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# ***United World Wrestling Africa***

## ***Report 2025 - 2026***



## UNITED WORLD WRESTLING AFRICA

**Mr. Nenad Lalović, President of United World Wrestling**

**Mr. Minister of Sports**

**Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of the General Assembly,**

The past sporting season, for which we present this moral report to our esteemed General Assembly, has been rich in major sporting events and in support of innovative initiatives across Africa.

Indeed, my colleagues from the Executive Bureau of UWW Africa, under the direct supervision of Mr. Nenad Lalović, President of UWW, along with the members of the UWW Executive Bureau and its team in charge of development and qualification programs, have planned numerous initiatives. These were implemented in direct coordination with the leadership of the International Federation, represented by Mr. Nenad Lalović, or with its senior officials, notably the Development Department led by Ms. Deqa Niamkey.

**Development and Training Strengthening the Capacities of African Federations** As part of a professionalization and capacity-building approach for African federations, an ambitious program was implemented in collaboration with the International Wrestling Federation. Among the major initiatives was the organization of a training camp in Morocco involving a large number of technical and administrative officials from African federations.

Supervised by the Development Department led by Ms. Deqa Niamkey, this program has become a benchmark in technical and administrative training. It highlights the importance of continuous education to improve governance and performance of national federations.

The medium-term objective is to expand these initiatives to ensure harmonious and sustainable development of African wrestling.



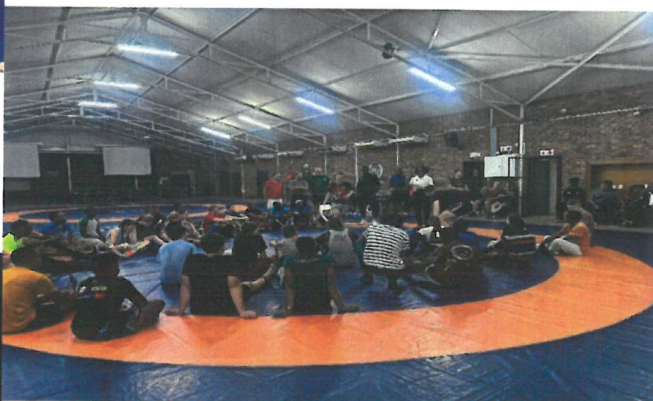
# UNITED WORLD WRESTLING AFRICA

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND INITIATIVES

ORGANIZATION  
OF A TRAINING CAMP IN SENEGAL  
BENEFICIARIES: 31 AFRICAN  
NATIONAL FEDERATIONS



ORGANIZATION OF REGIONAL TRAINING AMPS  
← KENYA  
BENEFICIARIES: 5 AFRICAN FEDERATIONS



SOUTH AFRICA →  
BENEFICIARIES: 5 AFRICAN FEDERATIONS



MOROCCO  
TRAINING  
AT THE UWW AFRICA CONTINENTAL CENTER  
BENEFITTING 8 NATIONAL FEDERATIONS



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These initiatives are of paramount importance and should be replicated across several geographical regions of Africa, given their relevance in strengthening capacities, improving human resources, enhancing administrative and technical performance, and establishing sustainable governance.

A complementary report details the programs carried out, activities organized, participating countries, beneficiaries, as well as the results and impact of these trainings.

### TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO GUARANTEE PARTICIPATION IN THE AFRICANS CHAMPIONSHIPS AND THE WORLD SERIES BEACH WRESTLING

UWW, in collaboration with UWW Africa, mobilized financial resources to ensure participation of African federations facing economic challenges.

This highly appreciated initiative covered travel and accommodation costs, and also provided an opportunity to organize working meetings aimed at aligning visions for the future of wrestling development in Africa.

### FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR AFRICAN FEDERATIONS

To encourage young athletes' participation in the African Championships, UWW and the African Wrestling Confederation established a support program facilitating participation in:

- African Wrestling Championships – Casablanca 2025,
- Beach Wrestling Championships – Casablanca 2025.

This program enabled many young athletes to participate in major competitions, strengthening African federations' involvement in youth development.

Special recognition goes to the Royal Moroccan Federation of Associated Wrestling, under the leadership of Mr. Fouad Meskout, for significantly reducing participation fees for the Beach Wrestling Championships while maintaining high-quality services in accommodation, catering, and transport.



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### AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS — CASABLANCA 2025 BEACH WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS — CASABLANCA 2025 AND 3RD STAGE OF THE WORLD SERIES— CASABLANCA 2025

The UWW Africa General Assembly for the 2024/2025 season was held on April 28, 2025, in Casablanca, on the eve of the African Wrestling Championships. All reports presented were unanimously adopted.

The General Assembly saw the election of Mr. Fouad Meskout, President of a new Board of Directors of UWW Africa for a four-year term.

These championships marked an important milestone in assessing the preparedness of African athletes for major upcoming international competitions.

A specific support program was implemented to ensure optimal preparation for high-potential athletes through intensive training camps and strengthened technical supervision.

Attached to this report are the minutes of the General Assembly and the technical results of the championships.

### FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

UWW Africa expresses its deep gratitude to all stakeholders who contributed to the success of this year's projects. Thanks to their commitment, African wrestling continues to progress and gain international visibility.

#### **Key future objectives:**

- Continuation of training and development programs of African federations.
- Strengthening support for African athletes in international competitions.
- Developing the sports infrastructure for wrestling on the continent.
- Launch of a new preparation program for athletes eligible for the 2028 Olympics and beyond, at the International Center in El Jadida.



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### THE INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING CENTER OF EL JADIDA -MOROCCO A BEACON SERVING AFRICA AND ITS ATHLETES

This center plays a strategic role as a platform for training and development of African athletes. With modern infrastructure and high-level technical supervision, it is a major asset for the advancement of wrestling in Africa and must remain central to development strategies.





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### PARTICIPATION OF THE UWW AFRICA PRESIDENT IN KEY MEETINGS IN SWITZERLAND

The President of UWW Africa and Vice-President of UWW visited Switzerland to participate in decisive meetings chaired by Mr. Nenad Lalović, focusing on development, governance, and traditional wrestling worldwide.



Key topics included the development program of the International Wrestling Center of El Jadida and other priority issues.

A major highlight was the meeting with the President of the International Refereeing Commission, who received special recognition from the President of the International Federation.



En compagnie du Président de la Commission internationale d'arbitrage, qui a été honoré d'une distinction spéciale par le Président de la Fédération internationale, lequel l'a encouragé à poursuivre son parcours avec détermination, confiance et volonté



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### CONCLUSION

The year 2025 has been dynamic and rich in achievements for African wrestling, with significant progress both institutionally and sportingly.

These successes are the result of collective efforts involving national federations, the African Wrestling Confederation, and the International Federation.

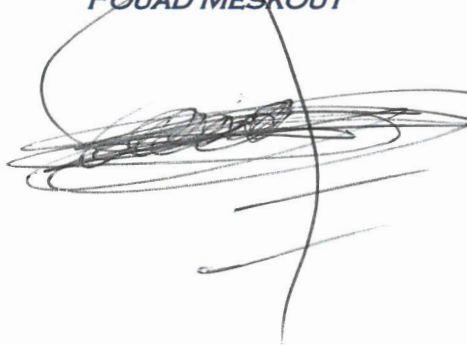
We express our deep gratitude to Mr. Nenad Lalović, for his unwavering support and commitment to the development of wrestling in Africa. His leadership and strategic vision have opened new horizons for our discipline.

The commitment of all stakeholders must continue to ensure sustainable growth and position African wrestling among the leading disciplines on the international stage.

I take this opportunity to thank all those who supported our programs and made sacrifices for the African continent.

*Let's Wrestling together for a better and sustainable future!*

THE PRESIDENT  
FOUAD MESKOUT



THE SECRETARY GENERAL  
MOHAMED MAHMOUD ALY ELSAYED





# UNITED WORLD WRESTLING AMERICAS

## Continental Council Activity Report | 2024 – 2026

### 1. Introduction

Over the 2024–2026 period, United World Wrestling Americas (UWWA) consolidated a continental calendar that combined a full programme of Continental Championships, a strong presence in the region's multi-sport Games, and an expanding portfolio of development activities reaching every sub-region of the Americas. The Council's work has been guided by three priorities: guaranteeing competition opportunities in all age categories and styles, extending development support to National Federations with fewer resources, and strengthening institutional partnerships — in particular with Panam Sports.

### 2. Continental Championships

#### 2024

- Senior Pan-American Championships — Acapulco, Mexico, 21–24 February
- Pan-American Olympic Games Qualifier (Paris 2024) — Acapulco, Mexico, 28 February – 1 March
- U15 Pan-American Championships — San Salvador, El Salvador, 13–15 June
- U23 Pan-American Championships — Rionegro, Colombia, 21–22 June (inaugural edition)
- U17 Pan-American Championships — Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 27–29 June
- U20 Pan-American Championships — Lima, Peru, 11–13 July

#### 2025

- U23 Pan-American Championships — Querétaro, Mexico, 10–12 April

- Senior Pan-American Championships — Monterrey, Mexico, 8–11 May
- Beach Wrestling World Series, opening stop — Monterrey, Mexico, 12–13 May
- U15 Pan-American Championships — Guatemala City, Guatemala, 22–24 May
- U17 Pan-American Championships — Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 19–21 June
- U20 Pan-American Championships — Lima, Peru, 10–12 July

## 2026

- U17 Pan-American Championships — Panama City, Panama, 2–4 April
- Senior Pan-American Championships — Coralville, United States, 7–10 May
- U23 Pan-American Championships — Lima, Peru, 11–13 June
- U20 Pan-American Championships — Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 9–11 July
- U15 Pan-American Championships — Mexico City, Mexico, 23–25 July



Throughout the period, the corresponding **Beach Wrestling Pan-American Championships** were staged on the final day of competition of each event. This format has proven highly effective: it guarantees the discipline a permanent place in the continental calendar, adds no additional travel or accommodation costs for National Federations, and has significantly widened participation in Beach Wrestling across the region ahead of the current Youth Olympic cycle.

