



## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ORGANISATION OF UNITED WORLD WRESTLING RANKING SERIES

### **1. PREAMBLE**

The present requirements, the General Regulations for Championships and International Competitions, the Financial Regulations, the United World Wrestling Constitution, and the International Wrestling Rules are the documents which govern the way all international competitions organized under United World Wrestling's aegis are run.

The organisation of an international competition is placed under the authority of United World Wrestling.

The organising Federation must name an organising committee which will deal with the organisation of the international competition.

The organising Federation will be responsible for the smooth running of the competition towards the United World Wrestling Bureau.

A technical delegate and a refereeing delegate will be assigned by United World Wrestling to each United World Wrestling Ranking Series.

The athletes' results for each United World Wrestling Ranking Series will be taken in account in order to establish a yearly ranking per weight category and per style. This ranking will be used to seed the athletes for the purposes of the draw for the Olympic Games and World championships.

Athletes will be seeded into the bracket in a manner that is typically intended so that the best do not meet until later in the competition.

A National Wrestling Federation can also bid for an event with more than one style.

### **2. GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

The present requirements must be applied to all United World Wrestling Ranking Series, no matter what their specific name may be. Any organiser of such event who wishes to depart from these requirements in whatever way must obtain the written approval of the United World Wrestling Executive Committee beforehand.

### **3. APPLICATION FOR THE ORGANISATION OF A UNITED WORLD WRESTLING RANKING SERIES**

The application for the organisation of United World Wrestling Ranking Series is done in compliance with the United World Wrestling Constitution and Regulations, as well as with the present requirements and fully commits the National Federation requesting it.

Every National Federation member of United World Wrestling can apply for this event. To do so, the National Federation must fill in and sign the application form and organisation contract on page 6 and 7 of the present document.

This document must be returned to the United World Wrestling secretariat the year preceding the event.



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The selected National Federations **will have to host this event for an Olympic Cycle**. United World Wrestling keeps the right to revoke the assignment of the United World Wrestling Ranking Series to other National Wrestling Federation if there is a breach of the required standards.

Any change in date or place must be announced to United World Wrestling at least 6 months before the date set for the tournament in order to be considered. Fine may be applied in case of cancelation, delay or postponement of this specific international competition.

## 4. REGULATIONS AND SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Once the competition has been accepted and entered in the United World Wrestling calendar, the organising Federation must send to United World Wrestling a file containing the regulations and information necessary to the smooth running of the competition. This file will have to reach United World Wrestling at least 6 months before the date set for the event and include the following documents:

- Invitation letter from the organising Federation.
- General regulations setting the participation conditions and the technical matters (styles, age group, weight categories, awards, etc.).
- Specific information containing the necessary details on the reception of the teams, transport, address of the venue and hotels in which the participants, referees and United World Wrestling officials will be accommodated.
- Competition programme including the schedule of accreditation, medical control, weigh-in, elimination rounds and finals for each category.
- Visa and entry forms.

## 5. ORGANISATION FEE

The organisation fee for international competitions is invoiced by United World Wrestling to the organising Federation at the end of the year during which the competition took place. The organisation fee for a United World Wrestling Ranking Series is fixed as another International event: 1'000 CHF per style.

## 6. ORGANISER'S OBLIGATIONS

The organising Federation must send a personal invitation letter to all the countries concerned and to the assigned delegates with the programme and information on the competition for the visa applications. These invitations must be sent at least 3 months before the date set for the competition.

The organising Federation must take out insurance with a company of its choice to cover its and United World Wrestling's civil liability for the duration of the competition including the time taken to install the facilities before the competition and the time taken to dismantle them afterwards. The organising Federation bears full liability and United World Wrestling can in no case be held responsible for the risks incurred.

The organising Federation will cover the technical and refereeing delegate(s)' transport in economy class (or in business class if the delegate is a United World Wrestling Bureau member) and full accommodation (board and lodging), starting 48 hours before the competition and ending 24 hours after the competition.



