



TO ALL NATIONAL WRESTLING FEDERATIONS

Subject: Refereeing in 2022 - complement

Dear President,

Since their last meeting, the members of the Refereeing Commission continuously worked in order to be well prepared for the new season. The purpose of this circular is to provide further information on subject such as categories, education and composition of the new Commission.

1. Referees' categories

The 2022 Referees' list has been updated and is now available on our website on the following [link](#). All modifications have been made on Athena system including the IS category upgrades and downgrades.

2. Referee education

As mentioned in our circular dated 21st of December, the Refereeing Commission discussed different options to improve the education management. The Commission decided to maintain online courses prior to the events. This decision was motivated by the positive feedbacks received from last year clinics and our intention to continue to reduce your costs.

Our aim is to develop the referee education and to facilitate the education for all. A new online teaching method will be used and this will benefit the participants as they will have access to the content of the clinic in advance. Referees will have to complete their duties prior the event but will have the opportunity to complete it at their own pace.

As for last year, the practical part will still take place during the event. For level 1 and 3 clinics, a written exam will be carried out on site to validate the theoretical part. This will take place one day prior to the start of the competition.

When registering your referees to the clinics on Athena system, please make sure you completed his/her Athena profile with a private email address so we can contact each of them in due time.

You will find on the following link the calendar of clinics for the year:

<https://uww.org/development/refereeing-courses>

Additional information:

- **Fargo (USA)** : USA Wrestling will host international referee clinics level 1 and 2 during their Cadet and Junior Nationals taking place in Fargo. All referees registered for these clinics will be covered (board and lodging) by USA Wrestling.
- **Africa** : The Commission intends to organize one additional clinic level 3 on the African continent. We would be glad to receive any candidacy to organize this clinic prior to an international tournament.

3. IS Referees

As written in our previous circular about refereeing, IS referees will have the obligation to attend at least two different events to maintain their categories. The first event is their own Senior Continental Championships. The second event will be one of the World Championships (Senior, U23, U20, U17). For this second event, 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.

IS referees will soon receive the information on which World Championships they will have to attend.



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A webinar dedicated to IS referees will take place virtually on the 5th of March 2022 at 15:00 (Zurich). This seminar will be mandatory for all IS referees and we please you therefore to already save this date.

4. Refereeing Commission

The Bureau also approved the members of the UWW Commissions. You will find below the list of members of the Refereeing Commission :

REFEREEING President: Mr Antonio Silvestri (GER)	Halil Ibrahim Cicioglu	TUR
	Kamel Bouaziz	TUN
	Cassey Goessl	USA
	Noravard Arustamyan	RUS
	Koike Kuninori	JPN
	Sherif Halawa	EGY
	Carlos García	ESP
	Tsong-Rong Jang	TPE
	Stanislav Sernek	SLO
	Ferenc Gyarmati	ROU
	Gary Bird	CAN
	Mohammad Mosalaeipour	IRI
	Rui Marta (Beach Wrestling)	POR
	Vito Paolillo (Grappling)	ITA

The new Commission will shortly hold a meeting and define the role and duties of each member.

We thank you for your collaboration and wish you a good start of season.

Sincerely yours,

Antonio Silvestri
Chief of the Refereeing Commission
United World Wrestling

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