



2026 FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

ATTENTION ALL COACHES/PARENTS Please note that Folkstyle State is quickly approaching. Please be aware of this CHANGE if you are interested in coaching at this event: ANY COACHES WISHING TO COACH MAT-SIDE AT ALL ISWA State Final Tournaments must have a current USAW Wrestling Leader Membership and a minimum USA Copper Certification. REMEMBER - COPPER/BRONZE CLINICS ARE NO LONGER OFFERED ON SITE. YOU MUST ACCOMPLISH THE CERTIFICATION ONLINE! IN ORDER TO PURCHASE a Wrestling Leader card a background check is required Note \$30 fee and can take up to 2 weeks to process. After background check clears an email response will allow coaches to purchase USAW Wrestling Leader Membership Card. Photo upload is highly recommended to speed up process of entering state events. Most national events require a photo upload so please ensure this is completed before the state. THIS PROCESS CAN TAKE UP TO 2 WEEKS!! USAW WRESTLING LEADER MEMBERSHIP CARD also requires Safe Sport Certification. This is a free course but allow 2-4 hours to complete. Once USAW Wrestling Leader card is purchased & background check completed, coaches can take the online Copper Clinic www.usawmembership.com.

ISWA FOLKSTYLE STATE: 2026 ISWA STATE FOLKSTYLE CHAMPIONSHIPS MARCH 6-8th, 2026 @Nexus Park in Columbus. DON'T FORGET TO PRE-REGISTER within www.usawmembership.com! Clubs and volunteers interested in working at a table at Folkstyle State can contact Jennifer.Pierson@iswa.com. Registration will open soon for the 2026 ISWA Folkstyle State Final events. Wrestlers must register and pay online at www.usawmembership.com. Always note registration deadlines. Walk up registration is double the price.

NEW CLUB MEMBERSHIP The 2025-2026 club charter and past due, please complete online ASAP! Remember if you are practicing and have not chartered online at www.usawmembership.com. Your club does not have liability coverage.

TEAM COMPETITION AT ISWA FOLKSTYLE STATE FINALS Just a reminder that Team competition at Folkstyle State Finals is limited to current ISWA member clubs only!

SENIOR WRESTLERS The ISWA offers multiple scholarships for seniors. Check out our website and note deadline is April 1st to apply. The 2026 ISWA scholarship weblink: <https://www.iswa.com/scholarship>

CAMPS & CLINICS Chartered Clubs can promote camps/clinics on the following website page: <https://www.iswa.com/clinics> BY EMAILING OFFICE@ISWA.COM 2026

TEAM INDIANA National Team Opportunities can be found online at www.iswa.com/teamindiana

2026 HEARTLAND DUALS @ COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA APRIL 2-4TH, 2026

2026 ISWA FREESTYLE/GRECO STATE FINALS Registration & flyer information will be forthcoming.
Effective 2025-2026 season the ISWA will be implementing the 2 Freestyle Qualifying Rule for BOTH Boys AND Girls wrestlers (6U-Junior). The GIRLS will now be required to have 2 freestyle qualifiers before registering for the 2026 ISWA Freestyle State Finals this May.

Qualifying events can be found here: [Event Schedule](#)

Event details can be found here: [2026 ISWA Freestyle & Greco State Finals](#)

2026 John Hurrle Nomination: Nomination due March 31st. Detail and nomination link can be found here: <https://www.iswa.com/awardsandresults>

2026 ISWA Middle School Team State Duals

Congratulations to all 10 teams that participated in this event in Ft Wayne Jan 25, 2026

2026 ISWA Middle School State Championship belongs to New Prairie Takedown Wrestling Club





South Africa 2026

JUNE 27-JULY 9
CAPE TOWN +
JOHANNESBURG

PROJECTED COST
\$3000



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The ISWA Cultural Exchange to Cape Town and Johannesburg gives wrestlers the rare opportunity to compete, train, and connect with athletes from another continent while experiencing South Africa's rich history and culture. This once-in-a-lifetime journey goes far beyond the mat, teaching independence, perspective, and global awareness that lasts forever. Experience the world through wrestling.

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2026 CULTURAL EXCHANGE Lou Silverman, ISWA's cultural exchange director is planning a special cultural exchange opportunity in South Africa. For more info please visit:

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