



UNITED WORLD
WRESTLING

Guidelines for the Recognition of Competitions Not Organized by a Member of UWW



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Article 1 - Aim

The present guidelines set the minimum requirements needed for the organization and staging of Wrestling competitions by an organizer that is non-recognized by, or non-affiliated with, a UWW-regularly affiliated or associated National Federation.

Based on, but not limited to, these requirements, it will be incumbent on any National Federation to accept or reject the staging of such a competition and, in turn, to authorize or forbid the participation of its Members in the competition. When appropriate, Members of UWW shall also be prohibited from participating. In any case, the National Federation shall inform its Members and UWW of its decision and about its reasons.

It is reminded that international competitions as defined in Article 8 of UWW's *General Regulations for Championships and International Competitions*, shall conform to the requirements set forth in these regulations, to the *Requirements for the Organization of International Competitions*¹ and, more generally, comply with UWW's Regulations, Rules and Guidelines. Furthermore, such competitions will be entered into UWW's official Calendar.

Article 2 - Definitions

- a. *Wrestling* : all disciplines governed by United World Wrestling, namely Freestyle Wrestling, Women's Wrestling, Greco-Roman Wrestling, as well as all other traditional and historic wrestling styles, including, but not limited to, Pankration, Belt Wrestling, Grappling, African Wrestling and Beach Wrestling.
- b. *National Federations* : all the organizations affiliated or associated with UWW, as defined by UWW's Statutes and listed on UWW's official website.
- c. *Members* : any individual (official, wrestler, coach or referee) or club, licensed by or affiliated with respectively, a national federation, or recognized as such in accordance with its internal regulations and/or national laws and regulations ; any wrestler holding a UWW International Wrestling License for the year under consideration.

Article 3 - Statutory, technical and medical requirements

The organizer must commit to respecting the following requirements :

- 3.1 National and local laws and regulations, especially those related to the organization and staging of sport events, will be upheld. All the mandatory public authorizations must have been obtained.
- 3.2 The *International Wrestling Rules*¹ for Olympic Wrestling and the rules governing the other wrestling styles, shall be implemented and complied with in their entirety.
- 3.3 The refereeing body will have the sufficient skills and knowledge required to apply and enforce the *International Wrestling Rules* and ensure neutral and independent arbitration.
- 3.4 All the technical aspects necessary for the proper conduct of the competition (competition's secretariat, scoring, timing, weigh-in, pairing, video equipment for challenges), must be made available and implemented.
- 3.5 Medical assistance in case of emergency will be available in the competition hall and in close proximity to the mats for the entire duration of the competition, to treat injuries suffered by wrestlers (during bouts or warm-up) ; the medical assistance will be equipped with all the necessary resuscitation and lacerations treatment facilities ; medical supplies (splints, bandages, syringes and sterile needles etc.) shall be sufficient in quantity ; all the necessary medication for cases of emergency (resuscitation, hypersensitivity reaction, pain control and local anesthesia) will also be provided. A stretcher shall be available, and an ambulance

must be permanently on site for the immediate transportation of seriously injured competitors to the nearest hospital.

The medical examination prior to the weigh-in, will be carried out by a licensed physician in an enclosed space that ensures the wrestlers' privacy.

- 3.6 All the wrestlers participating in the competition, must be covered by insurance in case of accident or injury occurring during the competition.
- 3.7 Doping controls in sufficient quantity with regard to the number of participants, will be provided for and organized in compliance with all the requirements of the World Anti-Doping Code and the International Standards of the World Anti-Doping Agency, so as to safeguard the integrity of the competition.
- 3.8 The competition hall should be sufficiently large to fit the requisite number of mats with regard to the number of participants and shall contain a warm-up room and warm-up mats as well. Changing-rooms (separate for men and women) with shower-rooms and WC, will be made available to Wrestlers.
- 3.9 Every competition mat must be homologated and have the statutory dimensions of 12 meters by 12 meters. The marking must be done according to the *International Wrestling Rules of United World Wrestling*.
- 3.10 The name of the competition will be different from the name(s) of (a) competition(s) organized by the National Federation and UWW.

Article 4 - Liabilities

The organizer will be liable for the preparations of the whole of the competition, its conduct as well as any breach observed during the competition. The organizer will also be liable for the safety of all participants and audience and must maintain order in the competition hall.

The organizer must take out a policy that guarantees his « civil liability », counting in the days for the installations set-up before the competition and the days for the installations dismantling after the competition.

If the event is staged, the National Federation and United World Wrestling will decline all liability in case of non-compliance with national laws and regulation, in case of breach or damage and/or accident that may happen before, during and after the competition to any participant.

Article 5 - Litigation

Any litigation between a National Federation and an organizer concerning the decision by a National Federation to ban the organization and the staging of a competition and prohibit its Members from participating, in application of the present guidelines or for any other reason, will be settled in accordance with local regulations in this regard.

Article 6 - Amendments

These guidelines may be amended by the UWW Executive Committee whenever it is deemed necessary.
