



UWW-ASIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2026

Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic
8 April 2026 10:00 am

MINUTES

Present at the Meeting

| UWW Bureau | | |
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| 1 | Mr. Nenad Lalovic | UWW President |
| 2 | Mr. Akhroldjan Ruziev | UWW Vice President |
| 3 | Mr. Mikhail Mamiachvili | UWW Vice President |
| 4 | Ms. Cholpon Sultanbekova | UWW Bureau Member |
| 5 | Ms. Zhang Ye | UWW Bureau Member |
| 6 | Mr. Mohammad Zeyad Al-Awamleh | UWW Asia President |

| UWW Asia Executive Committee | | |
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| 1 | Mr. Mohammad Zeyad Al-Awamleh | UWW Asia President |
| 2 | Mr. Kenneth Oliver Lee | UWW Asia Secretary General |
| 3 | Ms. Zhang Ye | UWW Asia Bureau Member |
| 4 | Mr. Melis Turganbaev | UWW Asia Bureau Member |
| 5 | Mr. Sanjay Kumar Singh | UWW Asia Bureau Member |



1. Opening of the Assembly

The General Assembly was officially opened by the President of UWW Asia, **Mr. Mohammad Ziyad Al Awamleh**, who welcomed all distinguished delegates, guests, and members of the Asian wrestling family.

He expressed sincere appreciation to:

- Nenad Lalović, President of United World Wrestling
- The UWW Bureau Members and Vice Presidents
- The Wrestling Federation of Kyrgyzstan and the Organizing Committee

for their continuous support and for hosting the Assembly in Bishkek.

2. Welcome Address by the Host Country

Mr. Al-Awamleh then passed the floor to **Mr. Erkin Tentishiev**, President of the Wrestling Federation of Kyrgyzstan, to deliver the official welcome address of the host country.

Mr. Tentishiev warmly welcomed all delegates, officials, athletes, and guests to Bishkek and expressed the pride and honor of the Kyrgyz Republic in hosting both the UWW Asia General Assembly and the Senior Asian Championships. He noted that hosting such important continental events reflects the growing role of Kyrgyzstan in the development of wrestling in Asia and demonstrates the confidence placed in the country by United World Wrestling and UWW Asia.

He emphasized that wrestling holds a special place in the sporting culture and traditions of Kyrgyzstan and reaffirmed the commitment of the Wrestling Federation of Kyrgyzstan to continue working closely with UWW and UWW Asia to support the growth of the sport at all levels. **Mr. Tentishiev** also highlighted the continuous support provided by the Kyrgyz authorities and national sports institutions toward the organization of international sporting events and the development of athletes, coaches, and wrestling programs.

Furthermore, he expressed his appreciation to **UWW President Nenad Lalović, UWW Asia President Mohammad Al-Awamleh, the UWW Asia Council, participating National Federations**, referees, and all stakeholders for their cooperation and contribution to the success of the events. He underlined the importance of unity, friendship, and cooperation among the Asian wrestling family and expressed his hope that the Assembly and Championships would further strengthen relations between the National Federations across the continent.

He concluded by wishing all delegations a productive and successful General Assembly, excellent competitions, and an enjoyable stay in Bishkek.

3. Address by Mr. Nenad Lalović, President of United World Wrestling

Mr. Nenad Lalović addressed the Assembly and welcomed all delegates on behalf of United World Wrestling.

At the beginning of his address, **Mr. Lalović** extended a special welcome to the newly elected presidents and representatives attending the UWW Asia General Assembly for the first time, emphasizing the



importance of new leadership and fresh perspectives in the continued growth of wrestling across Asia and the world.

In his speech, he emphasized:

- The growing role of Asia within the international wrestling community;
- The importance of maintaining and promoting Olympic values through wrestling;
- The need to continue investing in youth development and women's wrestling;
- The positive impact of wrestling in strengthening friendship and cultural exchange among nations.

Mr. Lalović also called upon the wrestling family and National Federations to show solidarity and support toward countries facing difficulties due to the current circumstances and tensions in the Middle East. He stressed that sport should remain a bridge for peace, unity, and cooperation among nations.

Furthermore, **Mr. Lalović** addressed the situation concerning the 2026 Senior World Wrestling Championships scheduled to be held in Bahrain. He explained that, due to the current regional circumstances, United World Wrestling is closely monitoring the situation and that the possibility of relocating the event remains under consideration. However, he emphasized that UWW intends to wait until the latest possible moment before making a final decision, in the hope that stability and peace will prevail.

