



**WRESTLING**  
**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**Zagreb**  
**'25**

**MEDIA GUIDE**



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# 2025 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



Welcome to the 2025 World Championships in Zagreb, Croatia, September 13-21. The competition will be held in the **Arena Zagreb** with 805 wrestlers from over 83 countries eyeing 30 world titles in Freestyle, Greco-Roman and Women's Wrestling.

**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS NUMBERS**

**TOTAL  
WRESTLERS:  
805**

**FREESTYLE:  
307 WRESTLERS**

**GRECO-ROMAN:  
293 WRESTLERS**

**WOMEN'S WRESTLING:  
205 WRESTLERS**

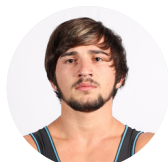
# 10 YOUNGEST WRESTLERS IN ZAGREB\*



**WW 59kg**  
**Hiunai HURBANOVA (AZE)**  
17 years, 10 months, 19 days



**WW 57kg**  
**TAPSYA (IND)**  
18 years, 9 months, 25 days



**GR 55kg**  
**Vakhtang LOLUA (GEO)**  
18 years, 1 month, 20 days



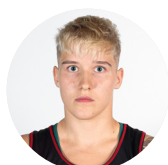
**GR 55kg**  
**Anil MOR (IND)**  
18 years, 10 months



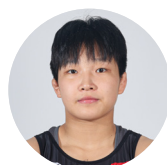
**WW 65kg**  
**Beyza Nur AKKUS (TUR)**  
18 years, 4 months, 11 days



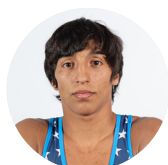
**FS 61kg**  
**Jaxen FORREST (USA)**  
18 years, 11 months



**WW 76kg**  
**Auguste GENDVILAITE (LTU)**  
18 years, 5 months, 21 days



**WW 59kg**  
**Yuqi LIU (CHN)**  
18 years, 11 months, 15 days



**GR 55kg**  
**Jayden RANEY (USA)**  
18 years, 6 months, 12 days



**WW 50kg**  
**Yu ZHANG (CHN)**  
18 years, 11 months, 20 days



**WW 53kg**  
**Jin ZHANG (CHN)**  
18 years, 11 months, 20 days

\* 11 as Yu and Jin are twins

# 10 OLDEST WRESTLERS IN ZAGREB



**GR 97kg**  
**Eduard BABENOSHEV (TJK)**  
41 years, 8 months, 7 days



**GR 97kg**  
**Artur OMAROV (CZE)**  
37 years, 1 month, 2 days



**GR 63kg**  
**Marat GARIPOV (BRA)**  
40 years, 11 months, 27 days



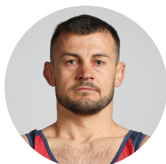
**WW 53kg**  
**Roksana ZASINA (POL)**  
37 years, 1 month, 10 days



**GR 130kg**  
**Heiki NABI (EST)**  
40 years, 3 months, 7 days



**WW 50kg**  
**Kamila BARBOSA (BRA)**  
37 years



**FS 79kg**  
**Dejan MITROV (MKD)**  
38 years, 3 months, 7 days



**GR 63kg**  
**Ivan LIZATOVIC (CRO)**  
36 years, 9 months, 22 days



**WW 55kg**  
**Oleksandra KOGUT (AUT)**  
37 years, 9 months, 4 days



**WW 55kg**  
**Zulfiya YAKHYAROVA (KAZ)**  
36 years, 3 months, 8 days

# SCHEDULE

## WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (FS/WW/GR) ZAGREB (CRO), 13-21.09.2025

1.09: Arrival of the delegations / Monday 22.09: Departure of the delegations

Freestyle Women Wrestling Greco-Roman

Su 14.09	Mo 15.09	Tu 16.09	We 17.09	Th 18.09	Fr 19.09	Sa 20.09	Su 21.09
II Weigh-in FS 61-70-86-125kg I Medical examination & weigh-in FS 57-74-79-92kg	II Weigh-in FS 57-74-79-92kg I Medical examination & weigh-in FS 65-97 kg I Medical examination & weigh-in WW 55-59kg	II Weigh-in FS 65-97 kg II Weigh-in WW 55-59 kg I Medical examination & weigh-in WW 50-57-65-76kg	II Weigh-in WW 50-57-65-76kg I Medical examination & weigh-in WW 53-62-68-72kg	II Weigh-in WW 53-62-68-72kg I Medical examination & weigh-in GR 55-77-82-130kg	II Weigh-in GR 55-77-82-130kg I Medical examination & weigh-in GR 60-72-97kg	II Weigh-in GR 60-72-97kg I Medical examination & weigh-in GR 63-67-87kg	II Weigh-in GR 63-67-87kg
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For the detailed competition schedule, including specific weight categories and wrestling styles, please refer to the official event website or the UWW app. The schedule will also be available at the media center.