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The organising Federation will pay a representation fee to the technical and refereeing delegate(s) of 100 CHF per day for the duration of their stay (48 hours before the competition and 24 hours after the competition).

The organising Federation must make transport facilities available to officials and participants between the station, airports, and accommodation sites as well as between competition, training, and accommodation sites. Transport facilities are only provided for participants who are accommodated in sites proposed by the organising Federation.

A minibus or a bus will be made available for the referees, VIP, Presidents, and other officials accompanying the teams.

## 7. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

### 7.1 Audio-visual rights (Television rights)

United World Wrestling is the EXCLUSIVE OWNER of all the following rights but not limited to: audio-visual, television broadcast, reproduction of its events, internet, electronic, digital and multimedia.

By audio-visual rights, United World Wrestling means the right to broadcast in the widest sense; radio, television, live, mobile and recorded programmes, private and public reception as well as all systems of individual distribution of television images produced on line, from a data base (such as internet) and including the presentation of images of a screen with the help of autonomous equipment such as a video recorder.

As a non-limiting example, the broadcast rights include home videos, distribution in planes, on closed circuits, CDI, DVD and all other interactive and multi-media rights. Audio-visual rights also include the right to produce and transmit official films of any competition.

#### 7.1.1 Television Production

a) The Organising Committee shall provide to the United World Wrestling production team the required cable connections and ensure parking for technical television vehicles. The extensive production requirements can be found in UWW Television Requirements

b) Any rights pertaining to broadcast will be negotiated strictly by United World Wrestling.

c) Domestic audio-visual rights can be negotiated by United World Wrestling and the national host broadcaster

### 7.2. Advertising and marketing

50% of the advertising areas are the rights of United World Wrestling, whereas the other 50% are allocated to the Event Organiser. Sponsorship category exclusivity; the Organising Committee cannot have conflicting categories with UWW sponsors. Additional Marketing rights can be transferred by United World Wrestling to the Organiser by a separate agreement. It is the responsibility of the Organising Committee to ensure a clean venue, free of all third parties and provide advertising facilities to the quality and dimensions indicated in the UWW Event Manual. UWW Sponsor logos must be included on all forms of printed or digital media/ advertising including, but not limited to, unless further stipulated:

- LED screens or any fixed advertising in, on or around Field of Play;
- Promotional and event material
- Competition related areas (awarding ceremony, mixed zone, press conference, draw)



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- Billboards / pamphlets / adverts of event inside and outside venues, hotel, sport hall, throughout city, or in any other places where event is described
- Promotional Space
- Warm-up area, where UWW partners (e.g. Suples) can showcase themselves to the athletes, trainers and delegations
- State of the art in-venue entertainment system for ads and promo activities.

The Organising Committee must reserve promotional space to all UWW sponsors. The Minimum size of the activation booth for UWW sponsors must be 10x5m<sup>2</sup> with internet access (Wi-Fi or cable), ample electrical outlets, look & feel consistent with the event branding without any additional costs in the venue.

The event advertising plan and the event promotional plan must be presented by the Organising Committee for approval to UWW at least 180 days before the beginning of the event. All designs (print and digital) must be send to UWW for approval prior to printing. The Organiser will finance the printing and placements of the advertisements / promotion prior to the event. Advertising must be placed throughout the city, at airports, at official hotels and venue.

The Organiser is required to make all preparations and execute local promotion and marketing actions at least six months prior to the event.

The specific forms of promotion that Organiser must facilitate, which must include UWW sponsors logos, include but not limited to the following:

- Radio Advertising
- Event promotion around city
- Local Television Announcement
- Local Newspaper Announcement
- Web-Based
- Direct Mail campaign to NF members and local wrestling community
- Distribution of Flyers and Pamphlets
- Touristic offices and Local Malls
- Public Areas
- All other print or advertising media
- Official website of the championships

The Organiser will finance LED boards for the advertisements around the mats in the required dimensions and quality as specified in the Event Manual. Schedules and requirements as specified in the requirements need to be followed entirely. UWW reserves the right of final approval.

