

Loeb sack Statement on Reinstatement of Wrestling as a Core Olympic Sport

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Washington, D.C. – Congressman Dave Loebsack released the following statement after the International Olympic Committee (IOC) voted to reinstate wrestling as a core Olympic sport for the 2020 games. Loebsack joined Congressmen Jim Jordan (OH-04), and Tim Walz (MN-01) to lead the fight in the House of Representatives to get wrestling back into the Olympics after it was announced earlier this year that it was dropped from the games. Last week, [the Congressmen wrote](#)

to the President of the IOC, Dr. Jacques Rogge, to call on him to reinstate wrestling.

“Today’s decision is great news for the sport of wrestling, but also for those who have fought so hard to demonstrate what wrestling means to the international community,” said Loebsack. “The history of collegiate and Olympic wrestling runs through Iowa and we know that the determination and the hard work it teaches our kids provides them the skills it takes to succeed in life. I want to especially thank Coach Dan Gable and Coach Terry Brands for their tireless efforts to keep wrestling where it belong in the Olympics.”

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