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# WrestlingTournaments.com Names Dennis Papadatos as COO to Lead National Expansion Push

Former Hofstra Assistant Director of Athletics and longtime Division I Head Wrestling Coach joins the leadership team to scale the platform nationwide.

WrestlingTournaments.com, the company rapidly reshaping the landscape of amateur wrestling, today announced that Dennis Papadatos has joined the company as Chief Operating Officer & Head of National Expansion. This hire marks a major step in their aggressive push to scale its wrestling platform nationwide.

Papadatos, former Assistant Director of Athletics at Hofstra University and longtime Division I Head Wrestling Coach, brings elite-level leadership, operational expertise, and deep relationships across the wrestling world. He has built programs, led organizations, and competed at the highest levels of the sport—and now turns that focus toward transforming it.

In his new role, Papadatos will partner directly with Founder & CEO Jason Layton to accelerate national growth. He will lead expansion strategy, oversee operations at scale, forge key partnerships, and help build the infrastructure required to support a new standard for wrestling events across the country.

*“This is a defining moment for us. We’re not just growing—we’re building the future of wrestling. Dennis has operated at the highest levels, and he knows what it takes to scale. We’re going all in.”*

— Jason Layton, Founder & CEO

Wrestling Reimagined has quietly built the fastest-growing platform in the sport, driven by its WAR Zone format and Rapid Brackets technology. With thousands of athletes and hundreds of events annually, the company is setting a new benchmark for how competitions are structured, scheduled, and experienced.

Now, with Papadatos joining the leadership team, the company is preparing to accelerate that growth—expanding into new regions, partnering with major organizations, and building a national network of operators.

*“The opportunity here is massive. What WrestlingTournaments.com has built isn't incremental—it's a fundamentally better model. We're going to scale this across the country and raise the standard for the entire sport.”*

— Dennis Papadatos, Chief Operating Officer

**Papadatos is expected to begin in mid-May 2026.**

## What Industry Leaders Are Saying

*“Dennis Papadatos was a team leader at Hofstra during my tenure. He made a difference in the program. His high character and relentless work ethic immediately caught my attention in the room. There was a hunger in him to excel on the mat and in the classroom. He will be a great asset in the continuing growth of WrestlingTournaments.com.”*

**Tom Ryan — Head Wrestling Coach, The Ohio State Wrestling Buckeyes**

*"I had the honor of working with Dennis Papadatos earlier in our careers. He has demonstrated tremendous growth and will be a significant asset to WrestlingTournaments.com. Dennis is one of the most hardworking and committed professionals in the wrestling community. His past experiences will be invaluable as WrestlingTournaments.com continues to establish itself as one of the premier companies in our industry."*

**Pat Popolizio — Head Wrestling Coach, The NC State Wolfpack**

*"Dennis Papadatos is a strong leader and has dedicated his entire professional career to serving, protecting, and promoting amateur wrestling. He has a relentless work ethic and a vast wrestling network which will serve him well in this new role."*

**Mike Moyer — Executive Director, National Wrestling Coaches Association**

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