

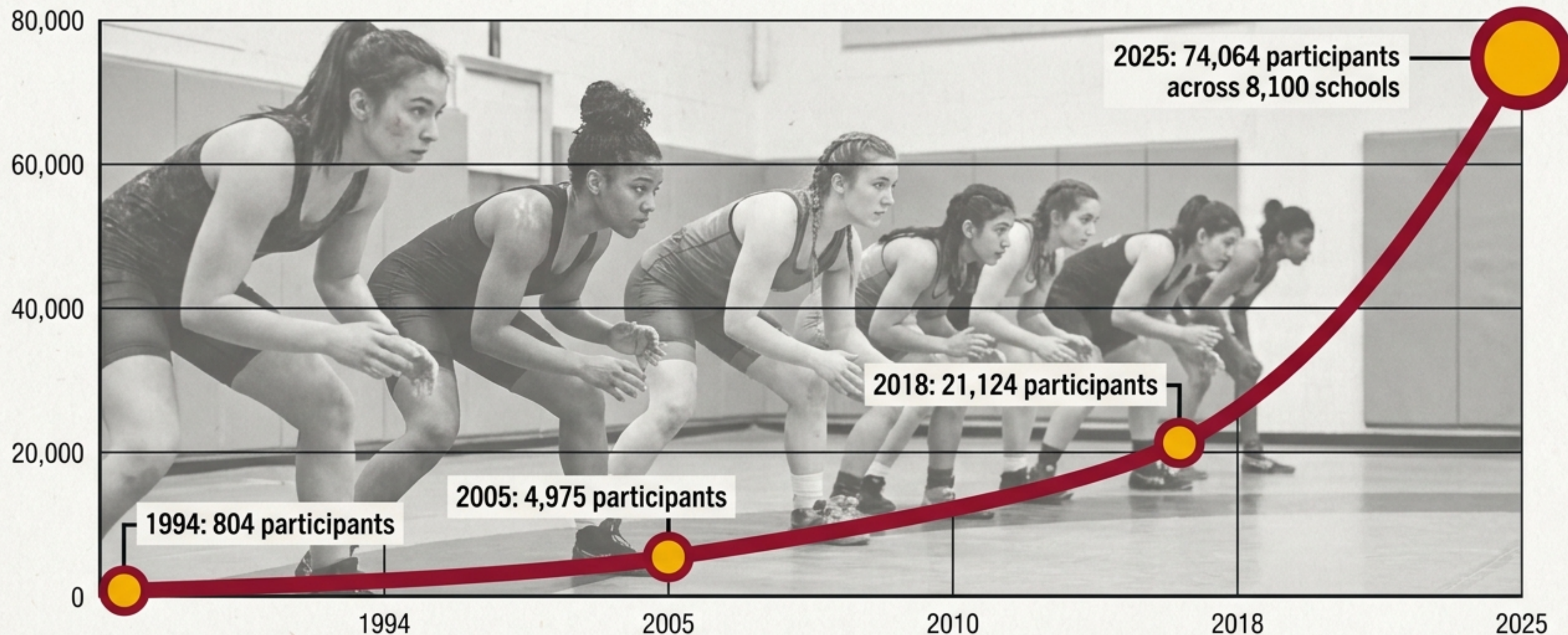


THE GIRLS' WRESTLING PIPELINE

A Strategic Intelligence Briefing for Collegiate Recruitment

THE HIGH SCHOOL TALENT POOL IS EXPANDING AT AN UNPRECEDENTED RATE

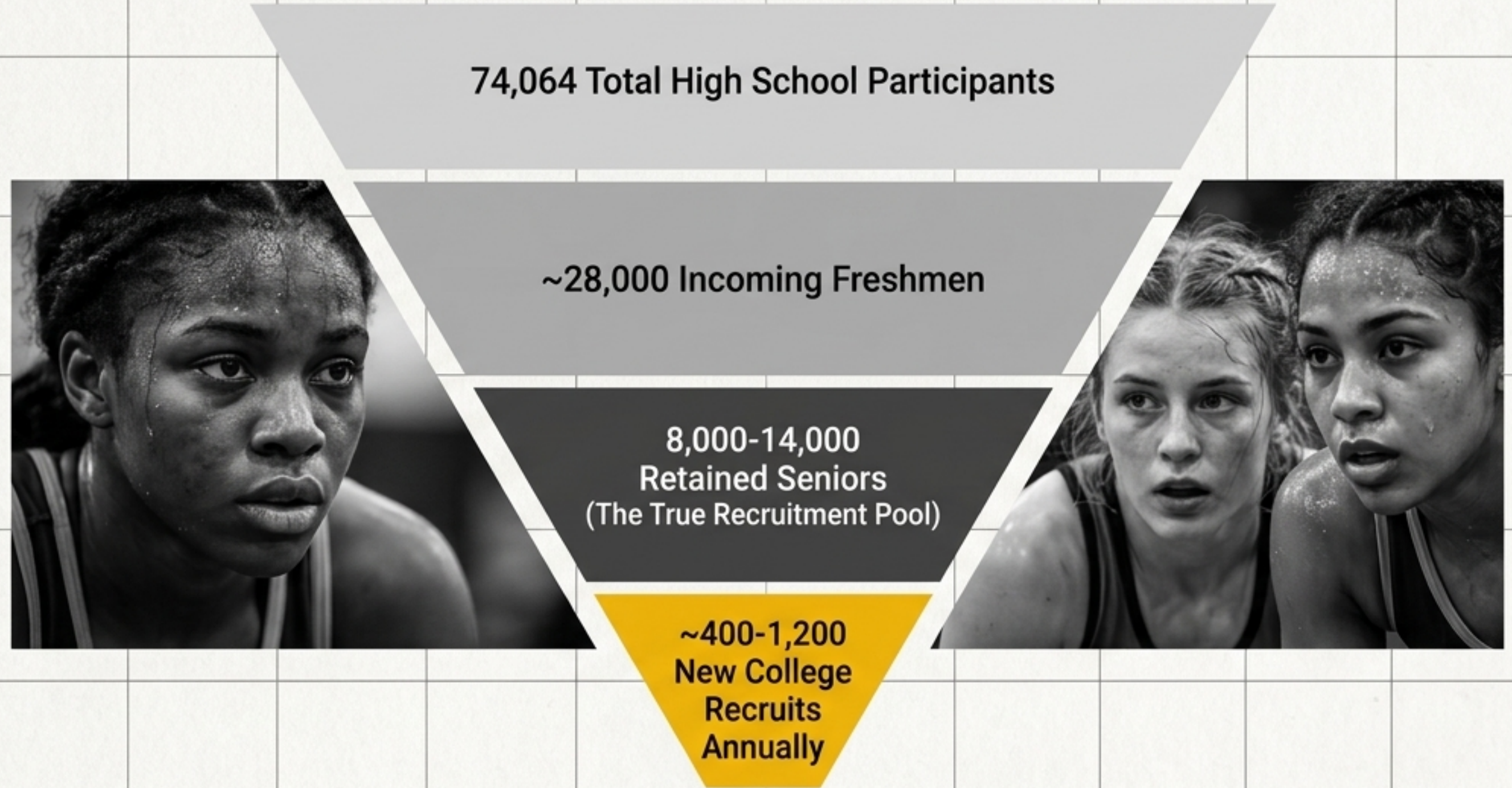
- Women's wrestling is a mainstream athletic staple.
- 15% year-over-year participation jump.
- Nearly 1,000 new high school programs added in a single season.



SEVERE ATTRITION CREATES AN EXCLUSIVE SENIOR RECRUITING COHORT

The “Naive Split” assumes 18,500 seniors. The reality is a massive weeding out process driven by intense physical demands, injury, weight management, and shifting interests.

Only 3% to 6.3% of graduating seniors transition to collegiate rosters.

