



UNITED WORLD WRESTLING

Subject: BEACH WRESTLING WORLD SERIES

Dear Mr. President,

As you might know, last year in Turkey we tried a new competition format for our Beach Wrestling Events. This format consists of a pool system where every athlete competes against the other athletes. After this phase, the best athletes start with a direct elimination system and only one bronze medal is allocated.

The decision to use such system was to give more matches to the athletes and having an easy system for the second day with a normal bracket without repechage matches.

If you want to read all the details of the Rules and the competition format, please click on the following link:

<https://unitedworldwrestling.org/governance/regulations-beach-wrestling>

This year, we have the pleasure to announce you that a Beach Wrestling World Series will happen. These events will get prize money but also ranking points to qualify the best Beach Wrestlers for the 1st ANOC WORLD BEACH GAMES.

The Beach Wrestling World Series will count 3 stops and 1 final. The two first stops will be taken into consideration for the 1st ANOC World Beach Games in San Diego (USA). Please find the qualification system with all the explanations about these Games by clicking on the following link:

https://unitedworldwrestling.org/sites/default/files/2019-02/190222_technical_handbook_new.pdf

The 2019 Beach Wrestling World Series will be organized:

1 st stop	Chaves (POR)	29-30.03.2019
2 nd stop	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	10-11.05.2019
3 rd stop	Odessa (UKR)	09-10.08.2019*
FINAL	Zagreb (CRO)	06-07.09.2019

I have the pleasure to inform you that each event will get the same prize money: 15'000 CHF per event. Each weight category (4 Men and 4 Women) will get 1'750 CHF - 1'000 CHF for the 1st place, 500 CHF for the 2nd place and 250 CHF for the 3rd place. Apart these 14'000 CHF, we will dedicate 1'000 CHF per event for the best throw of the week-end. The public will be the judge for that prize.

The goal of these events is to promote our Sport in a friendly and relax context. We encourage therefore all the National Wrestling Federations to participate in these events. We remind you that all these events will use ATHENA for the registrations!

We also want to push you to share this information to your team (coaches, athletes...) as we remarked that some delegation members that are on site never read the Rules or information.

You will find attached to this letter the useful information and schedule of the first two stops. In addition, you will also find attached the guidelines for the athletes' uniforms.

For the refereeing, I would like to inform you that a specific referee category for Beach Wrestling was implemented. Meaning that you don't have to be international referee to be referee for Beach Wrestling.

*Please note that Odessa will also organize the Cadet and Junior BW World Championships the 11th of August, right after the 3rd stop.



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To summarize, a small course with the referees will always be organized before the event and the ones who achieve the course will get the Beach Wrestling Category. Please, note that if you send a National Referee, he **NEEDS** to have a license in order to be insured. The referees' courses are free BUT ALL the participating referees need to buy a license before the competition.

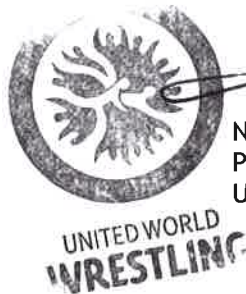
The referees who were selected for the ANOC World Beach Games have the obligation to participate in one of the two first stops of the year. A course will be organized before these events. Please read the schedule attached to know the arrival date for your referee.

We remind you that the rule that mentions that a delegation with more than 3 wrestlers have the obligation to send at least one referee is also implemented for Beach Wrestling.

Dear President, we really hope that you will push your athletes to these events in order to grow this discipline.

The United World Wrestling Sport Department is at your disposal if you have any question regarding these events.

Sincerely Yours,



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