



UNITED WORLD  
**WRESTLING**

# Licence Regulations



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## **Article 1 - General Rules**

All wrestlers, whether cadet, junior, senior or veteran who wish to participate in UWW competitions in all its styles must hold an international Licence granted by UWW. The UWW Licence (hereinafter the "Licence") is not required for the Schoolboys category.

« UWW competitions » refers to competitions entered in the Official Calendar and published on UWW's website. UWW competitions notably include: Olympic Games, Continental Championships, World Championships, Regional Games, Continental Games, International Tournaments, etc.

The Licence determines the wrestler's sports nationality and thus the country he/she represents during UWW competitions. Under no circumstances shall a licensed wrestler represent a different country from that determined by his Licence.

The Licence is mandatory in all cases of international transfers of wrestlers. International transfers are governed by ad hoc UWW regulations.

The Licence provides the wrestler with insurance coverage in case of accident during his/her participation abroad in the competitions entered in the UWW Official Calendar (cf article 12).

## **Article 2 - Conditions for the Issuance of a UWW Licence**

The Licence may be granted to a wrestler only through his/her UWW-affiliated or UWW-associated National Federation of the country of which he/she possesses the sporting nationality within the meaning of the UWW International Regulations for the Change of Nationality.

In accordance with the UWW Medical Regulation, a Licence may be granted only to a wrestler showing no medical contra-indication for the practice of wrestling. An annual medical certificate is mandatory for all Licence's applications.

## **Article 3 - Obligations of the Holder of a Licence**

The holder of a Licence undertakes to :

- a) Provide accurate personal information for the initial application and/or for each renewal of the Licence;
- b) Comply with the obligations that result from the UWW Constitution, rules and regulations as well as all UWW past and forthcoming decisions and guidelines;
- c) Only compete in Olympic and/or associated Wrestling styles events, and only events which are recognised or must be duly authorized by UWW or by any of its affiliated or associated members;
- d) Compete with respect for my opponent and the Refereeing body, and adhere to the principles of Fair play;
- e) Observe and comply with the UWW Anti-doping Regulations implementing the World Anti-Doping Code;
- f) In case of dispute in connection with the application of UWW's Constitution, rules and regulations, as well as with UWW's decisions and guidelines, and any dispute with UWW, its affiliated or associated members or with clubs, in connection with the participation in the sport of Wrestling, accept that, after exhaustion of any procedure set forth in the applicable UWW Regulations, the exclusive competence of the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland, excluding all recourse to ordinary courts, including in respect of provisional measures.

#### Article 4 - Validity of the Licence

The Licence is valid from its issuance by UWW until the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the current calendar year, or until the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the next calendar year if the Licence is bought between the 1<sup>st</sup> of November and the 31<sup>st</sup> of December.

#### Article 5 - Procedure and Timeline

Applications and issuance of Licences are proceeded with exclusively online, via UWW's *Athena* platform. No Licence may be requested or granted on competitions sites.

The Licence application is made by the Wrestler's Affiliated National Federation.

Every UWW-affiliated National Federation is provided with an access code to Athena and may:

- a) « Create » a new wrestler's profile;
- b) Apply for the renewal of the Licence of a wrestler previously registered in Athena.

When a new wrestler's profile is created for the initial Licence application, the following documents are requested unless otherwise specified, and must be uploaded into *Athena* :

- 1) a copy of the wrestler's passport ;
- 2) a copy of a passport-format picture of the wrestler ;
- 3) the annual medical certificate (available on the UWW website) dated and signed by an accredited physician; unless otherwise specified, the certificate must not be dated more than three (3) months from the moment of its upload ;
- 4) a copy of the Wrestler's declaration form (available on the UWW website), signed by the wrestler and confirming his/her acceptance of the commitments set out in Article 3 above. If the wrestler is minor, his/her legal representative must also sign the statement.

In case of an application for the renewal of the Licence, the following document are required, unless otherwise specified, and must be uploaded in Athena:

- 1) the annual medical certificate (available on the UWW website) dated and signed by an accredited physician; unless otherwise specified, the certificate must not be dated more than three (3) months from the moment of its upload ;
- 2) a copy of the Wrestler's declaration form (available on the UWW website), signed by the wrestler and confirming his/her acceptance of the commitments set out in Article 3 above. If the wrestler is minor, his/her legal representative must also sign the statement.

