



UNITED WORLD
WRESTLING

**GENERAL REGULATIONS
FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS
AND
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS**





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CHAPTER 1 - GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Article 1 - Purpose of the regulations

- Having been established in accordance with the provisions of the United World Wrestling Constitution,
- Considering the Financial Regulations,
- Considering the Regulations of the International Officiating Body,
- Considering the Disciplinary Regulations,
- Considering the Regulations Governing Distinctions of the United World Wrestling,

The purpose of these Regulations is, among other things:

- to establish the general conditions for the material, technical and financial organisation of international contests, as well as the conditions for their development;
- to determine the obligations, formalities, costs and requirements relating to the Olympic Games, World Championships and Cups, Continental Championships, Cups and Games, Regional Championships, Ranking Series and international tournaments;
- to stipulate the duties and responsibilities of the organising Federations or nations;
- to establish the role of the United World Wrestling;
- to establish the technical and administrative rules of operation required for the contests;
- to determine the conditions for the formal ceremonies, etc.

Other particular requirements mentioned in the United World Wrestling document specific to each competition must also be considered.

Article 2 - Basic regulations

Every Championship or international competition is organised under the obligatory control of the United World Wrestling and must be held in accordance with the international technical Rules of Wrestling. This also applies to the rules and regulations for United World Wrestling's non-Olympic styles, which include, but are not limited to, Beach Wrestling, Grappling, Pankration, Amateur MMA, and others.

The terms and conditions of organisation are laid down:

- a. According to the agreements and undertakings entered into between the participating countries, in the case of international meets or tournaments.
- b. According to the special provisions set out below in the case of the Olympic Games, World Championships and Cups, Continental Championships, Cups and Games and Regional Games and Regional Championships, Ranking Series.

Article 3 - Participants

All athletes participating in a United World Wrestling international competition (championship or tournament) must have a United World Wrestling licence card valid for the current year.

Only duly affiliated countries or recognized associated members or associations having an agreement with United World Wrestling, are entitled to participate in contests of any nature organised under the supervision of the United World Wrestling, provided that they have discharged all their obligations towards the United World Wrestling laid down in the Financial Regulations, whilst also meeting the conditions in the United World Wrestling Constitution.



Article 4 - United World Wrestling supervision procedure

The United World Wrestling supervision is carried out by adopting the various procedures set out below:

- a. Establishment of the international calendar and supervision of its application.

All international competitions with more than 5 participating countries must be entered in the calendar. The form for the Organization of International Tournament must be return to the United World Wrestling Sports Department, by the 1st of November of the previous year.

- b. Notification, given to United World Wrestling by the organisers, three months in advance, of the specific information and schedule of the competition, and issue in the following week of the records and results of the said contests, for approval.
- c. Appointing of international judges and referees under the conditions set out in the Regulations of the international officiating body.
- d. Appointing of United World Wrestling officials entrusted, according to the nature of the events, with the tasks of:
 - checking whether all the measures required for good organisation have been taken
 - performing the specific or precise technical functions
 - providing the organisers with aid and assistance
- e. Implementation, where appropriate, of the provisions of the Disciplinary and Financial Regulations.

Article 5 - Responsibilities

The National Federation of the organising country shall bear all the costs of practical and financial organisation of the contests and shall remain solely responsible to the United World Wrestling, which shall assume no financial obligation in respect of the said contests.

Moreover, the United World Wrestling, like any National Federation organising a wrestling competition, whether official or friendly, shall assume absolutely no liability in the event of a purely sporting accident involving any participant, and each leader must be insured for this eventuality, by its own organisation in its own country, with cover for all risks that may be incurred abroad during travel and participation.

It is however pointed out that athletes of all age group, who have their license cards, valid for the current year, are insured by United World Wrestling, according to the conditions mentioned in the certificate sent each year to all National Federations.

In addition, the United World Wrestling declines all responsibility in case of injury, in case of riot or any disaster which occurred during the competition. Consequently, the organiser must send, attached to his bidding file, a certificate from the Insurance Company which is covering the event, as well as a copy of the insurance contract covering the civil liability of the organizer.

After examination of the provisions stipulated in the contract, the United World Wrestling reserves the right to require the modification of the guarantees offered by this insurance contract. In the event of a refusal from the organising Federation to satisfy these requirements or if it is impossible, United World Wrestling might even withdraw the organisation of this event to the National Federation.

Article 6 - Guarantees required from the organising country

Any official wrestling event held under United World Wrestling supervision implies on the part of the organising National Federation:



- a. Compliance with requirements for the organization of United World Wrestling championships and international competitions and with the technical and financial regulations of the United World Wrestling relating to each competition.
- b. Within the limits of its competence, the guarantee of obtaining visas which may be required in respect of all Federations duly affiliated to the United World Wrestling. Sanctions will be imposed on the organizer in cases where the visas are ultimately not delivered while these guarantees by the authorities were obtained.
- c. Providing the United World Wrestling with a certificate issued by the governmental authority of the country concerned, guaranteeing all Federations affiliated to the United World Wrestling identical participation conditions (representation, flag, national anthem, etc.)
- d. A bidding fee of 500 Swiss Francs will be asked with the bidding document. This fee will remain at United World Wrestling even if the event is not allocated to the candidate. The candidacy will be confirmed as soon as this fee will be paid.
- e. Respect for the agreements made.
- f. Sending the United World Wrestling before the event, copy of the insurance contract for the venue and facilities and copy of civil liability insurance contract.
- g. Ensuring the discipline and security within the sport hall and seeing to the implementation of these obligations.

Any change of venue and/or city announced less than six months before the start of the competition will be subject to a fine of CHF 10,000. This fine will not prevent United World Wrestling from sending an inspector to assess the new organizational conditions.

