



2026 Oceania Wrestling Championships

(March 20-22, 2026)

2026 Oceania Open Championships

(March 27-29, 2026)

OFFICIAL LETTER OF INVITATION

January 12, 2026

Dear Wrestling Federation Presidents,

On behalf of the Wrestling Federation of Samoa, I am proud to announce that the hosting of the **2026 Oceania Wrestling Championships (U17/U20/Senior)**, will be held in Apia, Samoa March 20-22, 2026. In addition, we are proud to host the Inaugural 2026 Oceania Open Championships March 27-29, 2026.

We also plan to host both a UWW Technical Course for Coaches (TCC) Level 1 and a UWW Refereeing Course (no international category) Level 1 and Level 2 March 23-26, 2026.

As host, we have the honour to invite your federation and members to participate in the **2026 Oceania Wrestling Championships (U17/U20/Senior)**, the Technical Training Courses and the **2026 Oceania Open Championships (U17/U20/Senior)**.

I would like to express our federation's warmest welcome to all of the athletes and participants of the Continental Championship, to ehan Samoa and wish success to all.

Respectfully,

Jerry

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U17, U20, Senior Oceania Championships

FREESTYLE, GRECO-ROMAN, WOMEN'S WRESTLING, MEN'S BEACH WRESTLING, WOMEN'S BEACH WRESTLING

APIA (SAM) | MARCH 20-22, 2026

Competition & Venue Details

Competition Venue & Address

Faleata Sports Complex, Apia, Samoa 📍

Number of Mats: 2

Organizer & Contact

Organizer: Samoa Amateur Wrestling Association Inc.

Email: sam@uww.org

Key Logistics

Accreditation: Faleata Sports Complex, Apia, Samoa 📍

Teams Reception: Faleolo International Airport 🌐 📍

Technical Conference(s): Faleata Sports Complex, Apia, Samoa 📍

Weigh-in & Training Location: At the competition venue

Meals: Breakfast and dinner will be provided at the hotel.

Lunch will be served at the venue.

Final Entries Deadline

26 February 2026

Participation & Entry Fees

Accommodation Fee

CHF 200.-

per day and per person (minimum 4 nights)

includes accommodation, meals, transfers, local transportation

USD 40 per person per day for delegations arranging their own accommodation and meals; this covers accreditation/administration and all local transportation for the duration of the competitions and camps/courses.

Engagement Fee*

CHF 100.-

per athlete

**(only Senior)*

Accommodation Details

Teams

Taumeasina Island Resort, Matautu St, Apia, Samoa 🌐 📍

UWW Officials & Staff

UWW Bureau: Sheraton Samoa Aggie Grey's Hotel & Bungalows, Main Beach Road, Vaisigano, Apia, Samoa 🌐 📍

Referees & UWW Staff: Sheraton Samoa Aggie Grey's Hotel & Bungalows, Main Beach Road, Vaisigano, Apia, Samoa 🌐 📍

Referees' Category & Course

Referees' Category*

OL: IS, I, II, III

**Categories IS and I (or II and III for the NF that don't have any cat. IS and I)*

Referees' Course Type

(OL) 1. candidates (-> III)

(OL) 2. promotion (III -> II)

(OL) 3. promotion (II -> I)

(OL) 4. control I

(BW) 1. candidates (-> III)



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- S, U17, U20: FS
- GR / U17: GR / U20: GR / S: WW / U17: WW / U20: WW
- S: ♂BW / U17: ♂BW / U20: ♂BW / S: ♀BW / U17: ♀BW / U20: ♀BW

Wednesday 18.03: Arrival of the delegations / Monday 23.03: Departure of the delegations

Thu 19.03		Fri 20.03		Sat 21.03		Sun 22.03	
		07:30 - 08:00		07:30 - 08:00		07:30 - 08:00	
		Medical examination & weigh-in GR / WW – All categories		Medical examination & weigh-in FS – All categories		Medical examination & weigh-in BW - all weight categories	
						08:00 - 10:00	08:00 - 08:30
						Referees' consultation BW	Automatic draw BW all weight categories
09:00 - 11:00		09:00 - 10:00					
Referees' course Level I and III		Registration for the UWW Oceania General Assembly					
		10:00 - 12:00		10:00 - 13:00		10:00 - 12:00	
		UWW Oceania General Assembly		Qualification rounds and repechage GR / WW – All categories		Qualification rounds and repechage FS – All categories	
14:00 - 17:00		14:00 - 16:00					
Referees' course Level I and III		Technical conference & draw FS / GR / WW - All categories		15:45 - 16:15			
		Opening Ceremony					
		16:30 - 19:00		16:30 - 19:00		16:00 - 18:00	
		Finals & Awards Ceremonies GR / WW – All categories		Finals & Awards Ceremonies FS – All categories		Finals & Awards Ceremonies BW - all weight categories	
17:00 - 18:00							
Referees' consultation							

