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GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR THE SENIOR WORLD CUP





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Article 1 - Objectives

The objectives of the senior World Cup are to:

- Increase wrestling's popularity throughout the world, and in all its styles, by an attractive competition system as frequently used by other sporting disciplines.
- Increase the public's loyalty, as well as that of the media, through an attractive competition by team.
- Allow each national team which is entered to negotiate with private and institutional partners.

Article 2 - General Provisions

- a. The World Cup by team is an official competition organized under the aegis of United World Wrestling.

It is organized each year in three styles (FS, GR, WW).

Male and female wrestlers, in both the junior and the senior age categories, can take part (min. 18 years of age).

- b. The World Cup is organized each year in a country which bids for it and which fulfils the conditions laid down by United World Wrestling.

All the regulatory technical provisions, as well as the organizational details, must be checked by controlling and coordinating Commission nominated to this effect by the United World Wrestling President. The inspection report must be approved by the United World Wrestling 10 months before the date of the World Cup.

Article 3 - Team Participation

- 3.1 The World Cups take place at the dates fixed by United World Wrestling and included in the United World Wrestling calendar.

- 3.2 For each style, one country can only send one team for the World Cup.

- 3.3 The first eight countries placed at the Greco-Roman, Freestyle and Women's previous World Championship per style can take part in the senior World Cup. If the organizer's team is not ranked within the first eight teams, the first seven teams will be selected plus the host country's team. The qualified countries must obligatorily participate in the World Cup at the risk of being imposed a penalty and this sanction will be up to the prohibition to participate in the next Continental Championship and a 2'000 CHF fine will be given per missing wrestlers.

- 3.4 Each team must comprise one wrestler (male or female) per weight category.

The team must comprise:

- ten titled wrestlers and possibly ten replacements

In order to comply with the media's requests, each National Federation must also send a list of each of the competitor's wrestling achievements.

- 3.5 Each meet will take place in the form of a dual from the lightest weight category, to the heaviest.



- 3.6 Each wrestler who participates must have a valid United World Wrestling license, the wrestler's passport and must pay an entry fee of 100 Swiss Francs per athlete registered.

Article 4 - Entries

- a. Participating countries must confirm their participation to United World Wrestling at least six months before the competition. The participation of each qualified country is obligatory.
- b. Provisional entry of the participating countries must be filled in through Athena two months before the competition.
- c. Final entry by name must be filled in through Athena one month before the competition. The sport achievements of each participant must be sent to the organizer at the same time.
- d. Failure to follow the above requirements by participating teams will lead to:
 - immediate suspension of the National Federation from all international events for six months and a fine
 - requirement of the Federation at fault to reimburse the costs incurred to the Organiser of the World Cup to a limit of Swiss Francs 10,000 (ten thousand Swiss Francs)

Article 5 - Participation

- 5.1 Each team may enter 20 wrestlers and therefore have 10 replacements, able to participate depending on the coach's tactics.

In Women's wrestling, as far as the 76kg category is concerned, only wrestlers who weigh a minimum of 72kg may compete.

In Greco-Roman Wrestling, in the 130kg category, only wrestlers weighing a minimum of 97kg may compete.

In Freestyle Wrestling, in the 125kg category, only wrestling weighing a minimum of 97 kg may compete.

- 5.2 Each team must have one wrestler per weight category.
- 5.3 All wrestlers competing in the World Cup must have the nationality of the country they represent. Foreign reinforcements are forbidden. The identity of each participant will be checked with his passport and his license prior to the competition.

Article 6 - Organization

- 6.1 The World Cup takes place over two days.

6.2 Technical obligations

The competitions must take place on new or less than one year old United World Wrestling approved mats.

- 6.3 The competition program is drawn up in agreement with United World Wrestling and upon its request. It must be drawn up with the requirements of the media, television and host country's public born in mind.



As soon as the host receives confirmation of the program from the United World Wrestling, it must send the qualified National Federations the following:

- a. official invitation
- b. technical Regulations
- c. competition Regulations

6.4 The World Cup takes place like a team Championship.

Each team comprises 10 wrestlers, i.e. one per weight category:

Freestyle Wrestling: 57 kg - 61 kg - 65 kg - 70 kg - 74 kg - 79 kg - 86 kg - 92 kg - 97 kg - 125 kg

Greco-Roman Wrestling: 55 kg - 60 kg - 63 kg - 67 kg - 72 kg - 77 kg - 82 kg - 87 kg - 97 kg - 130 kg

Women's Wrestling: 50 kg - 53 kg - 55 kg - 57 kg - 59 kg - 62 kg - 65 kg - 68 kg - 72 kg - 76 kg

A tolerance of 2kg is acceptable for each weigh-in.

The replacement wrestlers must weigh in at the same time as the entered team and noted on a separate sheet.