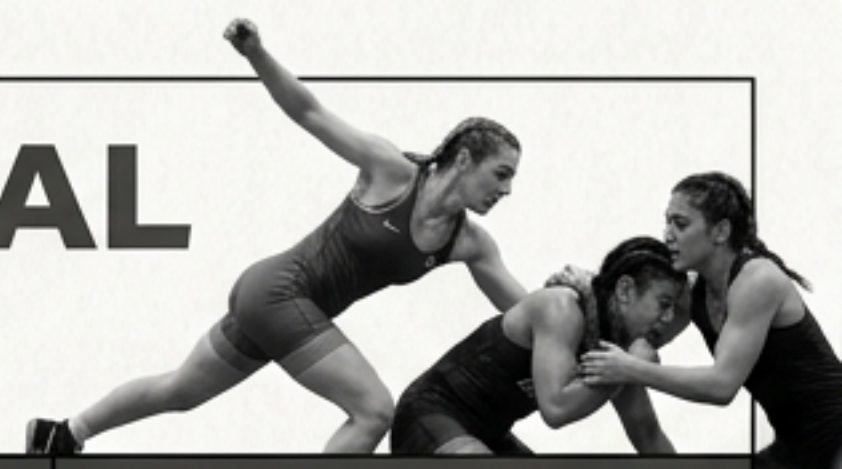


COLLEGIATE ROSTER SUPPLY CURRENTLY OUTPACES DEDICATED ATHLETE DEMAND

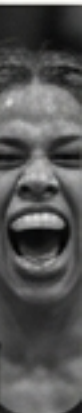
The crisis is not a lack of collegiate programs, but a lack of retained talent. Persistence guarantees opportunity.



NAVIGATING THE 300+ FUNCTIONAL COLLEGIATE PROGRAMS

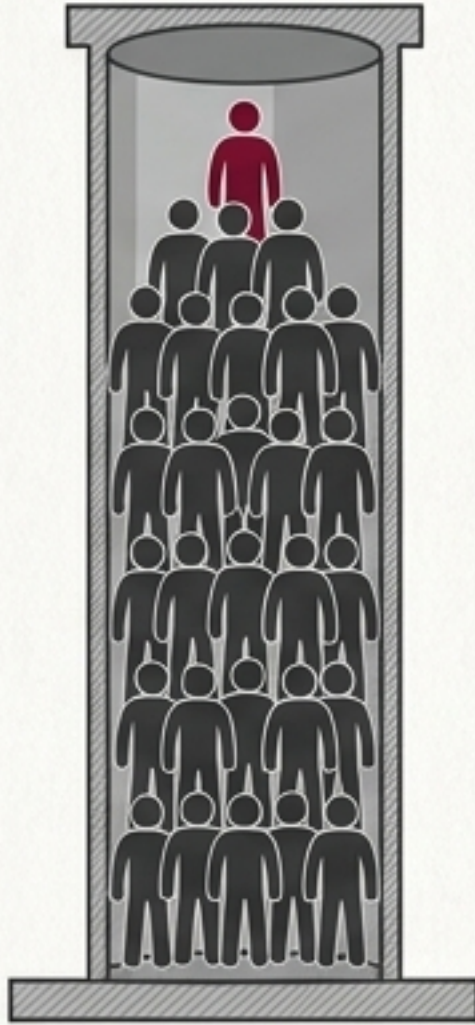


DIVISION	ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS	ROSTER COMPETITION	POSTSEASON PATHWAY	ACADEMIC & LIFE BALANCE
NCAA D1 (6-7 programs)	Yes (Up to 30)	Extreme / Bottlenecked	Unified NCAA	Grueling / All-Consuming
NCAA D2 (35-46 programs)	Yes (10.0 Equivalency Limit)	Manageable	Unified NCAA National	'Life in the Balance' Philosophy
NCAA D3 (70+ programs)	No (Academic / Need only)	Moderate	D3 Specific (starting 2028)	High Balance
NAIA (~50 programs)	Yes (Equivalency)	Moderate / High	NAIA Specific	Variable
NCWA (80+ club programs)	No	Low / Developmental	NCWA Club	High Balance



