

UWW DISCIPLINARY CHAMBER

DECISION

Case:

United World Wrestling (UWW)

v.

Mr Alireza Dabir (President, I.R.I 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 Alireza Dabir relating to a violation arising from the Disciplinary Procedure & Dispute Resolution Regulations (“Disciplinary Regulations”) and other relevant rules.
2. United World Wrestling (UWW) is the governing body for the sport of Wrestling. It is based in Corsier-sur-Vevey, Switzerland.
3. Mr Alireza Dabir is the President of the I.R.I Amateur Wrestling Federation. He is also a member of the Asian Continental Council, UWW-Asia and a member of the UWW Technical Commission.
4. In these capacities, he is subject to the jurisdiction of UWW and bound to comply with all Regulations, rules, directives and decisions.

II. Context and facts

5. Mr. Alireza Dabir, President of the I.R.I. Wrestling Federation, a newly elected Vice-President of UWW-Asia and a member of the UWW Technical Commission, was notified by email on April 11, 2025, of the commencement of disciplinary proceedings against him for violations of the UWW Rules and Regulations.
6. The alleged facts occurred during the 2025 Senior Asian Championship in Amman (JOR). While seated in the public stands under a “Coach” accreditation, despite being the President of the IRI Wrestling Federation and a newly elected Vice-President of UWW-Asia, Mr. Dabir came to the field of play.

7. On the field of play, he started a vehement protest, pointing fingers at the referees, shouting around at referee delegates, technical delegate and secretary general.
8. According to his own opinion as reported in the notice, Mr. Dabir believed that the mat chairman had not called passivity against the opponent of his wrestler several times, which could have caused, according to him, his wrestler losing the match. He made serious allegations that the calls for passivity were made intentionally only against his athlete.
9. The Refereeing Delegate reported on this incident to the UWW Administration. This report was forwarded to the Chairman of the Disciplinary Chamber for review, who decided to bring this forward as a violation of the UWW rules and regulations, thus commencing the present proceedings.

III. Applicable rules

10. The review of these facts determined that Mr. Dabir had a case to answer for a violation of several provisions.
11. These violations relate to the *Rules of Conduct in UWW Events and Olympic Games*, in particular the chapter “Code of conduct”, introduction and paragraph 4 and 5, as well as article 4 and 7.2 of the *Disciplinary Procedure and Dispute Resolution Regulations*.
12. The UWW *Rules of Conduct in UWW Events and Olympic Games* include rules of conduct that emphasize that the conduct of all participants at all levels is vital to ensuring the success of UWW events and giving the sport the reputation it deserves.
13. This Code of Conduct notably states that participants agree to behave with dignity and respectfully towards all UWW Bureau members as well as UWW officials, staff, consultants, and sponsors.
14. Any member of an affiliated or associated Federation who does not respect these regulations will be subject to disciplinary measures pursuant to the applicable regulations.

IV. Proceedings and right to be heard

15. In accordance with his procedural rights, Mr. Dabir was informed that he could exercise his right to be heard by presenting his case and submitting a written statement of defense before the matter was forwarded to the UWW Disciplinary Chamber for a decision.
16. He was requested to forward his answer no later than April 26, 2025.
17. A response from Mr. Dabir was received on April 16, 2025 where he expressed regret if his conduct caused offense while asserting his intention to support justice and the rights of his wrestlers. He mentioned concerns about refereeing and requested that the case be closed.

V. Reasoning and Application of Sanctions

18. The Sole member of the UWW Disciplinary Chamber has carefully considered the reported facts, the applicable rules and the defendant’s statement.

19. Mr. Dabir's behaviour, consisting of entering the field of play to protest vehemently, pointing fingers and shouting at officials, constitutes a clear failure to meet the requirements of dignity and respect towards UWW officials, as stipulated in the *Rules of Conduct in UWW Events and Olympic Games*.
20. Such behaviour from an accredited person, particularly one holding significant positions within the wrestling community (National Federation President, UWW-Asia Vice-President, UWW Technical Commission member), is especially detrimental to the sport's reputation and the interests of UWW.
21. Mr. Dabir's actions on the field of play can be qualified as impropriety within the meaning of Article 7.2 (b) of the Disciplinary Rules. This article specifically provides for sanctions against officials or coaches found guilty of impropriety and/or assault (verbal and/or physical).
22. Applicable sanctions for such a violation by an official include suspension from accreditation at UWW events for a period of 1 month to 3 years and a fine of CHF 1,000 to CHF 20,000.
23. Furthermore, more general sanctions for acts, behaviour, or declarations that may harm the reputation and interests of the Federation, its bodies, or employees are provided under Article 4. These include warning, reprimand, suspension, and exclusion, with the possibility of additional fines in certain cases. Article 6 provides sanctions applicable to members of affiliated Federations, including warning, reprimand, a fine (up to CHF 100,000), suspension, etc.
24. Mr. Dabir's behaviour, while constituting a serious breach of the rules of conduct, does not, based on the reported facts, appear to warrant a suspension at this stage, but merits a formal sanction.
25. A **reprimand** is an appropriate sanction to formally mark disapproval of the behaviour without imposing an immediate prohibition from participation.
26. Article 7.2(b) mandates the imposition of a fine in case of impropriety by an official or coach. The required fine of **2,000 CHF** falls within the range provided by this article (1,000 to 20,000 CHF) and also within the general range applicable to members (up to 100,000 CHF).
27. The fine of 2,000 CHF is considered a proportionate and lenient financial penalty for the seriousness of the facts, reflecting the violation of conduct rules by a person in a position of responsibility, while acknowledging that it is not at the upper end of behaviour sanctionable by a fine.

VI. Decision

28. For these reasons, the UWW Disciplinary Chamber, ruling on the basis of the facts, the applicable rules, and the statement submitted by Mr. Dabir, decides as follows:
 - i. Find that Mr. Alireza Dabir has violated Article 9(d) of the Regulations for the International Refereeing Body, Article 16 of the International Wrestling Rules, and Article 8.1(b) of the Disciplinary Procedure & Dispute Resolution Regulations through his behaviour during the 2025 Senior Asian Championship in Amman.
 - ii. Issue a **reprimand** to Mr. Alireza Dabir for his behaviour.
 - iii. Impose a financial penalty of CHF 2,000 (Two thousand Swiss Francs) on Mr. Alireza Dabir.

VII. Right to Appeal

The conditions to appeal against this decision are described in the Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Regulations.

This decision is notified to Mr. Alireza Dabir in accordance with the applicable procedures.



Beltcho Goranov
Sole Member
Chairman of the UWW Disciplinary Chamber

Sofia, 7th May 2025