He noted that several countries had already expressed their readiness and intention to host the Championships if relocation becomes necessary, and therefore UWW does not face difficulties in identifying potential replacement hosts. Nevertheless, he reiterated the preference to maintain the event in Bahrain if conditions permit.

Mr. Lalović also advised all National Federations and participants not to purchase flight tickets or make accommodation reservations until the final decision regarding the Championships venue is officially communicated by UWW in the near future. He concluded this part of his remarks by expressing hope and prayers for a peaceful resolution to the current situation.

In addition, **Mr. Lalović** reminded the Assembly that an Electoral General Assembly of United World Wrestling will be held later this year, as the terms of several Bureau members are coming to an end. He further stated that elections for the position of UWW President will also take place.

He clarified that, following the constitutional amendments adopted after the 2021 Congress, the maximum presidential term is limited to twelve years effective from that date onward. Consequently, he confirmed that he remains eligible to run for one final presidential term extending until 2032.

Mr. Lalović informed the Assembly that the candidacy process for the upcoming elections would officially open within approximately one month.

At the conclusion of his address, **Mr. Lalović** expressed his appreciation to UWW Asia, the host federation, and all member federations for their contributions to the development of wrestling, and wished continued success and prosperity for the sport worldwide.

4. Address by Mr. Mohammad Al Awamleh, President of UWW Asia

The President of UWW Asia, **Mr. Mohammad Al Awamleh**, delivered his official address to the Assembly.



He thanked United World Wrestling and its President, **Nenad Lalović**, for their continuous support to the development of wrestling in Asia.

The President reviewed the major achievements of UWW Asia during 2025, including:

- The successful organization of continental championships and regional competitions;
- The strengthening of governance following the Electoral General Assembly held in Amman in March 2025;
- The expansion of development programs and Beach Wrestling activities;
- The strengthening of partnerships with UWW and the Olympic Council of Asia;
- The launch of strategic initiatives related to club championships and regional development.

He further highlighted Asia's strong results at the World Championships, confirming the continent's leading role at the international level.

Mr. Al Awamleh also referred to the major challenges facing the future of wrestling globally and stressed the importance of unity and cooperation within the international wrestling family during this important period for the sport.

In this regard, he emphasized the continuous support and leadership provided by **Mr. Nenad Lalović** toward the development of wrestling in Asia and internationally. He stated that UWW Asia and its member federations will continue to work hand in hand with **Mr. Lalović** in support of the future growth, stability, and development of wrestling worldwide.

Mr. Al Awamleh concluded by thanking all National Federations, organizers, volunteers, and partners for their support and contribution to the growth of wrestling in Asia.

5. Roll Call

The President of UWW Asia, **Mr. Mohammad Al Awamleh**, passed the floor to the Secretary General of UWW Asia, **Mr. Kenneth Oliver Lee**, to proceed with the official roll call of the member National Federations.

Mr. Kenneth Lee conducted the roll call and confirmed the attendance of the following National Federations present physically at the General Assembly:

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| 1 | Afghanistan | 9 | Jordan | 17 | Qatar |
| 2 | China | 10 | Kazakhstan | 18 | Saudi Arabia |
| 3 | Chinese Taipei | 11 | Korea | 19 | Singapore |
| 4 | DPR Korea | 12 | Kyrgyzstan | 20 | Sri Lanka |
| 5 | India | 13 | Mongolia | 21 | Tajikistan |
| 6 | Iran | 14 | Nepal | 22 | Thailand |
| 7 | Iraq | 15 | Palestine | 23 | Uzbekistan |
| 8 | Japan | 16 | Philippines | 24 | Vietnam |

In addition, the following National Federations participated online:

- Bahrain
- Timor-Leste



- Syria

The Secretary General confirmed that the required quorum was achieved in accordance with the applicable regulations of United World Wrestling – Asia, and the General Assembly was therefore duly constituted and authorized to proceed with the agenda and decisions.

6. Adoption of the Agenda

Following the completion of the roll call, the President of UWW Asia, **Mr. Mohammad Al Awamleh**, resumed the floor and presented the proposed agenda of the General Assembly to the delegates for consideration and approval.