THE D1 ROSTER BOTTLENECK VERSUS THE D2 OPEN MAT

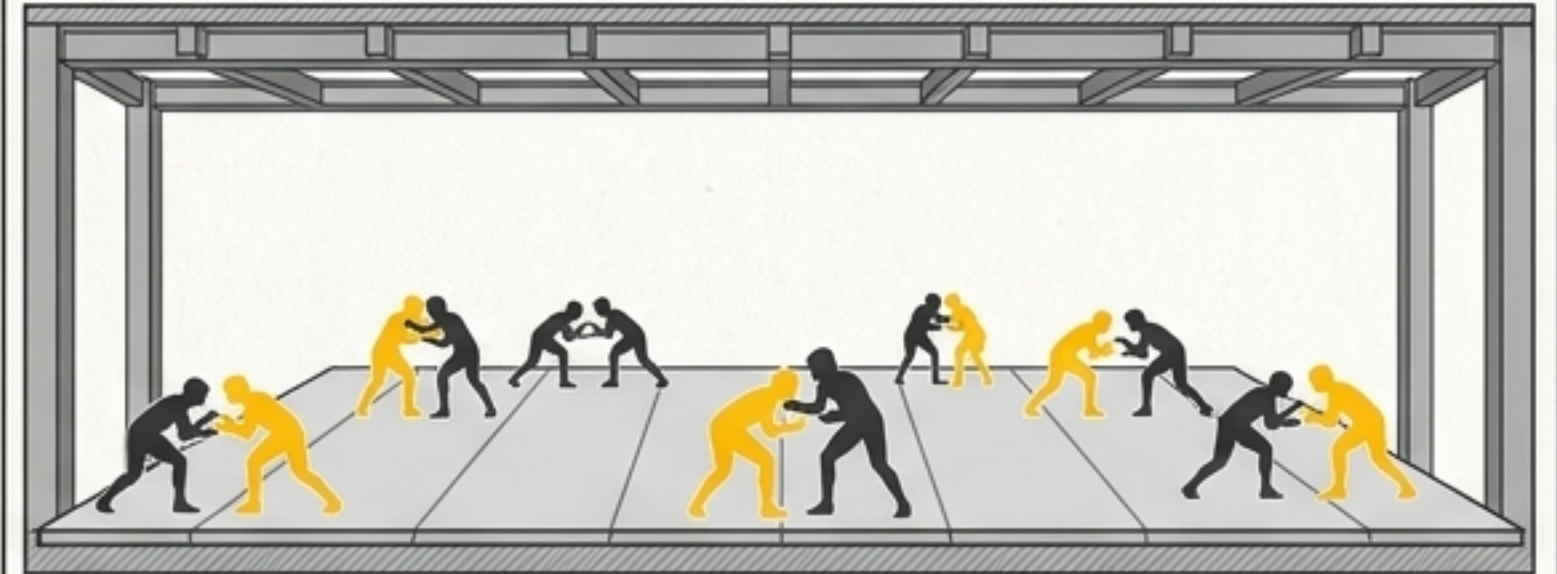
D1 ROSTER BOTTLENECK



D1 REALITY: 30-person roster limit across only 6-7 programs. Top recruits fight internally for mat time and are often buried on depth charts.

High Talent Concentration, Low Lineup Probability.