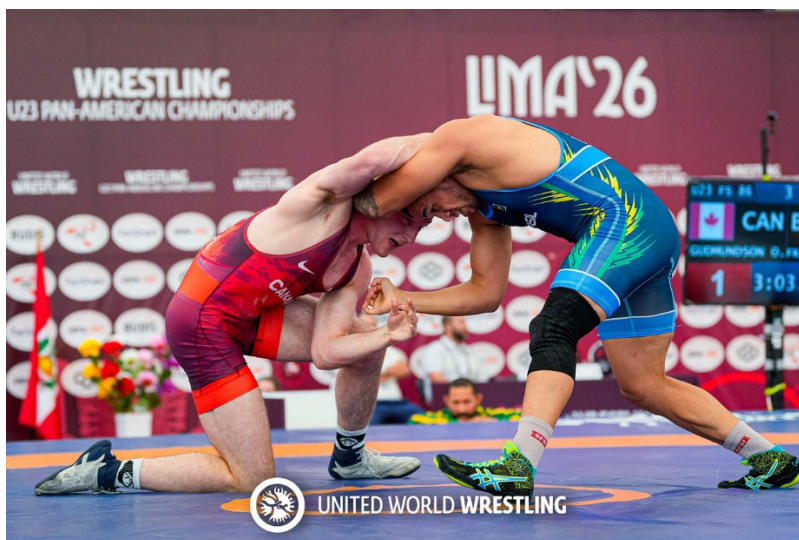
Two further trends stand out. First, the geographical rotation of hosts — Mexico, El Salvador, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Peru, Guatemala, Brazil, Panama and the United States — has distributed organisational experience and technical know-how across the continent rather than concentrating it in a few federations. Second, all events were delivered using the Athena and Arena systems and full official UWW implementations, supported by continental IT teams, in close coordination with the Refereeing Commission on officials' appointments and compliance.

### 3. Multi-sport Games

Wrestling maintained a full presence in the region's multi-sport programme:

- **II Junior Pan American Games**, Asunción, Paraguay — 20–22 August 2025: 18 weight categories across the three Olympic styles, with qualification determined through the 2025 U23 Pan-American Championships.
- **XII Central American Games**, Guatemala 2025 — wrestling held in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 22–24 October 2025.
- **XX Bolivarian Games**, Ayacucho–Lima, Peru — 22 November – 7 December 2025.
- **South American Youth Games**, Panama City, Panama — 13–15 April 2026.
- **FISU World University Championship Combat Sports**, Brasília, Brazil — 8–12 June 2026.
- **XXV Central American and Caribbean Games**, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic — 31 July – 2 August 2026.
- **South American Games**, Santa Fe, Argentina — 19–21 September 2026.
- **Bolivarian Youth Games**, Caracas, Venezuela — 21–23 November 2026.
- **ISF Gymnasiade**, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil — 3–8 December 2026.

In each case UWWA supported the organising committees on technical matters, officials' appointments and compliance with UWW competition regulations, and coordinated with National Federations and National Olympic Committees on entries and qualification pathways. Attention is now turning to the **Pan American Games Lima 2027**, for which the continental qualification structure is being aligned with the LA28 cycle.



#### 4. Development Programmes

**More Than Medals (MTM)** The Council delivered one MTM camp per year in the Americas, targeting U17 athletes and their coaches:

- **Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic** — 1–7 July 2024: athletes and coaches from 11 countries, held at the Dominican Olympic Sport Centre, with clinics on sports psychology, nutrition and weight management, anti-doping and injury prevention.
- **Rio de Janeiro, Brazil** — June 2025: as in every edition, the camp was organised in connection with the U17 Pan-American Championships and was a clear success.
- **Panama City, Panama** — 6–11 April 2026: 122 athletes from 17 countries (44 WW, 32 GR, 46 FS), with an educational programme covering anti-doping, sports psychology, nutrition, injury prevention and leadership, complemented by a cultural and environmental component.

**Regional Development and Education Tournaments (REDT)** The REDT format — combining a multicultural training camp, a coaches' course, a referees' course and an international competition, with free licences for all participants — has become the Council's most effective development instrument.

- **"Pat Shaw" Memorial Cup, Guatemala City:** organised every year of the cycle, with consistently successful results. The XXXIV edition (May 2025) hosted the third REDT for the Americas, gathering **308 athletes from 16 countries** across **619 matches** in Senior, U20, U17 and U15 in all three styles. The coaches' course was delivered by

Professor Reza Azimi and the referees' course by international referee Hugo Figueroa, with 13 referees from 9 countries; complementary sessions on anti-doping and sports medicine were provided by the Guatemalan NADO and a member of the UWW Medical Commission.

- **South American Open, Niterói, Brazil** — 6–12 November 2025: second edition, with **536 athletes from 9 countries** and **946 matches**. This edition introduced a **Teams Competition** format, with 16 teams across the three styles, which will be retained in future editions as a development tool.

**Education of educators** The second UWW Educators Course in the Americas was held in Petén, Guatemala, in November 2024, certifying 11 educators from Argentina, Cuba, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Venezuela — strengthening the continental pool able to deliver UWW coaching and refereeing courses in Spanish.

## **5. Cooperation with Panam Sports**

The most significant institutional development of the cycle was the joint **International Wrestling Training Camp in Rio de Janeiro (12–21 July 2026)**, organised by UWWA together with **Panam Sports** and the Confederação Brasileira de Wrestling, with the support of the Comitê Olímpico do Brasil.

Held at the Maria Lenk Training Centre immediately after the U20 Pan-American Championships, the camp brought together **65 participants from 14 countries** in the U20 category, with accommodation, meals and internal transport fully covered by the organisation. The programme combined twice-daily technical and tactical sessions with specialised lectures delivered by Comitê Olímpico do Brasil experts, and included a component of the Ibero-American Women's Wrestling programme. Positioning the camp directly after a continental championship maximised the use of athletes and coaches already travelling to the region and delivered a strong return on an investment of USD 50,000.

This model — a Panam Sports-supported development camp anchored to an existing continental event — is one the Council intends to replicate in the Lima 2027 and LA28 cycles.

## **6. Governance**

Throughout the period, the UWWA Executive Committee met **twice per year**: one ordinary meeting held in conjunction with the Senior Pan-American Championships, and one extraordinary meeting convened at different venues across the continent according to the calendar of continental and multi-sport events. The **Ordinary Congress** of United World

Wrestling Americas was likewise convened annually, in accordance with the UWW Constitution and the Continental Councils Regulations. In **2025**, following the Olympic Games, the Congress was held as an **elective General Assembly**.



## 7. Acknowledgements

United World Wrestling Americas wishes to express its sincere gratitude to United World Wrestling, to its President **Mr Nenad Lalović**, and to the **UWW Development Department**, whose continued support, guidance and resources have made the activities described in this report possible.

  
Lic. Francisco Eduardo Lee López  
Presidente



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# Annual Report 2025

## ASIA

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Presented to the UWW Asia Congress

Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic · April 2026



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## FOREWORD

# Mr. Nenad Lalovic

United World Wrestling President  
International Olympic Committee Member

Dear colleagues, friends, and wrestling family,

On behalf of United World Wrestling, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to Bishkek, the host city of the United World Wrestling Senior Asian Championships and the UWW Asia General Assembly. We are proud to gather the finest wrestlers from across Asia, alongside distinguished UWW Asia officials, for this important occasion that celebrates our shared commitment to the Olympic values of friendship, respect, and excellence.

In the coming days, the athletes competing on the mat will inspire future generations and showcase the positive power of sport—values that we must continue to protect and promote. I am equally confident that the esteemed members of the UWW Asia General Assembly will continue to play a vital role in preserving and strengthening these principles through their leadership and dedication.

It is always a pleasure for the UWW family to come together in a city that embraces wrestling, and Bishkek provides an excellent stage for both the Championships and the General Assembly. This event is also a reminder that the future of our sport lies in the hands of strong, dynamic, and emerging generations who will continue to drive wrestling forward.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the Wrestling Federation of Kyrgyzstan, the Organizing Committee, as well as the local authorities and all partners involved, for their efforts in hosting these significant events. I also thank all UWW Asia officials for their continued commitment and contributions to the development of wrestling across the continent.

Finally, I wish all athletes the very best in their competitions and encourage them to perform with passion and determination. I also extend my best wishes to my colleagues in UWW Asia for a productive and memorable General Assembly, and for continued success in advancing our sport in the years ahead.

Thank you.



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## FOREWORD

# Mr. Mohammad Al-Awamleh

United World Wrestling Asia President

Dear colleagues, distinguished delegates, and members of the Asian wrestling family,

At the outset, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to United World Wrestling and its President, Mr. Nenad Lalović, for their continuous support, guidance, and commitment to the development of wrestling across Asia and worldwide.

It is my great honor to present the United World Wrestling Asia Annual Report for 2025, as we gather in Bishkek for the UWW Asia Congress. This report reflects a year of significant progress, strong cooperation, and continued commitment to the development of wrestling across our continent.

The year 2025 marked an important milestone for UWW Asia, beginning with the Electoral General Assembly in Amman, which established a new leadership for the 2025–2029 term through a transparent and unified process. Since then, we have worked collectively to strengthen governance, expand our activities, and build a clear strategic vision focused on growth, inclusivity, and sustainability.

