



TO ALL THE NATIONAL WRESTLING FEDERATIONS

**Subject: Refereeing in 2022**

Dear President,

Last week, the Refereeing Commission held its annual end of the year meeting and discussed various subjects for the coming year. With this circular, we aim to share some decisions and updates. Having in mind that a call for candidacies for the UWW Refereeing Commission is currently open, some decisions have been postponed to 2022.

## **1. Referees' categories**

As for last year, the Refereeing Commission agreed that flexibility will be given towards referee category maintenance requirements. Considering the current situation around the World and the travel difficulties met by many referees, the Commission decided once again that no downgrade will be made except for drastic mistakes.

I, II and III referee categories have been updated on Athena. The list of IS referees (upgrades and downgrades) still needs to be confirmed and this will be done at the end of January.

The 2022 Referees' list will be updated and available on our website once all the categories have been updated. Referees who reached the age limit will automatically lose their international category at the end of the year.

## **2. 2022 Obligations**

From 2022, IS referees will have to participate in at least two different events to maintain their categories. The first event they will have to attend is their own Senior Continental Championships. The second event will be one of the World Championships (Senior, U23, U20, U17). United World Wrestling will now select the IS referees for each World Championship and will decide in collaboration with the Refereeing Commission which referees will attend each event.

Considering the difficulties met by the referees to maintain their categories since the beginning of the pandemic, it has been decided to adapt the obligations for the 2022-2023 period for other categories (I, II and III).

Referees will have to comply with the following obligations:

- Category I: two (2) international tournaments or 1 Championship (level 4 clinic) within the next two years
- Category II: one (1) international tournament within the next two years
- Category III: one (1) international tournament within the next two years

These standards will be applied only for the 2022-2023 period, refereeing body regulations will not be updated.

The rules set above are the minimum requirements to maintain categories. However, we strongly encourage referees to work on any other international event or national championships to keep working on the mat.

## **3. Referee education**

Encouraged by the successful implementation of online theoretical referee clinics in 2021, the Refereeing Commission is currently exploring different options to improve our education management. More information will be shared with you at the beginning of the year.



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Considering the above, 2022 referee clinics will be confirmed and shared with you at the end of January. For February events, the referee clinics have been confirmed. Clinics level 4 and 5 will take place at the 2022 U23 European Championships while clinic level 5 will be conducted during the 2022 Senior European Championships.

I also take this opportunity to thank you for your work and to wish you all the best for the new year to come.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Antonio Silvestri'.

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