The President invited the member National Federations to raise any observations or proposed amendments to the agenda. As no comments or objections were raised, the agenda was submitted for approval.

The General Assembly unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

7. Approval of the Minutes of the 2025 General Assembly

The President then proceeded to the next agenda item concerning the approval of the minutes of the 2025 UWW Asia General Assembly held in Amman, Jordan.

The delegates were informed that the minutes had previously been circulated to the member National Federations for review. The President invited the Assembly to provide any comments, amendments, or observations regarding the recorded minutes.

As no objections or amendments were submitted by the delegates, the minutes of the 2025 General Assembly were unanimously approved and duly adopted by the Assembly.

8. Presentation of the UWW Asia Annual Report – 2025

The President of UWW Asia, **Mr. Mohammad Al Awamleh**, together with the Secretary General of UWW Asia, **Mr. Kenneth Oliver Lee**, presented the UWW Asia Annual Report for the year 2025 to the General Assembly.

The report summarized the major activities, competitions, meetings, and development programs organized and supported by UWW Asia throughout the year, including:

- The UWW Asia Electoral General Assembly and Senior Asian Championships in Amman;
- Executive Council Meetings;
- Southeast Asian and Invitation Championships;
- Ulaanbaatar Open;
- U17 and U23 Asian Championships in Vietnam;
- U17 Beach Wrestling Championships;
- “More Than Medals” educational program;



- U15 and U20 Asian Championships in Bishkek;
- Thailand Open;
- Women in Wrestling Global Forum;
- Asian Youth Games;
- Deaflympics;
- Islamic Solidarity Games;
- West Asian Clubs Championships;
- Meetings and cooperation activities with international and governmental stakeholders.

The presentation highlighted the continued institutional growth of UWW Asia, the strengthening of cooperation with United World Wrestling and the Olympic Council of Asia, and the expansion of development and regional activities across the continent.

Particular focus was given to the outstanding performances of Asian wrestlers at the 2025 World Championships across all age categories.

The report confirmed that:

- Asia ranked 1st globally at the U17 World Championships with 62 medals;
- Asia ranked 1st overall at the U20 World Championships with 55 medals;
- Asia ranked 2nd overall at the U23 World Championships while maintaining leadership in Women's Wrestling;
- Asia ranked 1st globally at the Senior World Championships with 62 medals and major dominance in Freestyle and Women's Wrestling.

The combined medal summary presented to the Assembly showed that Asian wrestlers achieved:

- 229 total medals across all World Championships;
- 65 gold medals;
- Global leadership in Women's Wrestling and Freestyle Wrestling.

The President emphasized that these achievements clearly reflect the strength of Asian wrestling and the successful cooperation between UWW Asia, United World Wrestling, and the member National Federations in developing wrestling across the continent.

Following the presentation and discussions, the General Assembly unanimously approved the UWW Asia Annual Report for 2025.

The Assembly noted that the results presented in the Annual Report demonstrated not only Asia's strong position at the world level, but also the importance of continued investment in youth development, women's wrestling, regional competitions, and federation-level support.



9. Presentation and Approval of the Financial Report – 2025 and the Budget Proposal for 2026

The President of UWW Asia, **Mr. Mohammad Al Awamleh**, presented the Financial Report for the fiscal year 2025, as well as the proposed budget for 2026, to the General Assembly.

The presentation included an overview of the financial operations of UWW Asia during the reporting period, covering the sources of income, operational expenditures, and the projected financial framework for the upcoming year.

The Assembly was informed that the financial position of UWW Asia remained stable throughout the year, supported by operational subsidies from United World Wrestling, sponsorship contributions, and other operational revenues.

The presentation further outlined the main areas of expenditure, including administrative operations, salaries and employee benefits, travel and meeting expenses, Executive Board activities, and other operational costs necessary for the functioning and development of UWW Asia.

Regarding the proposed budget for 2026, the President explained that the financial planning was prepared in line with the strategic objectives of UWW Asia, particularly with respect to:

- Development programs and support to National Federations;
- Expansion of continental and regional competitions;
- Media, marketing, and sponsorship initiatives;
- Administrative and operational sustainability;
- Strengthening institutional and organizational capacity.

The President emphasized that the financial management of UWW Asia continues to be conducted in accordance with the principles of transparency, accountability, and responsible governance, and in alignment with the regulations and objectives of United World Wrestling.