Throughout the year, UWW Asia successfully organized and supported a wide range of continental and regional events, spanning all age categories and disciplines. These competitions, alongside development programs such as "More Than Medals" and the expansion of Beach Wrestling, have contributed to strengthening the technical level of our athletes and providing broader opportunities for participation across all regions of Asia.

The results achieved by Asian wrestlers at the World Championships further confirm Asia's leading position in global wrestling. With strong performances across all styles and age groups, particularly in Women's Wrestling and Freestyle, our continent continues to demonstrate both excellence at the highest level and depth of talent for the future.

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## FOREWORD *(continued)*

# Mr. Mohammad Al-Awamleh

United World Wrestling Asia President

At the same time, UWW Asia has taken important steps to enhance its institutional capacity, strengthen its relationship with key partners such as United World Wrestling and the Olympic Council of Asia, and initiate new projects including regional competitions, club championships, and structured development programs. These efforts reflect our long-term vision to build a stronger, more connected, and more inclusive wrestling community across Asia.

On this occasion, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Wrestling Federation of Kyrgyzstan, the Organizing Committee, and all local authorities in Bishkek for their warm hospitality and outstanding efforts in hosting the UWW Asia Congress and the Senior Asian Championships. Their commitment and professionalism play a key role in the success of these important continental events.

Looking ahead, our focus remains on expanding opportunities for all member federations, investing in youth and women's wrestling, and creating sustainable pathways for athletes, coaches, and officials. Through collaboration, innovation, and shared commitment, we will continue to elevate wrestling in Asia to even greater levels.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all National Federations, UWW leadership, partners, organizers, and volunteers for their continuous support and dedication. Your contributions are the foundation of our success and the driving force behind the growth of our sport.

Finally, I extend my best wishes for a successful and productive UWW Asia Congress, and I look forward to continuing our collective journey in developing wrestling across Asia.



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# Activity Report 2025

Key Events, Competitions & Milestones

## ASIAN ELECTORAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Amman, Jordan · 24 March 2025

Record participation: 39 of 41 Asian federations present for the first time. The Assembly elected the UWW Asia Executive Committee (2025–2029) through a transparent democratic process.

- Mohammad Al-Awamleh (Jordan) — President
- Alireza Dabir (Iran) — Vice President
- Kenneth Lee (Korea) — Secretary General
- Melis Turganbayev (Kyrgyzstan) — Exec. Member
- Zhang Ye (China) — Exec. Member
- Sanjay Kumar (India) — Exec. Member
- Lara Khmour (Palestine) — Exec. Member



## SENIOR ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Amman, Jordan · 25–30 March 2025

25 Asian federations and 364 athletes competed across Greco-Roman, Freestyle, and Women's Wrestling — confirming Asia's leading position in global wrestling.

25

Federations

364

Athletes



## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING NO. 01

Amman, Jordan · 27 March 2025

First meeting of the newly elected leadership, setting strategic direction for 2025–2029. Key focus: Development Officer appointment, expanding hosting, regional competitions.

## SE ASIAN & INVITATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Singapore · 10–12 May 2025

Development-focused competition across GR, FS, and WW in U17 and Senior categories. Provided competitive opportunities for developing wrestlers and supported regional growth.

## UWW PRESIDENT VISITS ASIA OFFICES

Amman, Jordan · 15 May 2025

UWW President Lalovic visited the new UWW Asia headquarters in Amman — symbolizing strong cooperation and growing institutional capacity of the continental body.



## Ulaanbaatar Open

Mongolia · 29 May–1 June 2025

International ranking tournament with elite participation across all Olympic disciplines. Key role in enhancing competition exposure and global integration of Asian wrestling.



## U17 & U23 Asian Championships

Vung Tau, Vietnam · 18–26 June 2025

Asia's top young talents competed across GR, FS, and WW. Unified format combining U17 and U23 strengthened the development pathway from youth to elite level.



## U17 Beach Wrestling Championships

Vung Tau, Vietnam · 27 June 2025

Fast-paced, spectator-friendly competition. Beach Wrestling continues as a key strategic discipline for UWW Asia, expanding the sport beyond Classic Styles.



## More Than Medals Asia — U17

Vung Tau, Vietnam · 28 Jun–2 Jul 2025

Training camp combining technical wrestling with personal growth and values-based learning. Led by international experts with full UWW support — investing in champions on and off the mat.



## U15 & U20 Asian Championships

Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan · 5–13 July 2025

Emerging talents competed in GR, FS, and WW, reinforcing the structured development pathway. Critical platform for talent identification and transition to elite competition.



## Thailand Open

Sriracha, Thailand · 5–9 August 2025

International development platform with broad participation across GR, FS, and WW. Supported athlete preparation for major championships and enhanced regional engagement.

## WOMEN IN WRESTLING GLOBAL FORUM

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia · 7–11 October 2025

Over 34 participants from 21 countries — athletes, coaches, referees, and administrators — gathered for leadership sessions, technical discussions, and workshops focused on women's wrestling development.

34+

Participants

21

Countries



## ASIAN YOUTH GAMES

Manama, Bahrain · 28–30 October 2025

Wrestling delivered with strong coordination between UWW, UWW Asia and the Olympic Council of Asia. Beach Wrestling: 13 federations, 45 athletes. Freestyle U17: 25 federations, 113 athletes.

25

Federations

113

FS Athletes

45

BW Athletes



## **Executive Council Meeting No. 02**

Manama, Bahrain · 29 Oct 2025

Full quorum meeting covering: sponsorship development, Asian Clubs Championship project, new partnerships, OCA cooperation, 2026 calendar expansion, and confirmation of Amman as official HQ.

## **25th Summer Deaflympics**

Tokyo, Japan · 15–26 Nov 2025

High-standard competition: 15 teams in Freestyle, 19 in Greco-Roman. Promoted inclusivity and equal opportunity, supporting development of wrestling among deaf athletes.

## **Islamic Solidarity Games**

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia · 18–21 Nov 2025

Wide participation across FS, GR, and WW. Demonstrated high competitiveness and reinforced wrestling's strong presence within major multi-sport games.



## West Asian Clubs Championships

Baghdad, Iraq · 3–6 Dec 2025

A milestone in UWW Asia's vision to develop club-based competitions. Club teams from across West Asia competed in FS, GR, and WW — creating new pathways beyond national team level.



## Meeting with President of Kyrgyz Republic

Bishkek · 8 December 2025

High-level meeting with President Sadyr Zhaparov. Awards exchanged: Lalovic received the Dostuk State Order; Al-Awamleh received a Certificate of Appreciation. Zhaparov received UWW Order.



## Southeast Asian Games

Sriracha, Thailand · 17–19 Dec 2025

Wrestling delivered with high organization across FS, GR, and WW. Multiple SE Asian federations participated — the SEA Games continue to serve as an important development platform.

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# World Championships Performance

Asian Wrestling Dominance on the Global Stage

# U17 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Athens, Greece · 28 July – 3 August 2025

# 62

Total Medals · 51.67% of all medals

## Greco-Roman

8 Gold, 5 Silver, 8 Bronze (21 total, 52.5%)

## Women's Wrestling

8 Gold, 7 Silver, 6 Bronze (21 total, 52.5%)

## Freestyle

2 Gold, 9 Silver, 9 Bronze (20 total, 50%)

*Asia ranked 1st globally in total medals (62) and gold medals (18), achieving over 50% of all medals — confirming continental dominance at the U17 level.*

# U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Samokov, Bulgaria · 17–24 August 2025

# 55

Total Medals · 45.83% of all medals

## Greco-Roman

Europe led, but Asia maintained strong depth (10 Bronze) and consistent podium presence

## Women's Wrestling

8 Gold, 4 Silver, 11 Bronze (23 total, 57.5%) — Asia clearly dominated

## Freestyle

Balanced global competition with strong Asian presence across all categories

*Asia maintained 1st place overall in total medals (55). Strong dominance in Women's Wrestling confirms Asia as the global leader in this discipline.*

# U23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Novi Sad, Serbia · 20–27 October 2025

# 50

Total Medals · 41.67% of all medals

## Greco-Roman

Europe leads in medal volume and depth;  
Asia maintains strong podium presence

## Women's Wrestling

7 Gold, 3 Silver, 8 Bronze (18 total, 45%) — #1 globally

## Freestyle

Equal gold with Pan America but higher total (18 vs 6), strong depth

*Asia ranks 2nd overall (41.67%), close to Europe. #1 in Women's Wrestling and Freestyle depth. Asia is already leading the next generation of world wrestling.*

# SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Zagreb, Croatia · 13–21 September 2025

# 62

Total Medals · 50% of all medals

## Greco-Roman

Europe led total medals, but Asia achieved higher gold count (6 vs 4)

## Women's Wrestling

7 Gold, 4 Silver, 10 Bronze (21 total, 52.5%) — Asia clearly dominated

## Freestyle

Asia dominated: Highest gold medals and highest total medals across all categories

*Asia ranked 1st globally with 62 medals (50% of all medals). Clear dominance in Freestyle and Women's Wrestling, plus highest gold count in Greco-Roman.*

