatStats provide the viewers with a list of the schools in each region?

The schools in NCAA Women's Regions 4-6

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Number	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6
1	Adrian	Augsburg	Adams State
2	Albion	Augustanna (IL)	Chadron State
3	Alma	Buena Vista	Colorado Mesa
4	Aurora	Carthage	Fort Hays State
5	Baldwin Wallace	Central (IA)	Lindenwood
6	Davenport	Cornell College	Linfield
7	Elmhurst	Dubuque	Lyon
8	Eureka	Iowa	McKendree
9	Grand Valley State	Lakeland	McMurray
10	Heidelberg	Loras	Minot State
11	Hiram	Luther	Pacific (OR)
12	Illinois Wesleyan	Quincy	Schreiner
13	John Carroll	Simpson (IA)	Simon Fraser
14	Manchester	Upper Iowa	Sioux Falls
15	Mount Union	Wartburg	Texas Woman's
16	North Central	UW-Oshkosh	Vanguard
17	Northern Michigan	UW-Stevens Point	Westminster (MO)
18	Otterbein		William Jewell
19	Tiffin		
20	Trine		

Active Teams vs Announced Teams

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- Gorms, can you explain why there are 127 NCAA Women's wrestling teams and only 108 at the Regionals.

There are currently 108 NCAA Women's teams, but 127 have announced and they will soon be competing and in the qualifiers and NCAA Championships.

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- As of 2/16/26, there are 127 NCAA schools that have announced they have started women's wrestling teams.
- For the 2026 NCAA Championships, 108 have teams that have already started their competitions.
- The other schools are in the process to have full fledged teams competing. They are on the way. Waiting can be tough.
- Some schools are transitioning from NAIA to NCAA (Menlo & Jamestown).

As of 2/1/26, there are 19 announced NCAA Women's Wrestling teams that are not ready to compete in the 2026 Regionals.

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Number	Region TBA	Number	Region TBA
1	Albright	11	Mercyhurst
2	Blackburn	12	Millikin
3	Chatham	13	Mt St Joseph
4	Coe	14	Northeastern St
5	Concord	15	Point Park
6	Emmanuel (MA)	16	Waynesburg
7	Kent St	17	Washington & Jefferson
8	Keystone	18	Western Colorado
9	Jamestown	19	Wittenburg
10	Menlo		

How does the number of NCAA Women's wrestling teams compare to the number of NCAA Football teams in each division?

Putting the number of NCAA Women's teams in perspective when compared to NCAA Football teams in each division.

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NCAA Sport	NCAA Teams 2024-25
Football D3	242
Football D2	167
Football FBS	133
Women's Wrestling	127*
Football FCS	124

* - Announced women's wrestling teams as of 2/16/26.

Gorms predicts by the 2029 NCAA Championships, we will have more announced women's wrestling teams than there are NCAA Football D2 teams (167).

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- When we get to the 2026-27 NCAA Women's Wrestling championships, there will be more NCAA Women's Wrestling teams than there are NCAA FCS Football teams.
- How could anyone say that Women's Wrestling is a small cult sport if there are more NCAA Women's Wrestling teams than there are FCS Football teams.
- Moyer and the NWCA is so good at adding women's wrestling teams, it will not be long before there are more total NCAA women's wrestling teams, than NCAA Football teams in any single division.

We need more D1 Women's teams

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- Gorms, you are the numbers guy. Do you see any possibility with all the changes in college sports that there is a new road open for D1 schools to start a team?
- We have learned over the past decades often this is a numbers decision.

Can MatStats provide a table on the normal division for the schools with Women's Wrestling?

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Did the Men's NCAA increase in GIAs grow more than the Women's increases?

The scholarship limit increases in the Men's 3 big sports far outweigh the scholarship limit in the Women's 3 big sports.