D2 OPEN MAT



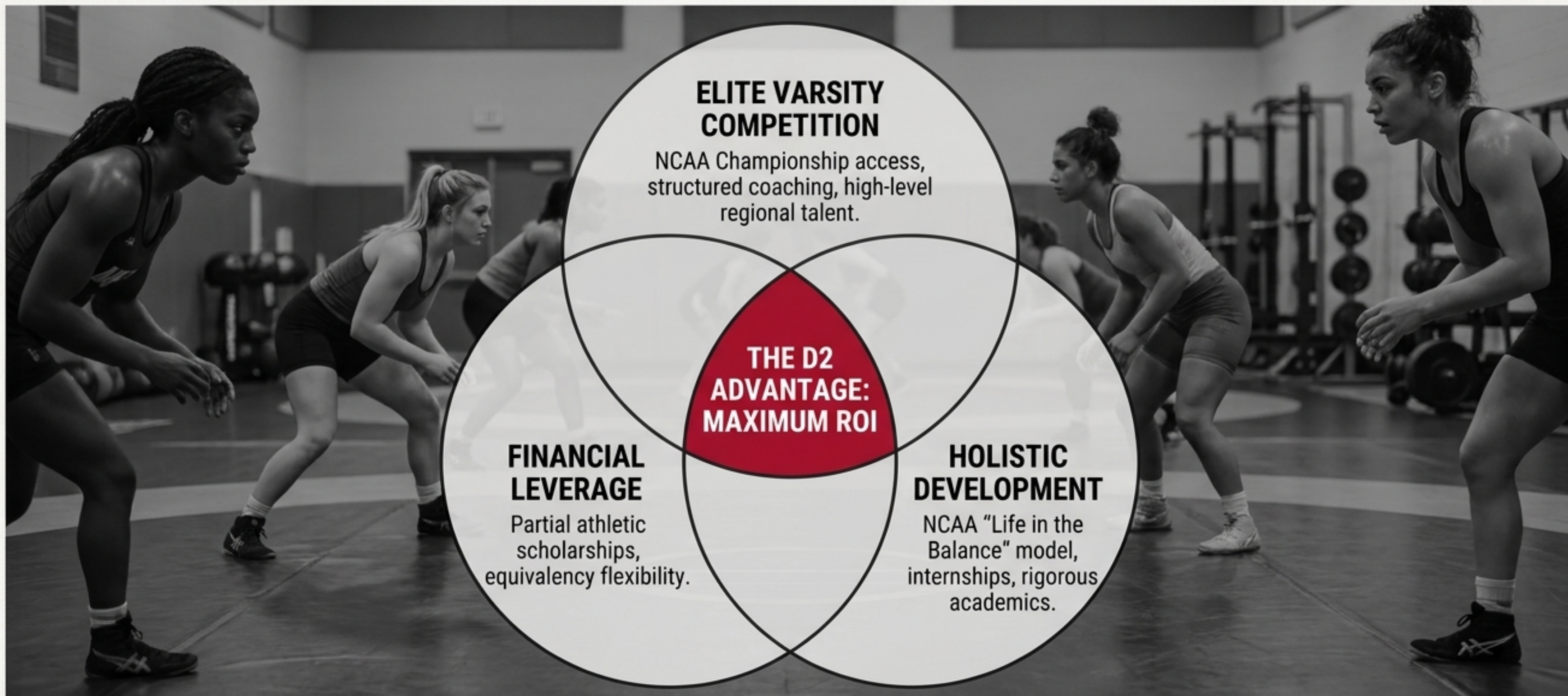
D2 REALITY: 40+ expanding programs. Recruits are prioritized as starters, securing immediate, meaningful competition.



Strategic Roster Size, High Lineup Probability.

