



UNITED WORLD WRESTLING

Ordinary Congress 2024

**27 October 2024 – 9h00
Tirana (Albania)**

WORKING DOCUMENTS



Ordinary Congress

27 October 2024 – 9h00
(Registration from 8h00)

Tirana (Albania)

Place: [Ajman Park](#), Shijak, Durrësi

Agenda (tentative)

1. Welcome words and opening of the Congress
2. Adoption of the *Congress Procedure Rules*
3. Appointment of the Congress working bodies:
4. Approval of the minutes of the UWW Ordinary Congress in Belgrade on 9 September 2022
5. Approval of the minutes of the UWW Extraordinary Congress online 24 June 2024
6. Report by the controllers of powers
7. President's report on the UWW activities since the 2022 Congress
8. Financial report by the statutory auditors OFISA - Adoption of the 2022 - 2023 financial reports
9. Update on UWW Strategy 2022-2026
10. Report by the Refereeing Commission
11. Update on Change of Nationality
12. UWW Pro Wrestling League & development of Pankration MMA
13. Report by the UWW Associated Styles Committee
14. Questions by the National Federations
15. Applications for affiliation to UWW
16. Elections of the Bureau Members
17. Miscellaneous & Closing of the Congress



3. Appointment of the Congress working bodies

The following working bodies of the Congress (minutes, elections commission) are submitted for the approval of the Congress:

- **Writer of the minutes:**
Carlos Roy, Secretary General
- **Proof-readers of the minutes (French-English):**
French: Mr. Fouad Meskout
English: Mr. Arsen Julfalakyan
- **Appointment of the elections commission and its chairperson**
Elections Commission:
Chairperson: Mr. Karl-Martin Dittmann
Member: Ms. Rodica Yaksi
Operator: Mr. Gilbert Modoux

Report of the statutory auditor on the limited statutory examination of the financial statements 2023 to the ordinary general meeting of members of UWW – United World Wrestling, Corsier-sur-Vevey

As auditors, we have audited the accounting records and the financial statements (balance sheet, income statement and notes) of your association for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are attached.

These financial statements are the responsibility of the board of the association. Our responsibility is to perform a limited statutory examination on these financial statements. We confirm that we meet the licensing and independence requirements as stipulated by Swiss law.

We conducted our examination in accordance with the Swiss Standard on the Limited Statutory Examination. This standard requires that we plan and perform a limited statutory examination to identify material misstatements in the financial statements. A limited statutory examination consists primarily of inquiries of company personnel and analytical procedures as well as detailed tests of company documents as considered necessary in the circumstances. However, the testing of operation and processes and the internal control system, as well as inquiries and further testing procedures to detect fraud or other legal violations, are not within the scope of this examination.

Based on our limited statutory examination, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements, disclosing shareholders' equity of CHF 22'421'362.33, do not comply with Swiss law and the articles of the association.

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Enclosure : financial statements 2023 (balance sheet, income statement and notes)

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2023

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Balance sheet as of 31.12.2023	Notes	2023	%	2022	%
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ASSETS

CHF

CHF

Current assets		6'365'968.80	25.0%	13'055'051.87	40.7%
Cash and cash equivalents	1	3'314'155.99	13.0%	10'843'023.26	33.8%
Receivables from goods and services	2	1'890'356.44	7.4%	1'695'759.95	5.3%
Other short-term receivables	3	269'678.87	1.1%	78'723.46	0.2%
Accrued income and prepaid expenses	4	891'777.50	3.5%	437'545.20	1.4%
Non-current assets		19'052'823.65	75.0%	19'026'848.09	59.3%
Financial assets	5	19'052'820.65	75.0%	19'026'845.09	59.3%
Tangible fixed assets	6	3.00	0.0%	3.00	0.0%
Total assets		25'418'792.45	100.0%	32'081'899.96	100.0%

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Trade liabilities		2'997'430.12	11.8%	4'476'416.80	14.0%
Payables from goods and services	7	299'184.47	1.2%	229'645.16	0.7%
Other short-term liabilities	8	1'192'734.72	4.7%	1'164'957.97	3.6%
Accrued expenses and deferred income	9	1'505'510.93	5.9%	3'081'813.67	9.6%
Equity		22'421'362.33	88.2%	27'605'483.16	86.0%
Initial capital		27'605'483.16	108.6%	34'997'543.86	109.1%
Loss for the year		(5'184'120.83)	-20.4%	(7'392'060.70)	-23%
Total liabilities and equity		25'418'792.45	100.0%	32'081'899.96	100.0%

Income statement as of 31.12.2023		Notes	2023	%	2022	%
			CHF		CHF	
Net sales from goods and services			7'625'995.91	100.0%	6'928'611.59	100.0%
Member fees	10		2'018'985.61	26.5%	1'854'915.96	26.8%
Competitions	11		3'440'366.37	45.1%	3'402'874.28	49.1%
Media and audiovisual	12		1'090'038.53	14.3%	1'002'478.14	14.5%
Sponsorship and advertising	13		538'842.95	7.1%	481'309.81	6.9%
Subsidies	14		286'303.08	3.8%	141'165.21	2.0%
Reinvoiced expenses	15		160'016.34	2.1%	59'918.10	0.9%
Other operating income	16		3'351.89	0.0%	12'043.54	0.2%
Debtor losses, provision for doubtful debts	17		88'091.14	1.2%	(26'093.45)	-0.4%
Material costs and third-party services			(6'670'129.09)	100.0%	(5'784'971.57)	100.0%
Costs of material	18		(88'898.99)	1.3%	(141'649.23)	2.4%
International competitions costs	19		(2'939'369.51)	44.1%	(2'502'924.71)	43.3%
Development support (Technical assistance)	20		(3'641'860.59)	54.6%	(3'140'397.63)	54.3%
GROSS OPERATING INCOME			955'866.82		1'143'640.02	
Staff and management costs			(6'895'989.48)	100.0%	(6'523'323.11)	100.0%
Staff costs	21		(2'548'219.02)	37.0%	(2'452'962.19)	37.6%
Management costs	22		(4'347'770.46)	63.0%	(4'070'360.92)	62.4%
OPERATING RESULT (EBITDA)			(5'940'122.66)		(5'379'683.09)	
Amortisation			(8'500.00)		-	
Net financial result	23		645'068.44		(2'010'584.25)	
Net extraordinary result	24		119'433.39		(1'793.36)	
LOSS FOR THE YEAR			(5'184'120.83)		(7'392'060.70)	

Cash flow statement as of 31.12.2023		Notes	2023	2022
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			CHF	CHF
Loss for the year			(5'184'120.83)	(7'392'060.70)
Amortization			8'500.00	-
Constitution of provisions and commercial losses			(88'091.14)	26'093.45
Non-activity related financial income and expenses	25		(52'144.14)	(9'567.97)
Value adjustment of the financial assets	26		(688'608.07)	2'099'412.70
(Increase) / Decrease in receivables			(297'460.76)	397'705.58
(Increase) / Decrease in accrued income and prepaid expenses			(454'232.30)	1'527'720.63
Increase / (Decrease) in payables and other liabilities			97'316.06	(624'923.57)
(Decrease) / Increase in accrued expenses and deferred income			(1'576'302.74)	207'137.41
Net cash from operating activities			(8'235'143.92)	(3'768'482.47)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Disinvestment (Investment) in financial assets			745'700.26	(8'744'566.81)
Interest and dividend income			368'079.03	327'779.06
Investment fees and charges			(315'934.89)	(318'211.09)
Investment in equipment			(8'500.00)	-
Net cash from investing activities			789'344.40	(8'734'998.84)
Change in cash and cash equivalents			(7'445'799.52)	(12'503'481.31)
CASH FLOW				
Cash and cash equivalents as at 01.01			10'843'023.26	22'820'377.36
Exchange rate differences on cash and cash equivalents	27		(83'067.75)	526'127.21
Change in cash and cash equivalents			(7'445'799.52)	(12'503'481.31)
Balance in cash and cash equivalents as at 31.12			3'314'155.99	10'843'023.26

Notes to the financial statements 2023

1. General information

Legal form and headquarters

UWW is an association governed by the articles 60 and following of the Swiss Civil Code, with its seat in Corsier-sur-Vevey, Switzerland, registered in the Register of Commerce since 29 June 2017.

Statutory aims

UWW is a worldwide, non-governmental organisation acting in favour of the practice of wrestling in the spirit of its traditions and in accordance with the requirements of the Olympic Charter. UWW ensures to encourage the development of all wrestling styles and to promote the sport, coordinate, regulate, lead and govern wrestling around the world. UWW also promotes the creation of national federations.

Public Interest

Through its role of helping and promoting the wrestling worldwide, UWW is recognized as public interest by the Swiss authorities.

Connection to the International Olympic Committee (IOC)

Since 1921, UWW is recognized by the IOC as the sport federation for Greco-Roman and Freestyle wrestling.

Organisation of UWW

As of 31st December 2023, UWW has 188 affiliated national federations and 45 associated national federations, represented by 22 elected members (the Bureau), including a President, five Vice-Presidents, five Continental Council Presidents, and a President of the Athletes Commission. The current Secretary General, appointed by the Bureau in January 2022, is not an elected member. The Executive Committee consists of the President, the Vice-Presidents and the Secretary General.

Continental Councils are auxiliary bodies of UWW which bring together the affiliated and associated members of their respective continent. They promote and develop wrestling on their continent and ensure that the Constitution of the Association is respected.

The Associated Styles Office is an auxiliary body of UWW, headed by the President of the Associated Styles Committee, which manages the non-Olympic styles of wrestling.

Persons empowered to commit UWW

Name	Function	Type of signature
LALOVIC Nenad	member of executive committee President	individual signature
ROY Carlos	member of exec. committee Secretary General	joint signature by two
GOLLIARD Yannick	financial manager	joint signature by two

2. Accounting principles applied

The financial statements are presented in accordance with the Swiss Code of Obligations and more particularly according to the provisions of the commercial accounting and the presentation of the accounts. The accounting principles applied do not differ from those prescribed by law.

3. Currencies

The accounting of UWW is kept in Swiss Francs (CHF). A monthly exchange rate provided by the Federal Tax Administration is used for the conversion during the year.

The exchange rates used in the balance sheet and the profit and loss account of the annual closing are the following:

Currency	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
EUR	0.929700	0.987450
GBP	1.072875	1.112933
JPY = for 100 yen	0.596900	0.701200
USD	0.841624	0.925228

4. Valuation of the fixed assets

The financial assets are valued according to the tax value provided by the Federal Tax Administration. If not available, they are valued at market value at the balance sheet date, according to the information provided by the bank, with which the financial asset is deposited.

The tangible fixed assets have been fully amortized in the previous periods. The tax estimate of the building is mentioned under point 9, note 7, and the fire-insurance value of the tangible fixed assets is mentioned under point 6.

5. Related parties

The members of the Executive Committee are considered as related parties. The assets and liabilities of the related parties are presented separately in the financial statements (notes 3 and 8).

6. Legal information according to art. 959c CO

	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
	CHF	CHF
- Total amount derived from the dissolution of replacement reserves and excess hidden reserves	Nihil	Nihil
- Residual liabilities arising from leasing transactions		
- Not reported in the balance sheet	-	5'383
- Liabilities vis-à-vis pension schemes	-	-
- Fire insurance value of the property and equipment	12'185'720	12'185'720
- Number of full-time positions	< 25	< 25

7. Explanations of extraordinary, non-recurring or prior-period items in the income statement

The leasing contract for the VW Touran brand vehicle (concierge) ended on 16.12.2023. The vehicle was repurchased at its trade-in value and fully depreciated.

8. Events subsequent to the balance sheet date

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Income statement for 2023 compared with 2022 and budgets 2024, 2025 and 2026

Item	Budget 2022	Actual 2022	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget 2026
Net sales from goods and services	6'869'600.00	6'928'611.59	6'951'600.00	7'625'995.91	9'879'600.00	9'877'100.00	9'987'100.00
Member fees	1'678'500.00	1'854'915.96	1'664'500.00	2'018'985.61	1'764'500.00	1'743'500.00	1'743'500.00
Competitions	3'390'500.00	3'402'874.28	3'552'000.00	3'440'366.37	1'400'000.00	3'438'500.00	3'398'500.00
Media and audiovisual	1'000'000.00	1'002'478.14	1'000'000.00	1'090'038.53	1'200'000.00	1'000'000.00	1'000'000.00
Sponsorship and advertising	450'000.00	481'309.81	400'000.00	538'842.95	500'000.00	600'000.00	600'000.00
Subsidies	220'000.00	141'165.21	270'000.00	286'303.08	400'000.00	200'000.00	350'000.00
IOC Funds (Olympic Games)	---	---	---	---	4'450'000.00 *	2'850'000.00 *	2'850'000.00
Reinvoiced expenses	751'00.00	59'918.10	351'00.00	160'016.34	135'100.00	35'100.00	35'100.00
Other operating income	55'500.00	12'043.54	30'000.00	3'351.89	30'000.00	10'000.00	10'000.00
Debtor losses, provision for doubtful debts	---	(26'093.45)	---	88'091.14	---	---	---
Material costs and third-party services	(4'600'000.00)	(5'784'971.57)	(4'565'000.00)	(6'670'129.09)	(6'255'000.00)	(5'875'000.00)	(5'980'000.00)
Costs of material	(245'000.00)	(141'649.23)	(245'000.00)	(88'898.99)	(70'000.00)	(115'000.00)	(115'000.00)
International competitions costs	(1'820'000.00)	(2'502'924.71)	(1'800'000.00)	(2'939'369.51)	(2'200'000.00)	(2'860'000.00)	(2'860'000.00)
Development support (Technical Assistance)	(2'535'000.00)	(3'140'397.63)	(2'520'000.00)	(3'641'860.59)	(2'385'000.00)	(2'900'000.00)	(2'900'000.00)
Expenses from OG and YOG	---	---	---	---	(1'600'000.00)	---	(105'000.00)
GROSS OPERATING INCOME	2'269'600.00	1'143'640.02	2'386'600.00	955'866.82	3'624'600.00	4'002'100.00	4'007'100.00
Staff and management costs	(5'683'150.00)	(6'523'323.11)	(6'209'460.00)	(6'895'989.48)	(6'200'705.00)	(7'131'760.00)	(7'181'760.00)
Staff costs	(2'664'630.00)	(2'452'962.19)	(2'626'755.00)	(2'548'219.02)	(2'550'000.00)	(2'626'755.00)	(2'626'755.00)
Consulting fees	(735'000.00)	(1'421'449.25)	(1'146'000.00)	(1'325'657.00)	(1'154'000.00)	(1'310'000.00)	(1'310'000.00)
IT care and maintenance	(260'000.00)	(710'120.98)	(490'000.00)	(1'032'288.84)	(550'000.00)	(1'030'000.00)	(1'030'000.00)
Travels, sessions and representation	(875'000.00)	(918'874.16)	(825'000.00)	(860'137.99)	(825'000.00)	(1'040'000.00)	(1'090'000.00)
Insurances	(556'700.00)	(534'378.75)	(509'885.00)	(564'912.60)	(509'885.00)	(559'185.00)	(559'185.00)
Communication and promotion	(390'000.00)	(312'216.04)	(381'000.00)	(382'235.51)	(381'000.00)	(381'000.00)	(381'000.00)
Premises costs	(128'000.00)	(82'692.67)	(115'000.00)	(96'973.53)	(115'000.00)	(100'000.00)	(100'000.00)
Others	(73'820.00)	(90'629.07)	(115'820.00)	(85'564.99)	(115'820.00)	(84'820.00)	(84'820.00)
OPERATING RESULT (EBITDA)	(3'413'550.00)	(5'379'683.09)	(3'822'860.00)	(5'940'122.66)	(2'576'105.00)	(3'129'660.00)	(3'174'660.00)
Amortisation	---	---	---	(8'500.00)	---	---	---
Net financial result	115'820.00	(2'010'584.25)	152'820.00	645'068.44	300'000.00	300'000.00	300'000.00
Net extraordinary result	---	(1'793.36)	---	119'433.39	---	---	---
PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	(3'297'730.00)	(7'392'060.70)	(3'670'040.00)	(5'184'120.83)	(2'276'105.00)	(2'829'660.00)	(2'874'660.00)

*New allocation formula over four years for IOC funds (Olympic Games)



15. Applications for affiliation

AFRICA

1. Federación Ecuatoguineana de Lucha Olímpica, Lucha Tradicional y Disciplinas Asociadas

All documents as provided by article 6.1 of the UWW Constitution and all Requirements for New Affiliation have been received by the UWW Administration. A provisional affiliation was approved in November 2023. The Wrestling Federation of Equatorial Guinea (**GEQ**) and its board are recognized by the NOC of Equatorial Guinea.

Recommendation: It is recommended to the Congress to approve the definitive affiliation of the Wrestling Federation of Equatorial Guinea.

2. Wrestling Association of Lesotho

All documents as provided by article 6.1 of the UWW Constitution and all Requirements for New Affiliation have been received by the UWW Administration. A provisional affiliation was approved in March 2023. The Wrestling Federation of Lesotho (**LES**) and its board are recognized by the NOC of Lesotho.

Recommendation: It is recommended that Congress approve the definitive affiliation of the Wrestling Federation of Lesotho.

3. Wrestling Association of Zambia

All documents as provided by article 6.1 of the UWW Constitution and all Requirements for New Affiliation have been received by the UWW Administration. A provisional affiliation was approved in June 2023. The Wrestling Association of Zambia (**ZAM**) its board are recognized by the NOC of Zambia.

Recommendation: It is recommended to the Congress to approve the definitive affiliation of the Wrestling Association of Zambia.

ASIA

1. Wrestling Federation of Timor Leste (Asia)

All documents as provided by article 6.1 of the UWW Constitution and all Requirements for New Affiliations have been received by the UWW Administration. A provisional affiliation was approved in September 2024. The Wrestling Federation of Timor Leste (**TLS**) and its board are recognized by the NOC of Timor Leste.

Recommendation: It is recommended that Congress approve the definitive affiliation of the Wrestling Federation of Timor Leste.



UNITED WORLD WRESTLING

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ACTIVITY REPORTS 2022 – 2024

by the

UWW Departments

And

**Safeguarding Report
Sustainability Report**



SPORTS DEPARTMENT REPORT 2022 - 2024

As you are likely aware, the Sports Department is primarily responsible for overseeing all international competitions organized or recognized by United World Wrestling.

Its mandate begins with the establishment of the international calendar, followed by calls for bids, inspection visits, the appointment of officials, competition management, and providing support to organizers. This process culminates in the drafting of reports to ensure thorough documentation of each event, with a focus on continuously improving future competitions. Refereeing management is therefore an integral part of our daily responsibilities.

The development of associated disciplines, such as beach wrestling, grappling, pankration, and other traditional wrestling styles, also falls within the department's remit. We should not forget all the projects put in place with the goal to grow the sport.

Furthermore, a significant portion of the Sports Department's work involves collaborating with other entities to ensure the presence of wrestling in as many Games as possible.

Under the leadership of the Development Department, we also focus on sustainability, climate actions, and social integration factors towards the candidates and organizers of UWW international competitions.

This activity report will provide further details in these areas and outline the achievements of the past two years.

New Colleagues and new internal structure

Since Antonina Bosser joined the Sports Department and after a transition period, it was essential for everyone to have clearly defined responsibilities to ensure precise tracking of all matters and to operate efficiently. You can easily imagine that overseeing more than 20 events per year is demanding. We feel important to share with you who is responsible for what in order to have a good picture of the Department workflow.

Antonina is in charge of :

- The candidacies (Bidding process - Inspection visit)
- The Youth Wrestling events (U15, U17, U20, U23) and Veterans
- The grappling

Tristan is in charge of:

- The Senior Wrestling events
- The refereeing (Olympic Wrestling but also the Associated Styles)
- The mat homologations

I'm in charge of:

- The overall management of the team
- The Beach Wrestling and Ranking Series' events
- The collaboration with the Associated Styles' Office in Istanbul
- The Olympic Games



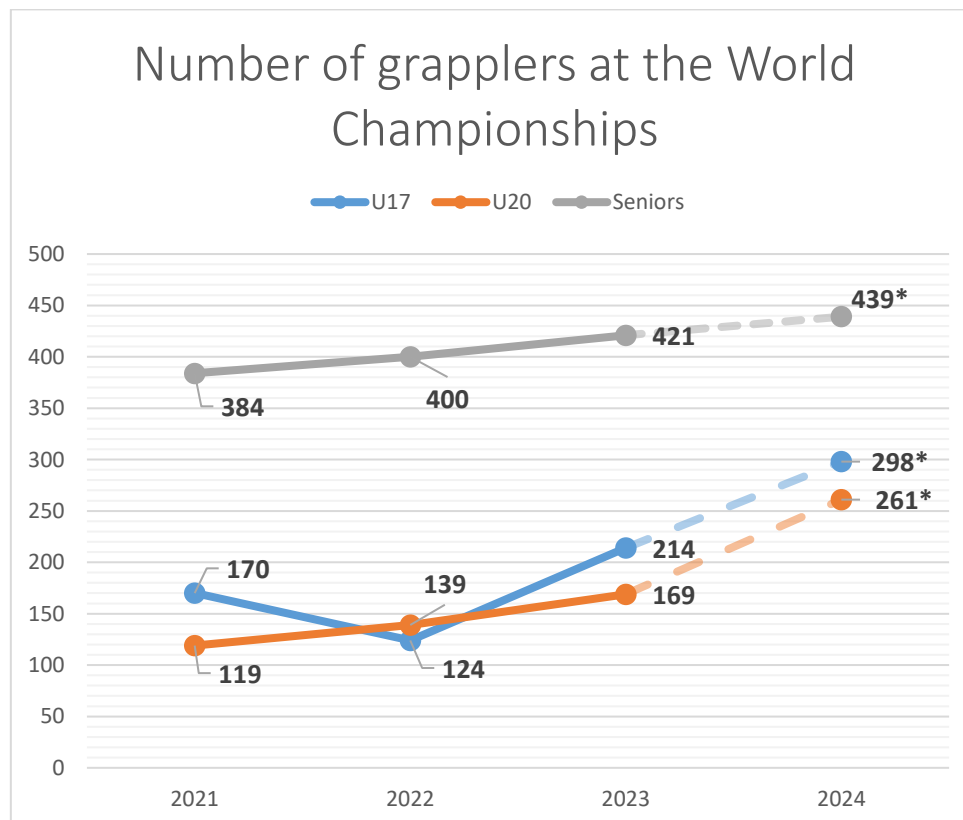


There are several other tasks overseen by all of us but it is important to provide you this information if you would like to discuss about one of these topics in particular.