## 2025 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS — COMBINED MEDAL SUMMARY

229

Total Asian  
Medals

Across all 4 World Championships

65

Gold  
Medals

Leading globally in gold count

47%

Average Medal  
Share

Consistently near or above 50%

#1

Global  
Ranking

In Women's Wrestling & Freestyle

## Championship-by-Championship Breakdown

U17 Worlds

62 medals

Asia share: 51.67%

**Rank: 1st**

U20 Worlds

55 medals

Asia share: 45.83%

**Rank: 1st**

U23 Worlds

50 medals

Asia share: 41.67%

**Rank: 2nd**

Senior Worlds

62 medals

Asia share: 50.00%

**Rank: 1st**

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# Financial Report

2025 Actuals & 2026 Budget Proposal

**\$61,846**

Total Income

**\$60,015**

Total Expenses

**\$1,832**

Net Balance

| 2025 INCOME                                  | Budgeted           | ACTUAL             | DIFFERENCE         |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Funds Available                              | \$6,457.00         | \$133.60           | (\$6,323.40)       |
| 2025 - Operating subsidy provided by the UWW | \$30,000.00        | \$30,000.00        | \$0.00             |
| 2026 - Operating subsidy provided by the UWW | \$0.00             | \$10,048.33        | \$10,048.33        |
| Sponsoring by Jordan and others              | \$0.00             | \$21,229.62        | \$21,229.62        |
| Others                                       | \$0.00             | \$434.55           | \$434.55           |
| <b>Total Income</b>                          | <b>\$36,457.00</b> | <b>\$61,846.10</b> | <b>\$25,389.10</b> |

**\$61,846**

Total Income

**\$60,015**

Total Expenses

**\$1,832**

Net Balance

| 2025 EXPENSES                                 | BUDGETED         | ACTUAL           | DIFFERENCE         |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefit          | 9,500.00         | 21,800.00        | (12,300.00)        |
| Administrative Expenses                       | 5,000.00         | 5,290.85         | (290.85)           |
| Tax                                           | 2,500.00         | 0.00             | 2,500.00           |
| Travel, Meetings and Presentation Cost        | 7,000.00         | 29,255.11        | (22,255.11)        |
| Conference and Exec. Board Meetings Cost      | 3,000.00         | 2,927.26         | 72.74              |
| Technical Assistance for Developing Countries | 3,000.00         | 0.00             | 3,000.00           |
| Gifts and Awards                              | 0.00             | 404.50           | (404.50)           |
| Banking Services and Costs                    | 0.00             | 336.84           | (336.84)           |
| <b>Total Operating Expenses</b>               | <b>30,000.00</b> | <b>60,014.56</b> | <b>(30,014.56)</b> |

\$61,092

Planned Inflows

\$60,050

Planned Outflows

\$1,042

Projected Balance

2026 Planned Cash Inflows

Budgeted

|                                              |                    |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Funds Available                              | \$1,831.54         |
| 2026 - Operating subsidy provided by the UWW | \$29,974.43        |
| Sponsoring                                   | \$14,285.71        |
| Transfer Fees                                | \$15,000.00        |
| <b>Total Income</b>                          | <b>\$61,091.68</b> |

**\$61,092**

Planned Inflows

**\$60,050**

Planned Outflows

**\$1,042**

Projected Balance

| 2026 Planned Cash Outflows                    | BUDGETED         |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefit          | 13,200.00        |
| Administrative Expenses                       | 4,000.00         |
| Tax and Governmental Expenses                 | 2,000.00         |
| Travel, Meetings and Presentation Cost        | 25,000.00        |
| Conference and Exec. Board Meetings Cost      | 5,000.00         |
| Technical Assistance for Developing Countries | 4,000.00         |
| Gifts and Awards                              | 1,500.00         |
| Advertising, Media and Marketing              | 2,000.00         |
| Management Reserve                            | 3,000.00         |
| Banking Services and Costs                    | 350.00           |
| <b>Total Operating Expenses</b>               | <b>60,050.00</b> |

# Regional Appointed Board

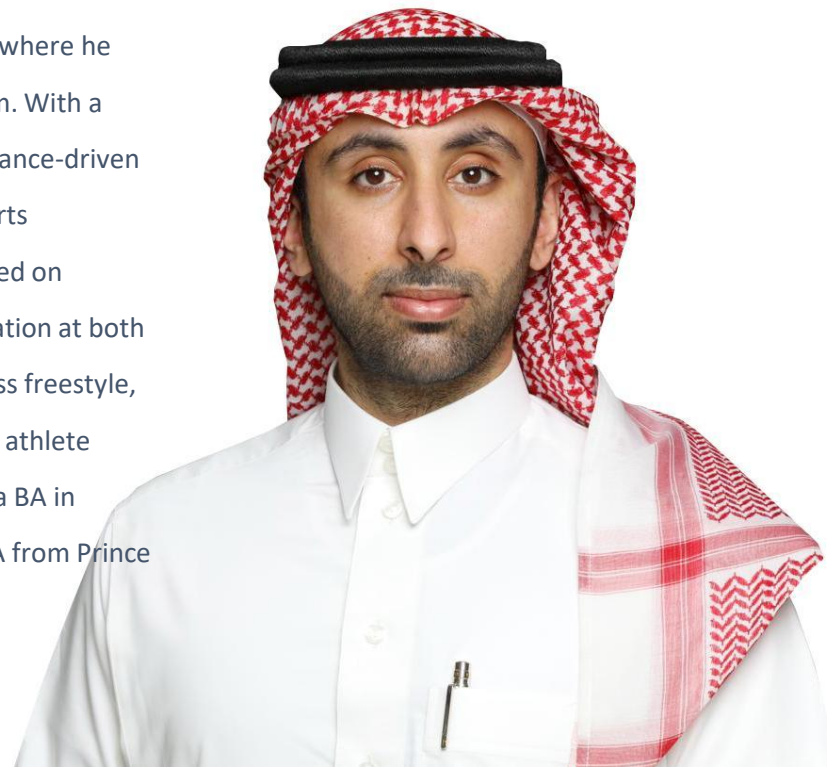
The UWW Asia Regional Appointed Board is established as an advisory body representing the five key regions of Asia: West Asia, Central Asia, South Asia, South-East Asia, and East Asia. The appointed members serve as regional focal points, ensuring effective communication and coordination between UWW Asia and the respective national federations within their regions. They are invited to attend UWW Asia Board meetings, where they actively contribute by sharing regional perspectives, highlighting challenges and opportunities, and supporting informed decision-making at the continental level. In this capacity, they participate in discussions in a consultative role and do not hold voting rights within the Board.

Members of the Regional Appointed Board are nominated by the President of UWW Asia, subject to the decision and approval of the Board. Their appointments are not permanent and may be reviewed or amended based on the evolving needs of UWW Asia, with any changes decided during Board meetings. This flexible structure ensures that the advisory body remains dynamic, representative, and aligned with the strategic priorities of UWW Asia.

# Fahad A. Al-Farraj

## *West Asia*

Fahad A. Al-Farraj serves as President of the Saudi Arabian Wrestling Federation, where he leads the strategic development and governance of wrestling across the Kingdom. With a background in finance and executive leadership, he brings a structured, performance-driven approach to modernizing the sport in alignment with Saudi Arabia's broader sports transformation under Vision 2030. Since assuming leadership, Al-Farraj has focused on strengthening the federation's institutional framework while expanding participation at both grassroots and elite levels. He oversees the development of national teams across freestyle, Greco-Roman, and women's wrestling, with an emphasis on building sustainable athlete pipelines and increasing international competitiveness. President Al-Farraj holds a BA in Accounting and Finance from the University of Kent, as well as an Executive MBA from Prince Mohammed Bin Salman College of Business & Entrepreneurship.



# Almaz Bekboev

## *Central Asia*

Almaz Bekboev served as Honorary First Vice President of the Wrestling Federation of Kyrgyzstan, where he plays a key role in the governance, development, and international positioning of wrestling in the country. In parallel, he serves as Director of International Affairs for UWW-Asia, contributing to regional coordination among Asian national federations, while identifying sponsorship opportunities and supporting the selection of future host countries. Mr. Bekboev has been instrumental in elevating Central Asian wrestling, helping establish the region as a major hub for hosting Asian championships across all age categories. His leadership has also contributed to the rise of a "golden generation" of Kyrgyz wrestlers, including Aisuluu Tynybekova and Akzhol Makhmudov. He serves as a vital bridge between Central Asia and the international wrestling community, bringing strong diplomatic and operational expertise to UWW-Asia. Mr. Bekboev holds degrees in International Economic Relations and Banking, as well as a diploma in International Law. He is a graduate of the International University of Kyrgyzstan and the Diplomatic Academy.



# Myanganbaya “Minga” Batsukh

## *East Asia*

Myanganbaya "Minga" Batsukh serves as Secretary General of the Mongolian Wrestling Federation, where he plays a central role in the governance, development, and international coordination of wrestling in Mongolia. Prior to his appointment as Secretary General, Mr. Batsukh attended and completed for St. Benedict's Preparatory School, where he achieved All-American honors. He later continued his distinguished academic and athletic career at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University, where he was inducted into the NWCA Division III Hall of Fame. In this capacity, Mr. Batsukh serves as a bridge between the Asian wrestling community and the West, bringing valuable cultural and professional experience to UWW-Asia. Mr. Batsukh also holds an MBA in Corporate Governance from the University of Finance and Economics of Mongolia.



# Duke Le

## *Southeast Asia*

Duke Le serves as a member of the Vietnam Wrestling Federation and heads the Organizing Committee for UWW events hosted in Vietnam, playing a central role in the country's emergence as a host nation on the international wrestling stage. His leadership was instrumental in the successful delivery of the UWW U17/U23 Asian Championships in Ho Tram, Vietnam, a milestone event that demonstrated the region's capacity to host world-class competition. In this capacity, Le serves as a vital bridge between Southeast Asia and the global wrestling community, bringing operational expertise and a deep commitment to growing the sport across the region.

