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**WRESTLING**

# CONTINENTAL COUNCILS REGULATIONS

Creation, role and competencies



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## **Article 1 – Definition**

- a. Within the framework of the UWW, the meeting of normally affiliated National Federations from the same continent constitutes the Continental Council.
- b. The Continental Councils are made up with the agreement and under the directives of the UWW.

The principal goal is to promote and to develop all styles of wrestling on the continent concerned, to apply the UWW's directives and to ensure that the UWW Constitution and Regulations are respected.

## **Article 2 – Principles**

- a. It is pointed out that the National Federations which satisfy the conditions of the Constitution can be affiliated to the UWW.
- b. The Continental Councils are not, as far as the UWW Constitution is concerned, constitutive members of the UWW. They are UWW auxiliary bodies and they are not indebted to it for any financial contribution.

In addition, the Continental Councils cannot claim to receive any resources (rebate on fees and contributions, television rights etc) from the UWW as these resources remain the integral property of the UWW.

The UWW can finance programmes suggested by the Continental Councils on the basis of a budget approved by the UWW's Executive Committee.

The Continental Council has autonomous financial means based on the budget adopted by the UWW Executive Committee. These financial means are guaranteed by:

- sponsoring
- advertising during Continental Championships
- gifts and subsidies
- transfer fees
- operating subsidy provided by the UWW

If the UWW, owner of all the rights at Championships and Cups, has not concluded contracts with television companies for the sale of television rights for the Continental Championship, the Continental Council will be able to negotiate these rights with the UWW's agreement. The net income will be shared 50/50 between the Continental Council and the UWW.

The incomes from autonomous sources can be also used in an autonomous way for promoting wrestling on the continent concerned according to a budget and a programme prepared beforehand by the Continental Council concerned and agreed by the UWW.

## **Article 3 – Structure**

The Continental Councils are managed by a executive committee formed of seven people including compulsorily one female candidate and elected by the Continental General meeting for a four-year renewable period, i.e.:

- 1 President
- 1 Secretary
- 5 members

The elective Continental General meeting meets the year following the Olympic Games, during the Continental Championships. It is convened by the President of the Council after approval of the agenda by the UWW President.

The headquarters and the Continental Council Secretariat must be located in the president's town of residence.

The National Federation which presented the candidate for the presidency of the Continental Council must provide the premises, equipment and materials necessary for the operation of the Continental Council.

The General Assemblies of the Continental Councils take place along identical lines to those of the UWW Congress.

#### **Article 4 – Mode of election**

The elections proceed in two stages:

##### **a. Elections of the Executive Committee**

Individuals are put forward by their National Federation, which must be normally affiliated to UWW, in order with its financial obligations and not subject of any suspension measures.

Applications must be sent three months before the date fixed for the elections, by registered letter written by the candidate's National Federation, to the UWW secretariat. A copy must be addressed to the President of the Continental Council concerned.

The outgoing members are re-eligible and may put their candidacy forward without the backing of their national federation of origin provided they are licensed to their national federation. Their application must be sent three months before the date fixed for the elections, by registered letter to the UWW secretariat. A copy must be addressed to the President of the Continental Council concerned.

Only the National Federations are entitled to vote. The members of the executive bureau in office cannot take part in the election process.

The members of the Executive Committee are elected by absolute majority at the first ballot and by relative majority at the second ballot.

If two candidates from the same national federation obtain the majority at the first ballot the candidate with the highest number of votes will be elected. In case of a tie the former member will be appointed to the Executive Committee of the Continental Council.

The first seven candidates are elected, one of whom must be a female candidate, having obtained the majority of votes and the highest number of votes at the first round.

At the second ballot, a maximum of seven candidates, including one female candidate if she is not elected during the first ballot, who obtained the most votes are elected.

##### **b. Election of the President**

Only individuals elected as member of the executive committee of the Continental Council may be candidate to the presidency of the Continental Council.

The President is chosen from the elected members of the Bureau and is presented for election at the General meeting.

The position of UWW Bureau member is not incompatible with the position of Continental Council member.

#### **Article 5 – Role and competence**

The Continental Council has as an essential role, by all lawful means, to make all necessary and useful contact between the National Federations of the continent concerned and to promote wrestling as widely as possible on its territory.