Article 7 - General measures

In any international competition, it is essential to adhere to the following rules of conduct:

- a. Only officials on duty may stand around the mats, together with the coach and the second of each of the competitors present;
- b. Special places must be reserved in the wrestling hall for the competitors and officials who are not on duty, to ensure that their presence in no way inconveniences or interferes with the contest judges and officials;
- c. A special place must also be reserved in the hall for the members of the United World Wrestling Bureau attending the competition.
- d. A special place situated behind the place reserved for the United World Wrestling Bureau members must be reserved for United World Wrestling guests and VIP.



CHAPTER 2 - INTERNATIONAL CONTESTS AND TOURNAMENTS

Article 8 - Definition

The following are considered international contests and tournaments placed under the supervision of the United World Wrestling, subject to the provisions of the general principles referred to in Articles 2 a), 3, 4, 6 and 7 above:

- friendly meets between national teams
- any individual or team competition in which more than 5 countries are participating
- matches between foreign clubs agreed to by their respective National Federations
- international tournaments arranged on the initiative of one or other of the countries participating
- challenges, cups, etc., for which competitions are arranged between National Federations or foreign clubs, on the initiative of one or other of them
- regional competitions and championships organised between National Federations of the same region, on the initiative of one of them

Article 9 - Forms and organisation

It must be borne in mind, however, that in any international contest or tournament, the bouts must be fought in accordance with the international technical rules of wrestling, the conditions for participation, the entry conditions, the contest forms, the composition of the teams, weight and age categories, styles, classification, awards and other formal ceremonies shall, provided that non peculiarity contrary to the Regulations is foreseen, and subject to the provisions of Articles 10 to 15 below, remain the responsibility of the organisers, who are urged to adhere to the Regulations laid down in Part Two below.

Article 10 - Organisation fees

In accordance with the provisions of the Financial Regulations, the Federations organising all international contests or tournaments must pay the United World Wrestling the appropriate fees.

Article 11 - United World Wrestling supervision

For all international contests in which more than five countries participate, the contests must be included in the United World Wrestling Calendar and placed under the direct supervision of the United World Wrestling. For this purpose, the United World Wrestling shall be represented at such contests by a judge/referee appointed by it.

In the case of a meet between less than six countries, the United World Wrestling will not delegate any referee unless the Federations concerned specifically request this (apart from Continental Club Champion Cups).

Article 12 - Officiating obligations

In pursuance of the Regulations of the international officiating body, a referee, who must necessarily be appointed by the United World Wrestling when finally establishing the international calendar, must officiate at all international contests or tournaments involving three or more countries. He will be responsible for all the Refereeing matters during the event. He must also check the licence of the athletes.



In the case of contests which are not included in the calendar - for any reason whatever - the organisers must request the United World Wrestling in writing to delegate the referee required in the above articles, at least three months before the said contests (which period is reduced to two months in the case of a meet between two countries).

Article 13 - Financial obligations

Irrespective of the financial conditions peculiar to each international contest or tournament arranged by the organisers, the latter must:

- ensure that the United World Wrestling is paid the fees provided for in the Financial Regulations
- bear the travelling and accommodation expenses of the assigned referee, from his home to the competition venue and back and bear the visa and accommodation expenses of the referee assigned
- pay the above-mentioned referee, in a convertible currency, an allowance for representation costs, fixed by the Financial Regulations, for the duration of the contests, including 48 hours before and 24 hours after the competition
- the travel vouchers for the referee concerned must be sent to him one month before the competition by the organiser
- in agreement with the organizing National Federation the travel cost may be reimbursed to the referee on spot, upon documentary evidence.

Article 14 - Administrative obligations

Irrespective of their obligatory entry in the international calendar, Federations organising competitions or international tournaments must:

- a. forward the draft Regulations, the specific information and program to United World Wrestling 3 months prior to the competition in order to be controlled and published on the website.
- b. forward to the United World Wrestling Secretariat, immediately after completion of the competition, the results of the said competitions for official recognition.

Article 15 - Duties of the organisers and participants

If the rule of conduct of international meets, tournaments and international challenges has been agreed between several National Federations, a close link must be established between the Federations concerned to ensure the best preparation for, and best execution of, the planned contest.

For their part, the participating Federations must provide the organiser with all the information requested both on the composition of the teams: surnames, Christian names, qualification and awards won by the athletes and officials, and on the anticipated dates of arrival and departure. This information must be supplied at least one month before the agreed date of the event.

However, the obligations undertaken by all the parties should be strictly adhered to in all aspects so that the best possible terms of friendship can be established, and so that the sport of wrestling can be promoted in the desired manner.



The United World Wrestling must be notified of any difficulties or disputes which may arise between the organisers and participants by the organizing National Federation, the assigned referee or the team leader and may, if necessary, give rise to the application of the Disciplinary Regulations.

CHAPTER 3 - OLYMPIC GAMES - CONTINENTAL AND REGIONAL GAMES - WORLD AND CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND CUPS - RANKING SERIES

Article 16 - Frequency

With a view to rationalising and stabilising the competition system at world and continental level, the frequency of the major competitions organised under United World Wrestling's responsibility is established as follows, in the three styles (FS, GR, WW):

U15 Continental Championships	each year
U17 Continental Championships	each year
U17 World Championships	each year
U20 Continental Championships	each year
U20 World Championships	each year
Senior U23 Continental Championships	each year (upon request)
Senior U23 World Championships	each year
Senior Continental Championships	each year
Senior World Championships	each year (except the Olympic Year)
Veterans World Championships (FS & GR)	each year
Ranking Series	each year
Senior World Cups	each year
Challenge matches	depending on the interest of the National Federations each year

NB For the Olympic Games, general matters will be settled according to the Olympic Charter. For Continental and Regional Games, matters will be settled according to their specific Regulations.