Another competition manager was hired and we currently have 3 competition managers who are responsible for the good of each event. They are the main point of contact for each organizer and provide their knowledge to build successful events.

Growth of Grappling and Beach Wrestling

In recent years, we have observed continuous growth in the number of grapplers participating in our events, despite the absence of Russian and Belarusian athletes in 2022 and 2023. The average annual growth at the Grappling World Championships has been 4.5% for Senior athletes, 19.2% for U20 athletes, and, following a decline in participation in 2022, an impressive 72.6% increase in 2023 for U17 athletes compared to the previous year. Such growth has forced changes in the competition format, leading to the World Grappling Championships being held on four mats this year, and consideration of extending the number of days for the European Grappling Championships starting next year. At the time of writing this report, based on the preliminary numbers, growth is expected to continue at the same pace for Senior athletes in 2024. However, significant increases are anticipated for the U20 category (39.3%) and the U17 category (54.4%).



*preliminary numbers according to the registration data on 25.09.2024

Additionally, it is worth noting that 2023 marked the first Asian Grappling Championships for all age categories, held in Astana (KAZ). This year, Tagaytay (PHI) continued the initiative to host this event. Furthermore, 2024 was the first year that all age categories were able to compete in Europe: U17, U20, and Senior categories in Baku (AZE), as well as U15 and Veteran categories in Loutraki (GRE).



However, the main event of the year 2023 for the grappling community was the 2023 World Combat Games. Grappling at this event had its own two-phase qualification system, which took into account both previous year's Senior World Grappling Championships and a qualification tournament in Tashkent in April that helped us qualify more Asian athletes for the games.

The last two years, the Beach Wrestling World Series took place in 5 different locations. The number of participants continue to grow. We use the opportunity of the Senior Pan-American Championships (Olympic Wrestling) to also host our 1st Beach Wrestling World Series event at the same location (2023 - Buenos Aires (ARG) / 2024 - Acapulco (MEX)).

By doing this, a big number of Pan-American Nations competed at the Beach Wrestling World Series for the first time and we clearly see an excitement and interest for Beach Wrestling.

The Pan-American Continent, with the leadership of its President, Mr. Francisco Lee, also organized Beach Wrestling in every Olympic Wrestling Continental Championships (U15, U17, U20, U23)! Such combination is a big support to develop the discipline in the Continent.



In 2024, the first stand-alone African Beach Wrestling Championships was organized in Dakar (SEN). More than 30 countries competed during this competition. It shows the big interest for that discipline in the Continent. We also used this event to train and educate the volunteers, coaches and staff from Senegal. Such activities will be maintained until the upcoming Youth Olympic Games in Dakar.

In 2023, Singapore also hosted a Beach Wrestling World Series in their capital. That was not easy to organize such event in the City but it really shows that we don't need proper beaches to organize a Beach Wrestling event.



Beach Wrestling events also contribute to the climate actions that United World Wrestling wants to promote. Such discipline is a the perfect occasion to support big cause. St-Laurent-du-Var was again a good host for such activity.

Around 1'000 students were invited to the BWWS event. Half of them were able to practice Beach Wrestling, be informed about the sustainability aspect of it. The other half enjoyed one morning by watching the athletes' competing at the BWWS.

You can find a short video of the event by clicking on the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0nWHQ5N_BCQ&list=PLpe6Z78qWTryFi1AeNczWEHtkUB0OHGi0&index=14

We really hope that more and more National Wrestling Federations will join us during the tour in the coming years. I take this opportunity to share again with you the official Beach Wrestling website. www.beachwrestling.org

You will find all the necessary information related to this discipline.

Associated Styles

I will not report a lot about that topic because our Istanbul Office prepared a complete activity report of their two last years.

I can only say that our main objective is to have a better structure of these disciplines. At the moment, some of them are not well organized (lack of experience, knowledge, referees, coaches, budget) and our aim is to provide a full support for their growth.

We are helping some disciplines with the organization of their events but we also recognize other disciplines that are run by themselves. With each discipline, a study is made to see if additional support from our side is needed or only a close collaboration and partnership is enough. For such situations, a Memorandum of Understanding is sign and the idea is to collaborate each other to promote this discipline.

Refereeing

Referee Statistics Overview (2022-2024)

Category	2022	2024	Improvement	Percentage Change
1S	112	117	5	+4.5%
1	288	360	72	+25.0%
2	385	389	4	+1.0%
3	530	518	-12	-2.3%
Total	1315	1384	69	+5.2%
Women Referees	106	138	32	+30.2%



Between 2022 and 2024, the overall number of referees increased by 5.2%, with notable growth in categories 1 and 15. The number of women referees grew by 30.2%, reflecting a significant focus on gender diversity, increasing from approximately 8% in 2022 to about 10% in 2024.

A significant milestone was the women referee development program, initiated in 2022. This program contributed to the selection of 11 women referees for the Paris 2024 Olympics, supporting UWW's strategic objectives for gender balance in refereeing.

Key efforts included the revision of regulations for Olympic wrestling (OLY) and establishing regulations for Beach Wrestling (BW), and Grappling (GP). We organized a total of 153 clinics across 98 events in 2023 and 2024, resulting in the certification of 165 new OLY referees, 114 in BW, and 27 in GP. Evaluation and certification processes were enhanced, level 2 clinic and new referee categories were established for both BW and GP (international category III, II and I).

We oversaw the referee selection process for Paris 2024, ensuring thorough evaluation by the referee commission.

With the Grappling referees, since 2022, we have maintained a consistent pool of experienced referees for grappling events by providing technical assistance, including covering the accommodation fees for referees with an international category. As a result, the number of participating referees has increased by 60%, leading to an improvement in the quality of refereeing at grappling competitions and motivating national federations to expand their pool of international referees.



Also one of the challenges in refereeing grappling matches has been the inconsistent understanding of passivity, which has led to varying interpretations and, consequently, different outcomes in matches. To address this, we organized the filming of an educational video in October this year in Astana (KAZ). The aim is to standardize the interpretation of passivity in grappling and reduce subjectivity in scoring during bouts starting next year.

Projects

Firstly, the search for new organizers is becoming increasingly challenging. A close collaboration with the Continental Presidents, whom I would like to extend my sincere thanks to, has allowed us to secure excellent organizers. Our President has also been heavily involved in identifying reliable organizers.

Research (surveys, individual meetings,...) has been conducted to address the concerns of National Federations. We are continually working on improving the requirements documentation as well as reducing costs for the host country. The Organizers' Workshop is also one of the projects that we care a lot. It is the best opportunity to meet with regular host and interested countries. This workshop allows each of us to share their expertise, doubts or questions.

The 2023 Organizers' Workshop was the second edition and was organized in Istanbul. The 2024 Organizers' Workshop will be organized in Tirana (ALB) before the U23 World Championships. Having this activity before an event give us the possibility to also learn from the current host. I would like to thank my colleague Yuri Maier, Development and Sport Officer in Americas, to develop, coordinate and lead this Workshop.

With the collaboration of the Thai Wrestling Association, the first South East Asian Championships and Oceania Invitational was organized in September. The region (Oceania) was sorely lacking in International event. By grouping these countries from this region, we also provide another opportunity for these athletes to compete in an international level.

This year, we had the first U23 Pan-American Championships in Rionegro (COL) which was a success. Another event is planned for next year, and it is likely to secure a regular spot on the UWW calendar on an annual basis.

We have also participated in several meetings regarding improvements of the website (calendar, news, competitions) to meet the needs of all National Federations. Enhancements to Athena and Arena are also an important part of our work. This registration and results' system is highly functional but still requires minor adjustments from time to time. The goal is to make users' lives easier and to ensure that all necessary information is easily accessible. I would also like to thank my colleagues in the IT Department! Their work allows us to have an efficient and useful tool for everyone, whether they are organizers or participants.

In terms of usability, we have also updated and redesigned several documents in recent years, including the Specific Information & Program, Technical Delegate's Report, and Inspection Report. Additionally, a bidding application form has been created for Beach Wrestling events, along with a sustainability report. This report is completed by our competition managers after each World Championship and can also serve as a checklist for future organizers.

Regarding bidding applications, in recent years we have placed special focus on key areas such as backup hotels, sustainability, and safeguarding at our events to ensure smooth operations and meet evolving standards. To better understand the needs of each championship, we have created a

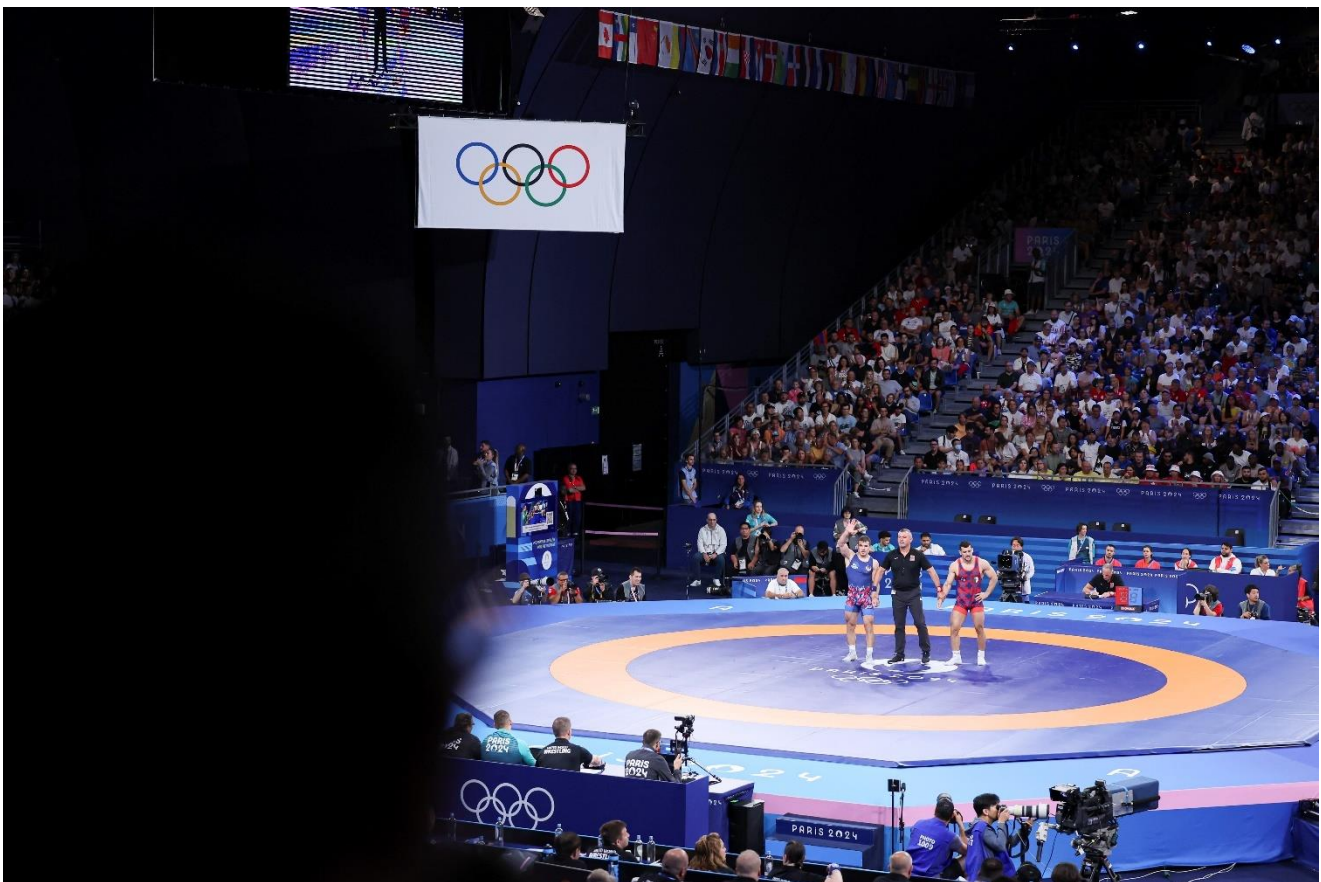


document outlining the minimum number of beds required for each type of event, based on data from last year's statistics. This document is published on our website and will be updated annually.

In our ongoing efforts to enhance our sport and increase its popularity, various discussions and working groups have been established. The focus here is to attract a larger audience and, more importantly, to devise a system that better rewards the efforts of our top athletes.

This new system will need to work in harmony with other competitions already included in the UWW calendar, such as the Ranking Series. While these discussions are time-consuming, the objective is to introduce something innovative and sustainable in the long term.

Paris 2024



The Olympic Games was a big task for the Sports Department. During these two last years, several meetings, brainstorming, studies, were held to achieve this end result.

Our Department has to follow-up on the competition by itself (Arrival, Departure, Training, Arena, Sport Presentation, Ceremonies, Food and beverage, accommodation) but also to monitor:

- The qualification events
- The entries
- The accreditations (ITOs, Staff, Officials)
- The ticketing
- The transportation



These two intense years (even before) gave us a tremendous result! Paris 2024 was a success and will stay in the memory of each participant.

Remaining Tasks

With this last chapter I would like to underline some other topics that were overseen by the Sports Department.

Since 2022 and the political situation in Europe, Russian and Belarus Federations were suspended and therefore not allowed to compete in UWW Events. After few months and the proposal of the IOC to reintegrate them into our competitions, we had to monitor all their entries. This situation also took a big amount of time to the Department. Our tasks were to receive the entry list, work in collaboration with the other UWW Department regarding their eligibility, register them on Athena, help them with their Visas but also collaborate closely with the Organizers.

The situation with the Indian Wrestling Association also impacts the daily work of the Department. We were available to provide all the necessary support to register their team to compete.

We also continue to work with the other multi-sports events' entity and try to find a good balance between the responsibility of each of us. The International School Sport Federation organized their event in Brazil last year and this year, Manama (BRN) will host the Gymnasiade.

We strengthen our relationship with FISU (International University Sport Federation) because we really want to encourage the practice of Wrestling in the Universities. They organized the first FISU Beach Sports' Championships in Rio de Janeiro (BRA) last September.

And of course, we are working closely with the next Olympic Games organizers (LA28 and Brisbane 32).



Representatives from Brisbane 2032 attending the Wrestling event in Paris 2024



To conclude this report I also want to underline one more time the first duty of our Department - Provide the full support to each National Wrestling Federation. That's why the last two years we provide support with the registrations of your team, the changes in your registration, the answers to the organizers' questions and our competition managers are always onsite to ease the life of each of you. These tasks will clearly stay for the next two years. Our goal is to always improve our events and the services provided to the delegations - meaning the athletes' first.

Jean-Daniel Rey
Sports Director



DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT REPORT 2022 - 2024

1. Olympic Solidarity & United World Wrestling Collaboration

Olympic Solidarity World Programs are initiatives developed by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to support the development of sports and athletes around the world, especially in countries with limited resources. The goal is to promote global sports development, strengthen the Olympic Movement, and ensure that athletes from all nations have the opportunity to compete at a high level.

Key areas that wrestling collaborates with the Olympic Solidarity on:

- **Athlete Support:** Provides financial assistance, training, and scholarships to athletes to help them prepare and qualify for the Olympic Games.

A total of 103 applications were received, with 94 being accepted and approved. The allocation of funds was managed by the NOCs, athletes, or UWW. In the past Olympic cycle, only two athletes from Africa were admitted to the UWW programs, and one of them successfully qualified for the Paris Olympic Games.

31 athletes among the 288 athletes qualified for the Paris Games, makes it approx. 11% of the athletes qualified for the Games. Among the 94 scholarship recipients, 31 qualified for the Paris Olympic Games.

Wrestling athlete scholarships amounted to a total of 1,880,984 USD during the past Olympic quadrennial.

- **Coaching and Technical Development:** Offers courses, training programs, and funding to develop high-quality coaches and referees.

A total of 48 Technical Courses for Coaches were held across all five continents: 14 in Africa, 7 in Pan-America, 12 in Asia, 14 in Europe, and 1 in Oceania. Over 1'200 coaches and referees took part in the trainings. These courses received a total funding of 665,947 USD* from Olympic Solidarity.

8 scholarships for coaches were awarded to individuals from the following countries: BOL, CUB, MRI, PAK, TOG, PER, SRI, and MGL.

**The final number of 2024 is yet to be finalized*

- **Sport Development:** Provides funding and resources for projects aimed at improving sports facilities, organizing training camps, and developing sports programs at the grassroots level.



8 Development of National Sports System programs were awarded, including 2 in Africa (GBS, MRI), 2 in Pan-America (PAR, CRC), 2 in Asia (CAM, LAO), 1 in Europe (MKD), and 1 in Oceania (AUS), totaling 287,251 USD for wrestling development.

In addition, the Youth Athletes Development Program - UWW Training Opportunities for 2023 and 2024 benefited 89 National Federations and received funding of 253'479 USD.

Working closely with Olympic Solidarity provides significant advantages for athletes, coaches, and national federations. The training programs offered enhance overall performance, promote best practices, and elevate sports programs to a higher standard. This partnership fosters a comprehensive approach to wrestling development, paving the way for future success on the international stage.

2. United World Wrestling Technical Assistance

The UWW Technical Assistance program is committed to providing technical guidance and financial support to member federations, with priority given to those facing significant challenges and lacking technical expertise. This approach ensures that assistance is effectively directed to areas where it is most needed, fostering growth and development within the wrestling community.

- **Technical Assistance for Competitions:** with the athletes at heart, the Technical Assistance for Competitions provides direct financial support for National Federations to send their athletes to important competitions, particularly the continental and world championships.

In total, 873 athletes and their coaches benefited from the program. Detailed lists are available on the official UWW website.

Year	Competition	No. NF	No. Athletes & Coaches
2022	Continental championships	31	135
	Senior World Championships	36	95
2023	Continental championships	57	216
	Senior World Championships	50	134
2024	Continental OG qualifiers	65	198
	U23 World Championships	34	95
Total		273	873

- **Training Camps:** training camps were also organized and financially supported by UWW for the above championships, with over 960 athletes and their coaches participating in these UWW championship training camps.

In addition, U17 'More Than Medals' training camps were organized following the U17 continental and world championships, engaging a total of 417 young athletes and their coaches.

This initiative highlights a strong commitment to athlete development on a global scale, fostering international collaboration and promoting excellence in sports.



Year	No. NF	No. Athletes and Coaches
2022	34	149
2023	38	156
2024	28	112
Total	100	417

- **Wrestling Mats Donations:** In partnership with Taishan Sports Ltd., 49 wrestling mats were donated to 49 different countries, supporting the development of wrestling programs worldwide.

Year	NF	No. Mats	Cost (USD)	Shipping Cost (USD)	Total (USD)
2022	CRC	2	15'000	7'750	22'750
	DOM	2	15'000	7'500	22'500
	COL	2	15'000	7'000	22'000
	ALB	2	15'000	12'000	27'000
	AUS	2	15'000	3'500	18'500
	JOR	4	30'000	5'300	35'300
	PRK	4	30'000	1'800	31'800
2023	KGZ	3	22'500	12'000	34'500
	NAM	2	15'000	3'500	18'500
	KAZ	4	30'000	N/A	30'000
	MDA	2	15'000	5'200	20'200
	PUR	2	15'000	5'700	20'700
	MKD	2	15'000	6'000	21'000
	IRQ	2	15'000	4'200	19'200
	AUT	2	15'000	N/A	15'000
	SRB	2	15'000	9'300	24'300
2024*	ITA	2	15'000	N/A	N/A
	GUA	2	15'000	N/A	N/A
	PAN	2	15'000	N/A	N/A
	GHA	2	15'000	N/A	N/A
	KOS	2	15'000	N/A	N/A
Grand total	21	49	292'500	90'750	383'250

*2024 final shipping cost is not yet finalized

3. National Federations Development Funding Programme

21 national federations implemented the development programmes with a mid-long-term impact focusing on engaging future generations to practice wrestling in a safe and healthy environment.

The areas of focus, managed by the UWW Development Department are:

1. Youth Engagement
2. Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
3. High-Performance through coaching/mentorship/consultancy, expertise assistance for the NFs based on their objectives, in line with the UWW strategy and requirements.



ARG, CRO, LTU, MEX, POR, SLO, PAN, FRA and GEQ are implementing and delivering projects/programmes and a full reports shall be provided next year. The overall report and financial expenditures, are available on the UWW Website under <https://uww.org/development/national-federation-funding-programs>

4. More than Medals

The Development Department organizes with the hosting nations of the U17 Continental and World Championships, the annual More than Medals training camps either post competitions. The overall programme is co-funded with the IOC Sports Department.

More than Medals:

A total of 12 camps were organized in 2022-2024 and delivered by UWW Development Department with a total of 468 participants (coaches, athletes, staff, doctors, etc.) The full week event dedicated to the U17 category achieves its objectives in line with the UN SDGs and Olympic Values. Youth across the world were gathered in an immersive experience of training, education, cultural and culinary experiences to promote wrestling values of respect, tolerance, friendship and humanity.

5. Referee Scholarship Programmes

The goal of the Referee Scholarship Programme is to help assist referees from developing countries and to provide women referees financial support to attend necessary competitions that would allow them to be selected for the Olympic Games, get promoted to a higher category or meet their category requirements. This year 24 Referees were given financial assistance as part of the Referee Scholarship Programme.

Of the 24 selected, 10 referees were given a full scholarship (flight ticket + accommodation) and 14 referees were given a half scholarship (accommodation only). The 10 referees given the full scholarships were all eligible to referee the Olympic Games. Of those 10 referees, 5 of them were selected for Paris. The half scholarships were given to referees to help meet category requirements and attend promotion competitions.

11 of 24 spots were awarded to women referees. Of those 11, 5 of them were selected for the Olympic Games in Paris. Those 5 that were selected were awarded full scholarships for this year.

10 of the referees that participated have been a part of the Referee Scholarship Programme in previous years.

The continental breakdown is as follows:

- Africa - 3 scholarships (1 full + 2 half) 1 women referee
- Americas - 6 scholarships (4 full + 2 half) 3 women referees
- Asia - 5 scholarships (2 full + 3 half) 1 women referee
- Europe - 7 scholarships (2 full + 5 half) 5 women referees
- Oceania - 3 scholarships (1 full + 2 half) 1 women referee

This is the highest number of referees supporting this programme since its beginning.

