

*NEW SPORT PROPOSAL
FALL 2009
Implementation Plan*

Wrestling

Fall 2007 – discuss & approve research process

Spring 2008 – Develop job description & advertise for head coach

Fall 2008 - hire coach/faculty, develop budget, recruit athletes

Spring 2009 - declare with NAIA (May 1st), purchase mat, continue recruiting

Fall 2009 – Initiate program

Wrestling - *advantages*

- 29,000 participants in Kansas elementary/middle/secondary schools (*Top 3 in nation*) – *approximately 1,780 high school age seniors as a good starting recruiting base*
- Best sport to have immediate impact on recruitment and success
- Sponsored by NAIA as a national sport with a national championship
- 34 current NAIA schools sponsor wrestling – *2 recent additions*
- Most competition would be in the midwest
- Local Kansas high schools have highly competitive programs
- Title IX Baker University survey data (Fall 2005): “If Baker were to add new sports, indicate your preference by rank.”
 - #1 Wrestling #2 Women’s Bowling #3 Tie: Lacrosse/Men’s Volleyball

Wrestling - *advantages*

- 257,000 high school age wrestlers in the nation
- 323 collegiate programs to serve this need
- 60 of those schools are 2-year community colleges
- Sample:
 - California has 28,000 high school wrestlers
 - The state has 8 collegiate wrestling programs
 - We recruit the San Diego area for athletes in football, baseball, and soccer
 - We could conceivably recruit Poway High School (state champions) wrestlers to our institution that already has a California community.

Wrestling – *concerns/challenges*

- Challenges to Title IX compliance
 - Support argument: Increases male population
- Start up cost is high with the cost of the new wrestling mat (*contributions can cover this cost*)
- Facility adjustments for practice and for competition use will be necessary (*with cooperation from all involved – basketball/volleyball coaches see this as a challenge*)
- Need for new multi-purpose facility eventually
 - *gain from program could support that construction*
- - *facility could handle cheer/dance/PE courses/golf*

Wrestling Squad

- Squad size
 - 25-30 varsity athletes
 - Some NAIA schools maintain over 60 in program
 - 15 junior varsity athletes (*future*)
 - *Competitive team*
 - *10 weight classes*
 - *Team can enter 3 or more per weight class in tournaments*
 - *12 qualify for the NAIA national tournament*

Sample wrestling schedule

MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE – MARSHALL, MO.

- 10/27Lindenwood Open St. Charles, MO
- **11/2Purple & Orange Dual HOME**
- 11/4University of Oklahoma Norman, OK
- **11/11Bacone College HOME**
- 11/12Central Missouri State Open Warrensburg, MO
- 11/16Mckendree College Lebanon, IL
- 11/19Mizzou Open Columbia, MO
- **12/5York College HOME**
- 1/6Dana Open Blair, NE
- 1/14NAIA National Duals Cedar Falls, IA
- 1/20Northwestern Invitational Orange City, IA
- 1/24Missouri Baptist University St. Louis, MO
- 1/27Campbellsville Duals Campbellsville, KY
 - Campbellsville – Notre Dame College – Cumberland – King College
- **1/31Central Missouri State Univ. HOME**
- **2/3Missouri Valley College Open HOME**
- **2/7Dana College HOME**
- **2/17Midwest Regional Championships HOME**
- 3/2NAIA National Tournament Sioux City, IA
- 3/3NAIA National Tournament Sioux City, IA

FACILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The wrestling practice room needs to be a controlled environment that can safely serve the needs of 30+ wrestlers.

- MABEE GYM – large area for two 42'X42' mats
 - Traffic control
 - Share with Cheer and Dance squads
 - Indoor baseball/softball/golf
- TWO RACQUETBALL COURTS – (40'x80')
 - Cost of wall removal (*impact on heating and cooling*)
 - Could also serve the needs for Cheer & Dance (*safety*)
- BALDWIN HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING FACILITY
 - Shared facility – *rental agreements already active*
 - *Possible property eventually owned by Baker*

WRESTLING COACH

The programs needs a full time coach with basic knowledge of wrestling. Coaching at the college level would be preferred but high school experience would be OK.

We would also need a part time assistant coach due to the numbers in the program.

Head Coach - \$36,000 (limited experience)

\$40,000 (advanced experience)

+ *benefit package (\$5,500) Total = \$41,500-\$45,500*

Start in the fall of 2008 to recruit and establish the budgets and facilities – teaching in the HSHP Department

Assistant Coach - \$5,000 – possible GA position

Start in fall of 2009

Wrestling recruiting/competition

The local recruiting base is outstanding. The state of Kansas is full of talent and many of the top competitors go to schools out of state.

HAAC – Lindenwood University, Missouri Valley College

4-year in Kansas – Ft. Hays State University, Newman University

Kansas Community Colleges – Labette County, Colby County, Neosho County, Pratt County

Area schools – Hastings College, Oklahoma City University, MU, CMSU

Considering – Ottawa University, Central Methodist University

Wrestling Budget estimates

- Travel = 20 dates - \$30,000
- Uniforms = 30 X \$300 = \$9,000
- New Mat = \$10,000 (10 year life) X 2 = \$20,000
 - Discounts available through national events (HS or college)
- Equipment = mat tape, mat disinfectant, jump ropes, head gear, knee pads, etc. = \$2,000
- Meet Officials = \$1,200
- Coaches salary = **\$41,500-\$45,500**
- Assistant coach = \$5,000 (GA)
- Recruiting budget = \$2,500
- Post-season cost = \$8,000 (Sioux City, Iowa)
 - *Fund raising and gifts can cover some of start up cost!*

TOTAL = \$123,200

First year expense

"no wrestlers first year"

- Coaches salary = **\$41,500-\$45,500**
- Assistant coach = \$5,000 (GA)-*could wait until fall 2009*
- Recruiting budget = \$2,500
- New Mat = \$10,000 (10 year life) X 2 = \$20,000 (*possible contributions/fund raising*)

TOTAL NET LOSS FIRST YEAR: (\$69,000-\$73,000)

Wrestling Scholarships/Total Costs

Second year

- Tuition/room/board = \$24,980
- 30 new students bring \$749,400
 - Mix of freshmen and transfer students
- *42% discount rate for average scholarship = \$10,491*
 - **YEAR #1 of competition:**
 - **Total Scholarship discount = \$314,748**
 - Program cost = \$103,200 (minus 2 mats)
 - Total expense = \$417,948
 - STUDENT BRING = \$749,400
 - **NET GAIN = \$331,452**

Wrestling Scholarships/Total Costs Third year

- Tuition/room/board = \$25,980 (4% increase)
- 30 students (*maintain same squad size*) \$779,400
 - **YEAR #2 of competition:**
 - **Total Scholarship discount = \$327,348**
 - Program cost = \$107,328 (*4% avg. increase less the two mats*)
 - Total expense = \$434,676
 - STUDENT BRING = \$779,400
 - **NET GAIN = \$344,724**