



UNITED WORLD  
**WRESTLING**

REGULATIONS FOR THE  
INTERNATIONAL BEACH WRESTLING  
REFEREEING BODY





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## CHAPTER 1 - OBJECT

### Article 1 - Introduction

These Regulations have as their aim to determine:

- conditions of attribution of the title of international referee of Beach Wrestling
- rights and duties of the international referee of Beach Wrestling
- categories and zones of competence of the international referee of Beach Wrestling
- methods of assessment and control of the international referee of Beach Wrestling

They lay down the statute of the body of international refereeing of Beach Wrestling and the obligations which result from it for the people concerned and their National Federations as well as for United World Wrestling. It defines the conditions of use of the Beach Wrestling refereeing body during Championships and competitions organised by or under the control of United World Wrestling.

## CHAPTER 2 - ATTRIBUTION OF THE TITLE - CONDITIONS

### Article 2 - Competent authority

United World Wrestling (henceforth UWW) is the only qualified authority which can give the title of international referee for the discipline of Beach Wrestling and can issue referees' licences and badges.

### Article 3 - Candidature

Only national referees who possess the highest qualification laid down in the Regulations of their National Federation and who have their country's nationality can be presented by their National Federation as candidates for the title of international referee. With the necessary adaptations, the same applies to the olympic styles international referees with the current year's valid licence.

### Article 4 - Preliminary conditions

Any candidate for the title of international referee of Beach Wrestling must be an individual who have followed and passed a training course in their own country during which they must have covered all the significant matters in the international referee examination programme.

Candidates needs to be at least 18 years old and maximum 45 years old in the calendar year in which they apply their candidacy. All candidates must have a basic knowledge and communication skills in English. A referee who has not a sufficient knowledge in English will not be selected. The age limit and the oral English test are not applicable to the candidates who are already international referees in Olympic Wrestling and have a current year's valid licence.

### Article 5 - Conditions of attribution

The title of international referee of Beach Wrestling will be attributed to any candidate who has fulfilled the preliminary conditions and has satisfactorily passed all exams organized by the UWW during an official competition.



## Article 6 - Exam

The examining panel for the examination outlined in article 5 is composed of nominated educators. The exam consists of:

- a. a written test (English), consisting of:
  - i. theoretical questions relating to Beach Wrestling Rules (online course may be established)
  - ii. test on video examples
- b. a practical test: refereeing of matches on the ring during an official international competition

Any candidate for the title of Beach Wrestling referee needs to have a referee license of the current year.

## Article 7 - Nomination

The candidate having successfully passed the above-described exam will be awarded the title of category III international referee.

It is however specified that a wrestler or an active coach cannot be allowed to pass an international referee examination during a competition in which they are participating.

## CHAPTER 3 - RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL BEACH WRESTLING REFEREE

### Article 8 - Rights

The duly accredited UWW international Beach Wrestling referee has the right:

- a. to wear the UWW badge and the regulatory emblem on their uniform
- b. to be nominated by UWW to referee international competitions
- c. to be nominated by the UWW to act as UWW Refereeing Commission member, referee delegate, neutral referee, educator, referee.
- d. to be promoted to a higher category
- e. to receive personally, decorations, diplomas, badges, medals, golden whistle etc.
- f. to receive from event organisers, when assigned as referee delegate, the reimbursement of accommodation and travelling expenses and to receive an allowance per day (refer to UWW Financial Regulations) for the duration of the competition, plus two days before and one day after the competition, in a convertible currency. However, this provision is not applicable to the Olympic Games and other Games.
- g. to open procedures outlined in the UWW Disciplinary Regulations in case of dispute in which they are involved (serious infringement noticed in exercising their duties).
- h. Waiver request:
  - a. In case of pregnancy, women referees can request a two-year maximum waiver.
  - b. Any referee can request a one-year waiver in specific cases.

This waiver needs to be solicited by the National Federation of the referee in question and must be approved by the UWW Refereeing Commission.



## Article 9 - Duties

When working as such, international Beach Wrestling referees do not represent their country, but the United World Wrestling.

In addition to their duties and being the subject of the provisions applicable to the function of referee as defined in the International Rules of Beach Wrestling, the international referee must:

- a. always be able to present their license, or prove that they have a validated license for the current year
- b. wear the UWW homologated uniform
- c. permanently be available for the duration of the competition
- d. carry out the tasks which he is given in the pure spirit of justice and impartiality, and demand the integral compliance with the International Rules of Beach Wrestling
- e. lead the national competitions of their Federation and also work as referee at these competitions
- f. be available as often as possible as referee for international competitions he is capable of refereeing
- g. Respect all the conditions and obligations written in the International Beach Wrestling Rules, specifically those referring to the Referee body.