In 2023, there were 21 referee scholarships awarded. Of those 15 were full scholarships and 6 were half scholarships. Of the 21 scholarships, 10 were for women referees. The continental breakdown is as follows:

- Africa - 3 scholarships (2 full + 1 half) 1 women referee
- Americas - 6 scholarships (4 full + 2 half) 2 women referees



- Asia - 6 scholarships (5 full + 1 half) 2 women referees
- Europe - 4 scholarships (2 full + 2 half) 4 women referees
- Oceania - 2 scholarships (2 full) 1 women referee

In 2022 there were 20 referee scholarships awarded. Of those 13 were full scholarships and 7 were half scholarships. Of the 20 scholarships, 8 of them were for women referees. The continental breakdown is as follows:

- Africa - 2 scholarships (2 full) 1 women referee
- Americas - 6 scholarships (4 full + 2 half) 5 women referees
- Asia - 3 scholarships (2 full + 1 half) 0 women referees
- Europe - 5 scholarships (2 full + 3 half) 2 women referees
- Oceania - 2 scholarships (2 full) 0 women referees

6. Regional Education Development Programme

The Regional Education Development Programme has become an undeniable development trailblazer since its establishment in 2022. Wrestling is now practiced on the five continents and at all development levels.

Tournaments and educational activities were conducted in GUA, MRI, CAM, VIE, THA, KEN and RSA gathering over 1500 participants up to date.

In Africa, the first ever East Africa regional event was organized in Kenya in July with the participation of 6 nations and over 100 participants. The first ever East Africa Beach Wrestling competition was organized and shall be renewed in the coming years.

Following the UWW Bureau decision, the first ever Southeast Asia and Oceania was hosted in Chang Mai, Thailand in September 2024. The event had over 350 participants with great participation of Oceania countries.

Overall, the REDP programme is dedicated to the grassroots development of UWW NFs with the greatest needs.

Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion programmes and Forum

GEDI activities through National Federation direct funding programmes were awarded to KOS, MKD, AUS, AUT and CRO. The aim of the programmes is the development and growth of young girls and women active participation in wrestling.

In December 2023, was held the in-person GEDI Forum after a long break since 2019. The 35 participants including male participants across the five continents participated in the forum at the INSEP, Paris, France.

The Forum is dedicated to sustaining elite level participation growth, promote GEDI through national federations policies, foster education opportunities while building skills and concluding with an in-depth conversation, establishing long term objectives. The event is an educational opportunity for all UWW National Federations and stakeholders. The overall objective is to provide GEDI activities and opportunities to reach a sustainable balance withing UWW leadership. The Forum serves as a milestone towards the next UWW congress in Tirana 2024 and the following. Increasing the number of female and diversity in the leadership roles. As a result, at the 2024 UWW Congress marks the first ever edition with the highest rate of female candidates in the history of UWW.



Training Centers

The partner training centers delivered training camps and educational courses in collaboration with the UWW Development Department. Technical Assistance is provided to the participating nations covering their expenses for full boarding and lodging.

INSEP (FRA):

A total of 8 activities were organized in Paris, France in collaboration with the FFL and INSEP. Training camps, coaching courses, women in wrestling forum for all three Olympic styles.

With over 300 participants (athletes and coaches) benefited of the training and education programmes provided at INSEP.

KIMBA (HUN)

HUN NF hosted the SRI and SGP teams for various training camps in view of their Olympic preparation. Due to high constraints within the training schedule of the HUN Teams, they were unable to provide space for foreigners.

GUA (GUA)

Guatemala training centre hosted several neighboring nations such as; El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Panama for training and education activities throughout the years since its creation.

Education/UWW Academy

The UWW Academy has been adding additional courses and content. There were 2 new Beach Wrestling courses created and added to the Academy. The first course was an introduction and overview of beach wrestling. The second and more recent course was an advanced course that focused the rules, training, and referees

There is also an agreement with the Referee Commission to create 10 additional online courses over the rules for the Olympic styles. The first course (Attack vs Counterattack) is in production with Future Learning. Over the next year, the other 9 courses will be developed and added to the Academy. Here is a list of the courses that will be created.

- Attack vs Counterattack
- Out of Bounds
- Evaluation of Holds
- Risk vs No Risk
- Passivity
- Negative Wrestling
- Unsporting Behaviors
- Takedown and Control
- Being a Mat Chairman
- Points of Emphasis for 2025

Two additional resources were published on Academy that can benefit coaches and wrestling stakeholders. First, the International Sport Coaching Framework was added. This is directly from the International Council for Coaching Excellence, ASOIF, and Leeds Beckett University. The document helps to promote good practices by coaches. The second resource was the Performance Analysis for UWW Competitions. This provides competition data and reports from the major UWW events. This provides an insight into how matches are won, which techniques are successful for category and style, and trends for National Federations. It is a very useful tool for coaches.



A referee education pathway was developed to provide national referees with a programme to help develop them to become UWW licensed referees. Prior to this year, only one course was offered alongside the coaching courses. That course was the Introduction to Refereeing. The structure was redesigned and now there are 3 levels over courses to help better train national referees. The courses are as follows:

- **Level 1** - Introduction to Referee Course (4 days)
- **Level 2** - Referee Foundations (3 days + 1 day competition)
- **Level 3** - UWW Ready (2 days + 2 day competition)

In the past 3 years, the coach education pathway finished and now consists of 4 courses. These were designed to be progressive courses where each one builds on the previous course. The first two courses are more introductory levels and the final two are for more advanced coaches. An additional, high-performance course has also been delivered. The high-performance courses are designed specifically for National Federations and specific styles. The courses are as follows:

- **Level 1** - Introduction to Coaching and Safety
- **Level 2** - Introduction to Practice Planning
- **Level 3** - Periodization and Coaching Philosophy
- **Level 4** - Programme and Athlete Development
- **High-Performance** - Developed specifically for NF

In 2023, Wrestle4Fun was updated and improved. For that programme, new videos showing all of the games and activities were created and added onto the UWW Academy. The online format is now more user-friendly and easier to download the lessons. This content has been a focal point in our work with ISF (International School Sports Federation). The Wrestle4Fun curriculum has been introduced to coaches and PE teachers during online and in-person sessions at the ISF Gymnasiade events.

In 2023, there were 6 courses added to the Academy over Sports Administration. These courses were developed to help train and educate the leaders within National Federations. The courses are as follows:

- Organising an Olympic Sport Organisation
- Strategically Managing an Olympic Sport Organisation
- Managing Human Resources
- Managing Finances
- Managing Marketing
- Organising a Major Sport Event

There are also National Federation workshops that have been delivered that implement some of the concepts from these topics.

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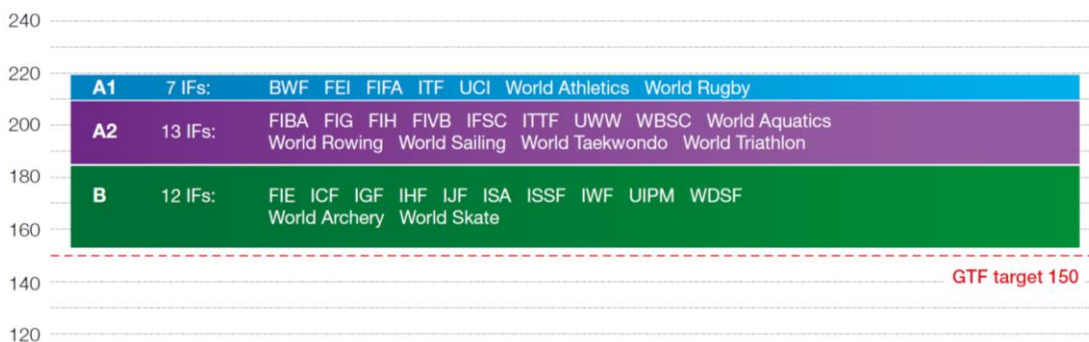
GENERAL AFFAIRS REPORT (2022-2024)

1. Governance & Members relations

UWW completed the 5th edition of the [ASOIF's review](#) of International Federations' governance. The questionnaire for the period 2023-2024 was submitted on January 2024. As a result of this self-assessment, controlled and moderated by *ITrust Sport*, UWW moved to group A2:

1.3 Headline findings

Total moderated scores among the 32 IFs included in the analysis varied from 153 to 219 out of 240. IFs were divided into groups based on their total score, as follows:



The governance assessment covers topics such as “Transparency”, “Integrity”, “Democracy”, “Development & Solidarity” and “Checks & Balances / Control Mechanisms”.

For this 5th assessment, 10 new measurable indicators were added, bringing the total to 60. The intention behind including the new indicators was to align the questionnaire with the *IOC Basic Universal Principles of Good Governance Within the Olympic Movement* (BUPGG) and to take account of the *International Partnership Against Corruption in Sport* (IPACS) Governance Benchmark

One of the significant changes in 2024 were the constitutional changes adopted by the Extraordinary Congress on 24 June 2024, thereby including two additional positions reserved for women in the UWW board and bringing the total to five minimum women.

A new Code of Ethics was also adopted by the UWW Bureau in December 2023. This new Code is better aligned with the recommended components for International Federations' ethics codes and the best practices in this field.

To further improve its governance, more efforts shall be made in areas such as sustainability (and in particular in the monitoring of UWW's emissions and its Carbon footprint), the development of a policy and training on anti-corruption and good conduct. In other areas of governance, policies and procedures have been put in place and need to become established.

During this period, usual matters related to national federations' governance and issues, as institutional relations have been managed as part of UWW's general affaire department.



2. Meetings and Conferences

The General Affairs Department organized the UWW Bureau meetings:

- 2022: 9x Bureau meetings (online and in person)
- Ordinary Congress, Belgrade (SRB), 9 September 2022
- 2023: 5x Bureau meetings (online and in person)
- 2024: 6x Bureau meetings (online and in person)
- 2024 Extraordinary Congress, 24 June 2024 (online)
- 2024 Ordinary Congress, 27 October 2024 (in person)

The Secretary General attended to the following meetings & conferences:

- 2022, 2023 and 2024 WADA Symposiums for Anti-Doping Organizations, Lausanne, Switzerland
- IOC Session in Mumbai 2023 and IOC Session in Paris 2024
- IF Forums 2022, 2023 and 2024
- UWW-Europe General Assembly 2023

3. Legal, Ethics & Disciplinary

Between 2022 and 2024, the General Affairs Department processed a total of 42 breaches of the UWW regulations, including administrative warning and penalties or referral of cases to the UWW Disciplinary Chamber.

The violations concerned mainly:

- Assaults and impropriety against opponents or referees
- Misbehaviour / breach to code of conduct and integrity
- Non-compliant singlets used by athletes in official UWW events
- Refereeing faults
- Breach to Code of Ethics

In 2024, five (5) non-doping cases have been opened before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) where UWW was a party. Three cases were won by UWW, one was withdrawn by the claimant and one is pending.

From 2023 and 2024, the department has overseen the eligibility process with the *AIN Eligibility Panel* of AIN wrestlers and athletes support personnel following the decision by the Bureau in 2023 to allow their participation under the adopted IOC recommendation for the participation of athletes with Russian or Belarussian passport.

4. Medical & Anti-doping

The General Affairs department coordinates various projects with the Medical & Anti-doping Commission on medical topics linked to the sport of Wrestling and to competitions. The department oversees the assignment of UWW Doctors in all official competitions and acts as a clearinghouse for injury statistics.

The department monitors the activities run by the International Testing Agency (ITA) on behalf of UWW and collaborates on various topics such as testing plans, results management as well as intelligence and investigation.

In 2022, UWW underwent WADA's Code Compliance Questionnaire (CCQ). In this process, the ITA provided dedicated support to UWW in compiling responses and supporting documents in relation to the delegated areas, with the aim of alleviating any compliance burdens on UWW. The Corrective Action Report (CAR) issued by WADA included 13 Corrective Actions (CAs), without any major failures.

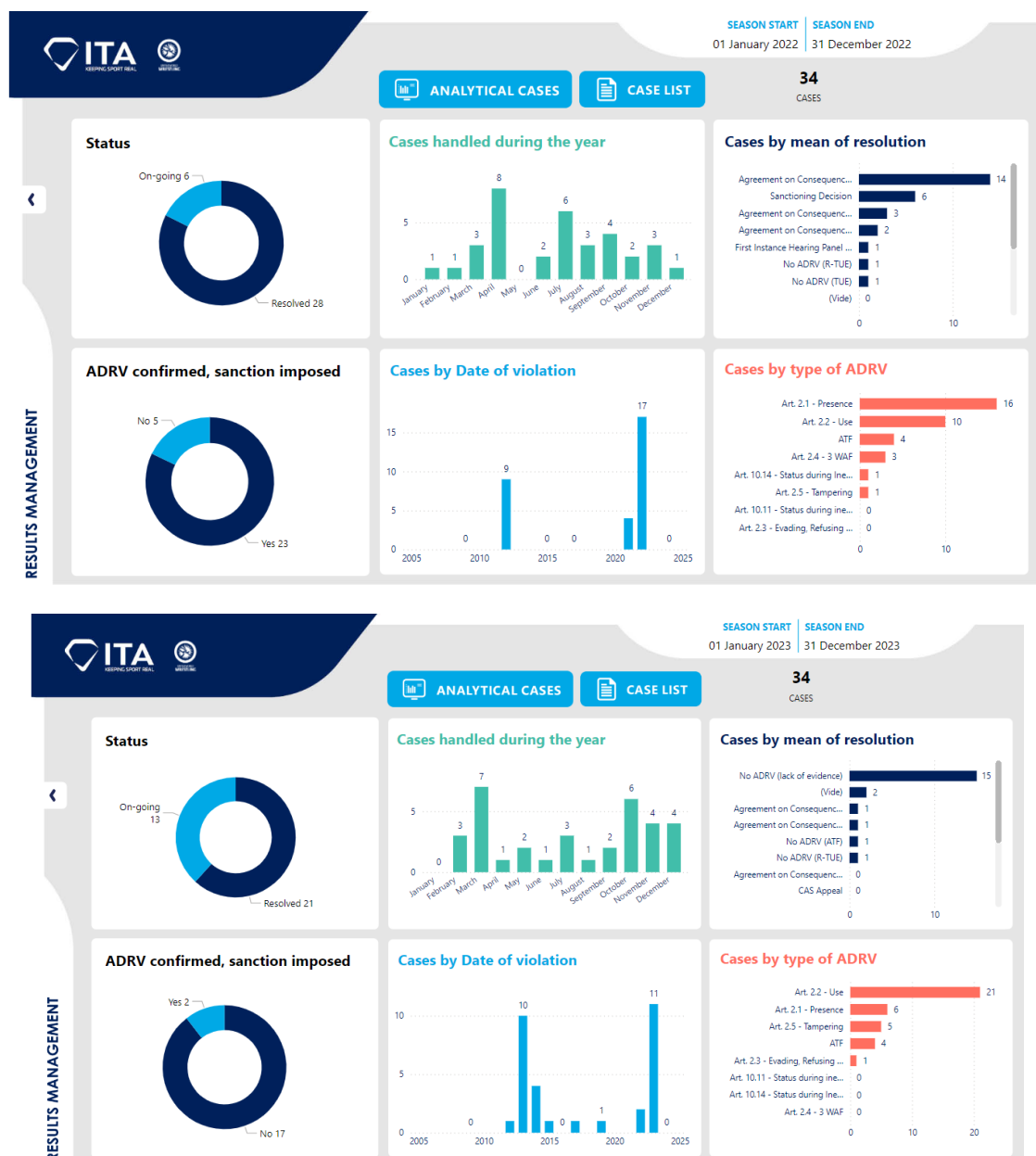


The International Testing Agency (ITA) has implemented a comprehensive intelligence-led and risk-based testing program on behalf of the United World Wrestling (UWW) throughout the period 2022 and 2024.

Year	# of individual athletes tested	# of completed tests	# of urine sample	# of blood sample	In-comp. (completed)	Out-of comp. (completed)
2022	765	1203	1141	157	917	286
2023	774	1175	1136	128	890	285
2024 ¹	704	1027	964	90	718	309

¹ Date of report: 10 October 2024

Results Management:





Anti-doping Education:

As an essential part of the fight against doping, UWW and ITA have collaborated in the education efforts to ensure all athletes of all age and practicing different wrestling styles (Olympic, Beach Wrestling, Grappling and Pankration) have access to a robust training on

As part of UWW's partnership with the ITA, the ITA delivered a five-webinar IF Series course in 2022, 20223 and in 2024. The sessions were delivered in six languages and cumulatively attended by 2474 athletes, administrators, coaches and other members of the UWW community. 97.20% of survey respondents either strongly agreed or agreed that the five sessions were valuable. UWW made it mandatory for all participants in the 2023 Senior World Championships to receive clean sport education prior to the event. Attending the ITA IF Series was the preferred education course. The ITA monitored attendance and distributed 413 certificates to UWW attendees at the end of the course.

From 2023, UWW also required from wrestler the upload of their anti-doping certificate (whether a ITA, WADA or NADO training certificate) in Athena as a prerequisite for their participation in different competitions. In 2023, 1320 athletes upload their certificate, and in 2024 2213, a total of 3533 athletes holding an antidoping certificate to date. Congratulations to all of them!

UWW also promoted during the 2022-2024 period all ITA's free webinars among the Wrestling community. The participation rate has been regularly increasing during the period, with participants such as athletes, coaches and athlete support personnel.

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Commercial Operations & Communications department (2022-2024)

The Commercial Operations & Communications Department of United World Wrestling (UWW) successfully achieved key milestones in different areas:

1. Communications & Social Media Growth

- The UWW's social media presence significantly boosted from 2022 to 2024, with a remarkable follower increase of 138%, almost 3 million followers, across 5 social media platforms (Instagram, Facebook, Youtube, X, TikTok).
- United World Wrestling ranked in the **top 5** and **top 10** on the **BCW** and **Redtorch rankings**, over the past two years, showcasing the organization's strong digital presence and influence in the global sports community.
- UWW had 104% increase in Youtube revenue in 2023 and in addition direct-to-consumer revenue from UWW+

2. Paris 2024 Digital Success

- During the Paris 2024 Olympics, UWW's digital campaigns greatly expanded the organization's online reach, successfully engaging audiences and promoting the event through various social media and digital platforms.
- UWW social media channels gained more than 0.5 million new followers (125% higher growth compared to Tokyo2020), 330 million impressions, 100 million engagements, 156 million video views, increased reach by 71%, 607 thousand comments (highest number among all Olympic IFs).

3. World Championships 2023 Success

- UWW saw substantial success at the 2023 World Championships, with a 443% increase in social media engagements, 203% increase in video views, almost 0.5 million increase in followers and 300 million increase in social media reach.

4. Marketing Activations

- The department launched several high-impact marketing activations, including collaborations with Nike, Taishan, Cadbury, IIS, Pernod Ricard and Arimex, enhancing UWW's brand visibility and sponsorship engagement during major events.

5. Wrestling House at Paris 2024

- The Wrestling House became a central hub at the Paris 2024 Olympics, serving as a meeting point for the wrestling community and friends. It was also a venue to celebrate Olympic champions, host business meetings, activate sponsor campaigns, and honor athletes in the Hall of Fame.



6. Television and Media Reach

- During 2023 World Championships UWW increased reach by 21%, had nearly 100 million cumulative audience (with Japan, Iran and Serbia as top markets) and had 75% growth of media impact.
- In 2023, TV audience increased by 70% (with total number of over 200 million), media consumption was up by over 40% (TV increase 25%), linear TV coverage increased by 47%.
- Partnership deal with **FloWrestling** resigned an new Partnership deal with **Spring Media** (with more prospects in key markets) signed for the period of 2025-2028.

7. Sports Presentation

- UWW executed on-site and remote sports presentations at numerous international events, further enhancing its global visibility and brand presence.
- Professional sports presentation was present at different level events, including Pan American and African Olympic Qualifiers and different age groups continentals and World Championships.

8. Digital Transformation

- United World Wrestling started it's digital transformation initiative in 2021 with:
 - E-learning
 - Sports data Athena/Arena
- Continued in 2022 with:
 - Mobile App
 - Global Video Streaming
 - Fan Personalization
- Successfully achieved in 2023:
 - Paid Media
 - User-friendly website
 - Single sign-on (SSO)
- In process in 2024 and future:
 - Recuring subscription model
 - National federation access
 - Merchandise e-commerce
 - AI
 - Fan engagement betting fantasy
- UWW collected 227k CRM contacts and optimized user expereince
- As part of digital transformation, UWW offers new activation opportunities, expanded its digital inventory, can efficiently distribute videos to NFs, provide quartely updates through newsletters to athletes, coaches and NFs



9. UWW+

- UWW+ has continued to experience successful and stable growth over the past 2 years, establishing itself as a key driver of fan engagement and revenue.
- In 2023, UWW+ saw impressive growth, with an increase in revenue of nearly €80k and a boost in subscriptions by 11k. This momentum carries forward into 2024, where platform generated an additional €150k in revenue and attracted almost 20k new subscribers. Important to note that these figures do not include the 2024 Senior Non-Olympic weight categories World Championships.
- Over the past two years, UWW+ has achieved a total of €230k in revenue and 31k subscriptions.

10. Chinese Social Media

- United World Wrestling successfully launched its Chinese social media channels:
 - WeChat
 - Weibo
 - Douyin
- UWW channels were launched before Paris2024 Olympic Games as part of its ongoing global digital expansion strategy.
- In just 2 months, UWW's presence on these platforms attracted nearly 20k followers, showcasing strong engagement and increasing visibility in one of the world's largest markets.

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SUSTAINABILITY REPORT 2022-2024

1. INTRODUCTION

This report presents the sustainability and social inclusion initiatives carried out from 2022 to 2024 by the United World Wrestling (UWW) and its partners. Our focus aligns with several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), emphasizing our commitment to using sport, specifically wrestling, as a tool to drive sustainable development. Through collaborative actions, we aim to reduce our environmental footprint, promote gender equality, and foster social inclusion.

2. SDG 4: QUALITY EDUCATION

Achievements:

- Expanded access to wrestling through grassroots and school programs, with events like the Beach Wrestling World Series (BWWS) contributing to the promotion of the sport across France, including over 1,100 students and teachers participating in the educational initiatives.



- Collaborated with local schools to offer wrestling programs and educate children on environmental responsibility, integrating both sport and sustainability.

Recommendations:

- Strengthen partnerships with schools and communities across additional regions to increase engagement and participation.
- Develop more digital education platforms to train coaches, referees, and administrators to minimize travel and resource use.

3. SDG 5: GENDER EQUALITY

Achievements:

- Implemented gender equality programs as part of the UWW's 2022-2026 strategy. Local and regional events have included training and awareness initiatives, focusing on promoting gender equality in leadership and participation.

Recommendations:

- Increase the percentage of women in leadership roles across federations, from referees to coaches, and provide mentorship programs for aspiring female athletes and officials.
- Launch gender-specific training workshops to foster equal participation in decision-making processes at both local and international levels.

