UNITED WORLD WRESTLING

UWW RANKING RULE BOOK

1. Principles

The United World Wrestling Ranking is the men's and women's elite ranking consisting of the best wrestlers competing in a World Series of events.

This Ranking is used to:

- Determine the best Athletes of the year
- Determine the 4 top seeds in each weight category for the Senior Continental Championships
- Determine the 8 top seeds in each weight category for the Olympic Games, Senior World Championships

This ranking is compiled after each competition part of the Ranking System.

For each wrestler, only the points obtained at the World Championships, plus his/her other 5 best (top scored) results at the World Ranking events of the year are counted towards the determination of the best Athletes of the year title. These results are converted into ranking points (see below) and the Athlete of the year titles will be awarded to the wrestlers with the most accumulated points. This title will be awarded to each weight category. He (She) will receive a prize money set by the UWW Bureau and announced on a circular. ~~The three first athletes per weight category will receive a prize money, which is defined at the beginning of each year.~~

This ranking will also determine the seeds for the above-mentioned events (points allocated during the previous World Championships, plus the number of Ranking Series organized before the above-mentioned event). Because not all the countries can participate in the Regional Games, the same number of Ranking Series events will be considered.

Example:
February *1st Ranking Series*
March *2nd Ranking Series*
April *Regional Games included in the Ranking*
May *Senior Continental Championships*
The seeds for the Senior Continental Championships will be determined by counting the points received at the previous Senior World Championships and the 2 best Results of these three other events.

Upon decision by the Bureau, it will be also 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.

Example:
February 1st Ranking Series
March 2nd Ranking Series
April Continental Games included in the Ranking
May Senior Continental Championships
The seeds for the Senior World Championships will be determined by counting the points received at the previous Senior World Championships, the 2 Ranking series and the best results (points received) of the two Continental events.

The Rankings could also be used to qualify athletes for the Olympic Games. The format and events taken into consideration will be announced in a specific circular.

If more or less than 4 Ranking Series (B ~~C~~) events are organized during one year, an official circular will be sent to specify how the Ranking will be adjusted.

The 1st of January, United World Wrestling will remove all the points EXCEPT the points of the World Championships and /or the Olympic Games. In this way, the new ranking will start with the ranking of the last World Championships and /or the last Olympic Games.

2. Competition Format

The competitions take place by direct elimination system. The detailed competition format is available in the Wrestling Rules

For the UWW Select Ranking Series Events, each National Federation will be able to enter a maximum of **three wrestlers** per weight category. The organizer can register 5 athletes per weight category and organize a qualification round between them in order to have only 3 wrestlers in the final bracket. These two extra wrestlers won't be count in the points' calculation at the end of the Event. For the Ranking Series included in the Road to LA28, a maximum of 2 athletes per weight category will be allowed.

3. Events included in the Ranking System

- The Olympic Games (A)
- The Senior World Championships (A)
- The UWW Selected Ranking Series (B)
- The Senior Continental Championships (C)
- The Continental and Regional Games for which United World Wrestling has an agreement with (C)

4. Points allocation

The awarded points go to the athlete, in the category in which he participated. Therefore, if the athlete changed his weight category between two events included in the Ranking System, the points will be awarded into the category in which the athlete competed in that particular event. Please note that an athlete ranked at the bottom of the ranking, without rank (Disqualification – Forfeit) won't receive any point.

Each rank will provide the following number of points, based on the concerned events:

FIXED PLACEMENT POINTS			
Ranking	LEVEL A	LEVEL B	LEVEL C
1st place	40 000	20 000	10 000
2nd place	30 000	17 500	8 000
3rd place	25 000	15 000	7 000
4th place	22 500	13 500	6 000
5th place	20 000	12 500	5 000
6th place	15 000	10 000	4 800
7th place	10 000	7 500	4 500
8th place	8 000	6 000	4 000
9th place	6 000	4 000	3 500

10th place	5 000	2 500	3 000
11th place	4 500	2 250	2 500
12th place	4 000	2 000	2 000
13th place	3 500	1 750	1 500
14th place	3 000	1 500	750
15th place	2 500	1 250	-
16th place	2 000	1 000	-
17th - 20th place	1 500	750	-
21st - 32nd place	750	375	-
33rd +	-	-	-

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

In addition to the fixed placement points, every wrestler receives a variable bonus based on the number of victories at the corresponding event. A wrestler who doesn't win will get only the participation point. This new system is based on the performance, not only the attendance.

VARIABLE COMPONENT			
Rate	**Level A**	**Level B**	**Level C**
Bonus points per match won	2 000	1 000	500
Participation point - 0 win	250	150	75

~~If the Olympic Games and the Senior World Championships (not applicable when it is a Senior World Championships for the non-Olympic weight categories) are organized **the same year**, additional points will be given to the Olympic Medalists. It means:~~

~~1st place at the Olympic Games 8000 additional points~~
~~2nd place at the Olympic Games 6400 additional points~~
~~3rd places at the Olympic Games 5200 additional points~~

The number of participants will also determine the calculation:

- 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, only the participation points will be awarded.