The President further explained that the proposed 2026 budget was intended to ensure continuity in UWW Asia's operations while supporting development activities, competitions, administrative needs, and future strategic initiatives.

Following the presentation, the floor was opened for comments and observations from the delegates. As no objections were raised, the General Assembly unanimously approved:

- The Financial Report for the year 2025; and
- The Budget Proposal for the year 2026

10. Marketing Team Report – Mr. Duke Le

Mr. Duke Le presented the UWW Asia Marketing Team Report, outlining the marketing, media, and digital activities carried out during 2025, as well as the future strategic direction of the UWW Asia marketing operations.

The presentation included an overview of the significant growth achieved across UWW Asia digital and social media platforms during the year, particularly through the official Instagram platform of



UWW Asia, which recorded substantial increases in audience engagement, reach, content interaction, and overall visibility of wrestling across the continent.

Mr. Duke Le further presented the key pillars of the UWW Asia marketing strategy, which focus on:

- Establishing a unified continental brand identity;
- Increasing engagement across UWW Asia events;
- Expanding the visibility of athletes through storytelling and media content;
- Building a sustainable marketing and media network across member federations.

The presentation also introduced the “Creator Network Initiative,” aimed at developing a continent-wide network of wrestling content creators to support the production, review, and distribution of media content across UWW Asia digital platforms, while ensuring balanced regional representation and consistent quality standards.

In addition, Mr. Duke Le outlined the operational scope and future objectives of the UWW Asia Marketing Team, including:

- Strategic marketing planning and oversight;
- Social media management;
- Branding and creative direction;
- Performance reporting;
- Sponsorship acquisition and activation;
- Monetization initiatives and merchandising opportunities.

The General Assembly welcomed the presentation and expressed its appreciation for the efforts undertaken by the UWW Asia Marketing Team in strengthening the visibility, branding, and international image of wrestling throughout Asia

11. UWW Asia Regional Appointed Board

The President of UWW Asia, **Mr. Mohammad Al Awamleh**, presented the concept and structure of the newly established **UWW Asia Regional Appointed Board**.

The President explained that the Regional Appointed Board was established as an advisory body representing the five principal regions of Asia, namely:

- West Asia;
- Central Asia;
- South Asia;
- Southeast Asia; and
- East Asia.

He further explained that the appointed members would serve as regional focal points between UWW Asia and the National Federations within their respective regions, with the objective of strengthening



communication, enhancing regional coordination, identifying regional challenges and opportunities, and contributing to the strategic development of wrestling across the continent.

The Assembly was informed that the members of the Regional Appointed Board would be invited to attend UWW Asia Board meetings in a consultative capacity, participating in discussions and providing regional perspectives and recommendations, without holding voting rights within the Board structure.

The President also clarified that appointments to the Regional Appointed Board are made by the President of UWW Asia, subject to the approval of the UWW Asia Board, and that such appointments are not permanent in nature and may be reviewed or amended in accordance with the evolving needs and strategic priorities of UWW Asia.

The following appointments were officially announced to the General Assembly:

- Fahad A. Al-Farraj – West Asia;
- Almaz Bekboev – Central Asia;
- Myanganbaya “Minga” Batsukh – East Asia;
- Duke Le – Southeast Asia.

The President noted that the appointment for South Asia would be announced at a later stage following further consultations.

The General Assembly welcomed the establishment of the Regional Appointed Board and expressed its support for the initiative as an important step toward strengthening regional cooperation, communication, and representation within UWW Asia

The Assembly recognized that the Regional Appointed Board would help improve communication between UWW Asia and the National Federations by allowing regional concerns, priorities, and proposals to be shared more directly within the UWW Asia structure.

12. Development Department Presentation – Mr. Yuri Maier

Mr. Yuri Maier delivered a comprehensive presentation on behalf of the United World Wrestling Development Department, outlining both the activities implemented during the previous period and the strategic objectives and programs planned for the future.

The presentation reviewed the development initiatives and projects that had already been carried out in cooperation with National Federations across Asia, including grassroots development programs, educational activities for coaches and referees, athlete development pathways, and technical support initiatives aimed at strengthening wrestling structures within developing federations.

Mr. Maier also presented the future vision and priorities of the Development Department, including the expansion of educational programs, increased support for youth and women’s wrestling, enhancement of regional training opportunities, and the strengthening of cooperation between United World Wrestling and the Asian National Federations in the coming years.