4. SDG 8: DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Achievements:

- Reduced environmental impact by integrating a “reduce, reuse, recycle” approach in collaboration with national federations (NFs) and local organizing committees.
- Combined multiple championships (such as U17 and U23) to minimize participant travel, reducing the overall carbon footprint of events.



Recommendations:

- Further encourage the use of hybrid and electric vehicles for transportation during events, and provide incentives for hosts to use eco-friendly venues.
- Continue promoting digital alternatives for paper-based processes during events to eliminate unnecessary printing.

5. SDG 11: SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

Achievements:

- Collaborated with local communities, raising awareness of sustainability during events such as the Beach Wrestling World Series in Saint-Laurent du Var. This included using recycled materials for promotional items and educating children about environmental conservation.



- Introduced sustainability checklists for event organizers and integrated these into bidding documents to encourage future hosts to adopt sustainable practices.

Recommendations:

- Expand community-based initiatives to promote energy conservation and waste management during wrestling events, and engage local governments in developing long-term sustainability projects.

6. SDG 16: PEACE, JUSTICE, AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

Achievements:

- Promoted sustainability and unity within the UWW wrestling community by organizing workshops and online meetings, reducing unnecessary travel and fostering a collaborative approach to environmental and social challenges.
- Worked with local sponsors to support sustainability and gender equality during events.

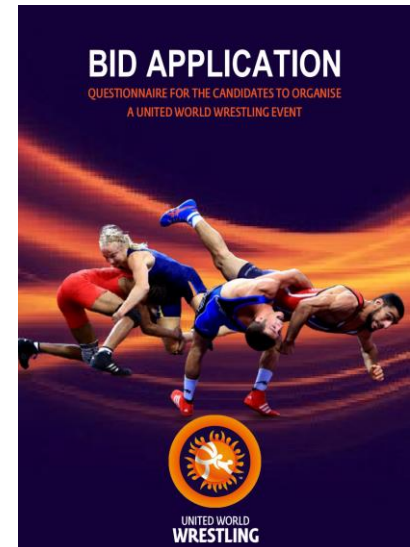
Recommendations:

- Engage stakeholders from all levels, including athletes and local leaders, in dialogues about sustainability to further integrate these values into UWW's institutional culture.



7. SUSTAINABILITY ACTIONS (2022-2024)

- Updated event bidding documents to include sustainability as a core criterion.
- Provided sustainability checklists to competition managers and event organizers to ensure best practices were followed.
- Combined championships to reduce travel distances and costs for participants.
- Conducted most planning and preparatory meetings online, reducing the carbon footprint associated with organizing these events.
- Launched educational workshops and surveys to raise awareness about sustainability among national federations.



8. FUTURE PLANS (2025 AND BEYOND)

- **Paperless Competitions:** Implement a paperless workflow for all UWW events, including digital scoring and reporting systems. This initiative will require the education of referees and staff, ensuring a smooth transition.
- **Sustainability Checklists:** Continue the use of checklists for event organizers, providing further support and guidelines on waste management, energy conservation, and transportation (JOR_Sustainability_Surv...).
- **Host Commitments:** Strengthen sustainability commitments in future event bids, particularly focusing on reducing the carbon footprint of event venues and transportation (BID_Host_Cities).

9. CLIMATE ACTION

UWW has collaborated with national federations such as the French Wrestling Federation to implement climate actions. These efforts have been promoted across various digital platforms, including Instagram and YouTube. For example, the following video highlights some of the climate actions during the Beach Wrestling World Series:

[YouTube Video - Climate Actions](#)

These initiatives aimed to raise awareness about sustainability and motivate further action within the wrestling community.



United World Wrestling Safeguarding Athletes Report

2022-2024

Overview

During the last Olympic cycle from 2022 to 2024, United World Wrestling made significant steps in safeguarding athletes by prioritizing education, awareness, and establishing robust policies. The aim has been to create a safer environment for athletes at all levels of competitions and training.

Key Initiatives

Education and Awareness: UWW placed strong emphasis on educating athletes, coaches, referees and officials about safeguarding practices. The efforts to raise awareness have been carried out through various channels since 2022, including all 38 UWW-organized or financially subsidized training camps, 51 Olympic Solidarity/UWW educational courses for coaches, and promotional activities during the 2023 Senior World Championships in Belgrade.

Concrete Policies: UWW established and implemented a comprehensive **Safeguarding Framework at Events** to ensure consistent protection for athletes in the beginning of 2024. UWW Safe Wrestling Guidelines were also created in 2023. A "zero tolerance" policy against any form of abuse or misconduct was reinforced across all events and activities.

UWW Safeguarding Officers: Following the establishment of the UWW Safeguarding Framework at Events, Safeguarding Officers were appointed at UWW championships to oversee athlete welfare and ensure that safeguarding measures were actively implemented at competitions. This role was crucial in ensuring that safeguarding standards were maintained across all UWW sanctioned events.

Since the beginning of the year 2024, 20 UWW championships have been supported by dedicated staff from the Development and Sports Departments. The following individuals played a key role in implementing safeguarding measures at these events:

- Yuri Maier
- Lei Liang
- Vincent Aka
- Olzhas Beisembayev
- Carissa Holland



- Jane Mengel
- Ramil Ahmadov
- Betim Vrenezi

Collaborations: UWW collaborated with the International Olympic Committee Safe Sport Unit and National Olympic Committee welfare officers at the Paris Olympic Games, further strengthening its safeguarding efforts. Notably, there were zero cases reported in the sport of wrestling. Additionally, post-Games athlete support resources and online seminars were shared with National Federations (NFs) to promote a unified approach to athlete protection.

Areas for Future Enhancement

To further strengthen UWW's safeguarding efforts, the following areas will be prioritized moving forward:

- **Staff Training:** Ongoing training programs will be developed to equip UWW staff with the skills and knowledge needed to maintain high safeguarding standards.
- **Online Courses:** Expanding online training courses will ensure that safeguarding education reaches a wider audience, including athletes, coaches, and officials globally.

These initiatives will help ensure that UWW is well-positioned to enhance its safeguarding efforts, ensuring that athlete welfare remains a top priority in the years to come.

Conclusion

UWW's dedication to athlete safeguarding in the past Olympic cycle demonstrated a strong commitment to creating a safe, secure and supportive environment for all participants. By continuing to implement education, training, and collaboration, UWW aims to uphold the highest standards of athlete welfare in the years to come.



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Annual Conference in Tunisia

During this annual meeting, the validation of financial and moral reports was carried out in accordance with the agreements reached for this particular event. Furthermore, the confirmation of several important decisions took place. Specifically, it was decided to participate in the Beach Games of Africa held in Tunisia from June 24th to June 30th, 2023.

The selection of athletes for this competition was based on the results of the African Championship, which took place simultaneously with the conference. The commitment of Mr. Nenad Lalovic, President of the International Federation of Associated Wrestling Styles, to the development and promotion of the success of this sport in Africa, was highlighted.

It is noteworthy that Africa has been able to witness Mr. Nenad Lalovic's commitment to the development of this sport on the continent. This bodes well for the future and encourages the continued growth of this sport discipline in Africa.

The Qualification Tournament for the 2024 Olympic Games and the African Championship in Egypt in 2024.

Due to particular circumstances, Morocco has made the decision to withdraw from hosting the qualification tournament for the 2024 Olympic Games. This decision stems from careful consideration and the desire to encourage and enhance the participation of African athletes, so they may partake in two major



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events: the African Championship in Egypt and the qualification tournament, originally planned in Morocco.

However, due to critical financial constraints, upon which the African Union shares its opinion, it became evident that maintaining the tournament in Morocco would be extremely challenging. Faced with this situation, Egypt volunteered by submitting an application form to host the qualification tournament for the 2024 Olympic Games.

This action is in line with a perspective to alleviate the financial burden for African athletes, in response to the president's vision and his strategy of supporting African countries. The aim is to facilitate the participation of these countries and ensure the highest number of participants possible.

Subsequently, a thorough verification of the facilities and the proposed venue for the event in Egypt took place. A meeting was held with the Minister of Sports in Egypt and local union officials. Following this process, Egypt was validated and announced as the host country for the African Championship, coinciding with the date of the Olympic qualification tournament.

Africa Championship 2025 and World Championship 2026 - From Marrakech to Laâyoune, Passing Through Casablanca

International inspectors Natalia Yariguina and her colleague Rodica Maria Yak conducted an inspection visit to Morocco as part of a work contract with Moroccan supervisors and African officials. The purpose of this visit was to organize the African Judo Championship. The inspector's report positively



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concluded on the candidacy of Casablanca as the host city for the event planned in 2025, as well as for the World Championship in 2026. During the International Federation meeting on September 14, 2023, a unanimous vote was cast in favor of Morocco's bid, dedicated to the African Championship 2025 and the World Championship 2026 for the U17 and U20 categories.

Inspection Period and Presence of National Inspectors During the Al Haouz Earthquake

Unfortunately, Morocco faced a situation of earthquake-induced instability in the kingdom. This period coincided with the stay of international inspectors Natalia Yariguina and her colleague Rodica Maria Yaks, whose situation was not easy due to their residence at the Hayat Regency Hotel in Casablanca, the location of which bore witness to a horrifying tremor that affected their minds.

President Fouad Meskout, a member of the International Federation and president of the Royal Moroccan Wrestling Federation, was present to accompany them and was available to the national inspectors during this memorable night. They were in constant communication with the president of the International Federation, Nenad Lalovic, as well as with members of the International Federation, whose concern was at its peak for all individuals exposed to this danger.

Following this event, a meeting was held during which the executive board made various decisions aimed at recommending steps to the Royal Moroccan Wrestling Federation. The objective was to grant and provide financial support allocated to the Special Fund for Managing the Impacts of the Earthquake in Morocco.



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Additionally, an optimistic project was developed to adopt the National Wrestling Center for orphans, victims of the earthquake in Al Haouz

Defense of the file regarding the presence of wrestling at the African Championships

Considering President Nenad Lalovic's status and the benefits of his relationships with African representatives, under the president's supervision, communication was established with the president of the CONA Olympic Committee as well as the Executive Bureau of UCSA. Various exchanges took place via email and calls, with the main objective being to officially endorse Olympic wrestling as an official sport at the African Games in Ghana in 2024.

Following these exchanges between the president of UCSA and the president of the Ghanaian Republic, organizer of the African Championships, it was officially approved with the president of the organizing committee and the Minister of Sports that wrestling has its status as a sport among other approved activities at the 2024 African Games. Despite the proximity of this African event's scheduling with the African Championship, the International Federation's leadership, represented by Mr. Jean-Daniel Rey, the sports director of the International Federation of Associated Wrestlings, as well as the contribution of Mr. Vincent Aka, the development officer of the international federation, chosen by President Fouad Meskout as his representative at the meetings of the presidents of African confederations on November 9, the conclusions of all meetings held in Ghana were positive.



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It is worth mentioning that recent exchanges between the Royal Moroccan Federation of Associated Wrestling, the organizers of the African Games in Ghana, and the Union of African Confederations, represented by Secretary General Ahmed Nasser, president of the Executive Bureau of UCSA, have led to various initiatives, including the establishment of the administrative and technical conditions necessary for the organization of this competition.

Elections of the Executive Board of UCSA in 2023

The president of the African Federation, Fouad Meskout, successfully maintained his affiliation within the Executive Board of the Union of African Sports Confederations (UCSA) during the event in Egypt, held from [start date] to [end date], demonstrating his deep understanding of UCSA's needs. His strategic involvement has consolidated his position within the Executive Board, ensuring continuity in UCSA's development and growth.

Special Initiatives of International and African Organizations for the Development of Various National Federations

The seminar, scheduled in Senegal, aims to assist countries in improving their administrative management. This meeting will take place in Dakar from February 13th to 15th under the title "Training for Administrators of National Federations." In partnership with Olympic Solidarity, it was imperative to initiate development projects by providing training to administrators of national federations before embarking on any fundamental development initiatives. This strategic meeting aims to strengthen collaboration and ensure smooth implementation of development initiatives, thereby promoting the growth and effectiveness of



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participating national federations. The seminar is carefully planned under the supervision of representatives from the international federation, in the presence of the president of the African federation and representatives from the eight national federations:

1. GUINEA
2. SENEGAL
3. GUINEA-BISSAU
4. TOGO
5. GHANA
6. IVORY COAST
7. MALI
8. NIGERIA
9. BENIN

As part of the development of sports in Africa, various missions and initiatives have been launched in different regions throughout this sports year. Among these initiatives, Vincent Aka, the International Federation's development manager, has been appointed as an on-site representative for several of them. His commitment and expertise have been leveraged in strategic locations where concrete actions were needed to support and promote sports development in Africa.

- **Francophonie Games Kinshasa 2023**
 - *Test Event*

From May 4th to 7th, 2023, the Test Event for freestyle wrestling took place, featuring male and female competitions for U17 athletes. Delegations from Congo, Angola, and the host country participated, providing local referees. The



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organization of the event, in collaboration between CNJF and the national federation, adhered to UWW international standards, particularly concerning planning, venue selection, and refereeing by national technical officials



- **Volunteer Training**

The training of volunteers and information technology (IT) professionals in the field of wrestling was led by Vincent AKA, Technical Delegate, and Youssef Bouaziz, UWW IT Specialist. The training period took place from February 08 to 18, 2023, with the aim of providing expertise and a thorough understanding of competition systems, with a focus on the use of ARENA. Youssef Bouaziz, as UWW's IT training expert, presented essential technical aspects, while Vincent AKA, as Technical Delegate and volunteer trainer, shared his experience and knowledge from the field, offering a practical and strategic perspective. This collaboration provided comprehensive and professional training, preparing participants to contribute effectively to the success of upcoming wrestling events.



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- **The successful 2nd edition of REDT in Mauritius**

The 2nd edition of the Regional and Educational Development Tournament (REDT), also known as the Indian Ocean Friendship Tournament, took place in Mauritius on April 22, 2023. This edition saw the addition of a beach wrestling tournament in addition to categories for under 15s, under 17s, under 20s, and seniors. The Ministry of Sports played a crucial role by providing accommodations at the Pointe Jérôme sports center, marking a significant partnership for the Mauritian wrestling federation.

Vincent AKA, Charles Villet, and Juan Maren served as educators for the tournament, emphasizing a commitment to holistic development within the sport. The unique approach of the REDT integrates training for athletes, coaches, and referees, resulting in unified competition. The success of this edition strengthens the strong bond between the federation and the Ministry of Sports, as illustrated by the construction of a new beach arena. This momentum sets a positive path for the future of wrestling in Mauritius.



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During Phase 1 of the National Wrestling Federation development program in Mauritius, which took place from April 11 to 23, 2023, the focus was on assessing the current situation of the Mauritian wrestling federation. This phase involved a comprehensive approach, combining on-site assessments with educational initiatives aimed at enhancing the skills of coaches, referees, and administrators. The REDT 2023 framework was utilized to evaluate all stakeholders, including athletes, coaches, referees, and administrators, to gauge organizational capacity and identify areas for improvement. With the presence of a UWW expert on-site, the identification of strengths and weaknesses in the existing system was facilitated. The ultimate goal was to establish a robust sports system across the territory, promoting the growth and development of wrestling in Mauritius.





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- **African Games Accra 2023**

The Ghana Wrestling Association, representing Ghana at the African Games Accra 2023, convened with participants from various entities, including the Sports Council of the African Union (AUSC), the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), the Technical Coordination Advisory Group (TCAG), as well as other confederations and partners. The meeting served as a platform for the presentation of newly developed facilities tailored for the upcoming African Games in Accra in 2023. It provided an opportunity for stakeholders to review and discuss improvements, ensuring they meet required standards and contribute to the success of the event. Vincent Aka, responsible for development, acted as an on-site expert, offering valuable insights and guidance to ensure the facilities are optimized for the wrestling competition's needs.





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- **The Indian Ocean Island Games in Madagascar in 2023**

The Indian Ocean Island Games in Madagascar in 2023 were a highly significant event, bringing together the islands of the region every four years. Madagascar, as the largest island, successfully hosted its competitors. The designated experts in each sector were Youssef Bouaziz for the IT aspect, Vincent AKA as the Technical Delegate, and Badredin Sassi as the Arbitration Delegate. The Games generated strong popular enthusiasm, notably due to Madagascar's dominance in wrestling, thus enhancing the prestige of this sport in the region. The wrestling facilities met international standards, although the warm-up area was deemed average. Overall, the human resources lived up to the organization of such an international event.



- **Wrestling Development Camp in Hammamet: Sports Strengthening and Environmental Awareness**

Under the guidance of Vincent AKA, UWW Development Officer, a regional development tournament was organized by the Tunisian Wrestling Federation in Hammamet, Tunisia, aiming to foster the growth of wrestling in the region. With the participation of nine countries, the camp focused on the development of



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wrestlers, coaches, and referees. UWW provided a comprehensive package including souvenir uniforms. In addition to intensive training sessions, beach team games added a playful dimension, with coaches expressing interest in replicating them back home. Taking advantage of Hammamet's coastal location, beach wrestling was practiced, coupled with an opportunity to promote environmental awareness through beach clean-ups and matches.



- **Grassroots Program - Olympafrica-UWW 2023**

In April 2023, United World Wrestling partnered with the Olympafrica Foundation to organize a regional wrestling tournament in The Gambia. Held in Serrekunda East from April 27th to May 4th, the tournament aimed to promote grassroots wrestling and foster connections between national federations and Olympafrica centers. Preceded by local tournaments in Senegal, Guinea, and Guinea-Bissau, the event facilitated team selections for participating countries. The National Olympic Committee of The Gambia graciously accepted Serrekunda East as the host venue, with all expenses covered by Olympafrica. Notably, the tournament featured 13 and 14-year-old competitors who underwent training camps led by United World Wrestling. This initiative not only gained the support



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FROM ATHENS TO PARIS: THE TALE OF TWO GIANTS

The story goes that in 560 BC, in the Greek colony of Croton (now modern-day Croton in southern Italy), an athlete named Milo of Croton was born. Thanks to his extraordinary strength, Milo trained daily by carrying a calf on his shoulders. By the time he had the opportunity to compete in the Olympics, the calf had grown into a four-year-old bull, yet Milo still carried it 120 steps. He brought the bull to the stadium, where he slaughtered, roasted, and ate it.

A testament to his immense strength was when, during a lesson with Pythagoras and several disciples, the roof of the building began to collapse. Milo held it up with his arms, allowing everyone to escape safely.

In the sport of wrestling, Milo dominated all Panhellenic Games, earning the title of Periodonikes (περιοδονίκης) six times, a prestigious honor given to an athlete who won all four Panhellenic Games. At the age of 18, he claimed his first victory at the 60th Olympiad in 540 BC. He went on to achieve six Olympic victories in wrestling, from the 60th to the 66th Olympiad, concluding his illustrious career at the age of 40.

It would take over 20 centuries for another athlete to emerge with the vitality and skill of Milo of Croton. Indeed, starting from the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, the legacy of the wrestler Mijaín López began to take shape. A native of Pinar del Río Province in Cuba, López is the only athlete in modern Olympic history to win five consecutive gold medals over a span of 20 years.

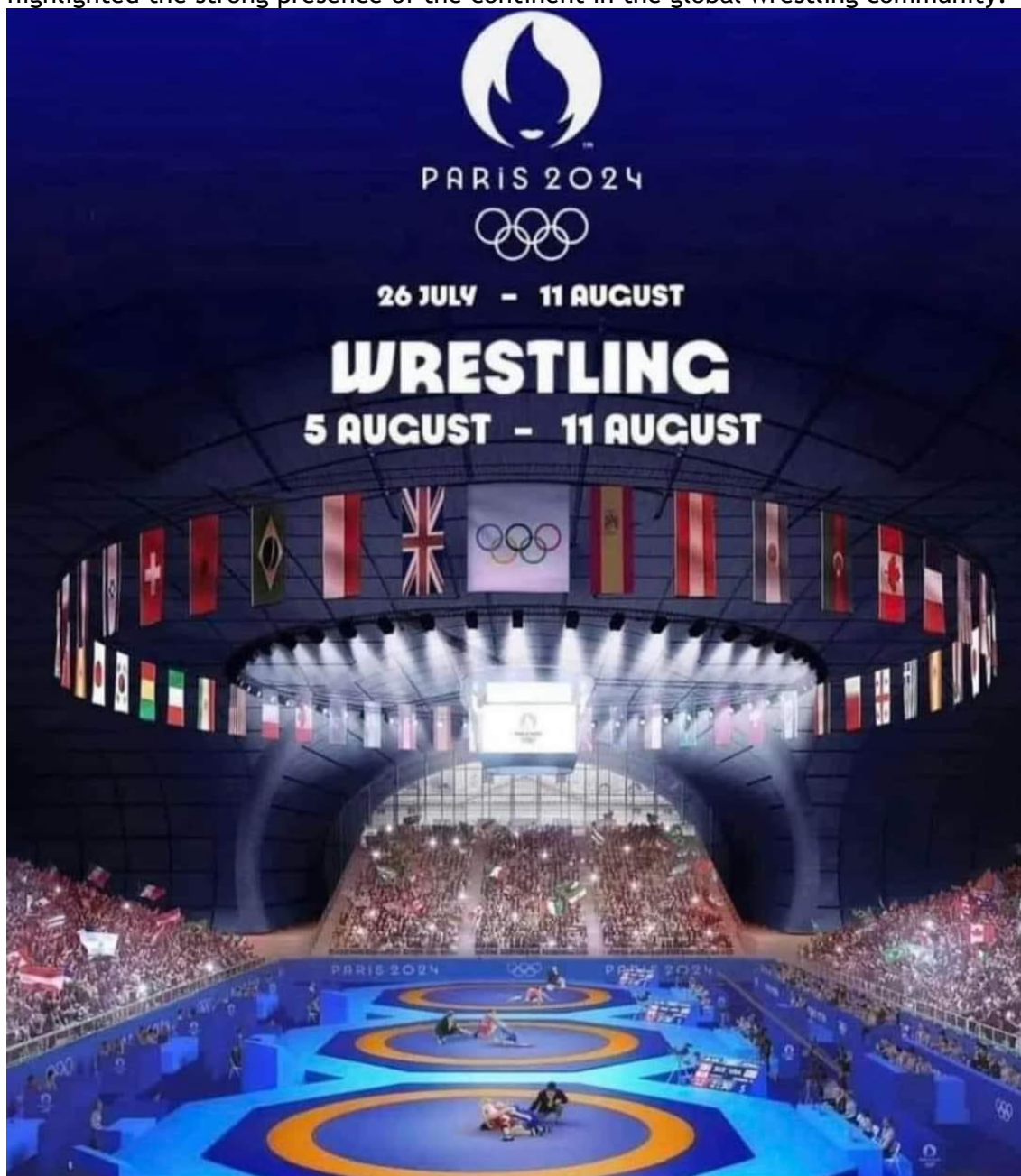
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OLYMPIC GAMES PARIS 2024

The long period of preparation, consisting of years, months, and weeks of intense training, culminated with the start of the wrestling competitions at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

The Americas were represented by 45 athletes across 18 weight divisions in the three official wrestling styles, alongside 7 referees from 12 countries. This participation highlighted the strong presence of the continent in the global wrestling community.



