



TO ALL THE NATIONAL WRESTLING FEDERATIONS

Subject: Refereeing in 2023

Dear President,

The UWW Refereeing Commission met few weeks ago to discuss and evaluate the past year's performance and make plans for the upcoming year. After being approved by the UWW Bureau, we now inform about the most important decisions and changes.

1. 2023 Referees' List and Categories

The 2023 Referees' list will be published by the end of December and updated on Athena and our website.

All referee performances were carefully and conscientiously reviewed by the Refereeing Commission and its outcome is represented by this list. We do happily welcome all new international referees and look forward to work with them in the future.

Starting in 2023, the result of all Level I, II and III courses (upgrade to cat. III, II and I) will be communicated to all National Federations by the end of each quarter. The results of Level IV courses (upgrade to cat. IS) and Level V (control for cat. IS) will be announced at the end of the calendar year. Further information can be found in the *Regulations for the International Refereeing Body*.

Referees who reached the age limit will automatically lose their international category at the end of the year.

2. Referee Education

Online theoretical referee clinics will remain in force in 2023. However, practical courses will be held for Level 1 and 3 Courses prior to the competition. This will take place the day before the competition starts so the stay of your referees is not extended. Concerned referees will have to arrive on time for this practical part and as per the schedule.

The full list of 2023 referee clinics will be confirmed and shared with you in January. We take this opportunity to remind you that there is a specific page dedicated to the referees on our website :

<https://www.org/development/referees>

3. IS Referee clinic

A clinic for IS referees will take place at the beginning of 2023.

All IS referees will have to participate to this clinic in order to be prepared for the new year. This clinic will take place from the 19th to the 21st of January 2023 in Antalya (TUR). Referees are supposed to arrive on the 18th and leave on the 22nd.

The exact schedule and information related to this clinic will be shared with you in the next coming days. However, you may already want to proceed with the flight booking and travel arrangement. We please you to register your referees for this seminar on Athena system and complete his/her flight information prior to the 13th of January.

The participation fee per person and per day is set to CHF 110.-. We thank the Turkish Wrestling Federation for proposing all services at attractive prices.



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4. Regulations for the International Refereeing Body

A new version of the document *Regulations for the International Refereeing Body* has been worked out by the Refereeing Commission and approved by the UWW Bureau.

Some of the major changes are to be found in :

- Article 10 (political function)
- Article 13 (referees not officiating for 1-2 years)
- Article 15 (up & downgrades)
- Chapter 7 (new structure of the Refereeing Commission)

We remind all international referees about their obligations for the period 2022-2023:

- 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

All those referees who did not fulfil their obligations in 2022 will receive a letter to remind them of their obligations to maintain the category in 2023.

IS referees will be subject to the same obligations as last year. They 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 select the IS referees for each World Championship and will decide in collaboration with the Refereeing Commission which referees will attend each event.

All these changes were approved by the UWW Bureau and will be implemented from 1st of January 2023. You will find attached the updated version of the aforementioned regulations.

5. Pathway for referee qualifications for the Olympic Games Paris 2024

The UWW Bureau approved the pathway defining the criteria and steps for referees to qualify for the OG Paris 2024. This document will be published and made available soon.

I also take the opportunity to thank all referees for their commitment and hard work and wish you all the best for the new year to come.

Sincerely yours,

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

Antonio Silvestri
Chief of the Refereeing Commission
United World Wrestling

Corsier-sur-Vevey, 21st of December 2022/AS/TM