

POINTS OF INTEREST ABOUT STARTING WRESTLING/BOWLING PROGRAMS

- 1. Sport expansion in wrestling serves a niche in Kansas that is not currently being served.**
 - a. Survey at Baker shows interest**
 - b. Survey recently conducted by Ottawa University – 89% in favor of starting a wrestling program**
 - c. Number of participants is very high in Kansas and especially in the immediate area surrounding Baker University**
 - d. Quality of participants is evident as most nationally ranked schools that sponsor wrestling have several Kansas wrestlers in their programs**
 - e. Baldwin High School program – KWCA President as resource – sponsored duals on campus**
 - i. Potential coaching candidates through these relationships and experiences**
 - 1. Dana College – North Iowa Area Community College – Pratt Community College**
- 2. Sport expansion in bowling responds to a recent move three years ago by KSHSAA to sponsor bowling as a competitive sport in the state of Kansas**
 - a. These students have limited opportunities for college choices if they want to bowl in college**
- 3. Both of these sports provide opportunities for participation without regard to size. Wrestlers range from 103 lbs. to 285 lbs. and bowlers come in all shapes and sizes.**
- 4. These sports are not strong in the HAAC but are growing in the NAIA. Others may follow our lead. *Sample of our leadership: We started drug testing for athletes 3 years ago. Next year Ottawa and Graceland are implementing our program. Central Methodist and Avila have received our information and want to consider it for the following year.***