Under no circumstances can the Continental Council replace the UWW in relations between it and the National Federations.

Insofar as they are exerted within the lawful framework of the UWW, the Continental Council's competencies are as follows:

- a. It gathers each year together, during the Continental Championships, the affiliated National Federations of the continent concerned to a general assembly during which the continental competitions are scheduled (date and place) considering the dates set aside by the UWW. This calendar must be ratified by the UWW and inserted in the UWW's General Calendar.
- b. It submits to the UWW for decision all questions of general interest specific to its continent and those which relate to the conditions for application of all official regulations, as well as the calendar of the continental competitions (dates and places) taking into account the dates set aside by the UWW and which will be inserted into the UWW calendar.
- c. It suggests to the UWW measures it believes useful for the development and the consolidation of wrestling on its continent and is involved in creating new National Federations, as well as controlling the correct use of aid provided by the UWW to developing countries.
- d. It determines, fixes and suggests means of promotion likely to have the best impact.
- e. It can be made responsible for preparing the organisational material for international referee training courses, control over which remains exclusively the responsibility of the UWW.
- f. It takes the necessary measures to lead coaches training courses programmed at the highest level by the UWW and whose technical support could only be carried out by the nominated UWW instructors.
- g. Under its responsibility, it takes the necessary measures to develop and direct traditional wrestling in its continent's countries.
- h. It can carry out statistical or research work if it so desires, or at the UWW's request in order to determine the level of development on that continent or in order to make suggestions in the general interest of the UWW.
- i. It organises continental and regional advanced training courses for coaches having the basic technical level.
- j. Every four years, the year following the Olympic Games, the Continental Council, on UWW's consent, will gather together the National Continental Federations affiliated to UWW, during the Continental Championships, as an elective General assembly for the re-election of the President and for the re-election of the Executive Committee of the aforesaid Continental Council.
- k. It coordinates the initiatives of the National Federations.
- l. It stimulates a national system of competitions and carries out a continental system of competitions (cups, team championships, etc).
- m. It carries out itinerant administrative missions on its continent which are entrusted to it by UWW with a view to strengthening the National Federations.
- n. It organises advanced training courses for the young wrestlers.
- o. It is responsible for ensuring the regulations governing international transfers for wrestlers, as well as those covering changing nationality are adhered to on one continent and gives its agreement or its refusal case by case for the wrestlers on its continent, according to the UWW regulation on transfers, clubs reinforcements and clubs championships. It will also be responsible for the strict application of the UWW regulation concerning the change of nationality.
- p. It has an advisory role for the UWW for questions which concern its continent.
- q. The Continental Councils, in agreement with the UWW, can have their own logo and flag which can be flown during the Championship Continental next to the UWW flag.

The various fields of competences enumerated here above are not restrictive. The Continental Council will be able to carry on its activity in other sectors subject to having obtained the UWW's agreement beforehand.

#### **Article 6 – Respecting the UWW Constitution and Regulations**

- a. Under no circumstances will a Continental Council decision with regard to a National Federation be taken and considered legally binding. Only the UWW has the administrative, technical and disciplinary capacity against its members.
- b. The Continental Council shall not write or apply measures which are contrary to the UWW Constitution and Regulations.
- c. The Continental Council shall not promote a competition whose characteristics would not be in conformity with the UWW's General Technical Regulations.
- d. The Continental Council shall not work to different ends, or those contrary to those laid down by article 2 of the UWW Constitution and can in no case substitute its authority for that of the UWW.
- e. The Continental Council is not competent to confer the title of international referee on any member of the National Federations in its territory.
- f. The Continental Council is not competent to nominate any of its members as a UWW representative.
- g. The Continental Council shall not regard a National Federation as being its subordinate concerning the UWW Regulations. The Continental Council ensures the UWW regulations are respected. Any violation to the obligations mentioned here above will involve the dissolution of the concerned Continental Council.

#### **Article 7 – Statutory provisions**

- a. As the Continental Councils are UWW auxiliary bodies, their activities are governed exclusively by the UWW constitution and these Regulations which cancels and replaces all the preceding regulations and Constitutions of the Continental Councils.
- b. Considering the statutory principles, the present regulation can be modified or completed by decision of the UWW Executive Committee.