PARIS 2024 - UWW BUREAU MEETING

Upon arriving in Paris for the 2024 Olympic Games, UWWA leadership immediately commenced a series of formal activities. After arriving on Saturday afternoon and completing logistical arrangements, the first engagement was a reception hosted by the USA delegation later that evening.

The following day, the Bureau of United World Wrestling Americas held a breakfast session at 9:00 AM, followed by the official Bureau meeting, which began at 10:00 AM. After the meeting, attendees proceeded to the inauguration of the "Wrestling House," which was hosted on a boat on the Seine River.

This busy schedule took place amidst an 8-hour time difference, which presented some challenges in terms of acclimatization for participants arriving from Latin America.

The wrestling competitions were set to begin the following day.



U20 BEACH WRESTLING PAN-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The event took place in the city of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. It is worth mentioning that this event was held on the beach, at the host hotel's facilities. The event was well-organized and took place in two circles, unlike last year when only one was used, which unnecessarily prolonged the event.

During the competition, there was heavy rainfall; however, after some logistical adjustments, it was possible to continue with the event, which was held on Sunday, June 30. A total of 12 countries participated and 71 athletes.



U20 PAN-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

As part of the protocol during the opening ceremony of the U20 Pan-American Championships, the UWWA "Medal of Sporting Merit" was awarded to distinguished individuals who have significantly supported the development of wrestling. The honorees included:

- Dr. Renzo Manyari, President of the Peruvian Olympic Committee
- Mr. Federico Tong, President of the Peruvian Sports Institute
- General Aldo Muñoz, from the Ministry of the Interior



U20 PAN-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - TECHNICAL CONGRESS

Amid great anticipation, the U20 Pan-American Olympic Wrestling Championship will be held from December 10 to 14 in Lima, Peru.

The Technical Congress was led by the UWW Americas (Pan-American Wrestling Confederation) President, alongside Technical Delegate Pedro Gama Filho, José Davila, representative of the Peruvian Federation, and Yuri Maier, Technical Manager. The refereeing instructors are Galva from Puerto Rico and Casey from the USA.



U20 PAN-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - TECHNICAL MEETING

From the 10th to the 14th of this month, Lima, Peru, hosted the U20 Pan-American Wrestling Championships. Delegations from 17 countries participated in the four official wrestling styles, with 205 athletes, 61 coaches, and 18 referees, totaling 330 accredited individuals.

The Technical Meeting was led by the UWW Americas (Pan-American Wrestling Confederation) in collaboration with Pedro Gama Filho, Technical Delegate; José Davila, representative of the Peruvian Federation; and Yuri Maier, Technical Manager. The referee instructors for the event were Galva (Puerto Rico) and Casey (USA).



MORE THAN MEDALS AMERICAS 2024

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic was the host for the opening of the "More than Medals" 2024 event. An initiative that aim to promote the values of sports and the development of the discipline in the region. The inaugural ceremony was attended by distinguished authorities from the Dominican Olympic Committee, Dominican Wrestling Federation and UWW Americas.

We are honor and glad to host 13 countries and 50 participants.

"More than Medals" it's about transcend competition and focus on the integral development of athletes, promoting values such as respect, discipline, education and teamwork.



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U17 BEACH WRESTLING PAN-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The event took place in the city of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. It is worth mentioning that this event was held on the beach, at the host hotel's facilities. The event was well-organized and took place in two circles, unlike last year when only one was used, which unnecessarily prolonged the event.

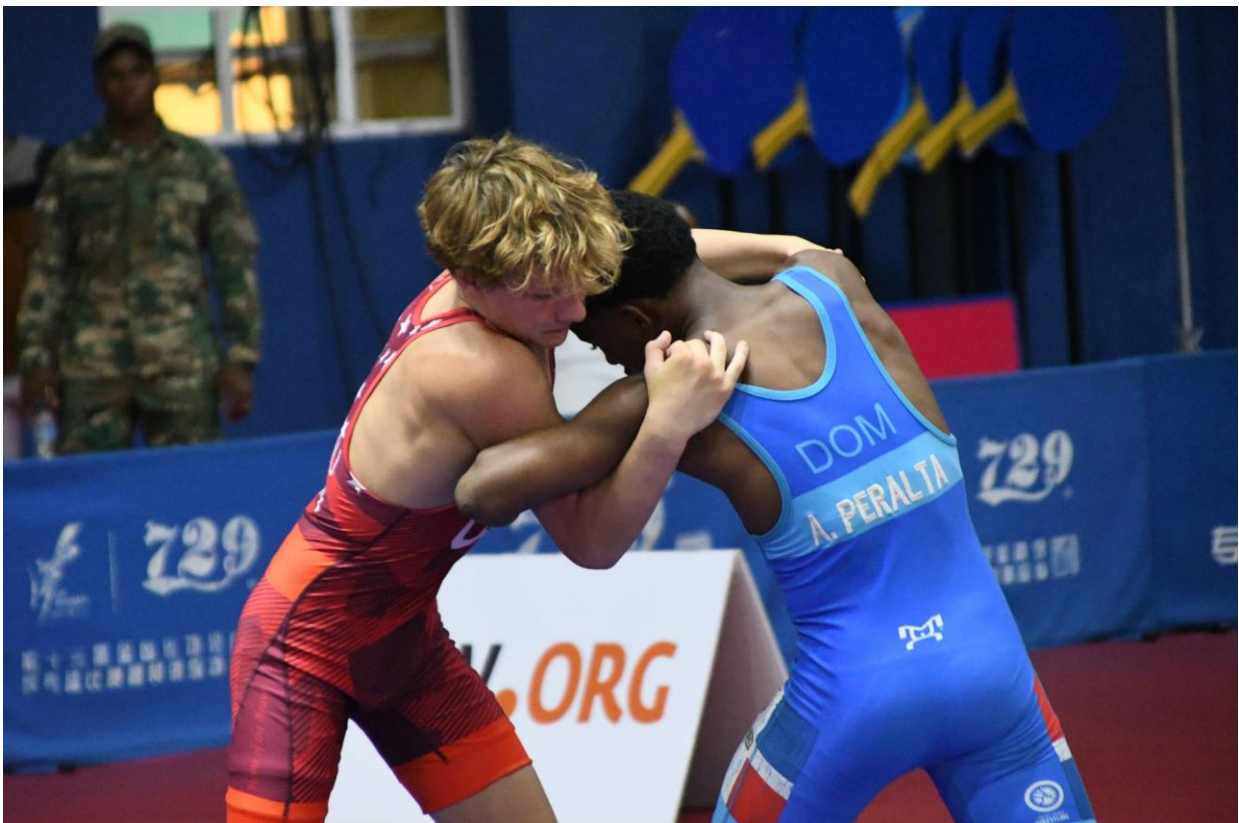
During the competition, there was heavy rainfall; however, after some logistical adjustments, it was possible to continue with the event, which was held on Sunday, June 30. A total of 15 countries participated and 68 athletes.



U17 PAN-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The U17 Pan-American Championships are being successfully held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, with the participation of 18 countries and a total of 198 athletes competing in three styles of wrestling: 98 in freestyle, 73 in Greco-Roman, and 69 in women's wrestling. Additionally, there are 21 referees officiating the matches. The Dominican Wrestling Federation has made significant efforts to organize this important competition.

For the International Federation and the Pan-American Wrestling Confederation (UWWA), it is gratifying to witness the performance of emerging talents.



U23 BEACH WRESTLING PAN-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

It was the first edition of this Championship, held in the city of Rio Negro, Colombia, on June 23, 2024. A total of 9 countries participated and 59 athletes.



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U23 PAN-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The U23 Pan-American Championships were successfully held in Rionegro, Colombia, on June 21-22. This competition featured 16 teams, showcasing a total of 192 athletes across various wrestling styles: 86 in freestyle, 62 in Greco-Roman, and 64 in women's wrestling. The event was officiated by 19 referees, ensuring a fair and competitive environment.

The Colombian Wrestling Federation's efforts in organizing this championship highlighted its dedication to promoting wrestling talent in the region. The tournament provided a vital platform for athletes to demonstrate their skills and potential on an international stage.



U15 PAN-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

This event took place in the city of San Salvador, El Salvador. It is worth mentioning that this event was held despite inclement weather, as it rained continuously for days, and the competition itself took place under heavy rain.

Despite this, the atmosphere was unparalleled; the participating athletes always showed great commitment, and participation was very high.

Beach wrestling was held in the afternoon on Sunday, June 16. A total of 9 countries participated and 55 athletes.

U15 PAN-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS SAN SALVADOR 2024

The Pan-American U15 Championships (ages 13 to 15) are being successfully held in San Salvador, El Salvador, with the participation of 12 countries and a total of 198 athletes competing in the three styles of wrestling. The Salvadoran Wrestling Federation has made significant efforts to organize this important competition.

For the International Federation and the Pan-American Wrestling Confederation (UWWA), it is gratifying to witness the performance of emerging talents.

The direction of officiating is managed by instructors Abraham Galva (Puerto Rico) and Yunior Sosa (Cuba).

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UWW AMERICAS YOUTUBE CHANNEL

In conjunction with the XXXIII International Olympic Wrestling Cup, "Pat Shaw," in memoriam, the Pan-American Wrestling Confederation (UWWA) launched live broadcasts of its competitions through its YouTube channel.

This event featured simultaneous coverage of matches across four mats, resulting in a total of 25,000 views from 20 countries, including Guatemala, Nicaragua, Mexico, El Salvador, Peru, Turkey, and Japan, among others.

The technical staff is commended for their efforts, with hopes that each subsequent event will surpass these metrics.



THE XXXIII PAT SHAW CUP SHINES BRIGHT

On Friday, the 7th of this month, the opening ceremony for the XXXIII International Olympic Wrestling Cup, "Pat Shaw," in memoriam, took place. The event featured the distinguished athlete Erick Barrondo, a prominent figure in the history of Guatemalan sports, who is known for his achievements in race walking, including:

- Gold Medal at the Central American Games
- Gold Medal at the Central American and Caribbean Games
- Gold Medal at the Pan American Games
- Silver Medal at the 2012 London Olympic Games

It was a significant honor for the Pan-American Wrestling community to have Erick Barrondo deliver the inaugural address, highlighting the national and international prestige of the "Pat Shaw" Cup.



“COPA PAT SHAW” - CAMP AND COURSES PRIOR TO THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION TOURNAMENT

REFEREE COURSE

It was delivered by educator Rafael Abraham GALVA LEBRON from Puerto Rico and was attended by 18 judges from 12 countries. The facilitator's experience allowed the course to flow in a dynamic and enjoyable way, with both theoretical and practical sessions in which the participation and opinion of all was encouraged in an atmosphere of tolerance, friendship and mutual respect.

COACHES COURSE

For this course we had the valuable intervention of the Mexican educator Héctor Luis CAMACHO PEDRIQUEZ, who was also supported by the head coach of the High Performance Center of America (CARDA), the Iranian professor Reza AZIMI. There were 29 coaches from 15 countries who participated in the course activities, which were divided into theoretical and practical sessions in which they were able to apply what they had seen in class directly in the planning of training camp sessions. In both courses the participants showed a dynamic and active attitude, with interesting points of view and many questions that constantly strengthened the interest and pedagogical development, not only of the listeners, but also of the facilitators.

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“COPA PAT SHAW” - TRAINING CAMP

The Camp was held at the facilities of the Center for High Performance and Development of America (CARDA), with the participation of athletes, coaches and educators, coach Reza AZIMI supported all the time the participants and educators; the number of participants was exceptional so two spaces were enabled each with two official mattresses, saunas were also available, a fitness gym and other facilities that helped to strengthen the work plans.



XXXIII COPA INTERNACIONAL LUCHA OLÍMPICA PAT SHAW IN MEMORIAM

“COPA PAT SHAW”

The event was held in Parque de la Industria, zone 9 of Guatemala City, on June 7 and 8, with three official mattresses for competition and two official mattresses for warm-up.

The management of the competition was carried out with the Arena system and all the official implementations of the UWW, with the support of the T&R Team of America. There were a total of 581 bouts in the three Olympic wrestling styles and four categories.

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Athletes from 20 countries participated: Bahamas, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Israel, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico and USA, distributed in the different categories and styles as follows:



WORLD RANKING SERIES ACAPULCO 2024

This event took place in the city of Acapulco, Mexico, on March 2nd and 3rd, 2024. It was the first stop of the 2024 World Series.

Unfortunately, this event did not have the expected participation; only one athlete from outside the continent took part in the event, while the rest were entirely from the Americas.

A total of 14 countries participated, of which 13 were from the Americas, representing 92.85% of the participating countries. A total of 48 athletes competed in this ranking series.



PAN-AMERICAN QUALIFIERS - A GREAT SUCCESS

After three days of intense competition, the continent successfully completed the qualification process for 36 athletes who will represent us at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

The organization by the Mexican Wrestling Federation was exemplary, and the athletic quality demonstrated by the various delegations was outstanding. Congratulations to all participants and the victors.



DESERVED RECOGNITION

On the second day of competition at the Pan-American Qualifiers Championship held in Acapulco, Mexico, the presence of Licenciada Ana Guevara, Director of the National Sports Commission of Mexico (CONADE), was welcomed. Guevara is a silver medalist in the 400-meter sprint from the Athens 2004 Olympic Games.

In recognition of her invaluable support for organizing the Pan-American Championship and Olympic Qualification, the "Golden Boot" of UWWA was awarded to her.



2° PAN-AMERICAN OLYMPIC WRESTLING GALA

On the evening of Monday, February 26, the Second Pan-American Olympic Wrestling Gala was held in Acapulco, Mexico. During this event, three athletes, three coaches, two referees, and two officials were inducted into the UWWA Hall of Fame.

The ceremony was filled with emotion and joy as the legacy of these distinguished individuals in our sport was recognized.



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UWW AMERICAS ORDINARY CONGRESS

The Ordinary Congress of UWW Americas (Pan-American Wrestling Confederation) was held at the "Palacio Imperial" hotel in Acapulco, Mexico. Delegates from 20 countries participated, along with all members of the Executive Committee. Special guests included Mr. Pedro Silva, a member of the UWW Bureau, and Mr. Antonio Silvestre, President of the World Referee Commission.

The atmosphere of harmony, camaraderie, and respect among all present highlighted the unity within the Pan-American Olympic Wrestling family.



UWW AMERICAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

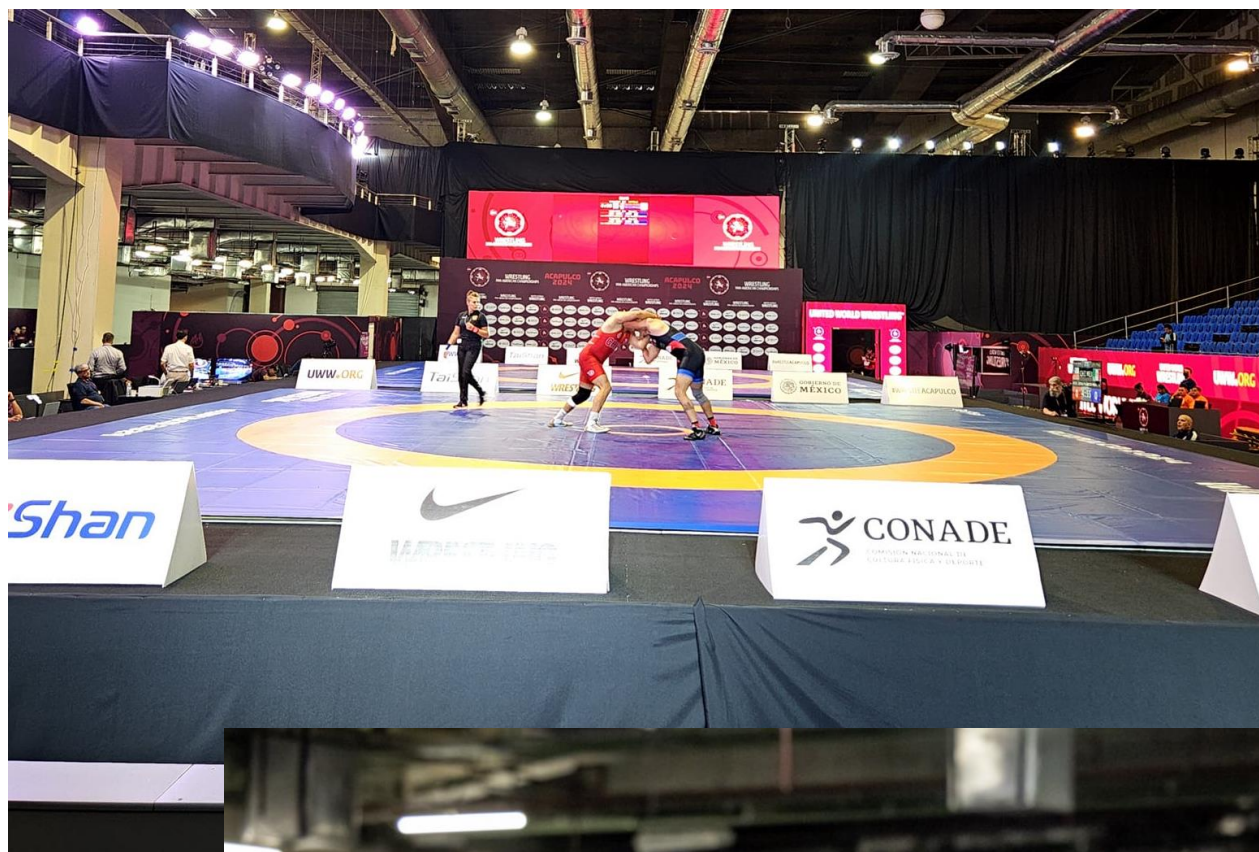
On February 24, the regular meeting of the UWW Americas Executive Committee (Pan-American Wrestling Confederation) was held in Acapulco, Mexico. Special guests included Pedro Silva, a member of the UWW Bureau, and Rich Bender, Secretary General of USA Wrestling.

Appreciation is extended to the Executive Committee members for their support and confidence in carrying out our work plan. Many positive projects for Olympic wrestling in our continent are on the horizon.



SENIOR PAN-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS ACAPULCO 2024

The Senior Pan-American Championships were successfully held in Acapulco, Mexico, serving as a precursor to the Olympic qualification tournament. The event saw participation from 22 teams and was officiated by 27 referees. Competitors included 90 athletes in freestyle, 69 in Greco-Roman, and 80 in women's wrestling, resulting in a total of 239 athletes competing.



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SENIOR PAN-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS ACAPULCO 2024 - CONGRESILLO TÉCNICO

On February 20, the Technical Congress for the Senior Pan-American Championship 2024 was held at the "Mundo Imperial" hotel in Acapulco, Mexico.

This important competition features the participation of 20 countries, 240 athletes, and 26 referees. The Technical Delegate is Mr. Pedro Silva, a member of the UWW Bureau.



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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PRE-OLYMPIC QUALIFIERS PREPARATION CAMP

In the lead-up to the continental events of Acapulco 2024, the organization, planning, coordination, and execution of the training camp took place at the Mexican Olympic Sports Center from February 13 to 19.

A total of 48 individuals participated, including 38 athletes and 10 coaches from 15 countries. This camp was made possible through the Technical Assistance of UWW, the support of Olympic Solidarity, and the facilities provided by the Mexican Olympic Committee and the National Federation of Mexico.

U15 PAN-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023 - OPENING CEREMONY AND RECOGNITION AWARDS

On Friday, November 24, the opening ceremony for the U15 (youth) Pan-American Olympic Wrestling Championship was held at the "Roberto Durán" Arena in the Republic of Panama.

The occasion provided the opportunity to award the "Medal for Sports Merit of UWW Americas" to Ms. Damaris Young, President of the Panamanian Olympic Committee, and to Mr. Roberto Monterrey, President of the Panamanian Wrestling Federation, in recognition of their efforts and support for Olympic wrestling in Panama.



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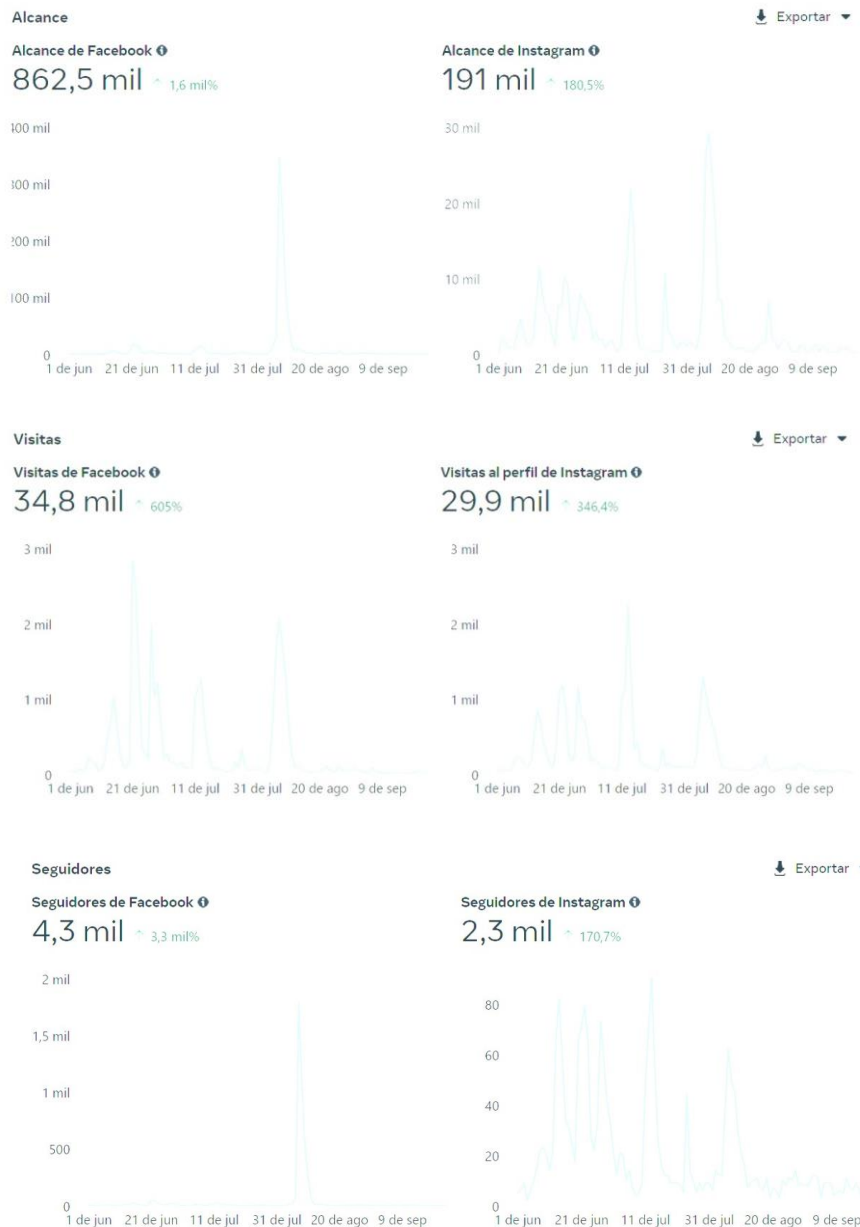


COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

This year, we successfully reactivated the operations of the Communications Department for the Americas, with the support of Sebastián Perez, who is responsible for this area.

