

Bart Freidenberg (Ohio)

Bart has been an AAU member and AAU pairing master since 1977. He is currently the Ohio AAU Wrestling Chairman, a position he started in 1986. He was recognized for his AAU service in Ohio when he was named the Ohio AAU Wrestling Association Volunteer of the Year in 1992 and in 1999. Nationally Bart has served on the AAU National Executive Committee for fifteen years. In 1996 and 1997 he received the AAU National Wrestling Committee's Willard T Vandiver Award.

Bart is the founder and chairman of the Ohio Tournament of Champions, which started in 1993 and continues today. He is also the founder and chairman of the Ohio All-Star Wrestling Team from 1983 until the present and was the founder and event director of the Ohio Super Tournament from 1987 to 1991. From 1980 until the present, he is the media liaison for the Ohio State High School Championships.

Bart has also organized several all-star meets and clinics, including:

1978: Central Ohio vs. West Germany

1981: Ohio vs. Puerto Rico

1982: Central District vs. Ohio

1983 and 1991: Ohio All-Star Wrestling Classic

1984: Ohio vs. New Jersey

1982-1984: Ohio Freestyle Clinic

Bart began organizing wrestlers at events when he was the head-wrestling manager at Bexley High School from 1976 to 1978. He was also the head wrestling manager at The Ohio State University from 1979 to 1982.

Bart has also been involved in coaching. He was the head coach at Bexley Middle School from 1998 to 2000, the assistant coach at Olentangy Middle School in 2001, the head coach at Watkins Middle School from 1997 to 2002, the assistant coach at Watkins Middle School in 2003 and the assistant coach at Canal Winchester Middle School from 2005 until the present.