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2026 (U17/U20/Senior) Oceania Open

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- The Samoa Wrestling Association is organizing the 2026 U17, U20, and Senior Oceania Wrestling Championship and the Inaugural Oceania Open
- The tournaments will follow UWW Rules.
- Organizing Committee Director: Mr. Mathew Vaea

Contact Email: sam@uww.org

Contact Phone: +685 25 033

VENUE AND DATES

- The 2026 U17, U20, and Senior Oceania Wrestling Championship and the Inaugural Oceania Open will take place at the Faleata Sports Complex in Apia, Samoa
- Greco-Roman & Women's freestyle competition will take place March 20, 2026 and again during the Oceania Open on March 27, 2026.
- Men's freestyle competition will take place March 21, 2026 and again during the Oceania Open on March 28, 2026.
- Beach Wrestling competition will take place March 22, 2026 and again during the Oceania Open on March 29, 2026.

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

- Accommodation fee for all delegations will be calculated per person, per night with a minimum/maximum of 4 days for each competition. Cost will be \$40 USD per day. This covers only accreditation/administration and all local transportation for the duration of the two competitions and camps/courses
- During the last Oceania General Meeting, it was agreed by all Oceania federation in attendance, that Accommodation and meals would be the responsibility of each National Federation and the host would cover administration and local transportation.
- Any cancellation or changes after the registration deadline, will still incur full cost by the federation for the minimum/maximum of 4 days for each competition that the federation has registered for.
- Each delegation's leader will settle their team's accommodation fees upfront. No accreditation will be given without all fees being paid.
- Samoa Wrestling will be responsible for local transportation from the Faleolo International Airport to any Accommodations in Apia and to official venue location.
- Delegation leaders will be responsible for any damages incurred by members of their delegation during their stay.

TRAVEL, ENTRY & VISAS

- There are several possible routes to Apia from International Destinations

Destination	Airport Code	Airline Example
Auckland, New Zealand	AKL	Air New Zealand
Nadi, Fiji	NAN	Fiji Airways
Brisbane, Australia	BNE	Virgin Australia / Qantas
Honolulu, USA (Hawaii)	HNL	Fiji Airways
Pago Pago, American Samoa	PPG	Talofa Airways / regional operator
- Generally, almost all travelers, including those from Asia, Europe, the Americas, Africa, and Oceania, are either visa-free or eligible for a visitor permit on arrival for short stays. In other words, most nationalities are visa-exempt and can enter Samoa without applying for a visa in advance. They receive a visitor's permit on arrival for tourism or short stays (typically up to 60-90 days depending on nationality)

NOTE: You may require transit visas through other countries such as New Zealand, Australia and Fiji. Fiji appears to have less visa requirements.
- Regardless of visa status, all visitors must meet standard conditions:

A passport valid for at least 6 months beyond your intended departure date.

A return or onward airline ticket.

Evidence of sufficient funds & residential contact address/booking in Samoa
- Additional information on Travel is attached for your convenience.

LODGING & MEAL CONDITIONS

- During the last Oceania General Meeting, it was proposed and unanimously agreed to by all Oceania federation in attendance, that rather than paying 200 CHF/250 USD a day per delegate, that the charge would only be \$40 USD a day for accreditation and transportation and that all federation would be responsible for cost of their own Accommodation and Meals.
- This option was considered and discussed as a way for National Federation to save and pool their money to rent cheaper accommodations like Airbnb or church halls or family homes. With this saving National Federations could also bring more wrestlers.
- The Samoa wrestling Federation also agreed that the min/max amount for each delegate would only be 4 days for the tournaments. Meaning if delegate arrived during the acclimation camp up 4 days prior to the competitions, or stayed after the 1st competition for the coaches and/or referee course, delegates would only be charged the min/max of 4 days per competition.
- The Samoa Wrestling Association also agreed to provide transportation to any stay within Apia, and also assist in arranging accommodations for National Federation upon request.
- A list of accommodation options is attached for your convenience.