The main activities throughout the year included promoting the achievements of our athletes at Paris 2024, sharing information on regional events, managing the YouTube channel, and interacting with our social media followers. This reactivation was clearly reflected in the growth of our follower base, views, likes, and other social media success metrics.

While we are still far from reaching our ultimate goals, we are on the right track.



AMERICA IN THE UWW ATHLETES' COMMISSION

Last year, during the Senior World Championships, Costa Rican athlete Maxwell Lemar Lacey Garita was elected as a member of the UWW Athletes' Commission.

Maxwell, 29 years old, has achieved notable results throughout his career, including a gold medal at the Central American and Caribbean Games, along with multiple medals at the Pan-American Championships, one of them being gold.





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**Report on the activity between the
2022 and 2024 UWW Congresses**

October 2024
Tirana, Albania

Introduction

The United World Wrestling Asia Report on Activities Conducted During the Period 2023-2024 reflects the efforts of UWW Asia and its member federations to develop and sustain wrestling in Asia. This report provides an overview of key initiatives, activities, and achievements during this period.

During the reporting period, the Asian Council worked to strengthen wrestling in the region by building on strategies outlined under the auspices of United World Wrestling. In response to challenges and changes in the global sports landscape, the Council has taken proactive measures to promote professionalism and strengthen cooperation between national federations.

Several significant trends in the recent development of wrestling on the Asian continent can be highlighted:

- **Increased Level of Competition:** There has been a noticeable rise in the level of competition among national teams and individual athletes. Federations are increasingly investing in training programs, athlete preparation, and the enhancement of technical skills, resulting in higher-quality competition.
- **Active Adoption of Technology:** In recent years, technological innovations have become an integral part of the training process and performance analysis. Video surveillance systems and other technologies are actively being used to improve tactics, techniques, and strategies.
- **Development of Youth Programs:** Federations have placed significant focus on developing youth wrestling programs. This includes organizing school and children's leagues, holding training camps and competitions for young athletes, and integrating wrestling education into junior high schools.
- **Strengthening of Regional Cooperation:** There has been a notable increase in cooperation between national wrestling federations across the region. The practice of sharing experiences, hosting joint events, and conducting training camps has facilitated knowledge exchange and supported the development of wrestling in less-established countries.

These trends reflect the ongoing growth and improvement of wrestling in Asia, creating favorable conditions for elevating the sport across the continent.

The 2023-2024 period was a showcase era for the Asian Council of United World Wrestling, particularly due to the geographical expansion of international tournament organizers.

The following sporting events were held in Asia between the 2022 UWW Congress and the 2024 UWW Congress:

1. Astana, Kazakhstan (December 12-13, 2022) - World Championship - Kazakh Kuresi
2. Phnom Penh, Cambodia (December 16-18, 2022) - Southeast Asian Championship
3. Astana, Kazakhstan (April 9-14, 2023) - Asian Senior Championships
4. Phnom Penh, Cambodia (May 14-16, 2023) - Southeast Asian Games
5. Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (June 1-4, 2023) - 3rd Ranking Series Tournament

6. Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (June 10-18, 2023) - Asian U17 & U23 Championships
7. Astana, Kazakhstan (June 21-24, 2023) - Asian Grappling Championships (Veterans, Seniors, U20, U17, U15)
8. Amman, Jordan (July 12-20, 2023) - Asian U15 & U20 Championships
9. Amman, Jordan (August 14-20, 2023) - World U20 Championships
10. Ulan Bator, Mongolia (August 21-22, 2023) - East Asian Youth Games (U17, FS-WW)
11. Ushtobe, Kazakhstan (October 2, 2023) - Kazakh Kuresi World Cup
12. Hangzhou, China (October 4-7, 2023) - Asian Games
13. Phnom Penh, Cambodia (December 5-9, 2023) - Southeast Asian Wrestling Championships (FS, GR, WW, BW)
14. Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (April 11-16, 2024) - Asian Senior Championships
15. Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (April 19-21, 2024) - Asian Olympic Games Qualifier
16. Amman, Jordan (June 22-30, 2024) - U17 & U23 Asian Continental Championships (FS, GR, WW)
17. Sriracha, Thailand (July 16-24, 2024) - U15 & U20 Asian Continental Championships
18. Chiang Mai, Thailand (September 25-29, 2024) - Southeast Asian Championship & Oceania Invitational (REDT) Championships (Seniors, U17, U15)

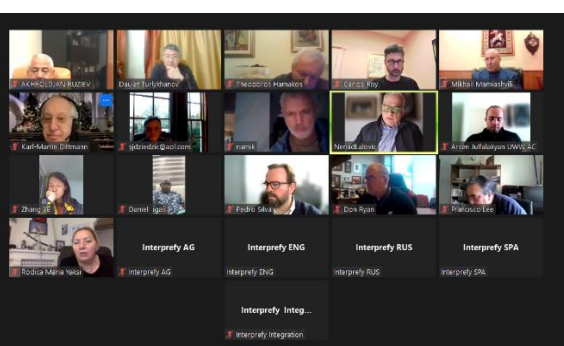
he past year saw a significant increase in activity, with numerous events successfully organized across the Asian continent.



1. Activities of the UWW Asia President During the Period Between the 2022-2024 UWW Congresses

1.1. UWW Congress, UWW Commissions, and Bureau Meetings

Date	Location	Event
September 09 2022	Belgrade, Serbia	UWW Congress
September 10, 2022	Belgrade, Serbia	UWW Technical Assistance and Development Commission Meeting
October 15, 2022	Belgrade, Serbia	UWW Bureau Meeting
October 27, 2022	Online Meeting	UWW Bureau Meeting
November 14, 2022	Online Meeting	UWW Bureau Meeting
December 19, 2022	Online Meeting	UWW Scientific Commission Meeting
April 4, 2023	Online Meeting	UWW Bureau Meeting
June 27 2023	Online Meeting	UWW Bureau Meeting
September 15, 2023	Belgrade, Serbia	UWW Bureau Meeting
September 16, 2023	Belgrade, Serbia	UWW Technical Assistance and Development Commission Meeting
September 19, 2023	Online Meeting	UWW Scientific Commission Meeting
November 10, 2023	Online Meeting	UWW Bureau Meeting
December 21, 2023	Online Meeting	UWW Bureau Meeting
February 09, 2024	Online Meeting	UWW Bureau Meeting
May 23, 2024	Online Meeting	UWW Bureau Meeting
June 20, 2024	Online Meeting	UWW Bureau Meeting
June 24, 2024	Online Meeting	UWW Congress
August 04, 2024	Paris, France	UWW Bureau Meeting
September 24, 2024	Online Meeting	UWW Bureau Meeting



1.2. Inspection Visits / Technical Delegation

Date	Location	Event
June 10-18, 2023	Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan	2023 Asian Wrestling Championships U17&U23, Technical Delegation
June 06-09, 2024	Budapest, Hungary	2024 Ranking series tournament, Technical Delegation
July 16-24, 2024	Sriracha, Thailand	2024 Asian Wrestling Championships U15&U20, Technical Delegation
October 1-2, 2024	Ashgabat, Turkmenistan	2025 Asian Wrestling Championships U15&U20, Inspection visit



1.3. UWW Asia General Assembly and Executive Committee Meetings

Date	Location	Event
December 19, 2022	Online Meeting	UWW Asia Executive Committee Meeting
March 24, 2023	Online Meeting	UWW Asia Executive Working Committee Meeting
April 11, 2023	Astana, Kazakhstan	UWW Asia Executive Working Committee Meeting
June 9, 2023	Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan	UWW Asia General Assembly (hybrid)
December 21, 2023	Online meeting	UWW Asia Executive Committee Meeting
April 18, 2024	Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan	UWW Asia General Assembly (hybrid)



2. UWW Sports Events in Asia

Date	Location	Event
December 12-13, 2022	Astana, Kazakhstan	2022 World Championships Kazakh Kuresi (Seniors)
December 16-18, 2022	Phnom Penh, Cambodia	2022 South East Asian Championship (Seniors)
April 9-14, 2023	Astana, Kazakhstan	2023 Asian Championship (Seniors)
May 14-16, 2023	Phnom Penh, Cambodia	2023 32nd Southeast Asian Games (Seniors)
June 1-4, 2023	Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan	2023 3rd Ranking Series Tournament (Seniors)
June 10-18, 2023	Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan	2023 Asian Championships (U17 & U23)
June 21-24, 2023	Astana, Kazakhstan	2023 Asian Championships (Veterans, Seniors, U20, U17, U15)
July 12-20, 2023	Amman, Jordan	2023 Asian Championships (U15 & U20)
August 14-20, 2023	Amman, Jordan	2023 World Championships (U20)
August 21-22, 2023	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia	2023 East Asian Youth Games (U17, FS, WW)
October 2, 2023	Ushtobe, Kazakhstan	2023 World Cup Kazakh Kuresi (Seniors)
October 4-7, 2023	Hangzhou, China	2023 Asian Games (Seniors)
December 5-9, 2023	Phnom Penh, Cambodia	2023 Southeast Asian Championship (Seniors, FS, GR, WW, BW)
April 11-16, 2024	Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan	2024 Asian Championships (Seniors)
April 19-21, 2024	Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan	2024 Asian Olympic Qualifier (Seniors, FS, GR, WW)

June 22-30, 2024	Amman, Jordan	2024 Asian Championships (U17 & U23, FS, GR, WW)
July 16-24, 2024	Sriracha, Thailand	2024 Asian Championships (U15 & U20, FS, GR, WW)
September 25-29, 2024	Chiang Mai, Thailand	2024 Southeast Asian Championship & Oceania Invitational (Seniors, U17, U15)

The 2023 Asian Championship (senior level) was held in Astana, the capital of Kazakhstan, from April 9 to 14. The event brought together 331 athletes from 21 Asian nations, competing in three wrestling styles. This significant rise in participation compared to previous years has fueled optimism within United World Wrestling Asia that even more athletes will take part in the qualifying rounds for the 2024 Olympic Games.



In May, Cambodia's capital, Phnom Penh, hosted the 32nd Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games 2023). Held biennially, this prestigious event attracted athletes from 11 Southeast Asian nations. A total of 113 wrestlers from 7 countries competed for medals, showcasing the region's wrestling talent.

Cambodia's team emerged victorious in Greco-Roman Wrestling, followed by Vietnam in second place and Indonesia in third. In Freestyle Wrestling, Cambodia once again claimed first place, with Vietnam and the Philippines securing second and third, respectively. In the Women's Wrestling category, Vietnam proved dominant, with Cambodia finishing second and the Philippines third.

This was a historic occasion for Cambodia, marking the first time the Kingdom hosted the SEA Games. For Cambodia, hosting the Games was a realization of a long-held dream, and it underscores the importance of such events for smaller nations to promote the growth and development of their sporting programs.

The 2023 championships and SEA Games reflected the expanding influence of wrestling across Asia and Southeast Asia, signaling a bright future for the sport on the international stage.



From June 10 to 18, Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan, hosted the unified Asian Championship for athletes under 23 (U23) and under 17 (U17). This championship also served as a qualifying tournament for the U17 and U23 World Championships. It marked the second consecutive continental competition organized by the Kyrgyz Wrestling Federation, which once again showcased its exceptional professionalism and commitment to the development of wrestling in the region.

Notably, the Organizing Committee successfully managed this championship just after hosting the third ranking series tournament, which took place in Kyrgyzstan from June 1 to 4. Both events were conducted at an impressively high level of organization.

The U23 & U17 Asian Championship was a resounding success, highlighting the talent and potential of the continent's young wrestlers. A total of 275 participants from 15 countries competed in the U17 division, while 189 athletes from 14 countries participated in the U23 category.

These events underscored the rising caliber of wrestling across Asia and demonstrated the strength of the next generation of athletes poised to make their mark on the world stage.



The 2023 U15 and U20 Asian Championships were held in Amman, Jordan, from July 12 to 20, marking a historic first for the city in hosting a wrestling event of this scale. Athletes from 19 Asian countries participated, and the Jordanian Wrestling Federation demonstrated exemplary organizational capabilities, ensuring a seamless competition while creating an inviting atmosphere for athletes and spectators alike. This achievement underscores Jordan's growing commitment to nurturing wrestling both within the country and across the region.

Following this, Amman also hosted the U20 World Championship from August 14 to 20. The event was relocated to Jordan after the original host, Poland, was unable to meet visa requirements for all competitors. The Jordanian Wrestling Federation rose to the challenge, exhibiting remarkable dedication and professionalism in organizing this global competition. Their efforts underscore a strong commitment to advancing the sport, both locally and across the region.

The Federation's tireless work in organizing these championships highlights their passion for wrestling and their significant contribution to the sport's development in Jordan and beyond. By successfully hosting these high-profile events, the Jordanian Wrestling Federation has demonstrated its dedication to elevating the sport's profile and fostering its growth on both a national and regional level.



From September 16 to 24, Belgrade, Serbia, hosted the 2023 World Championships for the second consecutive year. The championship featured competitions in Freestyle, Greco-Roman, and Women's Wrestling, with medals awarded across ten weight categories in each style.

This championship also served as the first Olympic qualifying event for the 2024 Paris Games. Asia was represented by 19 national federations, including Bahrain, Cambodia, China, India, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Korea, Mongolia, Pakistan, Palestine, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, and Yemen. A total of 264 Asian athletes participated, making up 28% of the total competitors across all wrestling events.

Asian wrestlers performed impressively, winning 40 medals (**14 gold, 10 silver, 16 bronze**) out of the 120 available, making up 34% of the total medal count. Women's Wrestling was Asia's most successful event, securing 18 medals (8 gold, 5 silver, 5 bronze). Greco-Roman Wrestling followed with 12 medals (3 gold, 2 silver, 7 bronze), while Freestyle wrestlers earned 10 medals (3 gold, 3 silver, 4 bronze).

Out of the 19 participating Asian countries, 9 won medals at the 2023 World Championships. Japan led the medal standings with 12 medals: 6 gold, 3 silver, and 3 bronze. Iran came in second with 9 medals in Freestyle and Greco-Roman (2 gold, 3 silver, and 4 bronze). Kyrgyzstan ranked third, earning 5 medals: 3 gold, 1 silver, and 1 bronze.

The participation of Asian wrestlers in the World Championships is not only crucial for the growth of the sport within the region but also serves as a powerful catalyst for strengthening international cooperation in wrestling. Their involvement elevates the level of competition, enhances global visibility for Asian wrestling, and contributes significantly to the development of the sport on a worldwide scale. Through their achievements on the world stage, Asian athletes inspire future generations and help foster greater unity and collaboration among the international wrestling community.



For the first time in its history, Mongolia successfully hosted the **Multi-Sport Games** in the Olympic format under the direct supervision of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the Olympic Council of Asia, and the East Asian Olympic Committees. The wrestling competitions were organized and managed in strict accordance with United World Wrestling rules, and their execution was evaluated by international referees. These competitions were overseen by the Control Committee, along with technical and referee representatives officially appointed by UWW.

Five teams from across the continent participated in the wrestling events: China, Japan, Korea, Mongolia, and Chinese Taipei. In the Freestyle Wrestling category, Japan secured first place in the team standings, followed by Mongolia in second place, with China rounding out the top three. In the Women's Wrestling category, Japan again took first place, with China and Mongolia finishing in second and third, respectively.

This event marked a significant achievement for Mongolia, showcasing its capability to organize and host large-scale international sports competitions under Olympic standards.

The 2023 Asian Games took place in Hangzhou and five other cities in China from September 23 to October 8. Originally set for 2022, the Games were postponed to 2023 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the delay of other major sporting events.

Wrestling has been a staple of the Asian Games since its debut in 1954, with medals awarded at every edition since. In 2023, the wrestling competitions were held from October 4 to 7 in Hangzhou, with participation from 29 national federations across the continent.

In the Freestyle Wrestling category, 27 teams and 99 wrestlers competed. Iran topped the team standings, securing first place, followed by Mongolia in second and Japan in third.

The Greco-Roman Wrestling competition featured 73 athletes from 17 countries. Iran once again claimed the top spot, with Kyrgyzstan taking second place and Japan placing third.

In Women's Wrestling, 19 teams and 75 wrestlers took part. Japan dominated the event, winning first place, with China finishing second and North Korea in third.

The wrestling tournament at the 2023 Asian Games showcased exceptional talent and competition, reinforcing the sport's importance in the Games' history and across Asia.



The 2023 Southeast Asian Wrestling Championship, featuring competitions in Freestyle, Greco-Roman, Women's Wrestling and Beach Wrestling, took place in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, from December 5 to 9.

The Cambodian Wrestling Federation has been making significant efforts to promote and grow the sport within the country. UWW and UWW Asia have committed to supporting the Cambodian Wrestling Federation, along with other national federations in the region, in their ongoing efforts to develop and strengthen wrestling throughout Southeast Asia. This cooperation is vital to advancing wrestling and enhancing its presence in the region.

The sporting year of 2024 kicked off with two major events in Asian wrestling, both graciously hosted by the Republic of Kyrgyzstan for the third time. A total of 30 sets of medals were contested across Greco-Roman, Freestyle, and Women's Wrestling.

The 2024 Senior Asian Wrestling Championships took place in Bishkek from April 11-16, with 28 countries and 357 participants competing. In the Freestyle Wrestling competition, 134 athletes from 23 countries participated. Iran topped the team rankings, winning 5 gold and 3 bronze medals. Japan secured second place with 2 gold, 1 silver, and 2 bronze medals, while Kyrgyzstan finished third with 1 gold, 1 silver, and 2 bronze medals.

In the Women's Wrestling competition, 101 athletes from 16 countries competed. Japan dominated the event, securing 4 gold, 2 silver, and 1 bronze medal, winning the team ranking. China came in second with 3 gold, 2 silver, and 3 bronze medals, while Mongolia placed third with 2 silver and 4 bronze medals.

The Greco-Roman Wrestling competition featured 122 athletes from 21 countries. Iran emerged as the dominant force, winning 4 gold medals in 10 weight categories, along with 3 silver and 2 bronze medals. Kyrgyzstan finished second with 1 gold, 2 silver, and 3 bronze medals, while Japan took third place with 3 gold, 2 silver, and 1 bronze medal.

After the Asian Championship 2024 in Bishkek the UWW Asia General assembly took place. Mr. President Lalovic opened the meeting noting that amazing participation of 31 Asian countries was recorded at the meeting.



Immediately following the Senior Asian Championship, Kyrgyzstan made history by hosting its first-ever qualifying tournament for the 2024 Summer Olympic Games. The event was held in Bishkek from April 19 to 21, with 27 countries and 195 participants from across the continent competing for Olympic qualifications.

In Freestyle Wrestling, six countries secured their spots for Paris: Iran, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, and Uzbekistan, with each country earning two qualifications. In Women's Wrestling, the tickets went to China, India, and DPR Korea (each securing 3 spots), while Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, and Uzbekistan earned one qualification each. In Greco-Roman Wrestling, Kazakhstan secured 3 tickets, while Iran and Korea earned 2 each. DPR Korea, China, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan each qualified one athlete.

The UWW Development Department provided technical assistance to athletes from developing nations, allowing more countries to be represented and giving them the chance to compete for Olympic licenses.



From June 22 to 30, the U17 & U23 Asian Championship took place in Amman, Jordan.

The U17 competition saw active participation from 16 countries and 295 athletes, reflecting the growing interest in wrestling among the region's young athletes. Uzbekistan

dominated the U17 Greco-Roman competition, while India showcased its strength in Women's Wrestling. In Freestyle Wrestling, Iran topped the team rankings.

In the U23 competition, 170 participants from 14 countries competed. Kazakhstan led the Greco-Roman team rankings, while India excelled in both Women's and Freestyle Wrestling, securing first place in both categories.

Special recognition goes to the Jordan Wrestling Federation for their outstanding organization, ensuring a smooth and memorable championship.



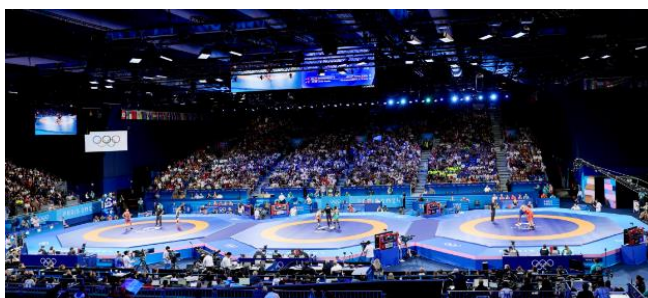
During the **2024 Olympic Games in Paris**, held in August 05-11, Asian wrestlers showcased extraordinary prowess, and secured a total of 36 medals across all wrestling styles.

Asia qualified 30 wrestlers in Freestyle, representing 31% of the total Freestyle entries. In Greco-Roman, Asia qualified 26 wrestlers, making up 27% of the total Greco-Roman entries. For Women's Wrestling, Asia qualified 29 wrestlers, which is 30% of the total Women's Wrestling entries.

In summary, Asia had 85 athletes out of the 291 total participants, which is approximately 29.2%.

According to the data, Asian wrestlers secured a total of 36 medals (50%), significantly surpassing Europe and Pan America, which won 20 and 16 medals respectively. Breaking it down by style:

- Freestyle Wrestling (FS): Asian wrestlers won 11 medals (46%), compared to Europe's 9 (37%) and Pan America's 4 (17%).
- Greco-Roman Wrestling (GR): Asia dominated with 13 medals (54%), while Europe won 7 (29%), and Pan America took 4 (17%).
- Women's Wrestling (WW): Asia secured 12 medals (50%), ahead of Europe's 4 (17%), though Pan America performed strongly in this style with 8 medals (33%).