The General Assembly expressed its appreciation to the UWW Development Department for its continuous support and contribution toward the growth and development of wrestling throughout Asia.



13. Associated Styles Presentation – Mr. Onur Simsek

Mr. Onur Simsek delivered a presentation concerning the development of Associated Styles within Asia, providing an overview of the progress achieved during the previous period as well as the future development strategy and objectives.

The presentation highlighted the activities and competitions already organized in disciplines such as Traditional Styles, AMMA and Grappling, together with the efforts undertaken to increase participation, visibility, and technical development of Associated Styles across the continent.

Mr. Simsek further outlined the future plans for expanding Associated Styles competitions and development pathways, strengthening cooperation with National Federations, and creating broader participation opportunities for athletes and member federations within UWW Associated Styles activities.

The General Assembly welcomed the continued progress and expansion of Associated Styles in Asia and expressed support for the future initiatives presented during the session.

14. UWW Asia Awards

As part of the UWW Asia Awards Ceremony, the President of UWW Asia, **Mr. Mohammad Al Awamleh**, presented certificates of appointment and appreciation to the members of the UWW Asia Regional Appointed Board in recognition of their support and contribution to the development of wrestling within their respective regions.

Certificates were awarded to:

- Fahad A. Al-Farraj – West Asia;
- Almaz Bekboev – Central Asia;
- Myanganbaya “Minga” Batsukh – East Asia;
- Duke Le – Southeast Asia.

The President then proceeded with the presentation of the 2025 UWW Asia Awards, recognizing the outstanding achievements of athletes, coaches, and National Federations throughout the year.

The following awards were presented:

Athletes of the Year

- Greco-Roman Athlete of the Year:
Mohammad Hadi Saravi – Islamic Republic of Iran;
- Women’s Wrestling Athlete of the Year:
Mina Morikawa – Japan;
- Freestyle Athlete of the Year:
Han Chong-Song – DPR Korea.

Coaches of the Year

- Greco-Roman Coach of the Year:
Rustam Assakalov – Uzbekistan;



- Women's Wrestling Coach of the Year:
Nurbek Izabekov – Kyrgyzstan;
- Freestyle Coach of the Year:
Pejman Dorostkar – Islamic Republic of Iran.

National Federation of the Year

- Thailand Wrestling Federation – Thailand.

The President congratulated all award recipients and praised their contributions and achievements, emphasizing that their success reflects the continued growth and strength of wrestling across Asia.

15. Miscellaneous and Closing of the Assembly

At the conclusion of the agenda items, the President of UWW Asia, **Mr. Mohammad Al Awamleh**, opened the floor to the representatives of the National Federations for any questions, comments, or observations.

Mr. Riad Hassan, Secretary General of the Palestine Wrestling Federation, took the floor on behalf of the Palestinian delegation.

At the outset of his remarks, Mr. Hassan conveyed the apologies of:

- Mr. Firas Doudin, President of the Palestine Wrestling Federation, for his inability to attend the General Assembly due to prior commitments; and
- Ms. Lara Khdour, Executive Member of UWW Asia, due to her wedding ceremony.

On behalf of the Palestinian wrestling community and the Assembly, he extended congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Lara Khdour on the occasion of her wedding.

Mr. Hassan further expressed his sincere appreciation to Nenad Lalović for his continuous support to the Palestinian wrestling community, particularly recalling the speech delivered by Mr. Lalović two years earlier in support of Palestine, which, according to Mr. Hassan, was heard throughout Gaza and gave hope and encouragement to many young athletes during difficult circumstances.

He also extended appreciation and gratitude to the wrestling federations and authorities of Qatar, Mongolia, and Jordan for their continued support and solidarity with the Palestinian wrestling community.

No further comments or interventions were raised by the delegates.

Thereafter, the President of UWW Asia thanked all participating National Federations, United World Wrestling officials, delegates, organizers, and volunteers for their contribution to the success of the General Assembly and **officially declared the session closed at 14:15.**

The President concluded by reaffirming his appreciation to all delegates and stakeholders for their active participation, cooperation, and continued commitment to strengthening wrestling throughout Asia.



Mohammed Zeyad Al-Awamleh

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**President
United World Wrestling Asia**

Kenneth Oliver Lee

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**Secretary General
United World Wrestling Asia**