As Chief Executive Officer of Tri-Titans Athletic Apparel, one of the leading wrestling gear and apparel companies in the United States, Le has built the brand into an active force for the sport well beyond the mat. Under his leadership, Tri-Titans has hosted marquee national tournaments including the Battle on the Midway — a signature competition held on the flight deck of a historic aircraft carrier — and founded the O3T Program, which sponsors and supports wrestlers who exemplify achievement on the mat, in the classroom, and in their communities. He has also led the Expanding Horizons World Wrestling Camp, bringing American wrestlers to Vietnam, Japan, and Singapore to foster cross-cultural exchange and a broader global wrestling identity.



# Future Plans & Strategic Initiatives

## Expansion of Competitions

With Coordination with UWW, UWW Asia aims to grow continental competitions and club championships across more countries and regions.

## Training Centers

Working alongside UWW, UWW Asia is developing dedicated wrestling training centers to support athlete preparation and high-performance growth.

## Youth & Women's Programs

Together with UWW, UWW Asia is strengthening youth development pathways and women's wrestling programs at every level of the sport.

## International Partnerships

In alignment with UWW, UWW Asia is deepening ties with the Olympic Council of Asia and key international partners to drive mutual growth.

## Marketing & Sponsorship

In coordination with UWW, UWW Asia is launching new continental marketing and sponsorship programs to elevate wrestling's visibility and reach.

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# Marketing Team Report

# Social Media Report 2025

141,000 Followers · @uww.asia · United World Wrestling Asia

261

Posts Published in 2025

1,307,780

Total Likes

12,199

Total Comments

36.2M

Total Reel Views

6.1M

Impressions (Last 90 Days)

819K

Accounts Reached

## MOST VIRAL POST OF 2025

**201,639 Likes · 4,176,791 Reelviews**

November 11, 2025 · Reel · Asian Youth Games Bahrain · 55 kg Category  
Peak Month: July 2025 · 80 Posts · 590,749 Likes · 19.7M Views (#wrestlebishkek)

## CONTENT MIX

**63% Reels**  
**32% Carousels**  
**5% Photos**

# Marketing Pillars

## Establish a Unified Brand Identity

Develop a consistent visual and messaging framework across all UWW Asia platforms, events, and member federations, so the brand is instantly recognizable from Tehran to Tokyo.

## Boost Engagement Across UWW Asia Events

Turn every competition into a content moment. Drive real-time fan interaction through live coverage, social activations, and on-site experiences that keep audiences engaged before, during, and after the final whistle.

## Expand Visibility of Athletes via Storytelling

Put faces to the sport. Highlight the journeys, cultures, and achievements of Asia's top wrestlers through compelling narratives that connect fans to the athletes, their coaches, and the federations behind them.

## Build a Self-Sustaining Marketing Network

Empower member federations with shared tools, resources, and best practices so that marketing efforts grow from the ground up — creating a network where every federation amplifies the whole.

# Creator Network Initiative

## Building a Continent-Wide Creator Pipeline for UWW Asia

**Content Creation & Editing Funnel** — for all UWWA Social Media Channels

**Recruit Wrestling Content Creators** — across the continent to submit content to the UWWA Content Team to review, edit, and post across all socials

**Quality Standards** — All content to meet a quality-standard set by the UWWA Marketing Team

**Balanced Representation** — Create a baseline calendar to ensure all regions have balanced representation and to identify recruiting needs

**Regional Leads** — Utilize regional leads to identify and onboard active and upcoming content creators with lesser known wrestling communities

# Scope of Work

## Effective Immediately

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Strategic Marketing, Planning & Oversight

Social Media Management

Creative Direction & Branding Execution

Performance Reporting

## Future Ventures

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Sponsorship Acquisition & Activations

Monetization Planning

Sponsored Posts

Merchandising

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# 2025 UWW Asia Awards



## Greco-Roman Athlete of the Year

*IRI - Mohammad Hadi Saravi*



Saravi defended his World Championship title in the 97 kg Greco-Roman division at the 2025 World Wrestling Championships in Zagreb, cementing his status as a two-time world champion and reigning Olympic gold medalist. He was also nominated for the 2025 World's Best Male Athlete award by the International Sports Press Association (AIPS).



## Women's Wrestling Athlete of the Year

*JPN - Mina Morikawa*



Morikawa dominated the 65 kg women's freestyle division in 2025, winning gold at both the Asian Championships and the World Wrestling Championships in Zagreb. Her double crown in a single season underscores her standing as the premier women's wrestler in Asia.



## Freestyle Athlete of the Year

*PRK - Han Chong-Song*



Han Chong-Song swept the two biggest stages in Asian wrestling in 2025, claiming gold at both the Asian Championships and the World Wrestling Championships in the 57 kg freestyle division. The 22-year-old went through the World Championship field without dropping a match.



## Greco-Roman Coach of the Year

*UZB- Rustam Assakalov*



In his first major outing as Uzbekistan's national Greco-Roman head coach, Assakalov guided the team to three gold medals at the 2025 Asian Championships. His seamless transition from elite competitor to top-level coach made an immediate and commanding impact.



## Women's Wrestling Coach of the Year

*KGZ - Nurbek Izabekov*



Izabekov continued to guide Kyrgyzstan's women's wrestling program to elite-level results in 2025, with his athletes remaining among the most competitive in Asia. His nearly two decades of building athletes have made Kyrgyzstan a consistent force in women's freestyle wrestling on the world stage.



## Freestyle Coach of the Year

*IRI - Pejman Dorostkar*



Under Dorostkar's leadership, Iran's freestyle team claimed its first World Championship team title in 12 years at the 2025 World Wrestling Championships in Zagreb, topping the standings with 145 points — 11 ahead of second-place USA. His bold decision to build around a young roster proved decisive on the sport's biggest stage.



## National Federation of the Year

*THA - Thailand*





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# Thank You

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UWW Asia General Assembly 2026

Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic · April 2026



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## **Report on the Activity of the European Council of UWW 2025-2026**

### **I. European championships 2025-2026**

In all three styles (FS, GR, WW) a total of 2.411 (2026) / 2.589 (2025) (2024 = 2.599) athletes participated.

#### **Analysis European Championship Seniors 2025-2026**

A total of 425 (2026) / 443 (2025) athletes participated. (2024 = 519 / 2023 = 463 / 2022 = 385 / 2021 = 428 / 2020 = 498 / 2019 = 515)

The distribution of participants by style:

|    |                         |                                                                  |
|----|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| FS | 146 (2026) / 150 (2025) | (2024 = 185 / 2023 = 158 / 2022 = 133 / 2021 = 155 / 2020 = 181) |
| GR | 163 (2026) / 172 (2025) | (2024 = 196 / 2023 = 183 / 2022 = 158 / 2021 = 168 / 2020 = 190) |
| WW | 116 (2026) / 121 (2025) | (2024 = 138 / 2023 = 122 / 2022 = 94 / 2021 = 105 / 2020 = 127)  |

The participations, results and analysis of the EC U23, U20, U17 and U15 can be found in the summaries (Bulletin) of the respective championship deposited on the UWW website.



## Wrestling

| 2025    |                  | FS        |          | GR        |          | WW        |          | Total |
|---------|------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-------|
|         |                  | Countries | Athletes | Countries | Athletes | Countries | Athletes |       |
| U15     | Caorle / ITA     | 26        | 218      | 24        | 235      | 27        | 193      | 646   |
| U17     | Skopje / MKD     | 30        | 186      | 31        | 204      | 31        | 168      | 558   |
| U20     | Caorle / ITA     | 29        | 179      | 32        | 196      | 28        | 144      | 519   |
| U23     | Tirana / ALB     | 27        | 156      | 29        | 159      | 20        | 108      | 423   |
| Seniors | Bratislava / SVK | 26        | 150      | 33        | 172      | 24        | 121      | 443   |
|         |                  |           | 889      |           |          |           | 966      | 734   |
|         |                  |           |          |           |          |           |          | 2.589 |

In September 2025, the European Council discussed changes to the EM U15. Due to the high number of participants, the competition in 2025 took too long. The European Council has therefore decided on the following changes from 2026 onwards:

- Only one wrestler per weight class will be allowed.
- The schedule will be extended by one day.

| 2026    |                 | FS        |          | GR        |          | WW        |          | Total |
|---------|-----------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-------|
|         |                 | Countries | Athletes | Countries | Athletes | Countries | Athletes |       |
| U15     | Samokov / BUL   | 27        | 161      | 26        | 187      | 25        | 146      | 494   |
| U17     | Samokov / BUL   | 30        | 188      | 32        | 206      | 32        | 164      | 558   |
| U20     | Skopje / MKD    | 30        | 177      | 32        | 190      | 33        | 156      | 523   |
| U23     | Zrenjanin / SRB | 26        | 138      | 32        | 168      | 24        | 105      | 411   |
| Seniors |                 | 26        | 146      | 31        | 163      | 26        | 116      | 425   |
|         |                 |           | 810      |           |          |           | 914      | 687   |
|         |                 |           |          |           |          |           |          | 2.411 |



## Beach Wrestling

In all three age groups (U15, U17, U20) a total of 225 (2026) and 163 (2025) athletes participated.

| 2025 |             | Men       |          | Women     |          | Total |
|------|-------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-------|
|      |             | Countries | Athletes | Countries | Athletes |       |
| U15  | Porec / CRO | 6         | 34       | 8         | 33       | 67    |
| U17  | Porec / CRO | 9         | 42       | 8         | 19       | 61    |
| U20  | Porec / CRO | 4         | 17       | 5         | 18       | 35    |
|      |             |           | 93       |           | 70       | 163   |

| 2026 |             | Men       |          | Women     |          | Total |
|------|-------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-------|
|      |             | Countries | Athletes | Countries | Athletes |       |
| U15  | Porec / CRO | 6         | 40       | 6         | 27       | 67    |
| U17  | Porec / CRO | 12        | 62       | 9         | 35       | 97    |
| U20  | Porec / CRO | 8         | 37       | 8         | 24       | 61    |
|      |             |           | 139      |           | 86       | 225   |

## Grappling

Only World Championships took place in the 2025 calendar year.