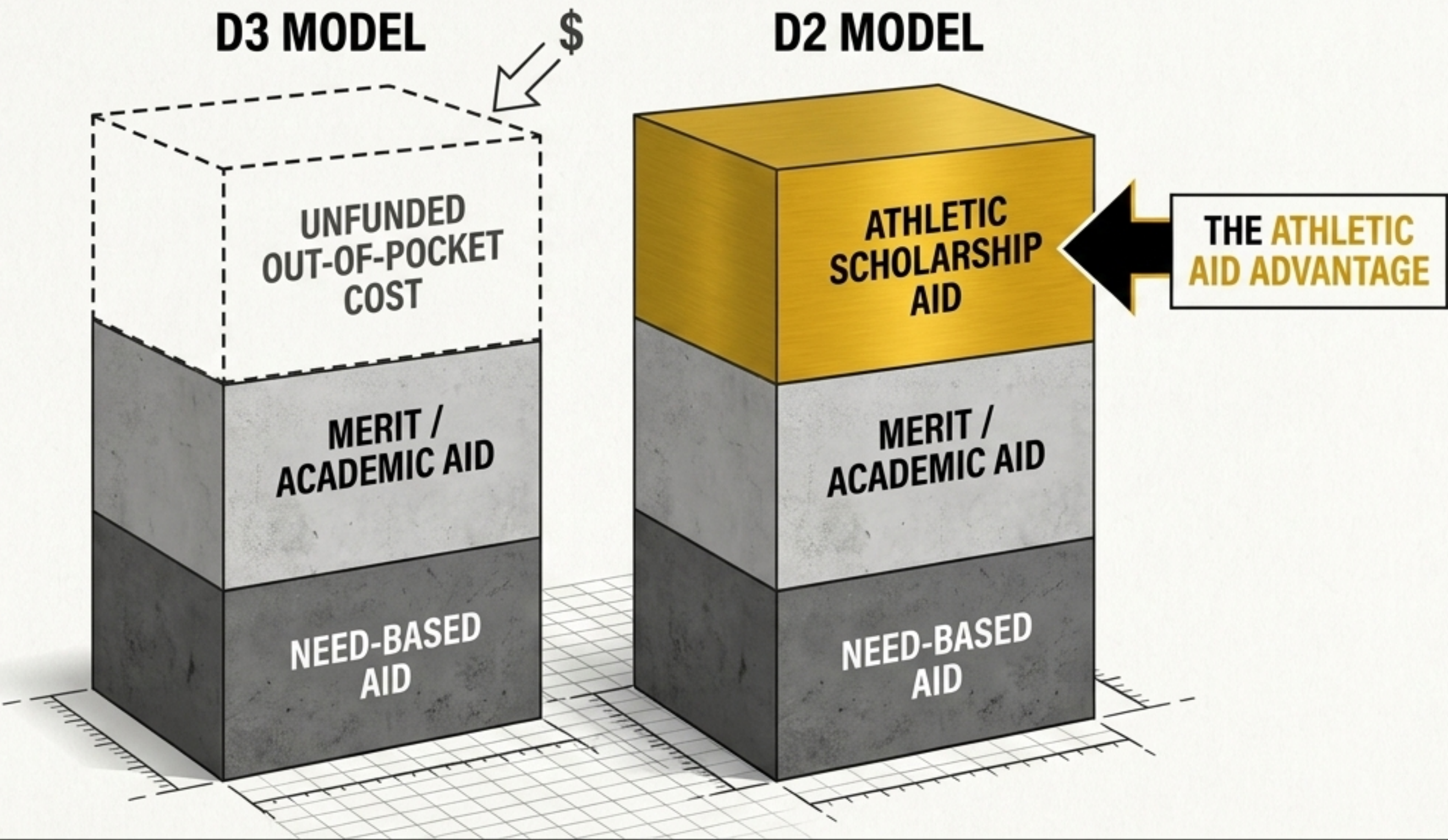
NCAA DIVISION II PROVIDES THE ULTIMATE STRATEGIC SWEET SPOT

Division II offers the highest overall return on investment by merging elite varsity resources with sustainable life balance.



STRATEGIC FINANCIAL PACKAGING MAXIMIZES INSTITUTIONAL AID

D2 operates on an equivalency limit of 10.0, allowing coaches to aggressively bundle partial athletic scholarships. By combining athletic aid with academic and need-based money, a D2 package frequently out-competes the net cost of D3 or out-of-state D1 options.