# VENUE



# VENUE ZONES

- 1** FOP (Field of Play)
- 2** Athlete's Preparation Area
- 3** Weigh-in
- 4** Delegation Seating
- 5** Referees Room
- 6** NF Official Seating
- 7** Press/Media Areas
- 8** VIP Lounge
- 9** UWW Seating

## YOU ARE HERE

- Press/Media enter through the Accreditation Office or Spectators' entrance
- Wrestlers **not competing** today use the **training area** located on the **Lower Ground Floor**
- CRO VIP** guests access the VIP area on the second floor by entering on the **first floor** through the **spectator stands**.

- Predstavnici medija/novinari ulaze kroz Ured za akreditacije ili ulaz za gledatelje
- Hrvači koji danas ne nastupaju koriste prostor za trening, koji se nalazi na donjoj etaži
- CRO VIP gosti pristupaju VIP zoni na drugom katu ulaskom na prvi kat pa dizalom na drugi kat.



### OFFICIAL WEBSITE

Scan the QR code on the left to find all information related to the competition.

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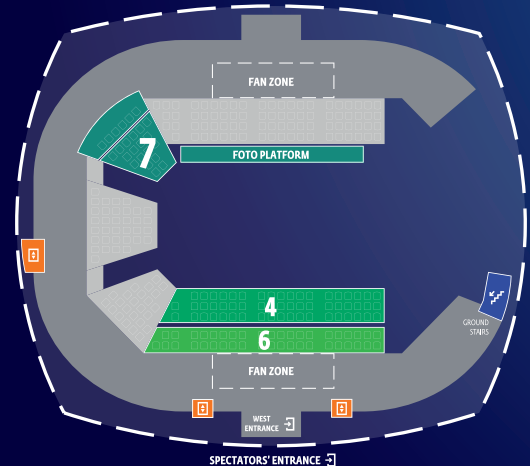
### TRANSPORT SCHEDULES

Scan the QR code on the left to visit the transportation page on the official website.

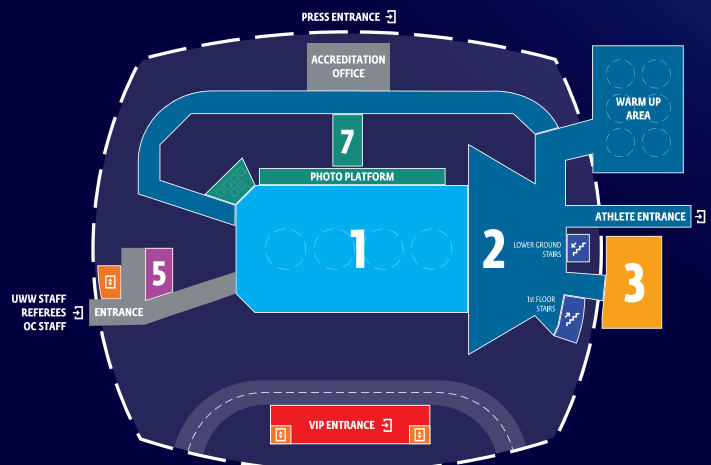
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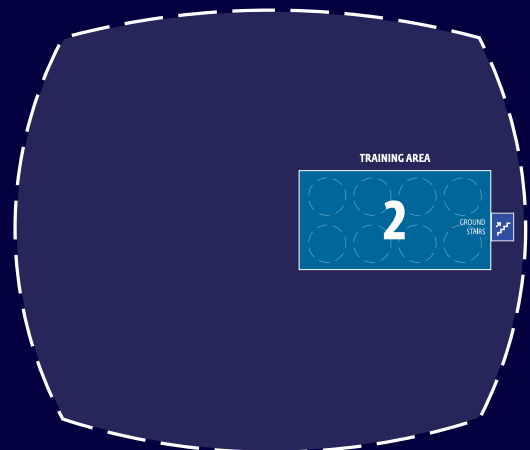
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# PRESS CONFERENCE



**The opening press conference for the 2025 World Championships will be held at:**

The Westin Zagreb  
Krsnjavoga 1 10000  
Zagreb, Croatia

**Friday, September 12, at 15:00 hours on the 17th floor.**

**The attendees will include:**

- Nenad LALOVIC, President of United World Wrestling
- Vladimir BREGOVIĆ, President of the Croatian Wrestling Federation
- Akhmed TAZHUDINOV, Olympic and World Champion
- Amir Hossein ZARE, World Champion
- Ivan HUKLEK, Croatia wreslers

\* Please note that the participation of the athletes is subject to change.

# MEDIA CENTER



The media center is located on the 1st floor at the Arena Zagreb and will be operational September 13-21, from 8:30-23:00.

**Access will be available to accredited media only. The facilities include:**

- Working space, including power outlets and complimentary WiFi
- Complimentary tea and coffee station
- Access to the Mixed Zone
- TV and printers

## MIXED ZONE

The press mixed zone is located adjacent to the Media Center inside the Arena Zagreb. Only accredited press will be allowed including TV Rights Holders, Non-TV Rights Holders, Print journalists, NF Media and Photographers.