The tables only includes European participants in the World Championships.

In 2026 the European Championships take place in Yerevan/Armenia.

## Grappling Gi

In all age groups (U15, U17, U20, seniors) a total of 397 (2024 = 366) athletes participated.

| 2025    |                | Men       |          | Women     |          | Total |
|---------|----------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-------|
|         |                | Countries | Athletes | Countries | Athletes |       |
| U15     | Loutraki / GRE | 8         | 58       | 6         | 26       | 84    |
| U17     | Loutraki / GRE | 9         | 65       | 8         | 40       | 105   |
| U20     | Loutraki / GRE | 9         | 58       | 6         | 19       | 77    |
| Seniors | Novi Sad / SRB | 16        | 97       | 8         | 34       | 131   |
|         |                |           | 278      |           | 119      | 397   |



### Grappling no GI European Open

In all three age groups (U15, U17, U20, seniors) a total of 433 (2024 = 409) athletes participated.

| 2025    |                | Men       |          | Women     |          | Total |
|---------|----------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-------|
|         |                | Countries | Athletes | Countries | Athletes |       |
| U15     | Loutraki / GRE | 8         | 61       | 7         | 25       | 86    |
| U17     | Loutraki / GRE | 9         | 65       | 8         | 39       | 104   |
| U20     | Loutraki / GRE | 9         | 65       | 6         | 20       | 85    |
| Seniors | Novi Sad / SRB | 19        | 120      | 11        | 38       | 158   |
|         |                |           | 311      |           | 122      | 433   |

### Grappling European Championships 2026

In all age groups (U15, U17, U20, seniors) a total of 316n athletes participate.  
For veterans we had only 14 athletes participate.

| 20264   |               | Men       |          | Women     |          | Total |
|---------|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-------|
|         |               | Countries | Athletes | Countries | Athletes |       |
| U15     | Yerevan / ARM | 5         | 51       | 3         | 16       | 67    |
| U17     | Yerevan / ARM | 5         | 49       | 4         | 19       | 68    |
| U20     | Yerevan / ARM | 7         | 50       | 5         | 15       | 65    |
| Seniors | Yerevan / ARM | 12        | 83       | 7         | 33       | 116   |
|         |               |           | 233      |           | 83       | 316   |

## II. International Tournaments

More than 70 international tournaments in different styles and age groups could be organized in Europe in the calendar year 2025.

In 2026, there will once again be a total of more than 70 international tournaments.

Thanks to all National Federations who organized international tournaments.



### III. International transfer of wrestlers

In 2025 we had 179 transfers (2024 = 181 / 2023 = 232 / 2022 = 297 / 2021 = 265 / 2020 = 79 / 2019 = 241). Foreign wrestlers had permission to compete for clubs in Austria (15), France (5) and Germany (159).

In the list of transfers there are wrestlers from 32 countries (2024 = 35 / 2023 = 35 / 2022 = 32 / 2021 = 34 / 2020 = 23). Their distribution was as follows:

|     | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 |
|-----|------|------|------|
| GEO | 23   | 8    | 20   |
| MDA | 19   | 19   | 31   |
| POL | 13   | 12   | 11   |
| TUR | 13   | 6    | 23   |
| UKR | 13   | 11   | 10   |
| HUN | 11   | 11   | 21   |
| FRA | 10   | 9    | 11   |
| AZE | 9    | 7    | 7    |
| BUL | 9    | 10   | 22   |
| ARM | 8    | 3    | 4    |
| JPN | 7    | 4    | 0    |
| RUS | 7    | 7    | 3    |
| KAZ | 5    | 7    | 4    |
| ROU | 4    | 4    | 17   |
| KGZ | 3    | 1    | 0    |
| LTU | 3    | 5    | 5    |
| BLR | 2    | 3    | 1    |
| CRO | 2    | 2    | 4    |
| CZE | 2    | 2    | 4    |
| DEN | 2    | 4    | 3    |
| FIN | 2    | 0    | 1    |
| LAT | 2    | 2    | 3    |
| SRB | 2    | 2    | 1    |
| ALB | 1    | 3    | 2    |
| BRN | 1    | 1    | 0    |
| ESP | 1    | 1    | 2    |
| EST | 1    | 0    | 1    |
| GRE | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| ITA | 1    | 1    | 5    |
| MKD | 1    | 1    | 3    |
| NED | 1    | 1    | 2    |
| UZB | 1    | 3    | 0    |

Countries without any transfer in 2025:

|     |   |   |   |
|-----|---|---|---|
| BEL | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| CUB | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| IRI | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| NOR | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| SWE | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| TJK | 0 | 2 | 1 |



The number of transfers may be reduced further, as there are now only 20 clubs in the German Bundesliga and further restrictions on the use of foreign players have been introduced.

Not all transfers for the 2026 calendar year have been finalized yet. The statistics include all transfers through August 31, 2026.

In 2026 we had 130 transfers (2025 = 179 / 2024 = 181 / 2023 = 232 / 2022 = 297 / 2021 = 265 / 2020 = 79 / 2019 = 241). Foreign wrestlers had permission to compete for clubs in Austria (17), Croatia (3), France (3) and Germany (107).

In the list of transfers there are wrestlers from 29 countries (2025 = 32 / 2024 = 35 / 2023 = 35 / 2022 = 32 / 2021 = 34 / 2020 = 23). Their distribution was as follows:

|     | 2026 |
|-----|------|
| GEO | 17   |
| MDA | 13   |
| TUR | 13   |
| ARM | 11   |
| AZE | 11   |
| FRA | 9    |
| UKR | 8    |
| BUL | 5    |
| HUN | 5    |
| JPN | 4    |
| POL | 4    |
| RUS | 4    |
| KAZ | 3    |
| ROU | 3    |
| SRB | 3    |
| CUB | 2    |
| KGZ | 2    |
| SVK | 2    |
| ALB | 1    |
| BEL | 1    |
| ESP | 1    |
| FIN | 1    |
| GRE | 1    |
| IRI | 1    |
| ITA | 1    |
| LAT | 1    |
| LTU | 1    |
| NOR | 1    |
| SYR | 1    |



#### IV. UWW Europe projects

##### Women Wrestling Program

In calendar year 2023, we launched our promotion program for female wrestling in Europe.

We received positive feedback from all the courses. We would also like to thank all the trainers who supported us during the course. We are also always looking for female trainers to carry out the projects. Please contact me for further information.

Due to the positive response, the project was continued in 2024, 2025 and 2026.

A total of 11 nations were selected for promotion in 2025.

|     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| AUT | CRO | ESP | EST | FIN | KOS |
| LAT | LTU | MKD | SUI | SWE |     |

The postponed project from 2024 for GBR was implemented in 2025.





### Participating Nations and Training Camps

|     |                     |                  |
|-----|---------------------|------------------|
| AUT | 25.10. - 29.10.2025 | Wals (AUT)       |
| CRO | 14.04. - 19.04.2025 |                  |
| ESP | 05.11. - 09.11.2025 | Madrid (ESP)     |
| EST | 13.04. - 17.04.2025 | Viljandi (EST)   |
| FIN | 11.06. - 15.06.2025 | Kuortane (FIN)   |
| GBR | 11.06. - 15.06.2025 | Manchester (GBR) |
| KOS | 07.05. - 12.05.2025 | Kosovo           |
| LAT | 18.10. - 23.10.2025 | Daugavpils (LAT) |
| LTU | together with LAT   |                  |
| MKD | 28.04. - 03.05.2025 | Shtip (MKD)      |
|     | 12.05. - 17.05.2025 | Skopje (MKD)     |
|     | 25.05. - 02.06.2025 | Kochani (MKD)    |
| SUI | 06.06. - 09.06.2025 | Willisau (SUI)   |
|     | 09.08. - 12.08.2025 | Willisau (SUI)   |
| SWE | 09.07. - 19.07.2025 | Malmö (SWE)      |

A total of 14 nations were selected for promotion in 2026.

|     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| AUT | CRO | ESP | EST | FIN | GBR | GER |
| HUN | ITA | KOS | LAT | MKD | SUI | SWE |



### Best coach / wrestler of the year

A new project “best coach / best wrestler” was launched in 2023.

The winner in year 2024 are:

Best wrestler of the year 2024

|    |                   |     |                   |
|----|-------------------|-----|-------------------|
| FS | Geno PETRIASHVILI | GEO | Gold Paris 2024   |
| GR | Artur ALEKSANYAN  | ARM | Silver Paris 2024 |
| WW | Grace BULLEN      | NOR | Bronze Paris 2024 |

Best coach of the year 2024

|    |                     |     |
|----|---------------------|-----|
| FS | Giorgi IANTBELIDZE  | GEO |
| GR | Armen BABALARYAN    | ARM |
| WW | Volodymyr YAREMENKO | UKR |

The award ceremony took place during the 2025 European Championships in Bratislava.

