

With the sanctioning of girls wrestling by the IGHSAU and due to the interest in girls wrestling that has been shown in the past at Algona Community Schools. We would like to recommend adopting girls wrestling as an official sport offering at ACSD.

Coaches -

Initial Proposal for coaches

1 HS Head Coach

1 HS assistant Coach

1 Middle School Coach

****Rational -** The state has indicated that girls wrestling events will be a scramble format at the high school level to help get kids matches. If our girls are wrestling in this format there is a high likelihood we have 2 girls competing at the same time and therefore our kids would benefit from 2 coaches at each event while not asking our High School Boys coaches to miss a practice or events during the same time.

****Rational for 1 middle School Coach -** I anticipate scheduling for Middle School girls wrestling to continue as it has - wrestling at the same time as our Middle School boys program - however now due to the IGHSAU sanctioning girls wrestling there has to be 2 separate divisions - a girls division and boys division where girls must wrestle girls and boys must wrestle boys. This has been our practice in middle school wrestling the last few years anyway. I think 1 Middle School girls coach would be helpful in the room to help teach technique and also provide assistance when teams run more than 2 mats at Middle School meets - Also it is possible that we have a MS boys meet where no other teams have girl wrestlers. If this is the case we would still like to have MS Girls practice. Also if this is the case we would have to find a separate meet to send our girls to while the boys practice. If we have multiple girls wrestling at the same time in a middle school meet, our Middle School boys coaches can help coach at the 2nd mat as they have in the past.

Practice space

Currently I anticipate our numbers being at a point where boys and girls in both the high school and middle school can continue our past practice of practicing together - this is allowed by guidance from the IGHSAU. However if numbers dictate we may have to explore an alternating early and late practice system similar to the Boys and Girls Basketball programs with sharing our gym facilities.

Events/meets

Hopefully there is more information to come from the state but we anticipate having girls wrestling scrambles. If numbers are available we can explore a dual with area teams. As mentioned before I believe with Middle School wrestling the girls will wrestle when the boys do. We may need to find a girls only event if we have a middle school meet with teams without a girls program.