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NCAA Sport Men	GIA Old	GIA New	Delta	NCAA Sport Women	GIA Old	GIA New	Delta
Football	85	105	20.0	Volleyball	12	18	6.0
Baseball	11.7	34	22.3	Softball	12	25	13.0
Basketball	13	15	2.0	Basketball	15	15	0.0

Who has the higher average number of teams in NCAA D1, Men or Women?

NCAA D1 schools have on average **2.2** more women teams than men's teams in 2024-25.

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Category	Men D1	Women D1	Delta
Ave Number of NCAA teams 2024-25	8.5	10.7	2.2

What are the new roster cap limits compared to the average roster size in NCAA D1 women's teams?

There is not much room for growth in schools' women's existing sports to counteract the Men's GIA increases.

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Category Women D1	Basketball	Beach	XC	Field	Golf	Gym	Ice	Lax	Rowing	Soccer	Swim	Tennis	Track	Volley	Water	Wrestling
2024-25 Ave Roster Size	14.6	18.9	18.0	25.2	8.3	20.7	25.5	34.5	59.2	32.1	30.0	9.2	42.3	19.1	22.8	30.3
2025-26 Roster Cap	15.0	19.0	17.0	27.0	9.0	20.0	26.0	38.0	68.0	25.0	30.0	10.0	45.0	18.0	24.0	30.0
Delta	0.4	0.1	-1.0	1.8	0.7	-0.7	0.5	3.5	8.8	-7.1	0.0	0.8	2.7	-1.1	1.2	-0.3

The increase in GIAs in men's big 3 sports leaves the school with two choices - add a woman's team or drop a men's sport.

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- There are two main options for college Presidents and Athletic Directors that decided to increase the number of GIAs in the Men's 3 big sports -
- 1) Start a Women's team.
- 2) Drop a Men's team.
- Hopefully, they all choose #1.
- Many D1 NCAA schools numerically might not be able to drop a men's team with a minimum number of men's teams required (6). FBS schools must have 16 teams (Men & Women combined).

It is a great opportunity for P4 schools to start a Women's wrestling team.

- The P4 schools are most likely going to 105 GIAs for Football, 15 for Basketball, and many are increasing the Baseball.
- Tony Petitti (Big 10 Commish) & Greg Sankey (SEC Commish) here is a chance to be the women's wrestling conference.
- Start a Women's Wrestling Team!!

NAIA Women's Wrestling National Championships

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- Can we get a brief history of the past NAIA Women's championship teams?
- Where are the 2026 NAIA Women's Nationals?
- How many wrestlers will qualify? How many are All-Americans?

Can the viewers get a list of the past Women's team champions at the NAIA Nationals?

The past NAIA Women's National Championships Teams.

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Year	Host	Winner	Runner Up
2019	Jamestown, ND	Menlo	Oklahoma City
2020	Canceled		
2021	Jamestown, ND	Campbellsville	Life
2022	Jamestown, ND	Campbellsville	Southern Oregon
2023	Jamestown, ND	Southern Oregon	Life
2024	Jamestown, ND	Menlo	Life
2025	Jamestown, ND	Menlo	Grand View
2026	Wichita, KS	???	???

4th Annual NAIA Women's Wrestling Championship is 3/13 & 3/14/26 in Wichita, KS.

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- This is the NAIA 4th National Championship.
- It will be held 3/13-14 at the Heartland Credit Union Arena in Park City, KS. Capacity 6,500.
- The NAIA had 3 invitational Championships before it became a championships sport in 2024.
- The winners of the 3 invitationals are still considered national champions.

How many qualifiers are there at the NAAs? How many teams? How many make the nationals?

5 Conferences, 46 teams, 21/weight.

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- There are 5 Conferences in the NAIA that have qualifiers for the National Championships.
- 46 schools will have teams at the 2026 Conference Qualifiers.
- 21 women per weight class qualify for a total of 210 wrestlers.
- The top 8 are NAIA All Americans.
- The conference champs qualify automatically, then it is a selection process.