The competition system is the following: two groups formed of 4 teams each and the finals: 7-8, 5-6, 3-4, 1-2

6.5 In any event, any technical conditions which are not stipulated in these Regulations will be evaluated by the technical delegate who will refer to the General Regulations for International Events and Competitions and to the Wrestling Rules.

6.6 Composition of the groups

For each style, each group is made according to the team ranking of the previous Senior World Championship. The 1st ranked team in the Senior World Championship is in the Group A and the 2nd ranked team is in the Group B. The next teams will be placed like that:

| Group A | | Group B |
|---------|----|---------|
| 1 | -> | 2 |
| 4 | <- | 3 |
| 5 | -> | 6 |
| 8 | <- | 7 |

If one (or more) team(s) can't attend the World Cup, the next best ranked team(s) according to the previous Senior World Championships will be qualified and the composition of the groups will be rebuilt based on their rank order.

6.7 Head to head confrontation

Each team will enter one athlete per weight category and wrestle against his opponent. Each winning athlete will receive 1 point for his team and the losing 0 point. If one team doesn't have an athlete in a weight category, his opponent will win the match per forfeit. If both teams don't have an athlete in a weight category, no point will be awarded.



Winner of a head-to-head

In case of a tied match (same number of victories like 5-5) between two teams, the winner will be determined by successively reviewing the following criteria:

- The total of classification points
- The most victories by fall, default, forfeit, or disqualification
- The most match victories by technical superiority
- The most technical points obtained during the match
- The fewest technical points given during the match
- The outcome of the last bout competed

6.8 Team Ranking

The winning team will receive 1 point and the losing 0 point.

If two teams have an equal number of victories at the end of the competition:

The winner will be determined on bases of the result of their match.

If 3 or more teams have an equal number of victories, the ranking will be determined following these criteria, across the all competition:

- The highest classification points
- The highest victories by fall, forfeit, disqualification
- The highest match victories by superiority
- The highest technical points scored
- The fewest technical points given
- The team in the concerned teams that was picked first during the draw.

Method of individual classification

If the organizer plans to include an individual classification, it is drawn up using the number of victories for each athlete. The next criteria are the ones written in the article 8 of the Wrestling Rules (classification criteria).

Article 7 - Weigh-in

- a. Each team has the right to weigh in two wrestlers (male or female) per weight category, it being understood that only one wrestler (male or female) per category and per match may compete.
- b. Each weighed-in wrestler may choose to opt for the category immediately superior to that of his/her weight. This rule does not apply for the 76kg category in Female Wrestling where the wrestler shall weigh at least 72kg, for the 125kg category in Freestyle Wrestling where the wrestler shall weigh at least 97kg and for the 130 kg category in Greco-Roman Wrestling where the wrestlers shall weigh at least 97 kg.

Article 8 - Team Engagement

- a. 30 minutes before the beginning of each confrontation (round), each team leader must make a written announcement to the (Technical Results Team) TRT of any changes made to the team composition.



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- b. If no change is announced within the time limit mentioned above, the team composition must absolutely be the same as the previous match. No changes will be allowed for any reason.
- c. An athlete cannot compete in two different weight categories during one confrontation (round).

Article 9 - Referees

- a. Only United World Wrestling cat. I S or I referees may work at the senior World Cup.
- b. Each referee must possess a valid United World Wrestling license and must show it to the competition's technical official.

He must also satisfy all the requirements of an international referee.

- c. Each country participating in the World Cup and which has category I S referees must attend with one cat. I S referee as laid down in the General Regulations for International Events and Competitions, failing which sanctions will be imposed on the participating National Federation. If a qualified country has no category I S referee, he must attend with category I referee.

In order to have enough referees for the competition, we kindly invite the participating teams to bring two referees for this event. The category of the second referee follow the same criteria than for the first one.

Article 10 - Financial Conditions

- 10.1 The delegations must be composed according to the United World Wrestling table to a maximum as follows:

10 wrestlers, 10 replacement wrestlers, 1 coach, 1-2 referees, 1 doctor and 1 team leader.

The cost for the stay of replacement wrestlers (male or female) are not born by the organizer

- 10.2 Transport costs

- a. Each Federation is responsible for its transport costs of its delegation to the town where the competition will be held.
- b. Local transport costs are borne by the organizers

- 10.3 Television and commercial rights

The United World Wrestling remains the owner of the television, marketing and commercial rights of the World Cup. These rights can be sold to the organizer in a separate contract fixing the conditions.

- 10.4 Participating conditions for the teams

The costs for the stay of each participating team (replacement wrestlers excluded), which composition is in conformity with article 11.1, are born by the organizer during the following period: 2 days prior to the competition, during the competition and 1 day after the competition.

The participants who exceed the number officially allowed in 11.1, or the teams which stay longer than the time officially allowed above, will pay the host the costs of their stay at a pre-arranged price by the host.



10.5 Refereeing officials

For each World Cup, the United World Wrestling will designate one neutral referee or two if a referees' course is organized.