The winner in year 2025 are:

Best wrestler of the year 2025

|    |                         |     |             |
|----|-------------------------|-----|-------------|
| FS | Georgios KOUGIOUMTSIDIS | GRE |             |
| GR | Malkas AMOYAN           | ARM |             |
| WW | Grace BULLEN            | NOR | second time |





Best coach of the year 2025

|    |                    |     |             |
|----|--------------------|-----|-------------|
| FS | Khetag GAZYUMOV    | AZE | second time |
| GR | Armen BABALARYAN   | ARM | second time |
| WW | Zurab IAKOBISHVILI | GEO |             |

The award ceremony took place during the 2026 European Championships in Tirana.

### Social Media

UWW Europe is currently developing its own website to achieve better visibility on social media. The name of the new website is:

<https://uww-europe.eu/> (Available from January 2025)

At the same time, activities on Facebook and Instagram are also to be relaunched.

The project will continue in the next years.

### V. Meetings of the Executive Committee

Meetings were always held on the evening before the General Assembly. In addition, meetings were held during some championships.

Furthermore, several video conferences took place with individual Council members as well as with the entire Council.

We place great importance on cooperation between the national federations and the UWW Development Department. There are countless opportunities within the national federations to support and promote our sport.

The Executive Committee believes that the initial support programs that have been launched should be expanded even further.

The workshops organized with the help of the UWW Development Department, which we always hold in conjunction with our General Assembly, are very helpful.



## **VI. The activity of the European Council President**

UWW Bureau Meetings

UWW Europe Council Meeting and General Assembly

UWW European Championship

UWW Ranking Series

UWW World Championship

Meetings with the Development Department

Meetings with national federations and other organizations

Participation in meetings and anniversary events of national federations

Technical Delegate

Inspections in Candidate Cities

UWW Bureau Working Group “Change of Nationality”

UWW Bureau Working Group “Qualification System Olympic Games 2028 Los Angeles”



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## VII. Members (Election 2025-2029)

Karl-Martin DITTMANN  
Razvan L. PIRCALABU  
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## VIII. Calendar UWW Europe 2027 - 2028

### 2027

|                                |                   |                |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| European Championships U23     | 08.03.-14.03.2027 | Batumi / GEO   |
| European Championships Seniors | 05.04.-11.04.2027 | Budapest / HUN |
| European Championships U17     | 10.05.-16.05.2027 | Tirana / ALB   |
| European Games                 | 22.06.-27.06.2027 | Istanbul / TUR |
| European Championships U20     | 28.06.-04.07.2027 | Craiova / ROU  |
| European Championships U15     | 11.08.-15.08.2027 | Varazdin / CRO |

### 2028

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| European Championships Seniors   | 28.02.-05.03.2028 |
| European Olympic Games Qualifier | 07.04.-09.04.2028 |
| European Championships U23       | 24.04.-30.04.2028 |
| European Championships U20       | 05.06.-11.06.2028 |
| European Championships U17       | 10.07.-16.07.2028 |
| European Championships U15       | N.N.              |

On behalf of its members—the 48 national federations—the Executive Committee of UWW-Europe would like to thank UWW President and IOC member Nenad Lalovic, the members of the UWW Office, and the UWW staff for their support and assistance with the activities of our Continental Council.

At the annual General Assembly of the European continent, the President always presents a detailed report on his activities and those of the Council. Plans for the future are also always presented there.

Dortmund, 04.09.2026

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UWW Europe President



# **UNITED WORLD WRESTLING OCEANIA**

## **Continental Council Activity Report**

**October 2024 - September 2026**

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Tirana, Albania - 27 October 2024*

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## 1. Executive Summary

The period from the 2024 UWW Congress in Tirana through 30 September 2026 was one of sustained expansion for wrestling in Oceania. The region combined continental championships, multi-sport Games participation, coach and referee education, athlete camps, Beach Wrestling, international tournament exposure and stronger collaboration among National Federations. The most important structural development was the increasing use of integrated competition-and-education models, allowing athletes, coaches and officials to develop during the same event window.

The 2025 calendar was particularly significant. American Samoa hosted its first Oceania Wrestling Championships since 2014; wrestling returned to the Pacific Games programme at the Pacific Mini Games in Palau after an 18-year absence; and Sydney hosted the Oceania Regional Educational Development Program (REDP), bringing together 12 Pacific nations and more than 70 participants. In 2026, Samoa hosted an expanded Oceania Championships and the inaugural Oceania Open, extending the region's competition and development pathway.

| Headline indicator              | Result                                                                                           |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2025 Oceania Championships      | 60 unique athletes   9 NFs   229 result records                                                  |
| 2025 Pacific Mini Games         | 63 unique athletes   9 NFs   123 result records                                                  |
| Sydney 2025 REDP                | 12 nations   70+ participants   20 certified coaches   11 referees   40+ international athletes  |
| 2026 Oceania Championships      | 109 unique athletes   12 NFs   236 result records                                                |
| 2026 Oceania Open               | 25 unique athletes   8 NFs   59 result records                                                   |
| Other international tournaments | 14 tournament editions   54 athlete-event participations   Australia and New Zealand represented |



## 2. 2025 Oceania Wrestling Championships - Pago Pago, American Samoa

Held in March 2025, the Championships were a historic milestone as the first continental wrestling event hosted in American Samoa since 2014. U17, U20 and Senior competition was delivered alongside technical education and regional development activities. The Championships resulted in 60 unique athletes from nine National Federations and 229 result records across all styles and age groups.

| Measure                          | 2025 total |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Unique athletes                  | 60         |
| National Federations             | 9          |
| Freestyle result records         | 90         |
| Greco-Roman result records       | 86         |
| Women's Wrestling result records | 14         |
| Beach Wrestling result records   | 39         |
| <b>All result records</b>        | <b>229</b> |

Participation by age division (athletes may appear in more than one age division): Senior - 24 unique athletes from 8 NFs; U17 - 24 unique athletes from 4 NFs; U20 - 21 unique athletes from 7 NFs.





## Key outcomes

- Beach Wrestling returned to the Oceania Championships for the first time since Hamilton, New Zealand in 2016, restoring an important regional discipline.
- Kiribati returned to Oceania competition for the first time since 2014, an important indicator of re-engagement by smaller island federations.
- A Referee Technical Course and Level 1 Coaches Course were conducted alongside the Championships, linking competition directly with technical capacity building.
- Following the Championships, an Oceania Wrestling Camp was held in Apia, Samoa, with participation from Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti, Samoa, Palau, American Samoa and the Marshall Islands.
- The event demonstrated that a smaller Pacific territory can successfully host a UWW continental event while simultaneously delivering education, Beach Wrestling and athlete development.





### 3. 2025 Pacific Mini Games - Koror, Palau

The Pacific Mini Games represented a major breakthrough for the sport. Wrestling returned to the Pacific Games programme for the first time since the 2007 Pacific Games in Apia, ending an 18-year absence from the regional multi-sport Games framework. The corrected spreadsheet records 63 unique wrestlers from nine National Federations and 123 result records.

| Measure                          | 2025 Pacific Mini Games |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Unique athletes                  | 63                      |
| National Federations             | 9                       |
| Freestyle result records         | 43                      |
| Greco-Roman result records       | 40                      |
| Women's Wrestling result records | 14                      |
| Beach Wrestling result records   | 26                      |
| All result records               | 123                     |

- Beach Wrestling made its debut in a Pacific Games or Pacific Mini Games, broadening the programme and creating a discipline particularly suited to Pacific environments.
- The participating NFs were American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, Nauru, Palau, French Polynesia and Samoa.
- Six regional referees were appointed, including one UWW Instructor and multiple Category III officials, reflecting technical growth in officiating.
- Delivery under UWW competition standards strengthened Palau's event-management capacity and reinforced wrestling's case for continued inclusion in the Pacific Games movement.



## 4. Oceania Regional Educational Development Program - Sydney, Australia

From 20-25 October 2025, the Oceania Regional Educational Development Program at Valentine Sports Park in Sydney brought together 12 Pacific nations in what the programme report described as the largest Oceania wrestling development initiative conducted to that point. More than 70 coaches, referees and athletes participated in an integrated week of education, training and competition.

| REDP indicator                             | Outcome |
|--------------------------------------------|---------|
| Nations represented                        | 12      |
| Total participants                         | 70+     |
| UWW Level 2 certified coaches              | 20      |
| Introduction to Refereeing completions     | 11      |
| International athletes in camp/competition | 40+     |

The 12 nations were Micronesia, Kiribati, New Zealand, Northern Marianas, Palau, American Samoa, Samoa, Nauru, Tokelau, Australia, French Polynesia and the Marshall Islands. The programme was supported by Olympic Solidarity, the Australian Olympic Committee and Wrestling Australia Ltd.



## Integrated development model

- UWW Level 2 Coaching Course: a five-day programme covering practice planning, skill acquisition, performance analysis, nutrition and weight management, safeguarding, gender equality and inclusion, first aid and injury prevention, and long-term athlete development. All 20 participants successfully completed the course and received UWW Level 2 certification.
- Introduction to Refereeing Course: practical training in rules and scoring, mat mechanics, bracketing and pairing, referee teamwork, match evaluation and sports integrity. Eleven participants completed the programme.
- U15, U17 and U20 Training Camp: a structured camp focused on technical refinement, situational sparring, tactical awareness, mental preparation, nutrition, recovery and discipline.
- Australian SuperSeries Open: the concluding competition provided live assessment and application for athletes, coaches and referees, connecting classroom learning directly to competition.

A major strength of the REDP was the deliberate integration of coach education, referee education and athlete development. Coaches could observe curriculum concepts in live training and competition; referees could apply newly learned mechanics in real bouts; and athletes benefited from a larger regional training environment. This approach is particularly valuable in Oceania because long-distance travel and cost can otherwise isolate smaller federations.