For the non-Olympic and associated styles, United World Wrestling aims to promote and organize various championships as opportunities arise and on a regular basis. In addition, it is specified that Championships are assigned for the simultaneous organization of the three Olympic wrestling styles and, if desired by the organiser, one or more of the other associated wrestling styles.

Article 17 - Bidding applications

The National Wrestling Federation interested in organising any competition mentioned in article 16 must submit its application to United World Wrestling between three and four year in advance and must undertake



to apply and comply with the clauses of a contract All the supporting documents must be attached to the official form for the evaluation of the candidacy.

Only bidding applications duly completed by countries subscribing to, and complying with, the provisions of Articles 3, 5 and 6 above in particular, shall be accepted. A candidacy is considered officially submitted only after payment of the bidding fee.

The Requirements for organization of each event are available on the United World Wrestling website.

Article 18 - Acceptance of candidatures

General principle:

Before any competition mentioned in article 16 can be attributed, one or several inspections of the material conditions proposed at the competition venue, of the geographical situation in relation to the nearest airport, of the accommodation, of the transport and of the possibilities of television coverage of the event and of production of the international feed and transmission will be carried out by a commission of experts delegated of the United World Wrestling Bureau. It must be pointed out that the inspectors will check the implementation of the specific requirements concerning each competition.

For World Championships, World Cups, Continental Championships:

- The decision to allocate the competition will be taken after a comparative study of all the candidature files and the inspection reports
- Acceptance of the candidatures submitted falls within the competence of the United World Wrestling Executive Committee. The United World Wrestling Executive Committee will decide who will host the competitions after having carefully studied the candidate files.
- The candidate file must be signed by the President of the candidate National Federation, as well as by the national sporting authority of the country concerned, accompanied by a statement from the government guaranteeing that visas will be issued to all the member countries of the United World Wrestling.
- The United World Wrestling Bureau will inform all stakeholders of the choice of organisers of future Championships

Exceptional measures:

- If due to a lack of applications or insufficient guarantees, the United World Wrestling Executive Committee has been unable to make a decision on the World Championships and Cups and Continental Championships, the United World Wrestling it is authorized to take all necessary decisions in this regard, in accordance with the Constitution.

Article 19 - Championship presidency

The United World Wrestling President or his deputy shall provide for the presidency of the wrestling contests at the Olympic Games, Continental Games, Regional Games, World and Continental Championships, World Cups.

Article 20 - Contest management

The United World Wrestling Bureau shall manage and administer official contests organised under its effective supervision. For this purpose, the President shall appoint one or more members of the Bureau to ensure that



the contests take place and are supervised under the conditions set out in Article 47 below. These officials must be taken to the places on the dates fixed by written invitation from the United World Wrestling President. During the major United World Wrestling events a competition manager will be assigned in order to insure the smooth running of the event. He/she will be the main link between the Organizing Committee and United World Wrestling. In this specific case, he/she will work in a close collaboration with the Technical Delegate(s).

Article 21 - Deposit

In order to insure a smooth organisation of World Championships, Continental Championships, World Cups and Continental Cup, the organizing Federations must provide to United World Wrestling, as a back-up for their bid, a letter of guarantee or a letter of credit from the bank of an amount of 50% of the organization fee (refer to the Financial Regulations).

The United World Wrestling will send an inspector to the venue up to two or three times at the expense of the organiser. He/she will be responsible for controlling the development of the organisation preparations. For the Senior World Championships an Evaluation Commission (5 to 7 people) will travel to inspect the conditions of the organisation and could travel several times to the host cities, if needed.

Article 22 - Submission of the programme

The Federations whose applications have been accepted must forward to the United World Wrestling through the United World Wrestling official forms, specific information, which include all information to be provided to United World Wrestling on competition venue, hotels etc. the programme and Regulations for the contests entrusted to them, not later than six months after the date of assignment of the organisation of these contests, for verification and possible amendments.

The programme must mention the city, dates and exact place where the competitions are to be held, as well as the detailed anticipated timetables. It must stipulate that only the international United World Wrestling Regulations shall apply and must clearly mention the nature of the contest and the styles of the sports concerned.

Article 23 - Distribution of the programme

- a. After verification of the programme by the United World Wrestling, the organising Federation shall forward the said programme, as mentioned in Article 22 above, to all Federations affiliated to the United World Wrestling, without any exception, according to the type of Championship they intend to organise.
- b. Regarding Continental Championships, the approved programme must be sent to the National Federations of the continent concerned.
- c. The invitations to the United World Wrestling President and the United World Wrestling Bureau members who have the right to attend the competitions mentioned, according to the Rules in force, as well as the invitations to the members of the Continental Councils, for the Continental Championships, will be sent by the organiser at the beginning of the year.



CHAPTER 4 - OBLIGATIONS

Article 24 - Commitments

The participating Federations must:

- a. Enter their final (nominative) entries in Athena System one month before the competition. These entries have to be made several days in advance to let some time to United World Wrestling to confirm the passport copies, pictures of the participants. The people who are registered on Athena will be the one who will travel to the competition. In other words, the substitute who didn't travel to the competition don't have to be entered in Athena. If a National Wrestling Federations cancels the participation of one delegation member after the one-month deadline, the organizer is allowed to request his accommodation fee.
- b. **Between 1 month and 3 days before the start of the style in question***, a substitution can be done if an athlete is injured or out of form. The concerned athlete will have to be changed in the system. His/her weight category could also be modified, but if his/her arrival and departure dates have to change, the organizer will have to approve it.
- c. **3 (three) days before the start of the style in question****, no more change will be allowed in the athletes' list and in their weight categories, even if the athlete is injured.
- d. If two athletes are registered in a weight category for a competition where only one can compete, the National Wrestling Federation will have until midday, the day of the draw for the concerned weight category to choose his/her starter by selecting him/her on Athena.
- e. Announce to the organizer and United World Wrestling if a registered athlete may not compete.
- f. Any breach to letter a) to e) above is subject to sanctions as provided in the UWW Disciplinary Regulations.