Women's Wrestling teams qualifying in the Cascade, Kansas/Sooner, & the Heart of America Conferences.

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Number	Cascade - 8	Kansas/Sooner - 9	Heart of America - 10
1	Arizona Christian	Avila	Baker
2	Eastern Oregon	Central Christian	Bismarck State
3	Evergreen	Friends	Central Methodist
4	Hope International	Oklahoma City	Dickinson State
5	Providence	Ottawa	Graceland
6	Southern Oregon	Saint Mary (KS)	Grand View
7	Simpson (CA)	Texas Wesleyan	Missouri Baptist
8	Westcliff	York (NE)	Missouri Valley
9		Wayland Baptist	William Penn
10			William Woods

Women's Wrestling teams qualifying in the Great Plains & the Mid South Conferences.

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Number	Great Plains - 6	Mid South - 13
1	Dakota Wesleyan	Brewton-Parker
2	Doane	Campbellsville
3	Hastings	Georgetown (KY)
4	Midland	Indiana Tech
5	Morningside	Life
6	Waldorf	Lindsey Wilson
7		Lourdes
8		Midway
9		Montreat
10		Rio Grande
11		Rochester Christian
12		Siena Heights
13		U. of the Cumberlands

Just like with the NCAA, are there any NAIA schools that just started or are transitioning to the NAIA?

There are 6 NAIA women's teams that are just starting or transitioning to the NAIA.

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Number	TBA - 6
1	Bellevue
2	Cleary
3	Defiance
4	Northwestern (IA)
5	St. Ambrose
6	Wesleyan (GA) Transitioning

NCWA Women's Nationals

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- Can we get a brief history of the past NCWA Women's championship teams?
- Where are the 2026 NCWA Women's Nationals?
- How many wrestlers qualify? How many are All-Americans?

Can MatStats provide the viewers with a list of past team champions of the NCWA women's division?

Past Team Champions of the NCWA Women's National Championships.

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Year	NCWA Women's Team Champ
2009	Yakima Valley CC
2010	Yakima Valley CC
2011	Yakima Valley CC
2012	Southwestern Oregon CC
2013	Southwestern Oregon CC
2014	Southwestern Oregon CC
2015	Southwestern Oregon CC
2016	Southwestern Oregon CC
2017	Southwestern Oregon CC
2018	Southwestern Oregon CC
2019	Grays Harbor
2020	Schreiner
2021	No Tourney
2022	Big Bend CC
2023	Ottawa (AZ)
2024	Grays Harbor
2025	Tarleton State

The 2026 NCWA Women's Championships are 3/26-3/28 in Shreveport, LA.

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- The 2026 NCWA Women's Championships are 3/26-3/28 in Shreveport, LA at the Brookshire Grocery Arena Capacity 14,000.
- The NCWA Men & Women are run simultaneously. It is the only one of the 3 Women's Collegiate National Championships that are run same time same place as the Men's.

The 2026 NCWA Nationals is an Open format, top 8 are named NCWA All-Americans.

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- The 2026 NCWA Women's Nationals is still an Open format. To wrestle in the nationals, you must wrestle in the regionals.
- Therefore, there is no set number of qualifiers. It will most likely be around 300 competitors.
- The NCWA has 11 weight classes in Men's & Women's Nationals.
- Top 8 are declared NCWA All-Americans.

The 8 NCWA Women's Regionals are held on 3/14/26.

