

Why Wrestling is Better than Rasslin'

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1. You spend a lot less money on costumes.
2. There's something to be said for being honest.
3. The referee actually referees.
4. You can check the score.
5. There's no loose plywood to make the throws sound louder.
6. You don't have to bite a "Hollywood" blood capsule.
7. All the throws aren't to the center of the ring (where the spring is).
8. There's no racism or "ho's."
9. No acting lessons are required.
10. The pros give stunt men a bad name.
11. You can read the results on the sports page.
12. If you want to see actors pretending to be athletes, watch Vision Quest on video instead.
13. Suspicions should be high as soon as they meet inside a square and call it a "ring."
14. Are the ropes to keep the rasslers in or the spectators out?
15. P. T. Barnum was right: You can fool some of the people all of the time.
16. Wrestling has no tag-team. Wrestlers develop the character to fight it through.
17. Big talk on a microphone isn't required to fire up a sports crowd.
18. There's actually a rule book.
19. You learn to "do," not to fake.
20. You won't have to cut your forehead with a hidden blade for effect.
21. The referee is in charge instead of the announcer.
22. You don't get to bounce off the ring ropes, but you don't have to scream like a baby either.
23. Body slams aren't allowed.
24. There are weight classes and fairness.
25. You compete for the team, not a circus.
26. Wrestlers only wear a mask due to injury.
27. Pins don't miraculously occur just before the time limit.
28. You don't have to lose because it's in the script.
29. Your opponent doesn't have to tell you what move to expect next.
30. You don't have to let your opponent "kick out" on the 2-count.
31. Any resemblance rasslin' has to wrestling is mostly coincidental.
32. You would rather hang with Dan Gable than Vince McMahon.
33. You think the Hulkster should be in the dumpster.
34. Anyone who says rasslin' is real, will lie about other things as well.
35. You don't have to worry about Rick Flair grabbing your crotch.
36. Rasslin' has as much stomping as the musical Riverdance.
37. You don't have to "work the crowd."
38. A flashy nickname is not required.
39. Your mom doesn't mind telling people what you do.
40. It's the difference between being in the gym and being in show business.

Summary: Rasslin' is an embarrassment to wrestling.

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