UNITED WORLD WRESTLING

TO ALL NATIONAL WRESTLING FEDERATIONS
TO THE UWW BUREAU MEMBERS

Corsier-sur-Vevey, 3rd of November 2026/Jdr

Subject: NEW POINT ALLOCATIONS AT UWW RANKING EVENTS

Dear President,

As you already know, 3 athletes per Olympic weight category will be qualified for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games through the UWW Rankings.

It was therefore important to polish and improve a bit the calculation around the point allocation at these events. With this circular, we would like to provide you with the latest decision taken around the Ranking Point System and the reasons why we made such adjustment.

1. Reasons behind these changes

The current system is working well and provide a serious ranking of the athletes competing at our main events. In the other hand, it was noticed that some low ranked athletes earn too many points for their performance and some events are probably underrated despite the good level of athletes competing there.

United World Wrestling tried to open a concrete discussion among scientists, experts and commission Members to see where these ranking points can be fine-tuned.

2. Current Points allocation

The current point allocation ranks the competitions in **3 levels**:

- Senior World Championships / Olympic Games
- Continental Championships
- Ranking Series / Regional Games

At these events, additional points are given by taking into account the number of participants. By example, a weight category that counts more than 16 athletes will give 5000 bonus points. Such bonus is sometimes too much compared to the number of rounds that the athlete is competing.

3. Decision regarding the point system

The main decision was to increase the points allocated for the Ranking Series compared to the Continental Championships. At the same time, we will maintain the higher recognition of the Senior World Championships/Olympic Games.

You will find therefore below, the new proposed system in which we took into account:

- The level of the event
- The number of victories per athlete and not the overall participation
- A small amount of points given for the athletes who competed but didn't win any match
- For weight categories with less than 8 athletes, the points will be reduced by half
- An athlete must win at least one match to get the "fixed points"

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NEW Ranking Points System

FIXED PLACEMENT POINTS (awarded according to final position)

Final position	World Championships & Olympic Games	Ranking Series	Continental Championships & Continental Games
1st	40 000	20 000	10 000
2nd	30 000	17 500	8 000
3rd (bronze)	25 000	15 000	7 000
4th	22 500	13 500	6 000
5th	20 000	12 500	5 000
6th	15 000	10 000	4 800
7th	10 000	7 500	4 500
8th	8 000	6 000	4 000
9th	6 000	4 000	3 500
10th	5 000	2 500	3 000
11th	4 500	2 250	2 500
12th	4 000	2 000	2 000
13th	3 500	1 750	1 500
14th	3 000	1 500	750
15th	2 500	1 250	-
16th	2 000	1 000	-
17th - 20th	1 500	750	-
21st - 32nd	750	375	-
33rd +	-	-	-

From the place 11 (place 7th at the continental), ONLY the athletes who won at least one bout will get these fixed points.
Otherwise (no win), they will get only the participation points (see below).

VARIABLE COMPONENT

In addition to the fixed placement points, every wrestler receives a variable bonus = (matches won) × corresponding bonus point below. A wrestler who wins no bout receives only the participation point.
Now the points allocation follows the performance, not only the attendance.

Rate	World Championships & Olympic Games	Ranking Series	Continental Championships & Continental Games
Bonus points - per match won	2 000	1 000	500
Participation point - 0 win	250	150	75

The fixed placement points awarded in a weight category with less than 8 athletes will be reduced by half.

If only one athlete is registered, he will just get the participation points.

Athletes who are disqualified or forfeit (not ranked) will not get any point.

This new system will reward in a fair way all the athletes and qualify for the Olympic Games the ones who deserve the most.

This new pointing system will be effective from January 1st , 2027 and be used for the Yearly UWW Rankings as well as for the "Road to LA28" program. (Note: 2026 Yearly UWW Rankings is calculated based on the current point system).

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You will find below a summary of the UWW Rankings that will count for Los Angeles and the precisions around the number of events that will be taken into consideration.

UWW Events included in the Rankings for LA28:

1. 2027 Ranking Series (**3 events**)
2. 2027 Senior Continental Championships
3. 2027 Senior World Championships
4. 2028 Ranking Series (**1 event**)
5. 2028 Senior Continental Championships

Upon decision by the Bureau, it will be possible to include the **Continental Games** into the UWW Rankings. If Continental Games are included in the UWW Rankings, only one continental event per year will be taken into account for ranking purposes.

In other words, results from the Senior Continental Championships and the Continental Games cannot be combined within the same year. Only the result with the highest number of points could be retained.

For example, if an athlete competes in both events in 2027, only the best result (highest number of points) might be considered for the UWW Rankings.

After discussing with the Athletes Commission, it was reported that **counting all the 7 events will be too much in terms of athletes physical integrity**. The number of competitions will be too high and puts athletes at a **higher risk of injuries**, which may affect their participation and their career.

Therefore, it was decided to count only the 5 best results (**points given, not rank**) on top of these 7 above-mentioned competitions.

The athletes will score ranking points for each of these events. We will take into account the **five (5) highest points**, **add them together**, and this total will determine the points awarded to the athlete in the Rankings for the Olympic Games.

Carlos Roy
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APPENDIX – REMINDER (presented here as a reminder; no change to the seeding system)

As a reminder of the circular sent in February 2026, you will find all the information related to the seeds before the Olympic Games.

Seeds during the Qualification phase:

4 seeds:
Senior Continental Championships
Senior Continental Qualifiers
World Qualifier

8 seeds:
Ranking Series events
Senior World Championships
Olympic Games

The events taken into consideration to establish the **seeds at the Olympic Games** are the events included into the Rankings for LA28:

- 2027 Ranking Series (3)
- 2027 Senior Continental Championships*
- 2027 Senior World Championships
- 2028 Ranking Series (1)
- 2028 Senior Continental Championships

(*Continental Games, if applicable)

We will use the same list to establish the seeds at the 2028 events (the 2028 Ranking series, the 2028 Senior Continental Championships AND Qualifier and the 2028 World Qualifier).

For the 2027 events, (the 2027 RS events, the 2027 Senior Continental Championships and the 2027 Senior World Championships), we will also take into consideration the 2026 Senior World Championships to seed the athletes. As we are currently doing, the 2026 Senior World Championships result's will disappear right after the 2027 Senior World Championships.

Regarding the seeds, it was also decided that a country replacing a qualified athlete for the Olympics should retain the seed. That would be allowed only for the Olympic Games. For all the other events, the seed position remain to the athlete and is therefore lost if another athlete compete for the concerned country.