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NCWA Region	Host	Location
Northwest	Washington State	Pullman, WA
Southwest	Wayne State	Wayne, NE
Mid-Atlantic	Liberty	Lynchburg, VA
Southeast	Florida A&M	Tallahassee, FL
Northeast	RPI	Troy, NY
Great Lakes	Hillsdale	Hillsdale, MI
Mid-East	Bensalem HS (PA)	Bensalem, PA
West Coast	Menlo	Menlo, CA

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- 1) 52-7 The NCAA now has 127 Women's Wrestling teams and are having their first ever NCAA Championships this Spring.
- 2) 52-10 The Ohio State & Tennessee's Athletic Departments had revenues of \$300M+ in 2024-25. When you add in the mandatory Rev Share, they would both lose close to \$5M.
- 3) 52-17 In 2008 the WCWA was formed, it was supplanted by the NAIA in 2021 and by the NCAA in 2026.
- 4) 52-21 Women's Wrestling now stands as #14 in terms of number of NCAA Women's teams and is closing in on Rowing for #13.
- 5) 52-23 In 2026 & 2027, there will be 1 division at the NCAA Women's Wrestling Championships. In 2028, D3 will split off on their own.

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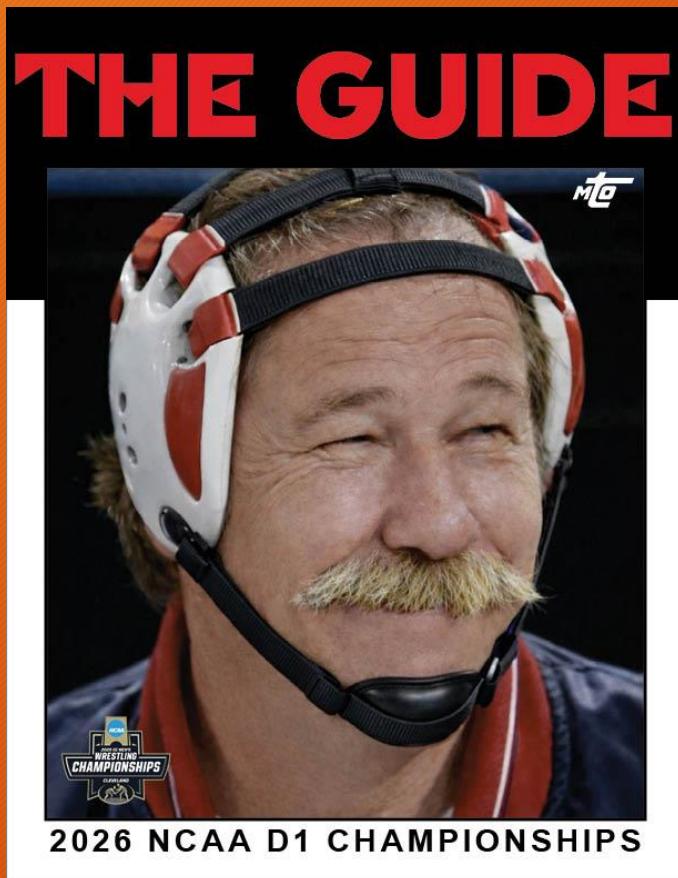
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- 6) 52-24 In 2026, the NCAA Championships will have 180 wrestlers coming from 6 qualifiers.
- 7) 52-43 The new scholarship/roster cap in Men's Sports will leave a school that increase the men's GIAs with two options: start a women's team or drop a men's team. Hopefully, they choose the first.
- 8) 52-48 Teams will compete in 5 conferences for a place at the 4th NAIA Women's Championships in Park City, KS this year.
- 9) 52-54 The NCWA Women's Championships will be run concurrently with the Men's in Shreveport, LA this year.
- 10) 52-55 NCWA Women's Nationals have an open format, and they expect around 300 competitors in their 11 weight classes in Shreveport.

What is the topic next month (Wednesday 3/18/26 3PM EST)?

The next episode will be a preview of the NCAA Men's D1 Wrestling Championships (3/19 to 3/21/2026) at the Rocket Arena in Cleveland, OH.

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- Tune In Next Month
 - Same Mat Time
 - Same Mat Channel
- There is no better way to preview the most viewed American wrestling tournament every year than having a show that gives the viewers a sneak peak at Jason Bryant's "The Guide." ESPN uses "The Guide" to educate them for their broadcast.