** In the situation where the draw is organized earlier than 3 days before the start of the style in question, no change will be allowed after the draw.*

***For the Olympic Games or other multi-sport events, any athlete for which an accreditation application has been submitted by the accreditation deadline may be used as replacement provided that he/she is eligible. This change can be done until midday, the day before the competition day of the concerned weight category.*

- g. Only enter athletes who satisfy the conditions set out in the Constitution, who hold a license valid for the current year, in accordance with the Financial Regulations, and who have undergone, in their country, the medical examination. Where no evidence of this examination is submitted, the athlete is obliged, at the discretion of the United World Wrestling, to undergo on the spot a medical examination, at his expense or at the expense of his Federation.
- h. Be able to present the required number of qualified judges and referees.
- i. Be able to present the national anthem and flag of their country.

NB: The United World Wrestling will organize and ensure itself the competition secretariat and will take care of the whole entry process (entries for World and Continental Championships, World Cups).

If the Athena system is not used during an event, the participants will have to submit all this information to the organizer in the same timeline. The concerned Organizers can request preliminary entries two months before, if they want it.



Article 25 - Participation

All National Federation affiliated to United World Wrestling can participate in a Championship as long as they have fulfilled all their financial obligations to the United World Wrestling according to the Constitution and Regulations. The same applies to the Organizing Committee for accreditation rights.

Each National Federation can enter a maximum of one athlete per weight category unless otherwise stated in the regulation/specific information of the competition.

Each competitor must be of the appropriate age for the competition according to the international rules of the sport in question and have a United World Wrestling licence book validated for the current year.

Within each delegation, a maximum number of people is set for each role. You will find these numbers in the Article "National Delegation".

In order to participate in a (U17, U20 and Senior) World Championship, a National Federation must obligatorily participate in the Continental Championship of the same age group, with at least the same number of participants (per style) than the Federation will enter in the World Championship. In other words, a National Federation cannot enter more athletes (per style) than the number entered in the Continental Championship of the same age group. However, a National Federation can enter less athletes (per style) in the World Championship than the number entered in the Continental Championship of the same age group.

An exception will be done for the National Wrestling Federation that organize a World Championship. She will be allowed to enter a complete team even if she didn't participate with a complete team in the Continental Championships of the same age group.

United World Wrestling will inform a National Wrestling Federation if one of their athletes is in a weight category where only 3 or less athletes are registered after the one-month deadline. Because each team can change the weight category of their athletes until 3 days before the start of the style in question, it is possible that such a weight category ends up with only 1 registered athlete. This weight category would then be cancelled.

The participations' quotas for the World Cups are specified in their own Regulations.

For the Senior World Cup, each team is authorized to include one replacing athlete per weight category, consequently 10 "replacing athletes" are authorized for each team (one per weight category). The transport and accommodation costs for replacing athletes must be borne by their national federation.

Any country entering more than three contestants must necessarily provide a qualified international judge/referee - if it has one - in accordance with the conditions set out in the Regulations of the International Officiating Body of the sport in question and Article 26 of these Regulations.

Article 26 - National delegation

The officials accompanying a national delegation can't be higher than the maximum numbers mentioned below:

Athletes	3 athletes per weight category
Team Leader	1 team leader per style
Coaches	15 coaches per style
Medical Staff	3 people (doctor, physio...) per style
NF President	1 person



NF Secretary General	1 person
NF Officials	5 people
NF Video Analyst	1 person per style
NF Media	2 people

The number of referees mentioned above is one as a **minimum**. The participating Federations can present three referees, if they are qualified and of the authorized category, per mat, for Continental Championships and only one per mat for World Championships, to be selected among the qualified referees mentioned in the list issued by United World Wrestling (I S).

Depending on the level of the competition, the referees could be also selected to participate.

Any National Federation that does not conform to the above schedule regarding the number of judges/referees is liable to pay the fee laid down in the Financial Regulations, provided that it has judges/referees in the category concerned who have been qualified.

If a country participates in a competition with 1, 2 or 3 athletes, it does not have to bring a referee with its team. However, a participating country may bring one referee per mat (that is maximum three referees) providing he is from the required category and qualified, except otherwise stipulated by United World Wrestling.

Any person who is a member of the national delegation, over and above the maximum number established in the above table, shall remain under the full responsibility of his/her Federation, either subject to a special tariff established by the organiser, for board and lodging, or under other conditions determined by the Federation. NO accreditation will be given to people from outside of the delegation.

Article 27 - Costs

Unless otherwise stipulated by the organiser, the participating Federations are obliged to bear and settle the costs incurred by all the members of their delegation for board and lodging extending beyond the official duration.

Article 28 - Organisation fees payable to the United World Wrestling

The fees payable to the United World Wrestling by the organisers of international competitions are those provided by the Financial Regulations and the Requirements for the Organization of Championships approved by the United World Wrestling Congress.

- The National Federation organizing a United World Wrestling World Championship every even year and the National Federation of the country organising the Olympic Games must respectively provide the material means for the smooth running of the Congress (conference room, simultaneous translation, closing banquet offered by the organiser to the delegates, etc.) and bear all the associated costs. The United World Wrestling Congress takes place every two years.