## Article 10 - Permanent ending of function

Besides death, the function of international referee ceases irremediably, and the title is withdrawn in the following cases:

- when the referee reaches 60 years of age (note: age limit for Commission Members is set to 65 years of age). For example, a referee who is born in 1970 stopped their career the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2030
- resignation of the interested party
- removal from the official list of international Beach Wrestling referees following the provisions of the UWW Disciplinary Regulations being applied
- removal of the interested party by their National Federation (note: UWW Commission Members are nominated by UWW. They are therefore independent from their National Federations and their term ends upon the decision of UWW)
- If a referee exercises an executive function within their National Federation or a political position at an organisation within the wrestling community, UWW is to be immediately and formally notified. Each case will be analysed on a case-by-case basis evaluating the potential risk of affecting the neutrality of the concerned referee.

## Article 11 - Consequences of inactivity

An international Beach Wrestling referee may voluntarily cease their activity, be removed from the list of referees by their National Federation, or be removed due to inactivity. To regain their international category and the corresponding rights, the referee must pass the examination mentioned in Article 6 and meet the requirements set out in Article 4.

A Category III referee who does not participate in at least one international tournament within a period of two consecutive years will lose their international title.



## Article 12 - Honorary membership

The international referee who participated in four (4) Senior Beach Wrestling World Series Finals and who is willing to cease their refereeing activity has the possibility of receiving, at the suggestion of their National Federation or the UWW Refereeing Commission, the title of honorary referee and will receive a diploma in a form of recognition for their career.

Honorary referees will have free access to all Beach Wrestling competitions organized under UWW's control (except Games). The most recent list can be found on the UWW website.

## Article 13 - Particular positions of the international referee

Notwithstanding article 10, the title of international Beach Wrestling referee can be withdrawn on a provisional basis and be temporarily removed from the official list of international Beach Wrestling referees, in the cases outlined in the UWW Disciplinary Regulations or if the international Beach Wrestling referee has not settled their annual licence fee for more than two consecutive years.

The international referee whose licence is not validated for the current year will not be able to referee.

Category I international Beach Wrestling referee will be demoted to the lower category if they does not take part in minimum two (2) Beach Wrestling World Series events.

Category II referee have the obligation to participation in at least one (1) international tournament during the calendar year otherwise they will be downgraded.

Category III referee have the obligation to participate in at least one (1) international tournament in calendar year.

For all international referees, except those classified as Category III, if a referee does not participate in any international tournament during a consecutive two (2)-year period, a warning letter shall be issued through the National Federation, informing that the title of international referee may be withdrawn in case of continued inactivity. If the referee does not officiate in any international tournament for three (3) consecutive years, they shall automatically lose the title of international referee.

The international referee whose refereeing activity is recognised as insufficient or as unsatisfactory can be demoted to one lower category at the suggestion of the UWW Refereeing Commission and by decision of the UWW Executive Committee.

A category I international referee can't act as a coach at any international event.

## CHAPTER 4 - CATEGORIES - CONDITIONS OF OBTENTION AND ZONE OF COMPETENCE

### Article 14 - Categories

Following the suggestion made by the UWW Refereeing Commission, international Beach Wrestling referees are classified in the categories indicated hereafter, in descending order:

- a. Category I
- b. Category II
- c. Category III



## Article 15 - Conditions for obtaining categories

### a) Candidate Course – Level I

The candidates who wish to obtain the title of international Beach Wrestling referee must fulfil the conditions described in Article 4 and 5 of these Regulations, attend a Level I Course and successfully pass the exam (Article 6).

### b) Promotion course - Level II and III

The international referee who wishes to be promoted to a higher category must attend a course especially set up for this purpose (Level II and III) during competitions and pass the exam.

Referees demoted to a lower category will need to work minimum one (1) year in the present category, before trying to be promoted again.

Referees can attend only one promotion clinic per year.

The results of all Level I (course to cat. III) will be communicated right after the event. The results of other courses will be announced at the year of the year.

### c) Control courses

International Beach Wrestling referees can remain in their category, after decision of the UWW Executive Committee, depending on the marks awarded by the UWW Refereeing Commission during competitions in which they referee. On the basis of the same criteria, they can be demoted.

