



United World Wrestling Safeguarding Activities Report 2025

Introduction

United World Wrestling (UWW) remains committed to ensuring the safety, well-being, and protection of all athletes, coaches, officials, and participants across all its activities. In 2025, UWW continued to strengthen its safeguarding framework through **education, competitions on-site measures, and accessible reporting mechanisms**, ensuring a safe sporting environment in line with international best practices.

I. Safeguarding Education and Awareness

1. Safeguarding in Coach Education

All UWW and Olympic Solidarity (OS) courses for coaches in 2025 included a mandatory one-hour safeguarding session, delivered through a total of 18 sessions across 5 continents in 18 countries:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>City</i>
21-31 March	ARM	Yerevan
25 -30 May	IRQ	Baghdad
18 - 24 March	ASA	Pago pago
16 - 22 June	ZAM	Lusaka
15 - 19 April	COL	Medeline
21 -25 May	CRO	Porec
30 Jun - 5 July	NAM	Windhoek
19 - 24 AUG	MRI	Port Louis.
4 -10 August	KEN	Nairobi
23 -30 July	BDI	Gitega
20 - 25 Oct	AUS	Sydney
28 Sep - 2 Oct	JOR	Amman
24 - 31 Oct	LBA	Tripoli
24 - 29 Nov	MDA	Chisinau
22 - 30 Nov	BEN	Porto-Novo
10 - 15 Dec	THA	Sriracha
7 - 12 Oct	BRA	Rio
3- 8 Nov	CHI	Santiago
Total	18	

* The OS PRK online course in 2025 did not include the Safeguarding session due to specific technical requirements that needed to be delivered within the limited internet time available for the course.



These sessions focused on introducing safeguarding concepts, preventing and reporting safeguarding concerns, and ensuring that coaches are equipped to uphold athlete welfare at all levels. Course participants received guidance on UWW safeguarding policies, safe sport practices, and the importance of fostering an inclusive and secure environment. In total, over 400 wrestling coaches completed the safeguarding training sessions.

2. Athlete Awareness and Engagement

Safeguarding education sessions were also offered to athletes at UWW training camps, particularly centered on youth camps (U17):

<i>Date</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Age Cat.</i>	<i>Event</i>
20 - 27 Apr	MRO	Casablanca	U17, U20 & seniors	African Championships Training Camp
23-29 Jun	BRA	Rio de Janeiro	U17	More than Medals Training Camp - Americas
27 Jun - 2 Jul	VIE	Vung Tau	U17	More than Medals Training Camp -Asia
5 - 12 Sep	CRO	Poreč	Seniors	World Championships Training Camp

In addition, at the 2025 Senior World Championships in Zagreb, Croatia, UWW produced safeguarding roll-ups and giveaways, alongside materials on Anti-Doping and the prevention of competition manipulation.

<i>Items/description</i>	<i>Number</i>
Giveaways - Rubber wrist bands	400 (200 for safeguarding; 200 for Anti-Doping)
Safeguarding awareness rollups	8 (2 each language)
UWW safeguarding rules and regulations (large posters)	4 (1 language each)

The giveaways were distributed in the warm-up areas, while the roll-ups were strategically placed in all athlete corridors and at athlete entrances to raise awareness among senior athletes and reinforce the importance of a safe, fair, and ethical sporting environment.

3. Safeguarding Training for UWW Educators

As UWW Educators are the primary workforce responsible for delivering UWW education and training courses for coaches and referees worldwide, it is essential that safeguarding principles are clearly understood and consistently respected, regardless of nationality. The UWW Educator Course held from 23-26 January in Divčibare, Croatia, included a **dedicated safeguarding training session** to ensure that all 43 UWW Educators are fully equipped to work responsibly with athletes and coaches.



II. Safeguarding Officers at UWW Competitions

UWW implemented enhanced safeguarding measures at 22 sanctioned competitions throughout 2025.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Competition</i>	<i>Age cat.</i>	<i>Safeguarding Officer</i>
05 - 09 Jan	CRO	Zagreb	Zagreb Open	Seniors	Ramil Ahmadov
26 Jan - 02 Feb	ALB	Tirana	Muhamet Malo	Seniors	Betim Vrenezi
08 - 14 Mar	ALB	Tirana	U23 European Championships	U23	Betim Vrenezi
20 - 22 Mar	ASA	Pago Pago	U17, U20, Seniors Oceania Championships	Seniors, U20, U17	Carrisa Holland
25 - 30 Mar	JOR	Amman	Seniors Asian Championships	Seniors	Jane Menhel
07 - 13 Apr	SVK	Bratislava	Seniors European Championships	Seniors	Ramil Ahmadov
10 - 12 Apr	MEX	Queretaro	U23 Pan-American Championships	U23	Jesus Salazar
29 Apr - 04 May	MOR	Casablanca	U17, U20, Seniors African Championships	Seniors, U20, U17	Jane Menhel
08 - 11 May	MEX	Monterrey	Seniors Pan-American Championships	Seniors	Jesus Salazar
29 May - 01 Jun	MGL	Ulaanbaatar	3rd Ranking Series	Seniors	Betim Vrenezi
09 - 15 Jun	MKD	Skopje	U17 European Championships	U17	Jane Menhel
18 - 27 Jun	VIE	Vung Tau	U17, U23 Asian Championships	U23, U17	Ender Yakshi
19 - 22 Jun	BRA	Rio de Janeiro	U17 Pan-American Championships	U17	Jesus Salazar
25 - 28 Jun	ITA	Caorle	U15 European Championships	U15	Betim Vrenezi
30 - 06 Jun	ITA	Caorle	U20 European Championships	U20	Betim Vrenezi
05 - 13 Jul	KGZ	Bishkek	U15, U20 Asian Championships	U20, U15	Jane Menhel
10 - 13 Jul	PER	Lima	U20 Pan-American Championships	U20	Jesus Salazar
17 - 20 Jul	HUN	Budapest	Polyák Imre & Varga János Memorial	Seniors	Betim Vrenezi
28 Jul - 03 Aug	GRE	Athens	U17 World Championships	U17	Betim Vrenezi
17 - 24 Aug	BUL	Samokov	U20 World Championships	U20	Jane Menhel
13 - 21 Sep	CRO	Zagreb	Seniors World Championships	Seniors	Lei Liang/Yuri Maier
20 - 27 Oct	SRB	Novi Sad	U23 World Championships	U23	Betim Vrenezi
<i>Total</i>	22				

Safeguarding officers were present at the above-listed UWW Championships and Ranking Series, providing on-site support, assisting with reporting guidance for athletes, coaches, and officials, and ensuring compliance with safeguarding protocols.

III. Reporting Mechanisms - launch of the anonymous reporting platform

To strengthen safeguarding reporting mechanisms, UWW developed an anonymous online reporting platform in 2025, providing athletes, coaches, and stakeholders with a safe and confidential way to report concerns.



It is listed on UWW official website, under Governance/Athlete Safeguard report section:

[Integrity & Safeguarding Reporting Form](#)

This system encourages reporting by protecting identities, enables timely intervention, promotes transparency and accountability, and allows the organization to identify patterns and take preventive action to ensure a safer sporting environment.

Conclusion

UWW's safeguarding initiatives in 2025 demonstrated its ongoing commitment to protecting the rights and welfare of all participants. By focusing on **education**, **competition on-site oversight**, and **accessible reporting mechanisms**, UWW continues to foster a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for wrestling worldwide.

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