All documents required by the present regulations must be forwarded to UWW together with a French or English officially certified translation. The Licence shall be granted only upon reception of these documents.

The required documents are uploaded on the Athena platform; UWW validates these documents, in principle within seven (7) working days from the upload. Once the documents are validated, the affiliated National Federation proceed with the purchase of the Licence, in accordance with the fee set on article 10 hereafter. The National Federation may pay by credit card or through a bank transfer, upon the sending of an invoice by UWW.

The invoice pertaining to the Licence(s) requests are payable upon reception. Failing its payment, the Licence is not delivered.

If a National Federation pays for several Licences over the course of several days, the payment received on UWW's account shall automatically credit the oldest invoice.

Once the payment is done, the Licence is delivered by UWW with seven (7) days after reception of the payment on UWW's account.

The Licence is delivered electronically, via the Athena platform.

#### **Article 6 - Licence Card**

Whenever a Licence is granted to a wrestler for the first time, a Licence Card is printed by UWW and sent to the Wrestler's affiliated National Federation within the eight (8) following weeks. The affiliated National Federation forwards the Licence card to the Wrestler. The Licence Card is personal, and the Wrestler keeps it during all his/her sporting career.

A wrestler may compete from the delivery of the Licence, even if his/her Licence Card has not reached him/her.

The Licence Card contains a Wrestler's photograph, his/her sporting nationality and date of birth. A QR code indicates the validity of the Licence. The contact details and emergency phone number of the UWW insurance company in case of an accident are mentioned on the card.

In case of Licence renewal, the Wrestler keeps the same card.

The renewal of the Licence is made instantly, as from the issuance of the "new" Licence by UWW. This "new" issuance is immediately readable on the back side of the Wrestler's Licence Card, by scanning the QR code.

#### **Article 7 - Licence check during Competitions**

The Wrestler shall hand his Licence Card over to the UWW Refereeing Delegate at the weigh-in on the occasion of every competition he/she takes part in. The Refereeing Delegate shall check its validity by scanning the QR code. Without a valid Licence, the Wrestler shall be permitted to take part in the UWW competitions.

On exceptional cases, affiliated National Federations may present the list of their licensed Wrestlers for the current year (printable from *Athena*) to the Refereeing Delegates.

#### **Article 8 - Fees**

The Licence fee is set by the Congress upon proposal by the Bureau.

The fee is 50 Swiss Francs for Cadets and 100 Swiss Francs for Juniors, Seniors and Veterans.

#### **Article 9 - Personal information and name changes**

UWW reserves the right to request Wrestlers' birth certificates to the concerned affiliated National Federations for the sole purpose of an identity check in the following cases:

- 1) An affiliated National Federation « creates » a Wrestler's profile which already exists in Athena under the aegis of another affiliated National Federation;
- 2) Different dates of birth for a same Wrestler appear on two different passports or strong resemblances between the names of two or more Wrestlers exist.

In cases where a Wrestler who was already granted a Licence changes his/her name, his/her National Federation must inform UWW and forward official certificates proving the change of name as well as the Wrestler's new passport.

## **Article 10 - Medical coverage and accident**

Any Licence holder benefits from the UWW insurance coverage for any accident and/or illness occurring during a competition on the UWW Official Calendar taking place abroad.

The services covered by the UWW insurance company and the accident declaration procedure are described on the UWW website.

## **Article 11 - Age of licenced competitors**

- 1) **Cadets** 16-17 years (from 15 years with a medical certificate and parental authorization)
- 2) **Juniors** 18-20 years (from 17 years with a medical certificate and parental authorization)
- 3) **Seniors U23** 19-23 years (from 18 years with a medical certificate and parental authorization)
- 4) **Seniors** from 20 years (from 18 years with a medical certificate and parental authorization)
- 5) **Men's Veterans:** from 35 years up to 60 years.

## **Article 12 - Disputes**

Any dispute in connection with the application of the present UWW Licence regulations is the competence of the UWW Executive Committee and, in last instance, the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland, which will be exclusively competent to decide on any dispute in accordance with the Code of Sports-related Arbitration (including in respect of provisional measures).

## **Article 13 - Modifications and amendments**

The modifications and amendments to the present regulations are the competence of the UWW Bureau, except for the setting of the Licences fees which is the competence of the UWW Congress, upon proposal by the UWW Bureau.