

UWW DISCIPLINARY CHAMBER

DECISION

Case:

United World Wrestling (UWW)

v.

Mr. Aykhan Asadli (Wrestler, Azerbaijan Wrestling Federation)

Sole Member:

Mr Beltcho Goranov

I. Introduction

1. This is the final Decision of the UWW Disciplinary Chamber in the case between United World Wrestling (“UWW”) and Mr. Aykhan Asadli regarding violations arising under the Disciplinary Procedure & Dispute Resolution Regulations (“Disciplinary Regulations”) and other relevant UWW rules.
2. United World Wrestling (UWW) is the international governing body for the sport of wrestling, located in Corsier-sur-Vevey, Switzerland.
3. Mr. Aykhan Asadli is registered as a wrestler (GR 55 kg – AZE – U17), and in this capacity, is subject to UWW jurisdiction and obligated to comply with all applicable UWW rules and regulations.

II. Context and Facts

4. On 9 May 2025, during match number 26 of the 1/4 finals at the U17 European Championship in Skopje, North Macedonia, Mr. Asadli was observed by the officiating team to have bitten his opponent.
5. The incident was immediately reported by the mat officials, documented in the referee’s report, and further confirmed by available video evidence.
6. As a result of this conduct, Mr. Asadli received a red card and was disqualified from the bout. The case was thereafter referred for disciplinary proceedings by the UWW Disciplinary Chamber.

III. Applicable Rules

7. A review of the facts establishes a case for violations of the following provisions:

UWW Wrestling Rules:

Article 47: General Prohibitions (prohibiting acts of brutality and intentional injury)

Article 50: Illegal Holds (strictly prohibiting biting)

Article 51: Special Prohibitions (sanctioning unsportsmanlike conduct and brutality)

UWW Medical Regulations:

Article 5.2: Medical Interventions (subject to disciplinary proceedings for illegal injury).

Disciplinary Procedure & Dispute Resolution Regulations:

Article 9.2 d: Assault (providing for suspension from international competitions for 1 month to 3 years, and fines for physical assault).

IV. Proceedings and Right to be Heard

8. Mr. Asadli was duly notified of the commencement of disciplinary proceedings by letter dated 8 July 2025 and invited to submit a written statement of defense and any supporting evidence by 23 July 2025, with full procedural rights to representation.
9. No response or statement of defence was received by the athlete within the deadline, nor after it.

V. Reasoning and Application of Sanctions

10. The chamber has carefully considered the facts, the applicable regulations, and the seriousness of the violation.
11. Mr. Asadli's act of biting an opponent constitutes a clear and serious breach of UWW Wrestling Rules prohibiting brutality and unsportsmanlike conduct, and falls under "assault" as defined under Article 9.2 d of the Disciplinary Rules.
12. The conduct is aggravated not only by its violent nature but also by the direct, unsportsmanlike impact on the safety and integrity of the bout and UWW competitions.
13. According to Article 9.2 d, for assault (here, physical), a suspension of between 1 month and 3 years is mandated, with a possible fine of CHF 1,000 to CHF 10,000.
14. Upon review, an appropriate sanction in view of the athlete's age, the specific circumstances, and the need for both deterrence and pedagogy is a suspension from all UWW-sanctioned competitions for a period of 3 months from the date of the violation (9 May 2025) and a fine of CHF 3,000. The financial penalty is commensurate with the gravity of the offence, within the prescribed regulatory range.

VI. Decision

15. For the above reasons, the UWW Disciplinary Chamber, ruling based on the facts, applicable regulations, and any submissions received, decides as follows:

- i. Finds that Mr. Aykhan Asadli has violated Article 47, Article 50, and Article 51 of the UWW Wrestling Rules; Article 5.2 of the UWW Medical Regulations; and Article 9.2 d of the Disciplinary Procedure & Dispute Resolution Regulations through his conduct during the 2025 U17 European Championship.
- ii. Imposes a suspension on Mr. Aykhan Asadli from all UWW-sanctioned competitions for three (3) months effective from 9 May 2025, until 8 August 2025 included.
- iii. Imposes a financial penalty of CHF 3,000 (Three thousand Swiss Francs) on Mr. Aykhan Asadli, to be invoiced to his national federation, which stands liable for this penalty.

VII. Right to Appeal

16. The conditions for appeal are specified in the UWW Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Regulations.

This decision is notified to Mr. Mr. Aykhan Asadli in accordance with the applicable procedures.



Beltcho Goranov
Sole Member
Chairman of the UWW Disciplinary Chamber

Sofia, 3 September 2025