



## UWW Regional Educational Development Programme 2022-2024

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### Concept:

The UWW Technical Assistance & Development Commission launches a three-year initiative for regional, educational development programme. The programme aims at supporting the growth of wrestling in various regions and continents and the pursuit of its expansion at all development stages of our member national federations.

Following several demands from wrestling developing nations, it was agreed to implement this initiative as of 2022 until 2024 included, with an annual review conducted by the Technical Assistance & Development Commission in collaboration with the UWW Sports and Development departments.

This initiative was launched following recent studies of wrestling developments in these specific regions. As a result, it was recommended to provide specific assistance to the existing or new regional tournaments/competitions while providing educational programmes. For instance, the competitions' format will be adapted according to the specific needs of these developing wrestling regions.

These tournaments/competitions will include educational and training programmes as well as organisational support, thus strengthening wrestling while reinforcing UWW's brand. The national federations unable to meet the wrestling standards required at international level due to economic challenges, lack of wrestling education or/and a practise restricted to traditional wrestling, will greatly benefit from this programme.

Overall, this will contribute to an increase of wrestling opportunities and of the number of competitions, while giving National Federations educational courses and the key elements linked to the organisation of an all-styles competition, including beach wrestling.

The organisation and the participation are under the patronage of UWW's National Federations. The organiser has the responsibility to submit the event organisation documentation and provide the best suitable conditions.

Although the regional, educational development programme may include all the following age categories (U15, U17, U20 and **senior\***) or focus on one category only. **UWW shall cover the cost of the licenses** (*details of category per region here below*), for the duration of the competition only.

*\*Senior only for Africa and America*



THE PROJECT IS **ONLY** FOR THE FOLLOWING REGIONS:

- Africa: West, East, Central and South (U15, U17, U20, **Senior**)

Due to the extension of dates of the next Youth Olympic Games 2026 in Dakar, Senegal, these African regions, shall exceptionally benefit from the initiative for all categories.

- Americas: Central, **Caribbean** and South America (U15, U17, U20, **Senior**)
  - Pat Shaw - Guatemala 2022,2023,2024 (existing tournament)
- Asia: Middle East and South East (U15, U17, U20)
  - Southeast Asian Youth Festival - Thailand - 2022,2023,2024 (existing tournament)
- Oceania: Micronesia, **Melanesia** and Polynesia (U15, U17, U20)
- Europe: Monaco, Malta, Spain, Portugal, San Marino, Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Ireland, Iceland, Great Britain and Denmark.

## Organisation and Organiser

National Federations from the above-mentioned regions that wish to host such competition/tournament, should submit their application/documentation to the UWW Sports Department at least 6 months prior the start of the event. Any hosting nation or organiser of such event is subject to UWW's requirements for the organisation of international competitions and to the rules and regulations of UWW.

Please consult:

[https://unitedworldwrestling.org/sites/default/files/media/document/requirements\\_international\\_competitions\\_uww\\_v2\\_3.pdf](https://unitedworldwrestling.org/sites/default/files/media/document/requirements_international_competitions_uww_v2_3.pdf)

UWW shall include the regional, educational development competitions/tournaments to the official calendar once approved and shall provide recommendations to the organiser wherever needed. Furthermore, the event will be included in the Athena system for purpose of registration, licensing and listing of participants.

**Organisation fee:** Not applicable for 2023, 2024 and not subject to point 5 of the UWW's requirements for the organisation of international competitions.



## License and Athena:

It is mandatory for the event and participants to register in the Athena system.

National Federations are responsible **for creating the profile for each participant attending the event**. Each registered participant will obtain a license which includes medical and accidental insurance for the entire period of the event.

A medical certificate and a valid passport of each participant are required to obtain the license. In the case of the organizing country, the license can be obtained without a passport, only with the identity card of the participants, this is also valid for countries that do not need a passport to enter the organizing country.

**UWW shall cover the licenses** for U15, U17, U20, (senior\*) categories only for these specific competitions/tournaments. The license is valid only for participants from the nations of the regions mentioned above, this does not disqualify the participation of National Federations that are not on this list, although they will not be eligible to apply for the free license. **The license is valid only for these specific events and dates.**

The UWW IT Department is currently implementing a unique licensing system for these types of competitions.

The procedure for obtaining these licenses is through the Athena system, as well as for the other UWW endorsed competitions. These licenses, free of charge, will be obtained after uploading the medical certificates of all participants, photo and identification (athletes, coaches, referees, FN representatives, etc.).

## Referees:

**Delegations with more than 3 athletes must be accompanied by at least one international referee.**

Participating referees must attend the referee courses **when organised** and will receive from the organiser and UWW the information on the course to prepare themselves in a timely manner.

Referees attending these events are subject to UWW's code of conduct and must abide by UWW rules and regulations.

## Coaches:

Participating coaches must attend the coach courses **when organised** and will receive from the organiser and UWW the information on the course to prepare themselves in a timely manner.

Coaches are subject to UWW's code of conduct and must abide by UWW rules and regulations.

**Branding:** Not applicable to venue; the organiser may seek local sponsorship.



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**Educational programme:**

In collaboration with IOC/Olympic Solidarity a Technical Course for Coaches shall be organised, when possible and in agreement with the hosting nation. UWW shall provide funding for the referee course and the national federations' workshop.

Coaches Course: 5 to 7 days maximum prior or post event - Level 1-3

<https://unitedworldwrestling.org/development/uww-technical-courses-coaches>

Referee Course: 5 to 7 days maximum prior or post event

<https://uww.org/development/referee-education>

National Federation workshop: half or full day

<https://unitedworldwrestling.org/development/national-federation-workshops-0>

The above-mentioned courses/workshops shall be organised by the UWW Development Department and will be delivered by UWW Educators and/or experts.

For further assistance or clarification, please contact Ms. Deqa Niamkey, Development Director, at [deqa.niamkey@uww.org](mailto:deqa.niamkey@uww.org)

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