Article 29 - Taking charge of the participants

- Every organising National Federation is obliged to provide board and lodging for all members of the participating official delegations, athletes and officials specified in the table in Article 26 and this 48 hours before commencement of the contests, during the contests and 24 hours after the end of the contests. Whatever the circumstances, in order to guarantee the organiser the costs he may



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incur, the accommodation fee shall be payable in all cases for a minimum of four days (3 meals and 1 hotel night is one day) unless otherwise stated in the specific information of the competition.

- The World or Continental Championship are including the three wrestling styles, the participating athletes, as well as the officials for each style, must be regarded as belonging to the same team and this for the whole duration of the Championship.
- The organiser must take all necessary measures to provide the participants with proper accommodation and suitable food, according to the hygiene and diet rules (5000 calories / day). For this purpose the menus provided shall be submitted for United World Wrestling's approval and checked each day by the delegated United World Wrestling doctor. In case any infringement related to accommodation or to the quality, quantity, or availability of the food is observed, financial penalties shall be applied to the organizer as determined by UWW.
- the athletes will be accommodated in an international class hotel, in rooms for 2 persons maximum, with full sanitary, at a maximum price accepted by United World Wrestling between CHF 130.- and CHF 180.- per person and per day (considering the number of overnight stay). A fee of CHF 200.- per night and per person may be collected under the condition that a minimum 4- or 5-stars hotel is provided for this price.
- For U17, accommodation in rooms for 3 to 4 persons maximum, with full sanitary, is acceptable. However, the participation fee must be reduced in agreement with United World Wrestling.
- Athletes can only be accommodated with other teammates (no coach, NF doctor....).

It is permissible for any organiser to bear other costs incurred by the participants, in which case he must inform the United World Wrestling of this.

NB: The United World Wrestling reserves the right to modify the fee and the system used for board and lodging of the participants, prior to the assignment of the Championship.

In addition, an engagement fee of CHF 100.- per participating athlete for Senior, U23, U20, U17 World Championships, Senior World Cups and Senior and U23 Continental Championships must be paid to United World Wrestling through the entries on Athena.

Article 30 - Taking charge of the President, United World Wrestling Delegates and United World Wrestling Officials

All the expenses related to the President, Secretary General, the United World Wrestling Bureau Members, the Continental Councils, the Technical Delegates, the assigned Doctors, the Refereeing Delegates, the United World Wrestling staff are available in the Requirements of the concerned competition and also in the document "duties of the organizers".

Article 31 - Exceptional taking charge of the United World Wrestling Bureau members

At U17, U20, U23 World Championships and U23, U20, U17, Continental Championships and World Cups, the organiser shall bear the costs of accommodation (board and lodging) of the Bureau members appointed to fulfil a particular task.

Article 32 - Prizes, badges, diplomas, video recordings

Prizes, badges, diplomas must be awarded to the winners and participants under the conditions set out in Article 53 below.



The organising country must assume full responsibility for this and must submit a specimen of all the awards and promotional material (posters and badges, etc.) to the United World Wrestling for approval prior to any making.

If the organizer is in charge of the video recording, it must supply the United World Wrestling with the official original video recording of all the bouts of the competition. For Senior and U20 World Championships and for Senior European Championships, the video recording is obligatorily carried out by the United World Wrestling video recording team.

Article 33 - Official banquet

When the competitions end, the organisers may organise an official banquet at which awards and diplomas shall be distributed to the winners and all the participants.

Article 34 - Other costs

In addition to the expenses incurred in implementing the provisions of this Chapter, the organising country is called upon to meet and support all the material costs incurred in the technical organisation and those inherent in the general development of the competition fixed by United World Wrestling.

CHAPTER 5 - PRACTICAL OBLIGATIONS

Article 35 - Responsibility

The organising Federation shall remain responsible for the material preparations required for organising the entire competition and its running, as well as for breaches of rules and Regulations noted during the running of the competition. The National Federation is responsible to ensure the safety and to keep order in the sport hall.

Article 36 - Arrival of the delegations

All the means of transport required to convey free of charge all the participants from the airport or station to their hotel (and back), free of charge, must be provided.

Two scales of the same type as the official ones, must be made available to the competitors at the hotel on their arrival.

Moreover, brief information indicating, in particular, the place and times of meals, the location of the sauna, the place and time of the weigh-in, the place of the contests, the times and places of training, and the means of reaching these various places, must be displayed, in French and in English, so that they are clearly visible in the lobby of the hotel where the competitors and officials are staying.

Article 37 - Medical examination and weigh-in

The statutory medical examination and weigh-in of the athletes shall be carried out, wherever possible, in the competition venue or in premises specially allocated for this purpose where as many scales as there are weight categories per day must be provided; the premises must be arranged so that the medical control and the weigh-ins can be carried out in the correct order. A physician and a secretary have to be available in each room dedicated for the Medical Examination and weigh-in. The number of wait in lines will be fixed based on the number of weight categories weighed per day. At the same time, the athlete's licences will be verified.



Article 38 - Competition venue

The competition venue must include one or more shower rooms with hot and cold water to enable the competitors to use them immediately after each of their bouts. The ambient temperature of the sports hall and athlete preparation areas (warm-up, training area, call room, etc.) must be no less than 18°C and no more than 22°C.

A first aid box, one or more stretchers, towels and water in capsuled bottles must be made available to the medical service, close to the mats, the presence of enough doctors at the organiser's expense being obligatory throughout the contests and the medical control. The United World Wrestling doctor is present and is responsible for the supervision of all these activities.

A first aid room for the use of athletes and the audience with all the equipment necessary for first-aid and a defibrillator must be available near the competition area as described in the Medical Regulations.