The Official Logo and visual identity of the event will be supplied by UWW. The Mascot of the event is the responsibility of the Organiser who will submit the design to UWW for approval.

The Organising Committee has the right to host their own website with the primary objective of ticket sales and local promotion.

## 7.3 Merchandising

UWW Global Partner shall have the exclusive right to all merchandising under the category “sports apparel”, which includes:

- Any apparel, footwear, wrestling-specific equipment (e.g. headgear and kneepads, and wrestling-themed personal and sport accessories).
- Any apparel (incl. but not limited to T-shirts, caps, hoodies etc.) with the UWW or event logo.



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- Any apparel (incl. but not limited to T-shirts, caps, hoodies etc) with the specification Ranking Series and the year and location.

These rights are extended to the property of the arena and the vicinity of the arena within 500m. The Event organiser is required to do their best to restrict ambush marketing.

## 8. INFORMATION AND RECEPTION DESK

From the arrival of the first delegation to the day following the last competition, the organising Federation must organise a central reception desk which will be situated at the central hotel or at the competition site.

This desk is responsible for:

- The reception of the teams upon their arrival and departure at the airport or station.
- The allocation of hotel rooms
- The catering
- The urban transport
- The provision of all necessary information for the smooth running of the competition
- The support for cultural matters

## 9. FINAL ENTRIES, NATIONALITY CHECK, AND ACCREDITATION

**The organising Federation cannot accept more than three athletes from the same country per weight category. In addition, in order to track the results and have the right names of the athletes, ATHENA (and ARENA) software HAS to be used for the United World Wrestling Ranking Series.**

The organising Federation must take the necessary steps to accelerate the accreditation procedures by means of the United World Wrestling Athena software. Each participant's age and nationality will be checked upon presentation of their passport at accreditation. A big room will have to be provided to welcome the participants and allow the different phases of administrative work (collection of participation and accommodation fees, final entries, age and nationality check, participants' picture, printing of accreditation cards, licence sale, etc.).

The delegations will have to follow the schedule set forth in the competition program in order to allow a smooth management of the competition.

## 10. WEIGH-IN

The weigh-in is placed under the responsibility of the refereeing delegate(s). The official weigh-in for each category is done the day of the competition with the medical examination and it lasts 30 minutes. The competitors are allowed to check their weight on the scales available, which will be identical to those used for the official weigh-in, as many times as they wish. The organising committee must provide each day one person for each scale to help with the weigh-in procedure. No weight tolerance is can be fixed for a United World Wrestling Ranking Series.



## 11. DRAWING OF LOTS

The draw for positions in the competition table is the responsibility of the UWW TRT (technical results' team), assisted by the technical delegates. It is done the day before the competition. The draw must be done by the United World Wrestling software or manually if the use of computers is not possible. The result of the draw will be distributed by the organising Federation to each delegation as soon as it is complete.

After the approval of United World Wrestling, the draw could also be organized the day of the competition.

## 12. COMPETITION VENUE

The competition venue will be large enough to house the necessary number of competition and warm-up mats. It will be equipped according to the General Regulations for Championships and International Competitions. The competition venue will have to allow proper display of audio-visual information to the spectators and competitors (time, points, nationality, wrestlers' name, results) by means of two plasma screens per mat that will be linked to a computer running with the Atena software.

Each competition mat must be United World Wrestling approved, 12m x 12m, and with marking and colours in accordance with the International Wrestling Rules. On one side of the mats, the organising Federation will place a table for 4 people (1 mat chairman, 1 timekeeper, 1 video controller and 1 replacement) and on the other side, a table for the judge.

The competition area and its surroundings will be protected against unauthorized access. In addition, a sufficient number of seats will be provided to United World Wrestling, VIPs, officials, doctors, and medical staff. The competitors' seats will be placed as close as possible to the competition area and will have direct access to it.