### d) Selection course for Multi-Sport Games

A specific Qualification pathway will be prepared for the referee selection for the relevant Multi-Sport Games.

## Article 16 - Zones of competence

The international Beach Wrestling referee is qualified to referee according to their category:

- |           |                            |   |
|-----------|----------------------------|---|
| <b>a)</b> | <b>category I &amp; II</b> | all competitions under United World Wrestling's control: Multi-Sport Games*, Beach Wrestling World Series, World Championships and Cups, Continental Championships and Cups and all International Tournaments.  |
| <b>b)</b> | <b>category III</b>        | all the international tournaments under the United World Wrestling's control except for the Multi-Sport Games*, Beach Wrestling World Series, World Championships and Cups (all age groups) and Continental Championships (all age groups). However, they will be authorised to referee at these competitions if a promotion course to category II is organised or if it is specifically stated in the Competition Regulations.<br><i>Exceptions can be only made by United World Wrestling</i> |

\* For Multi-Sport Games with a refereeing selection and appointment process, the referees will be selected according to the evaluation received and on the basis of a quota fixed by United World Wrestling.

## Article 17 - Nominations procedure for referees

Any National Federation remains free to choose and send to any Championships and competitions those referees of their choice, subject to imperatively satisfy the nature of the competition (Article 16) and further requirements of the UWW Regulations for International Championships and Competitions which lay down the number of referees of one country who can be presented.



At the Multi-Sport Games only referees who are on the list drawn up by the UWW can work.

Any National Federation willing to invite a referee from another country to attend a national or international competition organised by the said Federation, must seek approval from the UWW Refereeing Commission prior to the event. Any referee attending such event without approval will be subject to disciplinary actions.

## Article 18 - Limitations on the participating number of referees

There are limitations on the number of referees from one country allowed to participate at a certain UWW competition. These limitations differ depending on the type of competitions, as follows:

- For Multi-Sport Games (if applicable), only the referees on the list drawn and approved by UWW are allowed to participate
- For the Beach Wrestling World Series events and U17, U20 and Senior World and Continental Championships (all age groups) a maximum of two (2) referees per circle and per country can participate, provided that they satisfy the conditions laid down in Article 16.
- The number of referees allowed to participate at Level I - Level III Courses are explained in APPENDIX - LEVEL OF COURSES FOR REFEREES. For Level I, II, and III courses, each country may enter up to the maximum quota indicated, with the host country allowed to register one additional referee per course, provided the conditions of Article 16 are met. In all Level I-III courses, one additional quota is also granted if at least one of the nominated referees is a woman.
- For all other UWW international tournaments a maximum of three (3) referees per circle from same country can participate. Only the host is excluded from this limitation.

## Article 19 - International obligations

Although the National Federations remain entirely responsible for their international referees, the composition of the refereeing body planned for competitions under the control of UWW must meet the following requirements:

- a. In international tournaments more than 5 participating countries, a referee delegate nominated by United World Wrestling will work as coordinator, for the competition.
- b. The UWW nominated referee delegate must redeem the competition report within 2 days after the end of competition by email to ([sports@uww.org](mailto:sports@uww.org)).
- c. The referee delegates are designated by the UWW at the beginning of each year.
- d. The referee delegate, shall control that all participants have a valid UWW licence before starting the competition.

## CHAPTER 5 - REFERENCE AND CONTROL OF INTERNATIONAL REFEREES

### Article 20 - Reference

For reference purposes, UWW keeps a record of the activities of their international Beach Wrestling referees and their evaluation. Referees are filed according to their activity and their competence. This facilitates application of the provisions of articles 10 and 13 above.



## Article 21 - Control procedure

International referees who take part in competitions under UWW's control, are examined and evaluated by the UWW designated referees (as mentioned above in Article 19).

The evaluations and comments are recorded by the Refereeing Commission and used to establish the annual classification of international referees, which is then submitted for approval to the UWW Executive Committee.

## Article 22 - Consequences of infringement of the rules

The international Beach Wrestling referee subject of a complaint for infringement of the rules will receive a warning if the complaint is recognised as justified by the competent authority. If the offence is repeated, the referee will be downgraded to a lower category. However, if the offence is serious, the referee could be suspended for the duration of the competition or be immediately demoted by the UWW Executive Committee.

The international Beach Wrestling referee acting intentionally against the Fair Play under pressure or in agreement with other persons, will automatically lose the title of international referee and excluded for life according to the provisions of the UWW Disciplinary Regulations.