WRESTLING/ACCLIMATION CAMP

- There will be an acclimation camp offered to anyone wanting to acclimate prior to the Championships. This acclimation camp will be held **March 16-19, 2026** just before the Oceania Championships.
- There will be a 2nd and continuation acclimation camp offered to anyone wanting to acclimate prior to the Oceania Open. This acclimation camp will be held **March 23-29, 2026** just after the Oceania Championships and before the Oceania Open.
- There will be international Olympic coaches from Japan and Cuba running training camp during this time.
- This will all be offered at no cost. However, accommodation and meals are the responsibility of the National Federations.
- Transportation will be provided for all participants during this time.
- The \$40 USD per delegate per day is not required during this time

EDUCATIONAL COURSES

Technical Course for Coaches

The UWW Technical Course for Coaches (TCC) Level 1 – *Introduction to Coaching and Safety* will be held from **23 to 26 March 2026**, following the Oceania Championships.

Refereeing Courses (non-category)

UWW Refereeing Course Level 1 – *Introduction to Refereeing* and Level 2 – *Referee Foundations* will also be held from **23 to 26 March 2026**, following the Oceania Championships.

Oceania National Federations are invited to nominate delegates to attend these courses **free of charge**. No additional fees will be required during this period.

Conditions:

- All participants must hold valid UWW licenses.
- Participants must be registered in Athena by the registration deadline of 19 February 2026, including their travel dates.
- Local transportation will be provided for all participants during the course period.

TECHNICAL CONDITIONS

- Each member wrestling federation may enter two competitor per Olympic styles category (GR/WW/FS), division, and weight class for the **2026 U17/U20/Senior Oceania Wrestling Championships and for the Oceania Open**.
- Each member wrestling federation may enter 3 competitor per Beach Wrestling category, division, and weight class for the **2026 U17/U20/Senior Oceania Wrestling Championships and the Oceania Open**.
- The tournaments will be conducted under UWW International Wrestling rules and Beach Wrestling rules.

- The tournament competition for the 2026 Oceania Wrestling Championships will be conducted over three (3) days.
 - Greco & Women's Freestyle will compete Friday, March 20th
 - Men's freestyle will compete Saturday March 21st
 - Beach Wrestling will compete Sunday March 22nd
- The tournament competition for the 2026 Oceania Open will be conducted over three (3) days.
 - Greco & Women's Freestyle will compete Friday, March 27th
 - Men's freestyle will compete Saturday March 28th
 - Beach Wrestling will compete Sunday March 29th
- Each weight class and category will be completed in one day of competition.
- Age requirement and conditions established by UWW Rules will be followed.
- Preliminary entries for all wrestlers and accompanying delegation members are requested to be submitted to the Samoa Wrestling Association no later than 1 February 2026.
- **Final entries by name, must be made in Athena no later than the 19 February 2026 Deadline for the **2026 Oceania Wrestling Championships****
- **Final entries by name, must be made in Athena no later than the 26 February 2026 Deadline for the **2026 Oceania Open****
- All entries must be made in Athena prior to the final deadline: <https://athena.unitedworldwrestling.org/login>
- Medical services will be provided by the Organizing Committee. Any medical expenses are the responsibility of the individual and NOT the organizers.
- **ALL ATHLETES MUST HAVE A 2026 UWW ATHLETE LICENSE.** We encourage Federations to purchase licenses in Athena well before the registration deadline.

WEIGHT AND COMPETITION CATAGORIES

- Agecategories:
 - U17s 16-17 years (or from 15 years old in the year)
 - U20s 18-20 years (or from 17 years old in the year)
 - Seniors 20 years and older (or from 18 years old in the year)
- Age and eligibility will be verified at the Championship during the accreditation.
- Each licensed wrestler who participates in a competition automatically agrees to UWW to use his filmed or photographed image for the promotion of the competition or of competitions to come. If a wrestler refuses to agree to these conditions, he will have to make this clear at the entry stage and, may therefore be excluded from the competition.
- Weight categories for Freestyle, Greco-Roman and Women's Wrestling are according to UWW regulations and are listed in Athena when registering your wrestler for the competition. These weights are also listed in the UWW website.

Senior/U20

Max 2 x Wrestler per Federation per weight category

Men / GR 55-60-63-67-72-77-82-87-97-130kg **Olympic Weights

Men / FS 57-61-65-70-74-79-86-92-97-125kg **Olympic Weights

Women / WW 50-53-55-57-59-62-65-68-72-76kg **Olympic Weights

Max 3 x Wrestler per Federation per weight category

Men / Beach 70 kg - 80 kg - 90 kg - +90 kg

Women / Beach 50 kg - 60 kg - 70 kg - +70 kg.

U17

Max 2 x Wrestler per Federation per weight category

Boys / GR / FS 45-48-51-55-60-65-71-80-92-110kg

Girls / WW 40-43-46-49-53-57-61-65-69-73kg

Max 3 x Wrestler per Federation per weight category

Boys / Beach 60 kg – 70 kg – 80 kg - 90kg

Girls / Beach 45 kg – 55 kg – 65 kg - 75kg