

2020 UWW Oceania Annual Report

Preface

I present this annual report with the disclaimer that this report is very different from the reports of the past in that wrestling activities in Oceania were gravely affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Due to circumstances prior to the global pandemic coupled with the start of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Oceania Council was not able to conduct its 2020 and 2021 Continental Championship and Annual Assembly.

Part I. The following report summarizes activities for the Oceania Wrestling Council that took place in 2021.

- I. Countries in Oceania has been closed since early start of the COVID-19 Pandemic. As a result, activities in the region has been halted. The region has not held a Continental Championship since 2019. Wrestlers from the various countries in Oceania are at the mercy of government imposed restrictions that gravely affect the hosting of organized training and competitions.
- II. To date, there are approximately three countries in Oceania allowing inbound and outbound travel for its citizens and visitors coming from approved countries; Guam, Northern Marianas Islands, and Palau. Travel to and from Palau is limited to two flights a week and only travelers with government approval can enter.
- III. Due to the government imposed restrictions in the various countries in Oceania the participation from federations to UWW sanctioned events has been limited. The following is a breakdown of participation to the various qualification tournaments and other UWW Events.
 - a. Event: African and Oceania OG Qualifier

Countries participated and number of athletes entered:

*1. American Samoa: 5 (All Mens)

2. Australia: 4 (3 Mens + 1 Womens)

3. Federated States of Micronesia: 1 (Mens)

4. Guam: 3 (1 Mens + 2 Womens)

5. Palau: 2 (All Mens)

*NOTE: Athletes from American Samoa were able to attend since they reside in the United States.

b. Event: World OG Qualifier

Countries participated and number of athletes entered:

Federated States of Micronesia: 1 (Mens)
Guam: 1 (Womens)

c. Event: Tokyo Olympics

Countries in Oceania qualified:

1. Guam: 1 (Womens)

d. Event: 2021 Senior World Championship

Countries participated and number of athletes entered:

1. Australia: 1 (Mens)



Part II. Future Development (2022 — 2024)

- I. UWW Oceania will hold its first Continental Championship since 2019, in April of 2022 in Tumon, Guam.
- II. Oceania Council will continue to work closely with UWW Development and Sports Departments to create more opportunities to improve the overall quality and level of wrestling for our athletes, referees, and coaches in the Oceania region. Furthermore, we will work closely with ONOC to provide OSEP courses to help strengthen National Federation's knowledge in sports management, thus improving their overall administrative abilities.

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