These referee's expenses have to be borne by the organizer - economy class travel, visa cost, accommodation costs (international hotel standard) and representation allowance (five days, 100 Swiss Francs per day) as per the United World Wrestling table and schedule of conditions in force.

If the neutral referee assigned at the event is United World Wrestling Bureau member, he is entitled to Business class air ticket.

10.6 Technical delegate, United World Wrestling President or his substitute

A technical delegate responsible for the smooth running of the World Cup will be nominated by United World Wrestling.

The technical delegate's expenses have to be borne by the organizer: transport, (business class), accommodation (first-class international hotel) and representation allowance (five days, 100 Swiss Francs per day) as per the United World Wrestling table and schedule conditions in force.

The United World Wrestling President, or his substitute, is entitled to the same conditions.

10.7 Medical control and care

- a. The medical control is carried out as stipulated in the Wrestling Rules and the United World Wrestling Health Regulations and is supervised by the United World Wrestling Doctor assigned to the competition. The United World Wrestling Doctor's expenses must be borne by the organizer, which means: air ticket (economy class), visa cost, accommodation and food costs, representation allowances (5 days) as per the United World Wrestling table and schedule of conditions in force.
- b. The medical costs of first aid administered to participants (wrestlers and officials), as well as the costs of their possible transport to the nearest hospital by ambulance have to be borne by the organizer.
- c. The costs of: transport by ambulance or special vehicle outside the agglomeration, hospitalization and special care have to be borne by the participants who are, in principle, covered by the United World Wrestling insurance if their license is valid for the current year.
- d. The organizer has the obligation to conduct the doping controls of the wrestlers (men and women) from the first three ranked teams, at his own cost, in compliance with the United World Wrestling Antidoping Regulations.

Article 11 - Prizes and Awards

- a. The winning team gets the World Cup trophy.
- b. All the members of the winning team receive a gold medal and a diploma.
All the members of the 2nd place team receive a silver medal and a diploma.
All the members of the 3rd place team receive a bronze medal and a diploma.
- c. United World Wrestling will wire the prize money to the three first team, depending their rank.



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- d. All the participants receive a souvenir and a diploma.
- e. During the closing ceremony, the flags of the top three teams are raised and the national anthem of the winning team is played.

Article 12 - General Provisions

Any question or problem not mentioned in these Regulations is covered by the valid Wrestling Rules and the United World Wrestling Regulations.

The United World Wrestling is entitled and authorized to take any decisions it feels are necessary to improve the competition.

Article 13 - Television

1. As United World Wrestling is the exclusive owner of World Cup audiovisual rights (commercial, television, broadcasting, digital, mobile, reproduction of its event etc.) and controls them, the amount of the rights will be negotiated separately.
2. Under the circumstances that United World Wrestling production team does not produce the World Cup, the Organising Committee has to search with United World Wrestling a host broadcaster, United World Wrestling will sign a contract for TV coverage and production with this host broadcaster. In case the selected broadcaster would be a society of the host country, he may purchase the rights to broadcast in the territory of the host country, by separate agreement with United World Wrestling.
3. In any case, the Organising Committee shall provide to the host broadcaster or to the United World Wrestling production team the required cable connections and ensure parking for technical television vehicles.
4. In addition, the organizer must obligatorily provide the necessary equipment, staff and connection to use the TV Web.

Article 14 - Annexed Provisions

It must send a copy of the civil liability insurance policy of the competition hall covering the public, the participants and the officials of United World Wrestling at the latest 30 days before the competition.

It agrees to provide the necessary staff and material for the competition, in particular:

- competition secretaries (2 or 3 qualified people)
- time keepers (1 - 2 per mat)
- doctors (1 per mat) and 3 doctors for the medical visit
- an infirmary
- 2 new or of less than one year United World Wrestling approved mats
- a protection area of at least 4 meters between the spectators and the mats
- official forms which will be with the program (weigh-in list, score sheets, competition report)
- scoring board and time-keeping device (plasma screens - regulatory equipment)
- manual first aid equipment
- video recording equipment
- database form
- internet access and a link with United World Wrestling site
- a big screen per mat for checking the challenges



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It is the United World Wrestling's technical delegate's job to ensure, one day before the competition, that all these requirements are in place in conformity to the inspection report.

The United World Wrestling nominated neutral referee is responsible for the officiating. He will nominate the officiating body for each match.

No protests will be accepted, except for the check of the challenge.

For any situations not planned by these Regulations, the United World Wrestling Regulations and Wrestling Rules are valid.

Participating teams agree not to have recourse to civil courts or to the CAS to settle matters relative to the World Cup, only the United World Wrestling Legal Department is competent.

In the event the United World Wrestling Bureau could not settle a dispute relative to regulatory issues, only the United World Wrestling Sport Judge, in compliance with the procedure included in the United World Wrestling Disciplinary Regulations, can act as appeal body in the event of a dispute. His judgment is final.



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