The suspension can be imposed during the competition in which the offences were reported.

The final sanction is subject of an ulterior investigation and final decision by UWW Bureau.

## Article 23 - Improvement, courses and examination

National Federations must attach particular importance to national training courses as a means of improvement for their referees. Bearing in mind provisions of Article 15 above, all international Beach Wrestling referee will be examined for control or for promotion to a higher category during special examinations run by UWW Refereeing Commission during competitions indicated for this purpose in the UWW calendar.

As far as possible, such training courses and exams will take place in all continents.

## Article 24 - Information during major competitions

Independently of the training courses offered exclusively to candidates (Level I to III Courses) a course will be offered for all referees prior the competition by the assigned referee delegate.

For all major events, the assignment of referees for every match will be done randomly using a software created by the UWW, which is to be used with ARENA. In case of the use of another service provider for the results (during Games or Multi-sport events), a similar software has to be developed to fulfil this task.

In addition, a daily clinic will be conducted by the referee delegate every morning prior to the competition to review and analyse actions and situations happened in the previous day.

In a given match, the referee and technical secretary cannot be of the same nationality as the competing wrestlers. In exceptional circumstances, this may not apply - this shall be identified in the Delegate report.



## CHAPTER 6 - OTHER PROVISIONS

### Article 25 - Penalties against the Refereeing Body

The UWW Bureau, which constitutes the supreme jury, shall collectively have the right to take the following disciplinary measures against the member(s) of the refereeing body technically at fault, upon report by the competition referee delegates:

- Warning  
To be given if the referee:
  - disregards the official schedule
  - acts disruptively
  - harms other referees or any official
  - performs poorly on the ring (insufficient knowledge of rules, lack of concentration etc.)
  - is found in areas of the venue where he is not allowed to be
  - using social media to communicate and/or disclose about Wrestling actions and procedures
  
- Suspension from one or more of the competition's sessions  
To be pronounced if the referee:
  - repeatedly acts as described above
  - makes major mistakes during a bout
  - criticizes the judging decisions of other referees
  - applies inappropriately the weigh-in procedure
  
- Suspension from the competition  
To be pronounced if the referee:
  - repeatedly acts as described above
  - makes critical mistakes that directly influence the outcome of a bout
  - acts contrary to fair play and the UWW Disciplinary Regulations
  - is strongly suspected to have intentionally acted as to manipulate the result of a bout (disciplinary steps should be taken immediately)
  - adversely affects the prestige and spirit of refereeing
  - shows in their behaviour or speech disrespect against the decisions of authorized persons
  - misinforms third parties about refereeing decisions

Other sanctions as decided by the UWW Disciplinary Chamber may apply depending on the seriousness of the fault.

### Article 26 - Rewards for the Refereeing Body

#### a) Objective

Considering as an essential element to all UWW competitions, the international referee must continuously acquire more and more knowledge, be always honest and blameless.

In order to stimulate the quality and the development of the international refereeing body, the UWW has set up a reward system.

This system will annually reward those referees being the best in the world in their particular field.

#### b) Nature of the reward

On the occasion of Beach Wrestling World Series Finals, 1 gold whistle might be awarded, based on the performance.



## **Article 27 - Scope of regulations**

International Beach Wrestling referees depend on the UWW Financial Regulations with regard to their financial obligations and on the UWW Disciplinary Regulations with regard to sanctions and penalties.

## **Article 28 - Field of application**

The provisions of these Regulations apply to all the international Beach Wrestling referees and to all the affiliated National Federations.

It is recommended that the National Federations follow the spirit of these Regulations so that their referees offer quality refereeing which conforms to the UWW Rules and Regulations.

## **Article 29 - Miscellaneous**

In the event of a question concerning the interpretation of any of the articles in these Regulations, only the UWW Bureau is qualified to interpret them. In addition, the same UWW Bureau has the right, with a view to the Constitution, to make any changes it deems necessary in order to improve the smooth running of international refereeing.



**APPENDIX - TYPES OF COURSES FOR REFEREES**

Level	Description of the course	Referees authorised to participate* <i>*in addition to the number of referees specified in article 18</i>	Duration
I	promotion from National to category III	Max 2 referees per country (one additional quota if a woman is included)	On site (plus online theoretical course prior the event)
II	promotion from category III to category II	Max 2 referees per country (one additional quota if a woman is included)	
III	promotion from category II to category I	Max 2 referees per country (one additional quota if a woman is included)	

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