



The 7 Locks and Keys to North & South Carolina Wrestling



I LOCK



Currently, most believe that youth wrestling in the Carolinas cannot be competitive with other elite wrestling states.

KEY

Unified volunteer-leadership committed to growing kid's wrestling clubs in every town in NC & SC.

II LOCK



Our current wrestling season is broken up by major holidays and other major-sport seasons.

KEY

Develop a family-friendly beginners schedule every February and March. Also, involve local Middle & High School wrestlers to serve as helpers in these kid's clubs.



III LOCK



There aren't enough qualified coaches in NC & SC.

KEY

Broaden volunteer base. Instill confidence and appreciation for wrestling in NC & SC dads. Do this through beginner's season in February and March and a 'Father-Son' event every summer.



IV LOCK



Many families do not enjoy all day Saturday tournament events.

KEY

Make fun, efficient, local, mid-week events for beginner wrestlers and their families. For more advanced competition, offer Saturday Triple Dual matches around the state with less travel time.

V LOCK



Money & local support. A majority of public schools and their administrators are poorly funded and/or ill-equipped to start or sustain wrestling programs. Consequently, real support can be impossible to find (much less sustain) long enough to connect to the of heart of any local area.

KEY

After school programs, community recreation centers, and churches are open to new and creative approaches to youth sports and mentoring if designed to helps kids focus and grow. Wrestling epitomizes the character qualities needed for success individually and as part of a team. Even with challenges with funding, 'vision & volunteering' can do what no amount of money can. Families in NC & SC care deeply about their kids and strong, moral local communities. If wrestling can become recognized with these, we can see this transition from 'something to do' to a reflection of 'who we are'. That is the only change that will last and grow in a healthy way.



VI LOCK



A majority of our best high schoolers leave the state to wrestle in college.

KEY

Cooperative North & South Carolina feeder program system and our wrestling colleges are the 'bookends' of the same objectives.

VII LOCK



There is no "Super Bowl" that leads the established wrestling community (much less beginners) to care about the sport in such a way as to mark their calendars for the next season.

KEY

Help NCWA establish an annual Middle & High School National Duals Championship with our NC & SC Dual Teams being reoccurring champions at these events for years to come.