THE UNIFIED NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP PATHWAY

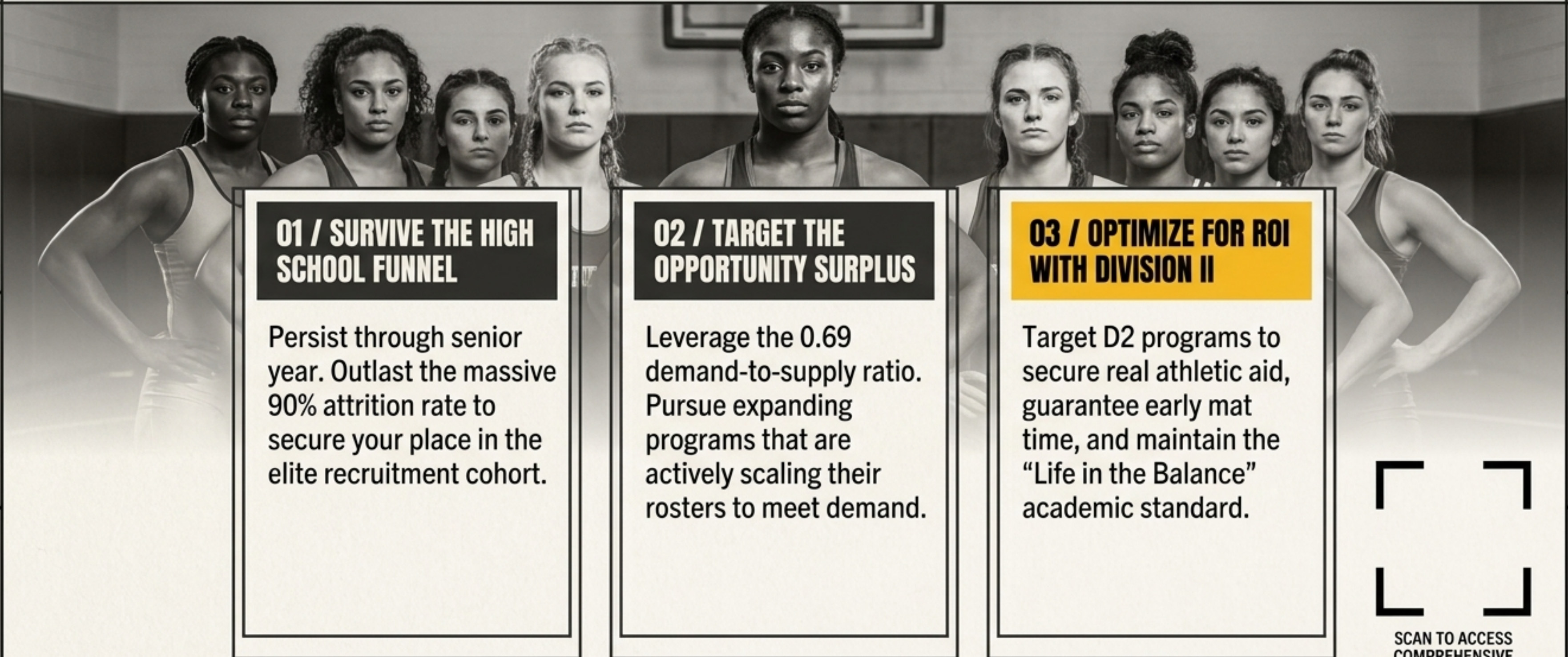


INTELLIGENCE NOTE: You do not sacrifice the ultimate prize by choosing Division II.

Historical Precedent: McKendree University (a D2 program) won the first-ever unified NCAA Women's Wrestling Championship, proving D2 provides a direct pathway to elite national dominance.



THE COLLEGIATE RECRUITMENT PLAYBOOK



01 / SURVIVE THE HIGH SCHOOL FUNNEL

Persist through senior year. Outlast the massive 90% attrition rate to secure your place in the elite recruitment cohort.

02 / TARGET THE OPPORTUNITY SURPLUS

Leverage the 0.69 demand-to-supply ratio. Pursue expanding programs that are actively scaling their rosters to meet demand.

03 / OPTIMIZE FOR ROI WITH DIVISION II

Target D2 programs to secure real athletic aid, guarantee early mat time, and maintain the “Life in the Balance” academic standard.



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