A wireless internal telephone installation must be installed to enable the United World Wrestling delegates to communicate with the secretariat, the head of the officiating body, the persons responsible for the organization, the United World Wrestling President, the Secretary General or mobile phones must be made available for the use of the United World Wrestling officials.

An installation suitable for meeting the requirements of the formal ceremony (flags, hymns) must be provided. A rehearsal before the competition must be organized with each team leader. The flags and National anthems are available at the official United World Wrestling website.

Article 39 - Transport

The organiser must provide free transport for all the participants, throughout their stay, from the accommodation site to the competition venue.

A private car with driver must be permanently at the disposal of the following individuals:

- United World Wrestling President or his deputy
- the United World Wrestling Secretary General
- the technical delegate(s)
- the officiating delegates
- the assigned doctor(s)

One private car for 3 persons or minibus with driver of the remaining United World Wrestling Bureau members will also be provided.

One minibus with driver must be permanently at the disposal of the technical secretariat (5 persons) and another one for the video/database team (6 persons).

Article 40 - Mats

For all competitions and the training for these competitions, the mats used must be United World Wrestling approved, and their installation must comply with the standards laid down in the sports rules.

The organisers of the Olympic Games, Continental Games, Regional Games, World and Continental Championships, World Cups, Ranking Series of all age categories and of each style, have the obligation to use new United World Wrestling approved mats.

It is important to be aware of the number of mats laid down in the United World Wrestling standards, depending on the type of competition.



The organiser must inform the United World Wrestling of the contracts it has signed with the mat manufacturers (name and type of the mat) and send copy of the invoices to United World Wrestling.

The organiser is responsible for guaranteeing the authenticity of the make and of the type of the mats used, if there is a dispute over the quality and the origin of the mats by the manufacturer or the United World Wrestling, the dispute will be put to the competent United World Wrestling Commission. All the costs resulting from the use of a mat that do not conform will be borne by the organising Federation.

The use of mats at Olympic Games, World Championships and Cups and Continental Championships requires the manufacturer / provider to comply with the Regulations for the Licensing of Mats of the United World Wrestling, and the resulting financial obligations.

The number of mats for the Championships and Games are fixed by United World Wrestling. For the International Tournaments, the number of mats is fixed following the number of participants.

Article 41 - Competition accessories

Accessories (per mat) in case of failure:

- two sets of four red bats marked 1-2-3 and 5 respectively
- two sets of four blue bats marked 1-2-3 and 5 respectively
- two white bats
- two red bats
- two blue bats
- two manual chronometers for time keeping in the event of injury or failure

Accessories for the events:

- two set of numbered discs and a bag or electronic device approved by United World Wrestling for the drawing of lots, a lot drawing electronic notice board, on view to the public
- one gong or siren producing different sounds for each mat
- one video unit per mat (if not provided by United World Wrestling)
- two plasma screens per mat on view to the public, officials and competitors, giving an indication of both the progress of the bout times and periods, and the technical points gained by the contestants their names and their nationality, as they are awarded
- one information board, on view to everyone, from all angles, giving, for each mat, the composition of the bouts, with an indication of the categories and nationalities participating
- one "STOP" device, white, to be used by the mat chairman for stopping the match.
- One screen per mat for the check of challenge on view to the public, minimum two screens if there are 3 mats

This list can be modified or completed in case of need or if United World Wrestling is ensuring all technical operations.

Article 42 - Competition forms

The competition forms are automatically generated by United World Wrestling's official Arena software and comprise:

- competitors' starting list
- weigh-in and medical examination forms
- contest record form
- score sheet
- pairing sheets



- referee designation cards
- results forms

Article 43 - Competition secretariat

The competition secretariat, which must be installed near the competition area, must be provided with all the office equipment required to establish the pairings, bout lists, score cards, result cards, and all the necessary information (paper for printers, computers, photocopier, Internet connection).

In addition, the following communication means must obligatorily be set up in the Competition Secretariat:

- Internet access, a computer and a printer, to be able to send electronic mail and to include information and the Championship results on the United World Wrestling Internet site.
- Web TV connection

Please refer to United World Wrestling requirements for the technical secretariat.

Article 44 - Media

As far as possible the organizer of an international tournament will have to provide pictures, videos, highlights of the competition in order to be able to share this content on United World Wrestling social platforms.

These contents will promote the event and the work done by the organizer.

Article 45 - Various offices

Several offices, equipped in particular with computers and printers must be arranged to offer the possibility to competition officials to hold meetings. One of these offices must be especially reserved for the United World Wrestling President and must be equipped with a computer. Other offices will be available for the technical delegates and the Secretary General.

Two safe rooms with safety locks must be provided for the equipment of the video recording team and technical secretariat team.

Moreover, a dedicated room with screening equipment must be provided for the daily meeting of the officiating body.

Article 46 - Medical service

A medical service, composed of a sufficient number of doctors and medical auxiliaries, must be provided to insure the regulatory medical examination before the weigh-in (4 doctors), supervise the bouts (2 doctors per mat), and to assist in detecting the possible use of doping, under the conditions set out in the United World Wrestling Anti-Doping Regulations, under the supervision of the United World Wrestling doctor assigned to the competition.

Article 47 - Obligations regarding staff

The organising country must provide and guarantee the personnel to perform the functions mentioned below, and it is pointed out that it would be desirable for the said functions to be performed by persons speaking French or English.