The 2024 U15&U20 Asian Championships encountered numerous unexpected challenges that would have tested even the most seasoned National Federations (NFs) and Organizing Committees (OCs) in Asia. Initially set to take place in Pattaya, the event was later moved to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, before the Saudi Arabian Wrestling Federation (SAWF) ultimately canceled their bid.

With less than three months to prepare, the Thai Wrestling Association (TWA) bravely agreed to host the event in Sri Racha despite limited time, personnel, and resources.

Number of participating countries in **U15 Championships** - 12 (FS), 9 (GR) and 8 (WW), and number of participants per style – 92 (FS), 67 (GR) and 72 (WW).

Team ranking in Freestyle wrestling – first place Japan, second place India, third – Iran.

Team ranking in Greco-Roman wrestling - first place team of Iran, second place Uzbekistan, third – Kazakhstan.

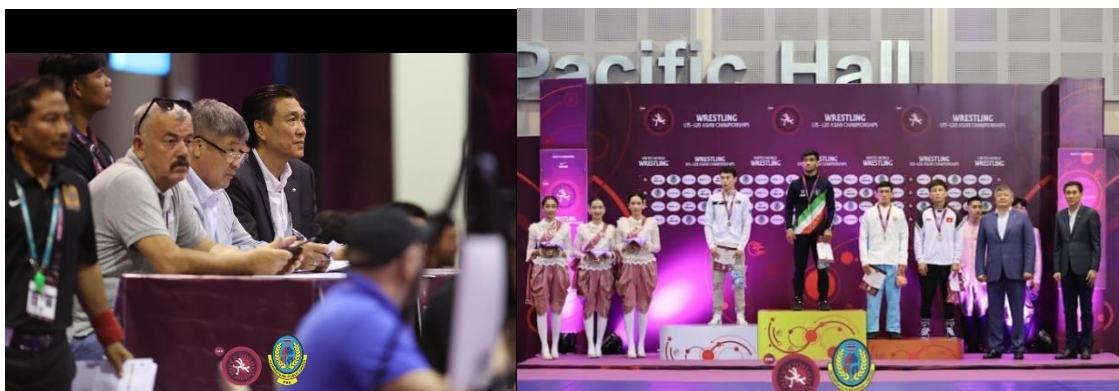
Team ranking in Women's wrestling - first place team of India, second place Japan, third – Kazakhstan.

The overall participation numbers for the 2024 **U20 Asian Championships** also saw a slight increase compared to previous years, reflecting growing interest and involvement in the sport. Number of participating countries in U20 Championships - 16 (FS), 16 (GR) and 14 (WW), and number of participants per style – 119 (FS), 106 (GR) and 101 (WW).

Team ranking in Freestyle wrestling – first place team of Iran, second place Kazakhstan, third – Uzbekistan.

Team ranking in Greco-Roman wrestling - first place Iran, second place Kazakhstan, third – Kyrgyzstan.

Team ranking in Women's wrestling - first place team of India, second place - China, third – Japan.



At the time of the report preparation the Thai Wrestling Association (TWA) is hosting the Southeast Asian Championship & Oceania Invitational in Chiang Mai, Thailand, from September 25th to 29th. As the name suggests, this competition will bring together wrestlers from Southeast Asia and Oceania in the Senior, U17, and U15 age categories, competing in all three styles.

Since Southeast Asia and Oceania are considered developing regions for wrestling, with limited resources and athletes, UWW-Asia is hopeful that competitions like this will provide valuable experience and skill development in a competitive atmosphere. Additionally, they hope it will generate interest and support for wrestling on a domestic level.

UWW Asia would also like to extend its deepest gratitude to the UWW Development and Sports Department for their assistance and understanding, allowing the TWA to host both the SEA Championship and the Oceania Invitational under one banner. This consolidation has helped many of the SEA national federations secure the necessary budgetary support from their respective government entities.

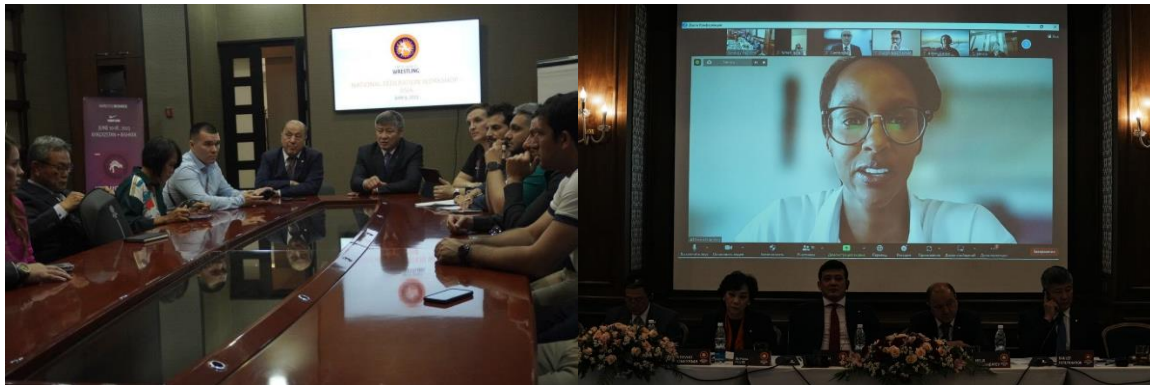


United World Wrestling and its departments, particularly the Development Department, play a key role in promoting the global development of wrestling through various programs and funding sources.

UWW's technical support for competitions includes assisting national federations in sending their athletes to major events, especially Continental and World Championships. UWW Asia urges the Asian national federations to take full advantage of these support opportunities to ensure their promising wrestlers participate in important competitions.

In collaboration with the UWW Development Department, several development activities have been carried out across Asia. In 2023-2024, the UWW Development Team successfully delivered a range of assistance programs. Numerous educational events were organized for coaches and referees from across the region. Additionally, the "More than Medals" project, which has been a global success, was held in Bishkek after the 2023 U17 Asian Championships and in Amman following the 2024 U17 Asian Championships.

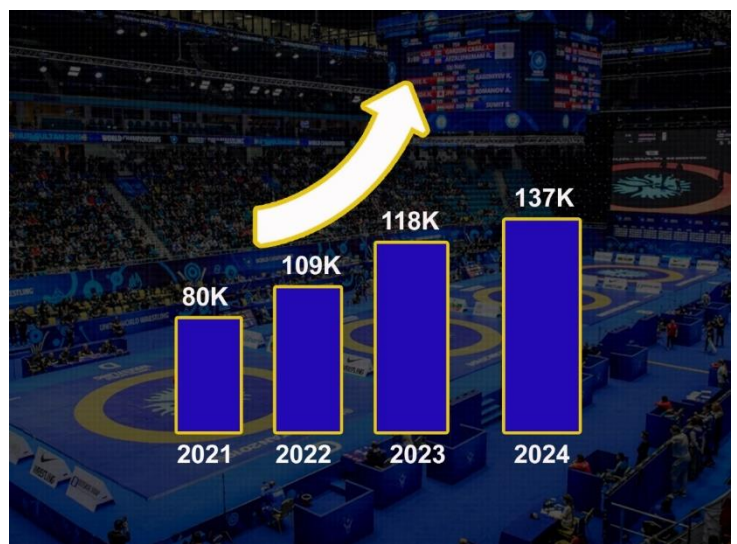
These events are vital to the development of the sport, and UWW Asia fully supports such initiatives, especially when there is demand from national wrestling federations.



6. Media report

Instagram

As of June 1, 2022, the official Instagram account of United World Wrestling Asia had 80,000 followers. By December 1, that number had surpassed 109,000, reaching 118,000 on June 1, 2023, and 137,000 by April 1, 2024. This growth reflects an increase of 17,000 new active followers. However, this number could have been even higher, but the UWW Asia Media Manager did not attend several key events this year, such as the Olympic Games, the U15/U20 Asian and World Championships, and the U17 Asian and World Championships.



Despite these missed opportunities, UWW Asia remains the leader among continental wrestling accounts in terms of followers. Notably, UWW Asia has achieved this growth without using any paid promotions on social media.

Coach-Traveler

At the beginning of May 2023, UWW Asia announced the launch of the second season of the travel coach project. In the new installment, the UWW Asia Project Team worked in Southeast Asian countries such as Thailand, Indonesia, Cambodia, as well as the Philippines.

Artem Kotov, a former athlete and international class sports master in Freestyle Wrestling, who knows the region well, has been selected as a coach-traveler.

The UWW Asia media group spent a total of 20 days in the aforementioned four countries, aiming to highlight the development of wrestling, local culture, and everyday life. They visited athletes and met directly with the offices of the national federations to gain deeper insights.



All four films: Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, Cambodia produced as part of the Coach-Traveler project, are available on the UWW Asia YouTube channel.

7. UWW Asia Awards - "Asia's Best Wrestler, Asia's Best Coach"

The United World Wrestling Asia Awards have become a tradition for the Asian Continental Council, with the first edition held in 2019, followed by subsequent editions in 2021, 2022, and 2023.

The winners were selected based on a thorough analysis of athletes' performances at both the Asian and World Championships, as well as the results of the Ranking Series tournaments.

7.1. UWW Asia Awards 2022

The Best National Federation 2022

The award for the "Best National Wrestling Federation of Asia 2022" was granted to the Wrestling Federation of Kyrgyzstan, as decided by the UWW Asia Executive Committee meeting held on December 19, 2022.

The Best Greco-Roman Wrestler 2022



Akzhol Makhmudov of Kyrgyzstan unquestionably secured the title of the *"Best Greco-Roman Wrestler of Asia 2022"*. Makhmudov triumphed in two major championships in the 77 kg weight category: the Asian Championships in Mongolia and the World Championships in Belgrade, Serbia. Additionally, Makhmudov claimed first place at the 3rd Ranking Series Tournament in Almaty, accumulating a total

of 100 points in accordance with the UWW Asia contest provisions. He was also the winner of the Islamic Games 2022 (not part of the contest).

Zholaman Sharshenbekov, also from Kyrgyzstan, secured the second place in the same category (70 kg weight division). Sharshenbekov, who won the Asian Championships and the Senior World Championships, scored a total of 85 points. He was also the winner of the Islamic Games 2022.

Best Freestyle Wrestler 2022



In the category of *"Best Freestyle Wrestler of Asia 2022,"* **Taishi Narikuni** from Japan emerged as the winner. Narikuni claimed victory at the Asian and World Championships in 2022, accumulating a total of 80 points. Narikuni did not participate in Ranking Series events, thus no points were added. Amouzadkhalili R. M. from Iran, who also won gold at the Continental and World Championships in

2022, secured the same number of points. Azamat Dauletbekov of Kazakhstan, the Asian Champion and bronze medalist at the World Championships, won the UWW Ranking Series Tournament in Tunisia and placed 5th in the 3rd Ranking Series Tournament, held in Kazakhstan. Dauletbekov also collected 80 points.

The Best Female Wrestler of Asia 2022

Zhamilya Bakbergenova from Kazakhstan emerged as the *"Best Female Wrestler of Asia 2022."* Bakbergenova earned 110 points by winning the Asian Seniors Championships and two Ranking Series Tournaments (Turkey and Kazakhstan). She also claimed a silver medal at the Senior World Championships in 2022. Although Japanese females dominated the world and continental stages, they did not participate in the Ranking Series events, thereby missing the opportunity to collect extra points. Ozaki N. and Morikawa M. both won world and Asian Championships in 2022, but did not wrestle in any Ranking Series event.



Best Greco-Roman Wrestling Coach 2022



Mohammad Bana, the Greco-Roman National Team Coach of Iran, was honored as the *"Greco-Roman Wrestling Coach of the Year 2022"*. Under his guidance, Iranian athletes won 10 medals at major events in 2022, accumulating 315 points. The second and third places were taken by the head coaches of the national teams of Kyrgyzstan (255 points) and Kazakhstan (255 points).

Best Freestyle Wrestling Coach 2022



In the category of *"Best Freestyle Wrestling Coach 2022"*, **Pejman Dorostkar**, the Freestyle National Team Coach of Iran, emerged as the winner. Iranian Freestyle wrestlers showcased exceptional results among Asian wrestlers, earning Dorostkar a total of 515 points. The Japanese wrestling coach secured second place with 245 points and 7 medals, while the Mongolian head coach claimed the third place with 135 points and 6 medals.

Best Women's Wrestling Coach 2022



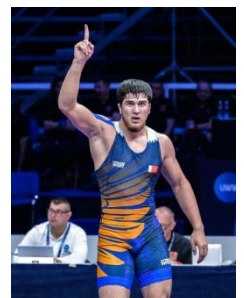
Ryo Kanehama, the Coach of the Japanese National Women's Wrestling Team, was honored as the "Best Coach in Women's Wrestling 2022." Under his leadership, Japanese wrestlers won a total of 18 medals, including 9 gold medals at the World Championships 2022 and 7 gold and 2 silver medals at the Asian Championships. The Head Coach of the Mongolian National Team secured the second place with 255 points and 11 medals, while the Kazakhstani Women's National Team Coach took the third place with 165 points and 5 medals overall.

7.2. 2023 UWW Asia Awards



Heavyweight **Amin Mirzazadeh** wins in the nomination *"Best Greco-Roman Wrestler"* with 140 points. The **Iranian** has wins at the World Championships (Belgrade, Serbia), Asian Championships (Astana, Kazakhstan), Asian Games (Hangzhou, China), as well as at the Ranking Series Tournament at Kaba uuly Kozhamkulov and Raatbek Sanatbaev (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan). Two wrestlers from Kyrgyzstan, Akzhol Makhmudov and Jolaman Sharshenbekov, were 20 points behind him. They also won at two important Continental and World Championships, but did not participate in the UWW Ranking Tournaments. This gave Amin Mirzazadeh from Iran the win in the nomination "The Best Greco-Roman Wrestler of 2023".

In the *"Best Freestyle Wrestler"* category, **Akhmed Tajudinov of Bahrain won unconditionally**. The young Dagestani wrestler made history this year by becoming Bahrain's first-ever world wrestling champion. On his path to the title, he defeated wrestling stars Kyle Snyder (USA) and Abdurashid Sadullayev (Russia). Tajudinov also claimed the Asian Championship title and won gold at the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China. Additionally, he secured first place at the Ranking Series Tournament in Bishkek. Amirhossein Zare and Hassan Yazdanicharati, both from Iran, took second and third place, respectively.



"The Best Woman Wrestler 2023" was **Akari Fujinami**. The young, but already famous Japanese wrestler won all the competitions she took part in 2023. These are the World Championships, Asian Championships, Asian Games, the Ranking Series Tournament in Croatia and various international

tournaments. In total she scored 140 points. Aisulu Tynybekova came second and Akari's compatriot Yui Susaki became third.

Azat Erkimbayev, Head Coach of the **Kyrgyz National Wrestling Team**, won in the category "**The Best Greco-Roman Wrestling Coach**". His athletes won top medals at all major competitions in 2023.



Pejman Dorostkar, the former Head Coach of the Iranian National Wrestling Team, won the award for "Best Freestyle Wrestling Coach." Under his leadership, the Iranian team dominated the team standings among Asian countries, securing second place at the World Championships, first place at the Asian Games, as well as second place at the Asian Championships.

Ryo Kanehama won the award for "Best Women's Wrestling Coach" for the second year in a row. As the Head Coach of the Japanese National Team, Kanehama achieved outstanding results at the World Championships, where the Japanese Women's Wrestling Team qualified in all weight categories for the 2024 Paris Olympics. The team also dominated at the 2023 Asian Championships and Asian Games.



The award for "**Best National Federation 2023**" was granted to the **Wrestling Federation of Kazakhstan**, which was recognized by the UWW Asia Executive Committee as the most active federation during the 2023 season.

The **Jordanian Wrestling Federation** received the inaugural "**Breakthrough of the Year**" award in 2023, the first of its kind in Asian wrestling history, in recognition of Jordan's significant contributions to the development of the sport in the region.

UWW Asia
24.09.2024



Report on the Activity of the European Council of UWW 2023-2024

I. European championships 2023-2024

Wrestling

2023		FS		GR		WW		Total
		Countries	Athletes	Countries	Athletes	Countries	Athletes	
U15	Kaposvar / HUN	24	201	25	236	24	151	588
U17	Tirana / ALB	29	173	31	191	31	133	497
U20	Santiago / ESP	28	155	29	165	25	123	443
U23	Bucharest / ROU	21	121	28	133	24	113	367
Seniors	Zagreb / CRO	29	158	33	183	29	122	463
			808			908	642	2.358

2024		FS		GR		WW		Total
		Countries	Athletes	Countries	Athletes	Countries	Athletes	
U15	Loutraki / GRE	26	237	25	241	24	179	657
U17	Novi Sad / SRB	31	174	33	197	29	153	524
U20	Novi Sad / SRB	28	181	32	202	26	151	534
U23	Baku / AZE	22	121	27	136	22	108	365
Seniors	Bucharest / ROU	31	185	33	196	27	138	519
			898			972	729	2.599

**Beach Wrestling**

2023		Men		Women		Total
		Countries	Athletes	Countries	Athletes	
U17	Saint-Laurent-du-Var / FRA	4	23	4	14	37
U20	Saint-Laurent-du-Var / FRA	4	19	3	14	33
			42		28	70

2024		Men		Women		Total
		Countries	Athletes	Countries	Athletes	
U15	Timisoara / ROU	7	39	6	20	59
U17	Timisoara / ROU	7	38	5	23	61
U20	Timisoara / ROU	9	38	7	26	64
			115		69	184

Grappling Gi

2023		Men		Women		Total
		Countries	Athletes	Countries	Athletes	
Seniors	Bucharest / ROU	15	108	8	32	140

2024		Men		Women		Total
		Countries	Athletes	Countries	Athletes	
U15	Loutraki / GRE	5	45	4	19	64
U17	Baku / AZE	7	73	6	25	98
U20	Baku / AZE	7	50	6	17	67
Seniors	Baku / AZE	13	103	9	34	137
			271		95	366

**Grappling**

2023		Men		Women		Total
		Countries	Athletes	Countries	Athletes	
Seniors	Bucharest / ROU	17	118	8	33	151

2024		Men		Women		Total
		Countries	Athletes	Countries	Athletes	
U15	Loutraki / GRE	5	47	4	19	66
U17	Baku / AZE	8	80	6	29	109
U20	Baku / AZE	6	57	6	18	75
Seniors	Baku / AZE	14	122	10	37	159
			306		103	409

II. International transfer of wrestlers

2023 232 wrestlers from 35 countries / transferred in 3 countries

In 2023 we had 232 transfers (2022 = 297 / 2021 = 265 / 2020 = 79 / 2019 = 241). Foreign wrestlers had permission to compete for clubs in Austria (19), France (5) and Germany (208).

In the list of transfers there are wrestlers from 35 countries (2022 = 32 / 2021 = 34 / 2020 = 23). Their distribution was as follows:

MDA (31), TUR (23), BUL (22), HUN (21), GEO (20), ROU (17), FRA (11), POL (11), UKR (10), AZE (7), ITA (5), LTU (5), ARM (4), CRO (4), CZE (4), KAZ (4), DEN (3), LAT (3), MKD (3), RUS (3), SWE (3), ALB (2), ESP (2), IRI (2), NED (2), ALG (1), BEL (1), BLR (1), CUB (1), EST (1), FIN (1), GRE (1), NOR (1), SRB (1), TJK (1)

2024 155 wrestlers from 32 countries / transferred in 3 countries **(until 12.09.2024)**

Interim status (12.09.2024)

MDA (20), GEO (15), HUN (13), UKR (12), BUL (10), POL (10), FRA (8), AZE (7), ROU (6), KAZ (5), RUS (5), JPN (4), LTU (4), ALB (3), ARM (3), BLR (3), DEN (3), TUR (3), CRO (2), CUB (2), CZE (2), LAT (2), SRB (2), TJK (2), UZB (2), BEL (1), ESP (1), GRE (1), IRI (1), KGZ (1), MKD (1), NED (1)

The main reason for the lower number of transfers is the composition of the German Bundesliga. After 31 clubs participating in the "German Bundesliga" in 2023, there will only be 26 clubs in 2024. A new maximum limit for licenses was also introduced in the "German Bundesliga".



III. UWW Europe projects

Women Wrestling Program

In calendar year 2023, we launched our promotion program for female wrestling in Europe.

A total of 7 nations were selected for promotion in 2023. The corresponding training courses could take place in 6 nations in 2023.

AUT	28.08.-02.09.2023	Wals	Aline Rotter-Focken
ESP	04.10.-08.10.2023	Madrid	Nicolae Ghita
FIN	25.10.-29.10.2023	Kuortane	Petra Olli
LAT (EST/LTU)	25.11.-29.11.2023	Daugavpils	Anastasia Grigorjeva / Laura Skujina
MKD	18.10.-24.10.2023	Shtip	Nicolae Ghita
SUI	17.11.-19.11.2023	Willisau	Aline Rotter-Focken / Nadine Pietschmann

We received positive feedback from all the courses. We would also like to thank all the trainers who supported us during the course. We are also always looking for female trainers to carry out the projects. Please contact me for further information.

A total of 10 nations were selected for promotion in 2024.

ALB (MKD)	22.04.-26.04.2024	Tirana	N.N.
AUT	25.08.-29.08.2024	Wals	Martina Kuenz
CRO	26.05.-01.06.2024	Porec	N.N.
ESP	16.10.-20.10.2024	Madrid	N.N.
FIN	05.06.-09.06.2024	Kuortane	Niko Kettunen / Jere Heino / ...
GBR	21.10.-23.10.2024	Manchester	N.N.
ITA	11.03.-16.03.2024	Rome	Michele Liuzzi / Salvatore Rinella
LAT (EST/LTU)	19.08.-24.08.2024	Stalgene	Laura Skujiņa-Akhmed. / Armands Zvirbulis
SUI	N.N.	Willisau	Nadine Pietschmann
SWE	17.07.-23.07.2024	Malmö	Sofia Mattsson / Johanna Mattsson

The training courses in calendar year 2024 have not yet all been completed or settled.

Best coach / wrestler of the year

New in the calendar year 2023 was the election of the best wrestler/coach of the year in all styles.

All European nations and UWW Europe Council members were asked at the beginning of November 2023 to nominate candidates by 30.11.2023. From the proposed candidates, the 3 persons with the most nominations were admitted to the election. All nations and UWW Europe Council members were again invited to vote on December 4, 2023. Votes had to be cast by December 31, 2023.