## WARM-UP AREA

The warm-up room is off-limits to all media members, except those with NF Media credentials. United World Wrestling reserves the right to revoke the accreditation of any media member who enters the warm-up room without written permission.

# ENTRIES AND SEEDS



UWW released the entries and seeds for all 30 weight classes. The wrestlers have been seeded according to the points accumulated at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, 2024 Non-Olympic Weight World Championships, 2025 continental championships and 2025 Ranking Series tournaments.

## [UWW RANKING AND SEED RULES](#)

# FREESTYLE SEEDS


Chermen Valiev (ALB)  
defeats Zaurbek Sidakov (UWW)

The Freestyle competition will kick off the World Championships on September 13. More 300 wrestlers are entered for the World Championships.

**For entries and seeds for all 10 Freestyle weight classes, click below:**

<a href="#">57kg Seeds</a>	<a href="#">61kg Seeds</a>
<a href="#">65kg Seeds</a>	<a href="#">70kg Seeds</a>
<a href="#">74kg Seeds</a>	<a href="#">79kg Seeds</a>
<a href="#">86kg Seeds</a>	<a href="#">92kg Seeds</a>
<a href="#">97kg Seeds</a>	<a href="#">125kg Seeds</a>

# WOMEN'S WRESTLING SEEDS



Annika Wendle (GER)  
defeats Zeynep Yetgil (TUR)

Women's Wrestling competition will be held from September 15 to 18 in Zagreb. More than 200 wrestlers are expected to compete at the World Championships

**For entries and seeds for all 10 Women's Wrestling weight classes, click below:**

[50kg Seeds](#)    [53kg Seeds](#)

[55kg Seeds](#)    [57kg Seeds](#)

[59kg Seeds](#)    [62kg Seeds](#)

[65kg Seeds](#)    [68kg Seeds](#)

[72kg Seeds](#)    [76kg Seeds](#)

# GRECO-ROMAN SEEDS



Hasrat Jafarov (AZE)  
defeats Valentin Petic (MDA)

Greco-Roman competition will be held September 18 to 21 with close to 300 wrestlers competing in 10 weight classes.

**For entries and seeds for all 10 Greco-Roman weight classes, click below:**

[55kg Seeds](#)    [60kg Seeds](#)

[63kg Seeds](#)    [67kg Seeds](#)

[72kg Seeds](#)    [77kg Seeds](#)

[82kg Seeds](#)    [87kg Seeds](#)

[97kg Seeds](#)    [130kg Seeds](#)

# FREESTYLE PREVIEW



Akhmed TAZHUDINOV (BRN)

With Paris Olympics and World medalists bound for Zagreb, the Freestyle competition will be a thrilling one at the World Championships.

Olympic champion **Akhmed TAZHUDINOV (BRN)** at 97kg and **Kotaro KIYOOKA (JPN)** highlight the style. Four silver medalists are also entered.

**Please download the full preview of Freestyle with the link below:**

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Kotaro KIYOOKA (JPN)



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# WOMEN'S WRESTLING PREVIEW



Sakura MOTOKI (JPN)

While only one Olympic champion from Paris, **Sakura MOTOKI (JPN)** is entered for Zagreb, a host of world champions are looking to add more silverware to their names.

Japan is sending a strong team but Ukraine, China, and the United States too are formidable.

[READ THE WOMEN'S WRESTLING PREVIEW HERE](#)

# GRECO-ROMAN PREVIEW



Nihat MAMMADLI (AZE)

Azerbaijan and Iran will go for a full-fledged battle for the team title. Azerbaijan has not finished out of top three since 2019 and is bring its top squad. Iran has a number of Olympic and world medalists to regain number one position.

[READ THE GRECO-ROMAN PREVIEW HERE](#)

# UWW'S WORLD CONFERENCE

UWW set to host first World Conference, September 17–19, 2025 **Mijaín LÓPEZ (CUB)**, alongside fellow Olympic legends **Erica WIEBE (CAN)**, **Arsen JULFALAKYAN (ARM)**, **Sofia MATTSSON (SWE)** and **Marwa AMRI (TUN)**, will headline the first edition of UWW's World Conference, to be held at The Westin Zagreb from September 17–19.

The three-day conference will bring together leaders from National Federations, members of UWW Commissions, and representatives of the International Olympic Committee, the International Testing Agency (ITA), RUDIS, TaiShan and other partners to exchange expertise, address key challenges, and chart the future development of wrestling worldwide.

**Please find the detailed agenda attached.**

[UWW WORLD CONFERENCE](#)

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## USEFUL LINKS

[RESULTS AND MORE](#) – You can find all results, entries, draws and live match order

MEDIA WHATSAPP GROUP - Scan to join official media WhatsApp group for World Championships

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