- a) Obligations towards the United World Wrestling officials:



- qualified persons entrusted with the task of assisting the said officials on all matters of technical organisation (number established by United World Wrestling)
- qualified translators, entrusted with the task of translating the debates and discussions at official meetings (Congress, Bureau, Commissions) organised by United World Wrestling

b) At the weigh-in

- one or two persons (secretary) per scale, who shall be instructed to assist at each weigh-in, under the responsibility of the referees assigned

c) At each mat:

- Personnel liaising with the mat chairman and the competition Secretariat
- Personnel to hold the stopwatch and gong
- Personnel to distribute and collect the score sheets
- Personnel to warn competitors already required (call room)
- Personnel responsible for the public pairing board
- Personnel liaising with the judges/referees assigned to the mat
- Personnel required for the video service
- staff required to ensure security and to maintain order

d) At the contest secretariat a qualified head of department, with one or more assistants and typists, for printing the results, ensuring that they are distributed to the officials, delegations and the Press, and for preparing the pairing lists for the next few bouts

The secretariat must be equipped with two or three computers and with the required equipment for copying texts (high-capacity photocopier). Back-up equipment must also be available.

At Senior and U20 World Championships and at Senior and U20 European Championships, the competition secretariat will be ensured by the United World Wrestling team.

e) At the Press Center

A permanent and qualified executive, the personnel and necessary equipment for the press to function properly (telephone, Internet connection, computers, printers)

f) Miscellaneous

A certain number of interpreters must be provided to maintain communication between the different delegations, as it would seem to be useful, at the competition venues, for a person to be able to provide the supervisors and participants with all the information they require on the material and practical problems that may arise.

NB: The list of personnel referred to in this article is not exhaustive, and it may be changed at the request of the United World Wrestling President, his deputy or the Secretary General.

A detailed list of the Organizing Committee will have to be given to United World Wrestling as soon as the championship is allocated to the concerned National Wrestling Federation.



CHAPTER 6 - RUNNING OF THE COMPETITIONS

Article 48 - Running the competition

The United World Wrestling President, or his representative (see Article 20), assisted by the Secretary General and the Bureau members appointed by him, shall administer and supervise the running of the contests.

If it is impossible for the President or his representative to be present, the Secretary General will be responsible for the competition organization, assisted by the United World Wrestling Bureau members attending the event.

If a Competition Manager is assigned for the competition, he/she will be the first coordinator between the Organizer and United World Wrestling.

For the main UWW events (World and Continental Championships), a Sport Presentation Team should be appointed in order to integrate all the technical, management and protocol considerations. More details can be found in the UWW Sport Presentation Guidelines.

Article 49 - General functions of the officials

It is the responsibility of the officials (Technical Delegate, Refereeing Delegate, Competition Manager, Assigned Doctor and the United World Wrestling staff), under the supervision of the President:

- to proceed with the weigh-in of the competitors
- to establish the final contest timetable according to agreements signed with television networks
- to proceed with the drawing of lots
- to establish the rounds and bouts
- to appoint the referees and judges
- to supervise the development of the contests
- to supervise the boards
- to give instructions to the judges/referees and the delegations
- to take all necessary measures to ensure smooth running of the contests
- to supervise the officiating

Article 50 - Meetings

A meeting preceding the competition shall be held to verify and determine all the measures taken to ensure that the proper contest procedures have been carried out.

One (or more) Technical Conference will be organized in order to provide all the necessary information about the competition and the Wrestling Rules. The speaking order of the different stakeholders is defined as follows: organizing committee, technical delegate, referee, doctor. The attendance of all Team Leaders (or his substitute) is mandatory otherwise sanctions will be taken!

Similarly, the judges/referees shall be convened on the day before the competition (courses) so that they can be given all the necessary instructions regarding their allocation, and so that they can be reminded of the main provisions of the Regulations of the international officiating body and of the technical wrestling Rules.

Article 51 - Commencement of the competitions

After verifying that all the necessary equipment has been installed, the technical delegates, under the name of the United World Wrestling President or its substitute, shall give the order for the competitions to start.



Article 52 - Development of the competition

As far as the judges/referees are concerned, the competition must progress in accordance with the Regulations of the international officiating body, as far as the competitors and officials are concerned, in accordance with the international sports Rules, and as far as the participants are concerned, in accordance with the fixed timetable.

When a round has been established, notice of it must be immediately posted, together with the programme for the day.

The bouts must always begin at the precise times stipulated on the programme. No change of the timetable will be authorized after the agreement reached between the organizer, United World Wrestling and the host broadcaster.

In order to prevent any loss of time during the contests, the competitors must be called clearly at the appropriate time. The judges/referees must remain near the mat to which they are allocated in order to be able to perform their function as soon as they are invited to do so.

At the end of the contests, a report must be done by the Technical Delegate(s) (if assigned) and the Refereeing Delegate(s).

Article 53 - Prizes and classification

a) Four prizes must be awarded in each weight category:

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| - 1 st place | the appropriate title, a gold medal, a certificate and a prize |
| - 2 nd place | a silver medal, a certificate and a prize |
| - Two 3 rd places | a bronze medal, a certificate and a prize |

For World Championships, the champion of each category in the U17, U20, U23 and Senior divisions will receive "the World Champion's belt," with this award being funded by the United World Wrestling.

Moreover, badges shall be distributed to all participants, competitors, team leaders, etc., who shall also receive a participant diploma prepared by the organizer.

- b) Three prizes (per style) shall be awarded to the countries winning the highest number of points in the team ranking and a classification diploma shall be awarded to the participating countries.

CHAPTER 7 COMPETITION FORMALITIES

Article 54 - Principles

With a view to achieving the best possible organisation and standardising the different procedures which must accompany major international competitions, the formalities mentioned below, which are not exhaustive, shall constitute the Regulation measures to be taken.

All other initiatives provided for or recommended by the organisers are subject to the written approval of the United World Wrestling President or the Secretary General before they are implemented.

Please note that all the details about the Opening Ceremony, Award Ceremony and Closing Ceremony can be found in the UWW Sport Presentation Guidelines.



