



UNITED WORLD
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LICENCE REGULATIONS



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Article 1 - General Rules

Any wrestler, whether U15, U17 (Cadet), U20 (Junior), Senior or Veteran who wishes to participate in UWW Competitions in any style must hold an international Licence granted by UWW. A fee is charged for the UWW Licence (hereinafter the "Licence") with the exception of the U15 category.

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

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

The Licence is mandatory in all cases of international transfers of wrestlers. International transfers are governed by the *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 on the UWW Official Calendar (cf. article 10).

Article 2 - Conditions for the Issuance of a UWW Licence

The Licence may be granted to a wrestler only through the UWW-affiliated or UWW-associated National Federation of the country of which he/she possesses the sports 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 contraindication for the practice of wrestling. An annual medical certificate of capacity is mandatory for all Licence 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) Respect and comply with UWW's Constitution, rules, regulations, guidelines and decisions as well as with any amendments to these;
- c) Compete only in Olympic and/or associated Wrestling styles events, and only in events which are recognised or duly authorized by UWW or by any of its affiliated or associated members;
- d) Compete with respect for one's 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 guidelines and decisions, and in case of any dispute with UWW, its affiliated or associated Members or with clubs, in connection with the exercise of the sport of Wrestling, accept, after the 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 recourses to ordinary courts.

Article 4 - Validity of the Licence

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

Article 5 - Procedure and Timeline

The applications for and issuances of Licences are carried out exclusively on line, via the *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 an initial Licence application, the following documents are requested unless otherwise specified, and must be uploaded onto *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 & Wrestler's Declaration form, available on UWW's website, dated and signed by an accredited physician and signed by the wrestler. In case the wrestler has not yet reached the age of legal majority in his/her country, the form shall be signed by his/her legal representative. Unless otherwise specified, the certificate should not be older than three (3) months at the time of its upload ;

In case of an application for the renewal of a Licence, the form mentioned at number 3) above is required, unless otherwise specified, and must be uploaded onto *Athena*.

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

The required documents are uploaded onto the *Athena* platform; UWW validates these documents, in principle within seven (7) working days as of the time of upload. Once the documents are validated, the affiliated National Federation proceeds with the purchase of the Licence in accordance with the fee set under the article 8 hereafter. The National Federation completes the payment by credit card or through bank transfer upon reception of an invoice sent by UWW.

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

Once the payment is completed, the Licence is delivered by UWW within seven (7) days following the reception of the payment on UWW's account.

The U15 Licence is delivered within three (3) days following the application.

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

The Licence is automatically delivered 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 sports career.

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

The Licence Card contains the wrestler's photography, his/her sports 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 also 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 day of issuance of the "new" Licence by UWW. This "new" issuance is immediately readable on the back side of the wrestler's Licence Card when scanning the *QR* code.

Article 7 - Licence check during Competitions

The wrestler shall hand his/her Licence Card over to the UWW Refereeing Delegate at 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 on the back side. Without a valid Licence, the wrestler shall not be permitted to take part in UWW competitions.

In 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 of 50 Swiss Francs for the U17 (Cadets) and of 100 Swiss Francs for the U20 (Juniors), Seniors and Veterans.

The U15 Licence is offered by UWW, no payment is required.

Article 9 - Personal information and name changes

UWW reserves the right to request the birth certificates of wrestlers from 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 case a wrestler who was already granted a Licence changes his/her name, his/her National Federation shall inform UWW and forward the official certificates translated by an official translator proving the change of name as well as the Wrestler's new passport.

Article 10 - Medical coverage, accident & illness

Any Licence holder benefits from the UWW insurance coverage for any accident and/or illness occurring for the first time during a competition entered on the UWW Official Calendar and taking place abroad. When the wrestler returns to his/her country of residence and for further treatment, UWW insurance will intervene on a basis subsidiary to the local insurance.

The Licence does not provide coverage for the illness costs of the Licence holders during UWW Competitions held in their country of residence, but only for accident expenses and on a subsidiary basis.

All Licence holders must therefore apply for a local insurance in their country of residence.

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

Article 11 - Age of licenced competitors (as in the calendar year)

	Official Age	Minimum tolerated age
U15	14-15	from age 13
U17 (Cadets)	16-17	from age 15
U20 (Juniors)	17-20	from age 17
Seniors U23	19-23	from age 18
Seniors	20 or more	from age 18

Veterans - Men From age 35 to the 60th year of age.

The National Federation certifies, at the time of purchase of the Licence of a wrestler who has not yet reached the age of legal majority in his/her country, that it first received the authorisation from the wrestler's parents or legal representative for the wrestler to take part in competitions in his/her age category or in the upper category when allowed by the International Wrestling Rules.

Article 12 - Disputes

Any dispute in connection with the application of the present UWW Licence regulations falls under the exclusive competence of the UWW Executive Committee and, in the last instance, of the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland, which will be exclusively competent to settle 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 fall under the competence of the UWW Bureau, except for the setting of the Licences fees which falls under the competence of the UWW Congress upon proposal by the UWW Bureau.