- ~~If a weight category counts 1 participant, no point will be allocated at all.~~
- ~~If a weight category counts between 2 and 5 participants, the points of the table will be reduced in half and only the 3 first will be awarded by these half points.~~
- ~~If a weight category counts between 6 and 12 participants, NO additional point will be given.~~

- ~~If a weight category counts between 13 and 16 participants, 3000 additional points will be given to all wrestlers in the category*.~~
- ~~If a weight category counts more than 16 participants, 5000 additional points will be given to all wresters in the category*.~~

~~*Except the athletes without Ranking point (17th place and lower) and the Disqualified or forfeited athletes~~

5. Ranking criteria in case of a tie between athletes

In case of a tie in the ranking between two or more athletes, we will determine the best of them following these criteria:

- Rank at the Olympic Games (if organized the concerned year)
- Rank at the last Senior World Championships
- Highest number of participations in the ranking events* of the concerned year
- Highest number of Gold Medals in the ranking events* of the concerned year
- Highest number of Silver Medals in the ranking events* of the concerned year
- Highest number of Bronze Medals in the ranking events* of the concerned year
- The most classification points in the ranking events* of the concerned year
- The most match won by superiority in the ranking events* of the concerned year
- The most technical points scored in the ranking events* of the concerned year
- The least technical points given in the ranking events* of the concerned year

* Except the Olympic Games and the Senior World Championships

It is clear that we won't seed an athlete who has no point but we will also not rank an athlete without point.

6. Competition

UWW responsibilities

United World Wrestling will create the best possible conditions for staging the UWW Select Ranking Events, covering, among other aspects, the promotion, coordination and administration of the competition, the entry procedure and authorization to take part, the competition system, technical & competition rules, refereeing, control and disciplinary matters, and the exploitation of the commercial rights as defined in the Technical Requirements of the competition.

United World Wrestling will also collaborate with each Organizer to define the proper competition schedule. This document must be approved by United World Wrestling.

Duties of the Organizer

The organizer must be an Affiliated National Federation or a recognized International Body for the selected Regional/Continental Games.

On entering the UWW Select Ranking Events the organizers agree:

- to comply with the UWW Rules and Regulations issued
- to respect the principles of fair, compete as defined in the UWW Statutes
- to stage competition with the combination of the three (3), two (2) or one (1) style(s)
- to stage the competition with all ten (10) weight categories (in alternative the six (6) Olympic weight categories for the Regional/Continental Games) for each style in accordance with the present regulations

- to comply with all decisions regarding the competition taken by the UWW Bureau Members, the UWW Headquarter or any other competent body and communicate appropriately
- to observe the UWW Medical and Anti-Doping regulations for all matches in the competition
- to stage all matches in the competition in an arena fulfilling UWW's criteria as set in the Technical Requirements

The organizer must send to United World Wrestling a file containing the regulations and information necessary to the smooth running of the competition. This file will have to reach United World Wrestling at least 12 months before the date set for the competition and include the following documents:

- Invitation letter from the organizing Federation
- General regulations setting the participation conditions and the technical matters (styles, weight categories, awards, etc.)
- Specific information containing the necessary details on the reception of the teams, transport, address of the venue and hotels in which the participants, referees and United World Wrestling officials will be accommodated
- Competition program including the schedule of accreditation, medical control, weigh-in, elimination rounds and finals for each category
- Visa and entry forms.

The organizer is responsible for the behavior of their staff, volunteers, officials, members, supporters and any person carrying out a function at the competition on their behalf.

The organizer is responsible for order and security before, during and after the competition. The organizer may be called to account for incidents of any kind.

In principle, an organizer must stage its competition at one and the same venue. Competition may be organized in a venue within the territory. In principle, venues are approved only if direct international flights and/or charter flights are able to land within an acceptable distance of the venue.

The organizer must stage the relevant competition at the venue in accordance with the instructions of UWW (or of a third party acting on UWW's behalf). However, the organizer is considered solely accountable for all of its obligations in this respect, unless the relevant body or bodies decide(s) otherwise.

In addition, the organizer shall conclude and maintain insurance coverage for the risks in connection with staging and organizing its competition and which shall include, without limitation, third-party liability insurance (for all third parties participating or attending the relevant event) providing for appropriate guaranteed sums for damages to persons, objects and property, as well as for pure economic losses corresponding to the specific circumstances of the organizer concerned.

If the organizer is not the owner of the relevant stadium in which the competition is staged, then it is also responsible for providing fully comprehensive insurance policies, including, without limitation, third-party liability and property insurance, taken out by the relevant stadium owner and/or tenant.

In any case, the organizer shall ensure that UWW is included in all insurance policies as defined in the present paragraph and shall hold UWW harmless from any and all claims for liability accruing in relation to the staging and organizing of the relevant matches; At any time UWW may request from all involved, in writing and free of charge, releases of liability and/or confirmations or copies of the policies concerned in one of UWW's official languages.

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