Article 55 - Opening ceremony

The opening ceremony shall include:

- a) presentation of the participating countries.
- b) addresses given by the persons specified, in an order approved by the United World Wrestling, the United World Wrestling President being the last to speak
- c) taking of the oath by an athlete and by an international judge/referee from the organising country, the oath being taken in French, in English and in the language of the said country
- d) cultural show
- e) the competition is declared open by the United World Wrestling President or United World Wrestling official representative

Article 56 - Award ceremony

The prizes provided for in Article 53 must be awarded in front of the public, in the order established by the United World Wrestling, according to the running of the competition.

- 1) The athletes who are to be awarded the prizes referred to in Articles 53 a) and b) shall be led to the podium, for each category, by an official delegation which is necessarily and exclusively composed of two officials.

These officials will be preceded by three young girls, in national costume or official costume, selected by the organising Committee, and each carrying on a cushion the prizes and medals.

These officials shall be comprised as follows:

- a) one representative of the United World Wrestling Bureau for the awarding of the medals
 - b) one representative of the organising country appointed from among local people by the Organising Committee
- 2) For each category, as soon as the athletes have taken their place on the victory stand, the national anthem of the champion athlete shall be played, the flag of the country of the champion shall be raised on the mast provided for this purpose, together with the flags of the countries to which the medallists belong.
 - 3) On the decision of the United World Wrestling President, the award ceremony may also be the occasion of the awarding of official distinctions to persons whom the United World Wrestling particularly wishes to honour.
 - 4) Suitable music shall be played during the parade and walk to the victory stand of athletes and officials, together with the other persons who have been awarded an official distinction.
 - 5) the United World Wrestling Chief of the Protocol will have to contact the protocol responsible person of the Organizing Committee and a rehearsal will have to be done the day before the first competition day.

Article 57 - Closing ceremony

The closing ceremony shall take place once the prizes have been awarded, and shall be marked:



- a. By a closing address given by the United World Wrestling President and by a representative of the Organising Committee.
- b. At the end of the competition, the United World Wrestling flag shall be lowered and looked after by a delegation of the country which will organise the following year's Championship, to the sound of appropriate music.

CHAPTER 8 FORMALITIES FOR THE OFFICIALS

Article 58 - Purpose

The following provisions are intended to ensure:

- a) proper execution of the hierarchical duties
- b) compliance with the terms and conditions of rational organisation
- c) the conducting of the formalities in honour of those who are working and who have worked at the highest levels for the sport of wrestling and efforts to establish practical methods of completing such formalities.

However, they could not replace the special Regulations laid down in this regard for the Olympic Games or Continental and Regional Games.

Article 59 - United World Wrestling Bureau Members

With particular regard to Articles 7 c), and 39 of these Regulations, all appropriate measures must be taken to provide, for the use of the President, the Secretary General and United World Wrestling Bureau members attending the event:

- a) A common place of accommodation, as close as possible to the competition venue, in a hotel of a standing commensurate with the offices held by the persons concerned (5-star hotel).
- b) Means of transport (cars) specifically allocated.
- c) The establishment, in the competition enclosure, of a specially reserved platform, containing a sufficient number of seats, some labelled with the names of the members, others provided for official guests of the United World Wrestling, and installed in an order appropriate for their respective titles.
- d) The drawing up of a table plan according to their respective qualifications and obeying the rules of precedence. The above-mentioned measures must be given the approval of the United World Wrestling President or the Secretary General or the person in charge of the United World Wrestling Protocol.

Article 60 - Official Delegates of the Federations

As specified in Article 7 b), a special enclosure must be reserved, at the actual competition venues, for the heads of delegation of the participating countries, the Presidents of the National Federations present, and for the members of the various United World Wrestling Commissions who are not members of the Bureau.



Article 61 - United World Wrestling Honorary Members

Any person having the title of Honorary UWW Bureau Member shall be reserved a seat on the official platform, and may be sent special invitations, at the decision of the United World Wrestling President.

The security service implemented by the organizer will check that no unauthorized person is sitting on the official platform.

Article 62 - United World Wrestling guests

In accordance with the above provisions, the United World Wrestling President, may proceed to invite certain persons with a view to associate them with the event in question and with the various attendant formalities. For this purpose, he must receive around 50 “permanent access” VIP cards he may dispose as he thinks fit.

Article 63 - General rule

To ensure that the measures and formalities provided for in the previous articles remain effective and contribute to guaranteeing desirable harmony between officials of all ranks, the latter shall be prohibited from taking any personal initiative likely to interfere with or hamper their implementation.

Article 64 - Consequences

The non-respect of the above mentioned directives and recommendations could lead the President (or his representative) or the United World Wrestling Referee Delegate, to put into practice against the offenders some of the measures contained in the Disciplinary Regulations, which, having to be taken during the competition, could, in addition, in certain cases, lead to expulsion from the match area or competition venue.

Article 65 - Statutory principle

In the event of problems of interpretation of any articles in these Regulations, as well as for any possible modifications or additions which could improve the smooth running of all the international events, the United World Wrestling Executive Committee remains the only competent body.



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ATHLETE'S OATH

I, in the name of all the athletes taking part in this competition, abstaining from any improper act or attitude, do hereby swear to wrestle fairly, without hatred or passion, to obey the rules, to respect my adversaries and to demonstrate the utmost in sporting spirit, with dignity and fair play.

This I swear

REFEREE'S OATH

In the name of all the members of the officiating body, jointly and severally here present,

I do hereby swear to assume my duties without favouritism or discrimination and to carry out my task with the greatest objectivity and with a total observance of the rules of refereeing and of judgment.

This I swear.



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