## 13. MEDALS, DIPLOMAS, AND AWARD CEREMONIES

The award ceremony takes place each day after the finals of the weight category. The athletes enter and leave to the accompaniment of music. They must be dressed in their national team tracksuit and line up behind the podium in the following order: 2 - 1 - 3 - 3. A diploma will be presented to all participants.

The speaker must clearly announce the ceremony and pronounce the names, nationality and classification of the recipients as well as the names and titles of the officials who will present the medals. The flags will be hoisted at the same time as the winner's national anthem (short version) with a slight difference in their level according to the athletes' ranking.

Award winners are presented in the following order: 1) bronze medals; 2) silver medal; 3) gold medal; 4) other awards. If there are only 5 wrestlers or less participating in one weight category, only one bronze medal will be awarded. The presentation order is determined in consultation with the protocol officer.

## 14. ANTI-DOPING CONTROL

The organising Federation must take all the steps necessary to ensure that the anti-doping tests requested by the national anti-doping agency can take place and to guarantee that the samples will be analysed by a laboratory which is WADA/IOC accredited. The costs engendered by the anti-doping tests will be borne by the organising Federation.



## 15. COMPETITION STAFF

In accordance with the present requirements, the organising Federation must fulfil all the necessary conditions for staff and material. Regarding the medical staff, 2 doctors will have to be provided for the medical control before the weigh-in (or more in case of high participation) and for the anti-doping control, and 1 medical assistant will have to be assigned to each mat.

The organising Federation will also have to provide one general announcer (French or English and language of the host country), 1 ceremony and protocol officer, and 2 assistants for the opening, closing, and award ceremonies.

The organising Federation will provide 1 person in charge of the scoreboards, 1 timekeeper, 1 runner, 2 guides for the wrestlers, and 1 video controller per mat.

In order to run the event smoothly, the organiser has to cover the board and lodging for a maximum of 15 United World Wrestling Staff in single rooms.

## 16. FORMS AND DOCUMENTS

The organising Federation commits to properly promote the competition by publishing articles in newspapers and on the Internet, by distributing posters and flyer, and by organising press conferences. It must also distribute programmes and information sheets to the participants.

The United World Wrestling Athena software allows printing the accreditation cards, the medical sheets, the weigh-in sheets, the pairing sheets, the competition schedule, the score sheets, and complete results.



**FORM FOR THE ORGANISATION OF A  
UNITED WORLD WRESTLING RANKING SERIES**

**National Federation:**

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**International competition:**

Competition

\_\_\_\_\_

Place

\_\_\_\_\_

Exact date

\_\_\_\_\_

Style(s)

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Style(s) requested to be part of the Ranking Series

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Do you agree to use ATHENA and ARENA?

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Do you agree to organize to the Ranking Series for an Olympic Cycle?

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Place and date

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Name and function

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Signature

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**CONTRACT FOR THE ORGANISATION OF  
A UNITED WORLD WRESTLING RANKING SERIES**

The present requirements, which are drawn up for the use of organisers wishing to be candidate for the Organization of a United World Wrestling Ranking Series, must be returned to United World Wrestling duly signed and initialled on each page by the National Federation's President, and mentioning "read and agreed" and "good for application".

All the candidacies will be carefully reviewed by the United World Wrestling Executive Committee and the best will be confirmed.

Any dispensation from the present requirement will be subject to United World Wrestling's prior written approval. Any infraction will be sanctioned according to the Disciplinary Regulations.

Any serious breach in these provisions will result in a report sent to the United World Wrestling judge who will evaluate the infraction and apply a sanction according to the United World Wrestling Constitution and Regulations. Any protest will be lodge in front of the United World Wrestling appeal commission whose decision will prevail and be final.

United World Wrestling reserves the right to update these Requirements from time to time upon reasonable written notice to account for changes necessary to correspond with what would reasonably be required to organise a successful event.

Competition name \_\_\_\_\_

Competition place and date \_\_\_\_\_

The present requirements bind the organising Federation named hereafter:

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Read and agreed, good for application \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Signature of the organising Federation's President

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