During the European Wrestling Championships Bucharest/Romania UWW Europe President Karl-Martin Dittmann honored the best wrestlers and coaches in 2023 in all styles. The winners of the categories received an honorary prize and prize money of €1,000.



The results of the elections for 2023:

Wrestler		
Freestyle	1. Iszmail MUSZUKAJEV	HUN
	2. Zaurbek SIDAKOV	AIN
	2. Vazgen TEVANYAN	ARM
Greco-Roman Style	1. Leri ABULADZE	GEO
	2. Riza KAYAALP	TUR
	3. Mahmoud Ibrahim GHANEM	FRA
Female Wrestling	1. Anastasia NICHITA	MDA
	2. Buse CAVUSOGLU	TUR
	3. Irina KOLIADENKO	UKR
Coach		
Freestyle	1. Khetag GOZIUMOV	AZE
	2. Giorgi IANTBELIDZE	GEO
	3. Abdullah CAKMAR	TUR
Greco-Roman Style	1. Stojan DOBREV	SRB
	2. Anton DOK	CRO
	3. Alexander TARAKOANOV	AZE
Female Wrestling	1. Gilan TUDOR	MDA
	2. Volodymyr YEVONOV	UKR
	3. Efraim KAHRAMAN	TUR

These awards are intended to recognize the good performance of the wrestlers and coaches.

The same honors are also to be awarded for the 2024 calendar year. The process will start after the World Championships in Tirana.

Social Media

UWW Europe is currently developing its own website to achieve better visibility on social media. The name of the new website is:

<https://uww-europe.eu/>

(Available from January 2025)

At the same time, activities on Facebook and Instagram are also to be relaunched.

The project should be completed by the turn of the year 2024/2025.



IV. Olympic Games Paris 2024

After the completion of all qualifying competitions, Europe was represented in the entry lists as follows:

Total 291 wrestlers from 61 nations

Europe 111 wrestlers from 26 nations 38,14% wrestlers and 42,62% nations

FS Medals	Gold	Silver	Bronce	Bronce
57 kg	JPN	USA	IND	UZB
65 kg	JPN	IRI	PUR	ALB
74 kg	UZB	JPN	USA	ALB
86 kg	BUL	IRI	GRE	USA
97 kg	BRN	GEO	AZE	IRI
125 kg	GEO	IRI	TUR	AZE

Medal/Continent	Gold	Silver	Bronce	Total	%
Asia	4	4	3	11	45,83
Americas	0	1	3	4	16,67
Europe	2	1	6	9	37,50

GR Medals	Gold	Silver	Bronce	Bronce
60 kg	JPN	CHN	KGZ	PRK
67 kg	IRI	UKR	AZE	CUB
77 kg	JPN	KAZ	KGZ	ARM
87 kg	BUL	IRI	UKR	DEN
97 kg	IRI	ARM	CUB	KGZ
130 kg	CUB	CHI	IRI	CHN

Medal/Continent	Gold	Silver	Bronce	Total	%
Asia	4	3	6	13	54,17
Americas	1	1	2	4	16,67
Europe	1	2	4	7	29,17

WW Medals	Gold	Silver	Bronce	Bronce
50 kg	USA	CUB	JPN	CHN
53 kg	JPN	ECU	CHN	PRK
57 kg	JPN	MDA	USA	CHN
62 kg	JPN	UKR	KGZ	NOR
68 kg	USA	KGZ	TUR	JPN
76 kg	JPN	USA	COL	CUB

Medal/Continent	Gold	Silver	Bronce	Total	%
Asia	4	1	7	12	50,00
Americas	2	3	3	8	33,33
Europe	0	2	2	4	16,67

Total FS/GR/WW	Gold	Silver	Bronce	Total	%
Asia	12	8	16	36	50,00
Americas	3	5	8	16	22,22
Europe	3	5	12	20	27,78



Unfortunately, the medal result does not correspond to the percentage of participants from Europe. This problem must now be analyzed in more detail. Once the analysis has been completed, the corresponding consequences for Europe must be worked out.

V. Meetings of the Executive Committee

General Assembly	2023	Zagreb / CRO
and Meetings	2024	Bucharest / ROU

In addition there were multiple videoconferences with individual members of the Council and the whole Council.

In the 2023 sports year, the after-effects of the pandemic were still being felt. As a result, most discussions and meetings still took place online.

We consider the cooperation between the national federations and the UWW Development Department to be very important. There are countless opportunities to support and promote our sport in the national federations.

The Executive Committee is of the opinion that the first support programs launched should be expanded even further. The UWW Development Department workshops, which we always combine with our General Assembly, are always helpful in this respect.

VI. The activity of the European Council President

UWW Bureau Meetings

April 2023	UWW Bureau Meeting	
June 2023	UWW Bureau Meeting	
September 2023	UWW Bureau Meeting	Belgrade / SRB
November 2023	UWW Bureau Meeting	
December 2023	UWW Bureau Meeting	
February 2024	UWW Bureau Meeting	
May 2024	UWW Bureau Meeting	
June 2024	UWW Bureau Meeting	
June 2024	Extraordinary Congress	online
August 2024	UWW Bureau Meeting	Paris / FRA

UWW Europe Council Meeting and General Assembly

March 2023	UWW Europe Council Meeting Bucharest / ROU
April 2023	UWW Europe Council Meeting Zagreb / CRO
April 2023	UWW Europe General Assembly
February 2024	UWW Europe Council Meeting Bucharest / ROU
February 2024	UWW Europe General Assembly
Juni 2024	UWW Europe Council Meeting (online)



UWW European Championship

March 2023	U23 Bucharest / ROU
April 2023	Seniors Zagreb / CRO
June 2023	U20 Santiago de Compostela / ESP
February 2024	Seniors Bucharest / ROU
Mai 2024	U23 Baku / AZE
July 2024	U20 Novi Sad / SRB

UWW World Championship

September 2023	Seniors Belgrade / SRB
October 2023	Veterans Loutraki / GRE
September 2024	U20 Pontevedra / ESP

UWW Olympic Qualification Tournament

May 2024	World Qualifier Istanbul / TUR
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Development Department

April 2023	UWW Development Workshop
September 2023	UWW Technical Assistance and Development Commission Meeting
November 2023	UWW Regional Development Workshop Manchester / GBR
February 2024	UWW Development Workshop

Invitation National Federations and other dates

March 2023	Meeting IOC President Dr. Thomas Bach Essen / GER
June 2023	Anniversary 50 years Swiss Wrestling Federation Einsiedeln / SUI
April 2024	General Assembly Asian Council Bischkek / KGZ
May 2024	Parliamentary Evening Berlin / GER
June 2024	Austrian Wrestling Federation (Honor UWW referee) Wagrain / AUT

Technical Delegate

April 2023	European Championship Seniors Zagreb / CRO
April 2024	Asian Championship Seniors and Asian Qualifiers Bischkek / KGZ

Inspection

January 2023	Inspection Istanbul / TUR
March 2023	Inspection Sofia / BUL
March 2023	Inspection Warsaw / POL
April 2023	Inspection Tiflis / GEO
October 2023	Inspection Athen / GRE
March 2024	Inspection Novi Sad / SRB
September 2024	Inspection Novi Sad / SRB
September 2024	Inspection Cluj-Napoca / ROU

UWW Bureau Working Group "Change of Nationality"

Online Meetings	February 2024
	March 2024 (2x)
	April 2024
Istanbul	May 2024

**VII. Members (Election 2021-2025)**

Karl-Martin DITTMANN	Germany	President
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Betim VRENEZI	North Macedonia	Member
Önder YAKSI	Turkey	Member (coopted)

VIII. Calendar UWW Europe 2025 - 2026**2025**

European Championships U23	10.03.-16.03.2025	Tirana / ALB
European Championships Seniors	07.04.-13.04.2025	Bratislava / SVK
European Championships U17	09.06.-15.06.2025	Skopje / MKD
European Championships U20	30.06.-06.07.2025	no decision (Candidates ITA / POL)
European Championships U15	N.N.	no decision (Candidates BUL / GRE / ITA / MKD)

2026

European Championships U23	09.03.-15.03.2026	no decision (Candidate POL)
European Championships Seniors	20.04.-26.04.2026	no decision
European Championships U17	11.05.-17.05.2026	no decision (Candidates MKD / POL)
European Championships U20	06.07.-12.07.2026	no decision (Candidates ALB / MKD)
European Championships U15	N.N.	no decision

Dortmund, 14.09.2024

Karl-Martin Dittmann
UWW Europe President



UWW Oceania Report

Strategic Development Plan for UWW Oceania Wrestling Region

Vision: Elevating UWW Oceania Wrestling to a globally competitive level, fostering excellence in athletes, coaches, and administrators, and becoming a respected hub for wrestling development by achieving consistent qualification and success at the Olympic Games, and fostering the growth and development of wrestling across the Pacific region.

Mission: To address challenges, secure resources, and foster an environment conducive to athlete development, coaching excellence, and sustainable growth, aiming for significant improvements in rankings and overall performance.

Short Term Goals (2021-2024): Qualifying for and Excelling at 2024 Olympics in Paris

1. Governance and Leadership Enhancement:

- Facilitate new interim elections for the UWW Oceania Council to infuse fresh leadership, accountability, and efficient decision-making processes.
- Strengthen communication channels between national federations, council members, and athletes to enhance unity and strategic alignment.

2. UWW Regional Development Officer (RDO) Re-establishment:

- Re-establish the UWW Regional Development Officer role for Oceania to coordinate development initiatives, provide guidance, and foster collaboration among member nations.
- Advocate for necessary funding and support from UWW for the RDO's activities.

3. Expert Coaching Support:

- Collaborate with UWW to secure assistance in hiring outside expert coaches to work directly with national teams, elevating coaching standards.
- Establish a mentorship program that pairs experienced international coaches with local coaching talent.

Midterm Goals (2025-2028): Qualifying for and Succeeding at 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles

1. Development Grants and National Federation Empowerment:

- Work closely with UWW and international partners to secure development grants for infrastructure enhancement, equipment procurement, and athlete support systems.
- Advocate for sustained financial assistance to economically challenged National Federations, enabling their participation in crucial competitions.

2. Annual UWW Development Camp and Tournament:

- Establish an annual UWW Development Camp and Tournament in the Pacific region, attracting renowned coaches and talented wrestlers from around the world.
- Utilize the event to offer local athletes top-notch training, exposure to international standards, and competitive experience.

3. UWW Oceania Wrestling Academy Exploration:

- Research the feasibility of establishing a UWW Oceania Wrestling Academy, potentially in a strategic location like Fiji, to provide comprehensive training, education, and high-performance support.



Long Term Goals (2029-2033): Qualifying for and Thriving at 2033 Olympics in Brisbane

1. UWW Development and High-Performance Training Center:

- Collaborate with UWW to establish a dedicated UWW Development and High-Performance Training Center in the Pacific, capitalizing on Fiji's advantages.
- Utilize the center for year-round training, international camps, coaching education, and hosting major wrestling events.

2. Talent Identification and Grassroots Development:

- Launch comprehensive talent identification programs targeting schools, communities, and sports clubs to unearth and nurture wrestling potential.
- Establish partnerships with educational institutions to incorporate wrestling programs into the curriculum.

3. Global Exposure and Competitions:

- Develop a competitive calendar encompassing international tournaments, training camps, and exchange programs to expose athletes to diverse wrestling styles and competitors.

Ultimate Goal (2033 and Beyond): Achieving Excellence and Medal-Winning Performance

1. Sports Science Integration and Athlete Welfare:

- Collaborate with sports science experts to integrate advanced technologies into training methods, enhancing performance and injury prevention.
- Implement athlete welfare programs that encompass physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

2. Media and Sponsorship Strategy:

- Develop a comprehensive media and sponsorship strategy to raise awareness of UWW Oceania Wrestling and attract corporate support.
- Utilize success stories and events to generate public interest, financial backing, and increased participation.

3. Continued Legacy and Sustainability:

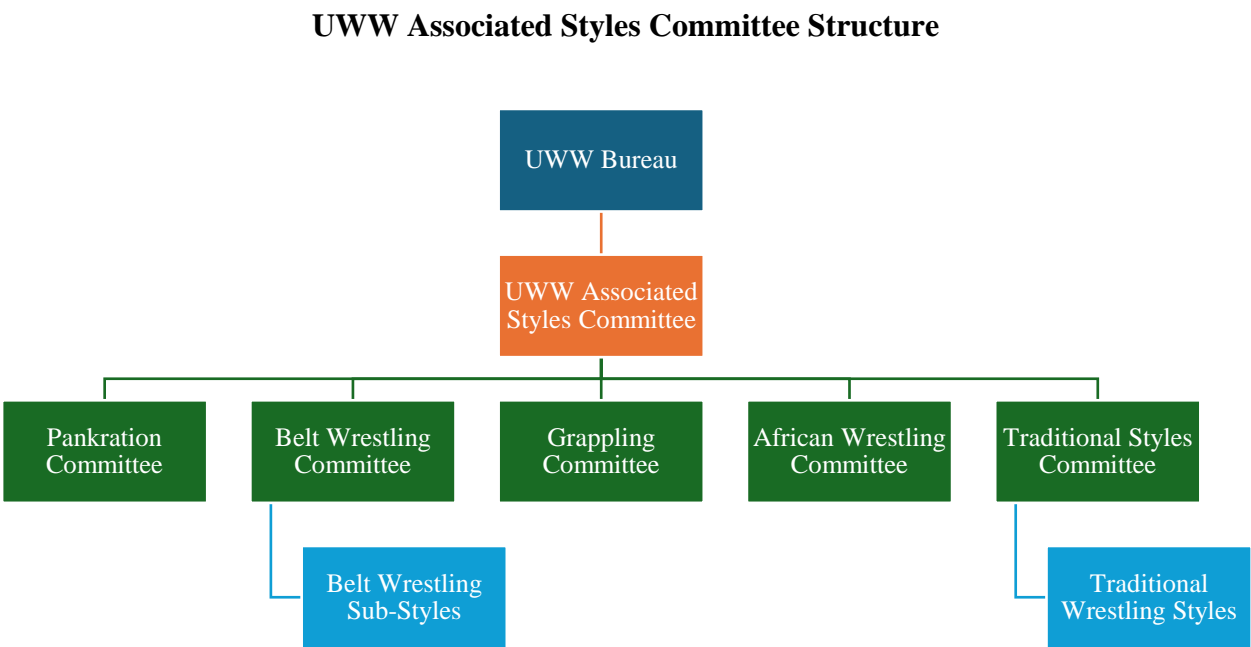
- Establish a legacy program to ensure the continuation of initiatives beyond 2033, promoting wrestling as a lifelong endeavor.
- Foster partnerships with educational institutions to offer specialized courses in wrestling, ensuring the growth of expertise in the sport.

Through diligent execution of this strategic development plan, UWW Oceania Wrestling envisions a future where challenges are addressed, opportunities maximized, and sustained growth results in Olympic success and recognition as a powerhouse in the wrestling world.

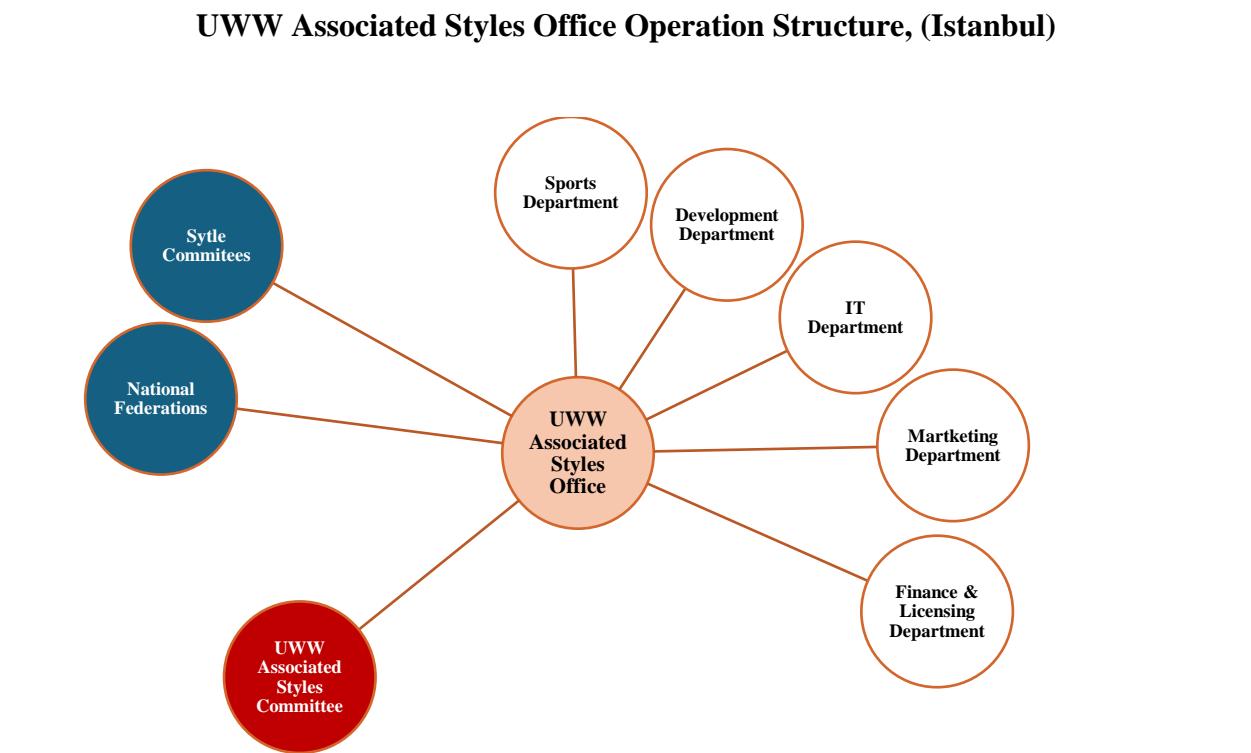
ASSOCIATED STYLES REPORT 2022-2024, by Onur SIMSEK, ASO Manager

The UWW Associated Styles project possess the mission to structure and standardize all associated wrestling styles to the standards of UWW to ensure all sports reach a sufficient level that keeps them ready and updated for further growth and utilization for UWW for various global cooperations, organizations and other advancements to ensure all wrestling is housed under UWW umbrella.

UWW Associated Styles Office operates under UWW Associated Styles Committee led by Bureau Member Mrs. Rodica Maria YAKSI with a members formation representing each style within the committee. UWW Associated Styles Committee reports directly to UWW Bureau.



The UWW Associated Styles Office oversees the management of all associated wrestling styles. The management includes all parts from sports development to competition management. Therefore, Associated Styles Offices operates via collaboration with each department of UWW based on the operation topic.



UWW Associated Styles Project

Mission

- Operates under UWW’s mission to serve as the global umbrella for all forms of wrestling.
- Aims to develop and standardize each associated wrestling style, aligning them with planned objectives and ensuring consistent growth.

UWW Associated Styles Activity Report 2022-2024

1 - New styles under UWW Associated Wrestling Styles umbrella

MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) Agreement

The MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) agreement is a collaborative agreement between the United World Wrestling and the collaborator entity committed to promoting and developing a local/traditional wrestling style. The primary aim of this agreement is to preserve, promote, and integrate various forms of world wrestling within the broader framework of international competitive wrestling.

<u>2022-2024</u>	
Newly Signed:	Mutaraha (United Arab Emirates), Choukhe (I.R Iran)
Extended:	Indian Kushti (India)
Consideration:	Chinese Wrestling (China), Traditional Turkish Wrestling Styles (Turkey)

2 - New Associated Styles Memberships

GER2 (Pankration), FRA (Pankration), TJK2 (All non-Olympic), POL2 (Pankration), CIV2 (Pankration + Grappling), TUR2 (Belt Wrestling, Traditional Wrestling), KGZ3 (Pankration), UZB2 (Pankration + Grappling) KAZ5 (Belt Wrestling) AZE3 (Belt Wrestling, Traditional Wrestling), GEO3 (Qazaq), AFG2 (Belt Wrestling, Traditional Wrestling), IND5 (Qazaq), BAN (All non-Olympic)

3 - Events & Organizations

World Combat Games 2023

World Combat Games took place in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia in October 2023 with participation of 4 styles from UWW including Pankration, Grappling, Belt Wrestling and Greco-Roman Wrestling. World Combat Games, as being one of the major martial arts organizations globally, UWW successfully managed to participate as leading federation with highest athlete numbers within maximum event participation limits.

Alysh	as Belt Wrestling	(16 Female + 24 Male)
Qazaq	as Jacket Wrestling	(16 Female + 24 Male)
Grappling	as Submission Wrestling	(40 Female + 40 Male)
Pankration	as Hybrid Wrestling (Wrestling + Striking)	(40 Female + 40 Male)

Pankration



Grappling



Qazaq



Alysh



Established full gender equality in all styles



Qazak (ITA, KAZ, IRI, NED)



Pankration (UZB, UKR, USA, CAN)



Grappling (ESP, JPN, GER, PHI)



Alysh (TKM, UZB, IRI, KGZ)

2022

Continental Championships

- Europeans: (QK – Baku, Azerbaijan, 27-27 January 2022)
- Asians: (AL – Osh, Kyrgyzstan, 21-23 May 2022)

World Championships

- (QK – Astana, Kazakhstan, 12-13 December 2022)

International Tournaments

- (QK - Yrgyzbay Doskhanauly, Aksuat, Kazakhstan 30 July 2022)

2023

Continental Championships

- Asians: (BELT, AL, QK – Jizzakh, Uzbekistan, 22-24 May 2023)

World Championships

- (PK – Tashkent, Uzbekistan, 2-4 May 2023)

International Tournaments

- (AL – Kyrgyzstan, 14 April 2023)
- (QK - Aksuat, Kazakhstan 01 July 2023)
- (QK – Ushtobe, Kazakstan)

2024

Continental Championships

- Asians: (AL – Nagaland, India, 22-24 November 2024)

World Championships

- (QK – Delhi, December 2024)
- (PK – Tashkent, December 2024)

4. Further Sports Development

Pankration:

- Updated the ruleset to introduce two divisions: semi-contact and full contact, catering to various skill levels.
- Completed the standardization of sports gear to enhance uniformity and safety.

Traditional Wrestling:

- Collaborated with global entities to broaden the traditional wrestling umbrella, with 12 new styles currently under consideration.
- Modified and updated sports rules to maintain relevance and adaptability.
- Established connections with the European Traditional Sports and Games Association (AEJeST) to advance research and digitalization of traditional wrestling.

Belt Wrestling:

- Implemented referee education programs at each event to ensure consistency and uphold high standards.
- Continued efforts to unify sub-styles of belt wrestling, working towards the creation of a standardized, cohesive sport.