## 5. 2026 Oceania Wrestling Championships - Apia, Samoa

The 2026 Championships expanded regional participation significantly. The corrected spreadsheet records 109 unique athletes from 12 National Federations and 236 result records. Compared with the spreadsheet record for 2025, this was an increase of 49 unique athletes, or 81.7%, and an increase from nine to 12 participating National Federations.

| Measure                          | 2026 total |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Unique athletes                  | 109        |
| National Federations             | 12         |
| Freestyle result records         | 94         |
| Greco-Roman result records       | 64         |
| Women's Wrestling result records | 19         |
| Beach Wrestling result records   | 59         |
| All result records               | 236        |

Participation by age division (athletes may appear in more than one age division): Senior - 59 unique athletes from 11 NFs; U17 - 31 unique athletes from 7 NFs; U20 - 41 unique athletes from 8 NFs.

- A Technical Coaches Course was again conducted in conjunction with the Championships, continuing the integrated education model.
- An Oceania Wrestling Camp for athletes and coaches provided additional technical development and regional exchange.
- Beach Wrestling remained part of the programme across age groups, demonstrating continuity rather than one-off inclusion.
- The rise from 60 unique athletes in 2025 to 109 in 2026 is a strong participation indicator, while the increase from nine to 12 NFs shows broader continental reach.



## 6. 2026 Oceania Open - Apia, Samoa

Following the Championships, Samoa hosted the inaugural Oceania Open. The corrected spreadsheet records 25 unique athletes from eight National Federations and 59 result records: 20 Freestyle, 21 Greco-Roman, three Women's Wrestling and 15 Beach Wrestling. The Open created an additional competition opportunity in the same travel window and established a format that can be developed to attract both Oceania and non-Oceania participation.



## 7. Beach Wrestling Development

Beach Wrestling became a consistent feature of the Oceania competition pathway during the reporting period. It returned at the 2025 Oceania Championships, debuted in the Pacific Games movement at the 2025 Pacific Mini Games, continued at the 2026 Oceania Championships, and was included in the 2026 Oceania Open. This continuity is strategically important for Oceania because Beach Wrestling is comparatively low-cost, requires limited permanent infrastructure and is well suited to island environments.

The development value extends beyond medal competition. Beach Wrestling provides an accessible entry point for new athletes and federations, can be staged alongside community and multi-sport events, and creates an additional pathway for youth participation. Maintaining the discipline across successive regional events has helped normalize it as part of Oceania's wrestling identity.



## 8. Oceania Participation at UWW World Championships

The corrected Oceania Results spreadsheet was used to verify World Championship participation. For the formal reporting period beginning 27 October 2024, the spreadsheet records Oceania representation at the 2025 U20, U23 and Senior World Championships and the 2026 U17 World Championships through 30 September 2026.

| Year | Division | Oceania NFs | Athletes | Countries represented     |
|------|----------|-------------|----------|---------------------------|
| 2025 | U17      | 0           | 0        | No participation recorded |
| 2025 | U20      | 1           | 1        | New Zealand               |
| 2025 | U23      | 1           | 1        | Australia                 |
| 2025 | Seniors  | 2           | 5        | American Samoa, Australia |
| 2026 | U17      | 1           | 1        | Australia                 |
| 2026 | U20      | 0           | 0        | No participation recorded |
| 2026 | U23      | 0           | 0        | No participation recorded |

As a pre-period baseline requested for comparison, the spreadsheet records 2024 World Championship participation before the Tirana Congress as follows: U17 - 1 NF / 1 athlete (Australia); U20 - 2 NFs / 3 athletes (Australia and New Zealand); U23 - 1 NF / 1 athlete (Australia); Senior - no participation recorded. These baseline events are not counted as activities within the October 2024-September 2026 reporting period.

The key challenge for the next cycle is converting broader continental participation into regular World Championship participation by more National Federations. The continental athlete base expanded strongly in 2026, but global representation remains concentrated among a small number of NFs.

## 9. Other International Tournament Participation

Beyond the Oceania events and UWW World Championships, the corrected spreadsheet records participation in 14 other international tournament editions between 27 October 2024 and 30 September 2026. These events generated 54 athlete-event participations and were represented by Australia and New Zealand.

| Date     | Tournament                              | Location     | NFs | Athletes | Oceania representation                 |
|----------|-----------------------------------------|--------------|-----|----------|----------------------------------------|
| Dec 2024 | International D. A. Kunaev Tournament   | Taraz        | 1   | 1        | Australia                              |
| Feb 2025 | Klippan Lady Open                       | Klippan      | 2   | 4        | Australia, New Zealand                 |
| May 2025 | South East Asian Championship           | Singapore    | 3   | 22       | Australia, New Zealand, American Samoa |
| May 2025 | RS - Mongolia Open                      | Ulaan-Baatar | 1   | 1        | Australia                              |
| Jul 2025 | RS - Polyak Imre & Varga Janos Memorial | Budapest     | 1   | 1        | Australia                              |
| Aug 2025 | Waclaw Ziolkowski Memorial              | Warsaw       | 1   | 1        | New Zealand                            |
| Jan 2026 | Yasar Dogu, Vehbi Emre & Hamit Kaplan   | Antalya      | 1   | 1        | Australia                              |
| Feb 2026 | Muhamet Malo Tournament                 | Tirana       | 1   | 3        | Australia                              |
| Jun 2026 | Asian Championship                      | Da Nang      | 1   | 6        | New Zealand                            |
| Jun 2026 | RS - Mongolia Open                      | Ulaanbaatar  | 1   | 3        | Australia                              |
| Jul 2026 | Grand Prix of Spain                     | Madrid       | 1   | 2        | Australia                              |
| Jul 2026 | Polyak I., Varga J. & Kozma I. Memorial | Budapest     | 1   | 2        | Australia                              |
| Aug 2026 | Waclaw Ziolkowski Memorial              | Warsaw       | 1   | 5        | Australia                              |
| Aug 2026 | Wladyslaw Pytlasinski Cup               | Warsaw       | 1   | 2        | Australia                              |

This international activity is valuable for high-performance exposure, but the concentration in Australia and New Zealand also highlights an access gap. A future development priority should be helping additional Pacific Island federations progress from regional competition to international tournament and World Championship participation.

## 10. Technical Education, Capacity Building and Regional Cooperation

Across the reporting period, Oceania increasingly treated education as part of the competition pathway rather than a separate activity. The 2025 Oceania Championships paired competition with referee and Level 1 coaching education; the post-Championship camp in Samoa extended athlete and coach development; the Sydney REDP delivered UWW Level 2 coach education, referee education and a youth camp; and the 2026 Oceania Championships again incorporated a Technical Coaches Course and Oceania Wrestling Camp.

The model produces several benefits: scarce travel funding serves multiple purposes; coaches and referees learn in live competition environments; athletes receive higher-quality technical support; and National Federations build relationships that continue beyond individual events. The Sydney REDP demonstrated this at scale, with 12 nations, more than 70 participants, 20 certified coaches and 11 referee-course completions.

Regional cooperation also strengthened through host rotation. American Samoa, Palau, Australia and Samoa each delivered major activities during the period, distributing organizational experience across the continent and reducing dependence on a single development centre.

## 11. Strategic Outcomes and Positive Trends

- Participation growth: unique athlete participation at the Oceania Championships increased from 60 in 2025 to 109 in 2026, while NF representation increased from nine to 12.
- Multi-sport reintegration: wrestling returned to the Pacific Games movement in Palau after an 18-year absence, strengthening visibility with National Olympic Committees and regional sport leaders.
- Beach Wrestling normalization: Beach Wrestling moved from a returning discipline in 2025 to a consistent feature across continental, multi-sport and open competition.
- Education at scale: Sydney 2025 created a regional platform for certified coach education, referee development and youth athlete training, while both Oceania Championships incorporated technical development activities.
- Host capacity: American Samoa, Palau, Australia and Samoa each demonstrated the ability to contribute to regional competition or education delivery.
- Regional re-engagement: Kiribati's return to Oceania competition and the broad 12-nation REDP participation show progress in reconnecting smaller and more geographically isolated federations.



## 12. Priorities Beyond September 2026

- Continue the integrated championship-course-camp model and expand it to refereeing, administration and event-management education where possible.
- Increase the number of Oceania National Federations represented at U17, U20, U23 and Senior World Championships.
- Use the 2027 Pacific Games in Tahiti as a major regional target. Wrestling has been confirmed for the Games, and Beach Wrestling should continue to be pursued within the programme.
- Develop a rotating annual regional development series so that more member nations can host and access UWW-accredited education and camps.
- Expand support for smaller island federations to attend international tournaments outside Oceania and build a clearer progression from continental medals to world-level competition.
- Strengthen sustainable coaching, refereeing and athlete-development networks created through Sydney 2025 and subsequent regional programmes.
- Maintain Beach Wrestling as a strategic development discipline and continue building pathways toward LA28 and Brisbane 2032.



## 13. Conclusion

From the 2024 UWW Congress in Tirana through September 2026, Oceania Wrestling made measurable progress in participation, education, competition delivery and regional cooperation. The period moved from a successful first continental championship in American Samoa, through wrestling's return to the Pacific Games movement in Palau and the landmark Sydney REDP, to a significantly larger Oceania Championships and new Oceania Open in Samoa in 2026.

The strongest legacy is the emergence of an integrated regional model: competition, education, athlete camps, officiating development and Beach Wrestling are increasingly delivered as connected parts of one pathway. This is well suited to Oceania's geography and resource realities. The next step is to convert that stronger regional base into broader and more consistent participation at World Championships and other international events.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Lake', with a stylized, flowing script.

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