



## 2024.2025 Vice Chairman – Programs Report Jim Tonte

Below you will find a brief overview of the areas listed as programs by the ISWA.

**State Coaches:** There was an increase in Copper, Bronze and Silver this year. Also, this summer we had great staff-thanks for your commitment.

**Regional Training Centers:** The Regional Training Center (RTC) program continues to align with Team IN philosophies and coaching techniques, with the help of Josh Curry. RTC's had a huge increase in numbers and coaches participating as well. The women's RTC location also shows growth and improvement for the needs of our state.

**Team Leaders:** The ISWA with Thomas Pompei's direction continues to appoint an outstanding slate of team leaders. Jonah Odum (Kids Nationals), Dan Mikesell & Greg Schaefer (Fargo) did an awesome jog again as team leaders. Jr Duals team leader Zack Johansen. Nick Ellis (2025 Coach of the Year) did great as the team leader at the 16 U duals. Jason Miller and Ryan Parrish have been phenomenal as team leaders for Heartland. Doug Strayer & Patrick Rowles did an outstanding job as women's Fargo team leader. All trips this year were a great success. Steve Livingston continued his great leadership at boys 14U duals and our girls team leaders for the girl's duals- Jeremy Goodlet, Patrick Rowles and Mark Maldonado did fantastic.

- Thank you to ALL the team leaders for your efforts and time planning this season.

**Kids Programs:** The ISWA members and staff commit to further advancing Indiana's elementary and middle-school level of wrestling for all styles. The Kids National trip is designed to prepare the youth wrestlers for Fargo Nationals, the most highly recruited event in the country. Jason Miller continued to run the Heartland trip which has been a huge success for our kids. The schoolboy team had a successful trip in the third year of this tournament in PA.

**16U Program:** 16U dual competition opportunities were in Utah this year. We had a great showing and marketing as well. At Fargo this age group was exceptional.

**Junior Program:** A special shout out to all Seniors graduating this year! Best of luck in college and in all future endeavors. The teams went to Tulsa and to Fargo. Represented well at both places.

**Olympic Style FS/GR Director:** Nick Hulls efforts within the Earther educating our members virtually is a step into the technology world we have all been waiting for! Nick will be adding videos and promoting the Olympic styles to our members in the upcoming season along with ISWA's future Olympic Freestyle/Greco wrestlers as we watch three ISWA wrestlers compete in the Olympics. With help from newly added board member Andy Oberlin both he and Nick Hull collaborated on our mini-

Rudis/ISWA camp with Jesse Mendez. This live streaming allowed such an awesome experience online we were able to capture live and archive on ISWA's Youtube TV channel.

**Cultural Exchange:** Lou Silverman has worked diligently on our exchange program with an exciting trip to New Zealand.

**Women's Program:** The women's program continues to grow thanks to the efforts of many individuals involved in ISWA, but a partnership with girl's director Patrick Rowles and women's director Doug Strayer. As far as woman moving forward, Women/Girls membership growth is outstanding across the country but also in Indiana. A projected 30% increase in Fargo girls is expected for 2026 Fargo Nationals next year! We as an organization count on leaders from all over the state like coaches, parents, clubs, directors and volunteers at women events to foster this growth. You can also see the growth in women officials across the state. These historical numbers of female growth in all areas of the sport I love is groundbreaking!

Coaches Committee Overview-At this year's annual meeting State Coach Danny Struck and I will review within a workshop the updates to the Team Indiana selection process and review the coach's selection process.

My goal this upcoming season is to attain my Gold Certification. At the annual meeting I will be providing data on the participation of Fargo wrestlers success rolling to the IHSAA State Final series.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Tonte - ISWA Vice Chair (Programs)