



TO: Jean Berger, executive director, IGHSAU
FR: Dan Gable and Jim Miller
RE: Women's wrestling

Is service over self still the highest calling in each of us? Our collective experience in wrestling leads us to believe the answer is yes.

Wrestling is an individual and a team sport, which makes us unique. Those who choose to participate are afforded an opportunity to reach one's full human potential. Wrestling asks us to stay in the center of the mat, fight hard, and to look for openings.

Sanctioning girls wrestling in Iowa is an opening we should strongly consider.

Iowa is known worldwide for wrestling. Iowans love wrestling more than any other place in the United States. It is part of who we are as a state.

However, we only offer sanctioned boys high school wrestling. As leaders in wrestling, we would like to see our state join the already established women's wrestling movement.

Terry Steiner was an NCAA champion for the University of Iowa in 1993 and he is the current women's national team coach at USA Wrestling. His famous quote is, "If wrestling is the greatest sport in the world then why would we limit it to half the population?" US women's wrestling is already amongst the top leaders in the world.

Steiner's words sum up how we feel about women's wrestling. We currently host girls wrestling practices out of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame Dan Gable Museum and we made sure that our \$1.4 million renovation included a strong women's wrestling presence.

We believe in all that wrestling has to offer and that we should join the high school girls wrestling movement that is already taking place.

Thank you for considering our request to sanction girls wrestling within the State of Iowa.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Gable".

Dan Gable
Museum namesake
15x NCAA championship coach

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Miller".

Jim Miller
Museum director
10x NCAA championship coach