



Development Department

2022 Annual Report

Under the auspices of UWW's President and the Technical Assistance and Development Commission, the core mission of the UWW Development Department is to promote and advance wrestling worldwide by providing a framework for increased participation, enhanced promotion and global competitive success in the sport. The department focuses its work on education, high performance & training, technical assistance & financial subsidy, youth development and social inclusion on a global scale.

In 2022, as many countries emerge from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, it coincides with the Olympic year. The UWW Development has played an important role by extending a diverse array of assistance and programs. Our primary focus has been on supporting national federations at the elite level, facilitating their preparation for the Tokyo Olympics. Additionally, we are dedicated to fostering education initiatives and providing further training opportunities to ensure a comprehensive approach to the development of wrestling worldwide.

Section I: Olympic Solidarity World Programs

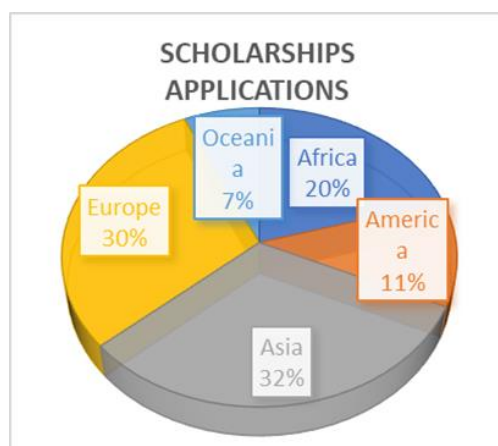
1. Olympic Scholarships for Athletes - Paris 2024

The following report provides a comprehensive overview of the distribution of these scholarships across continents and emphasizes the gender representation within the approved applications.

a) Continent-wise Distribution:

Africa: The majority of applications from Africa have been approved (14 out of 18), indicating a strong commitment to supporting athletes from this continent. With only one rejection, the success rate is notably high.

America: The Americas have also seen a positive trend with 8 out of 10 applications approved. No rejections or cancellations suggest a well-managed process in this region.



Asia: Asia demonstrates a robust performance with 26 out of 28 applications approved. Although two rejections occurred, the continent exhibits a high success rate in securing Olympic Scholarships.

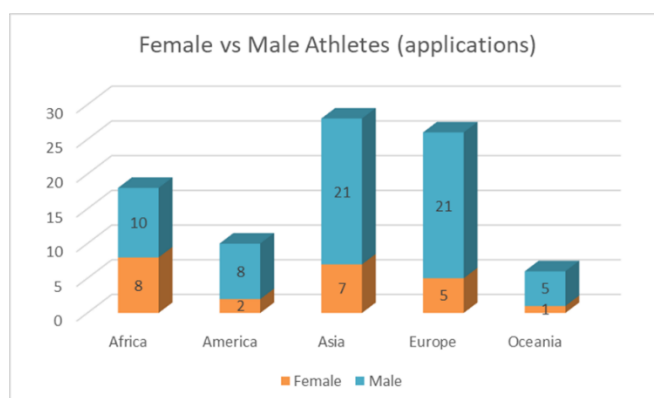
Europe: Europe, while presenting a significant number of approved applications (23 out of 26), has encountered a slightly higher rate of rejections (2). Nevertheless, the overall success remains substantial.

Oceania: Oceania, with 4 out of 6 applications approved, showcases a favorable approval rate. No rejections or cancellations indicate a positive outcome for this region.

b) 2. Gender Distribution:

The gender distribution reveals that 25% of the approved athletes are females, demonstrating a conscious effort by the UWW Development to address gender inclusivity in Olympic Scholarships.

c) 3. Continent and Gender Breakdown:



The detailed breakdown by continent and gender emphasizes the importance of diversity. Africa stands out with a notable 44% of female athletes among the approved applicants, showcasing a commitment to gender representation.

d) 4. Conclusion:

In conclusion, the UWW Development's collaboration with the Olympic Solidarity on the Scholarships for Athletes for the Paris 2024 Olympics is a well-rounded effort, ensuring a fair distribution across continents and promoting gender inclusivity. The high approval rates, particularly in Africa and Asia, reflect the success of these initiatives. The UWW's commitment to supporting athletes globally is evident, setting a positive precedent for future Olympic cycles. This comprehensive analysis underscores the success of the scholarship program in fostering inclusivity and providing opportunities for athletes to excel on the international stage.

2. Olympic Solidarity Technical Course for Coaches

19 Olympic Solidarity Technical Courses for Coaches were organized in 2022. Over 600 coaches and referees benefited from these trainings.

Date	Country	City	Course
10-17 Jan	ARM	Tsaghkadzor	Level 1+ Intro to Refereeing
17-22 Jan	SRI	Colombo	Level 1+ Intro to Refereeing
19-23 Jan	KOS	Pristina	Level 1+ Intro to Refereeing
5-9 March	MEX	Mexico City	Level 1 FS + GR
16-24 April	MRI	Port louis	Level 1 + Ref + competition (RDEP)
2-9 May	MKD	Kocani	Level 1
7-14 May	VIE	Hanoi	Level 1 + Ref (regional)
18-22 July	COM	Moroni	Level 1
7-11 Nov	LTU	Šiauliai	Level 2
5-12 August	JOR	Amman City	Level 1 + Ref+competition
24-28 Sep	DOM	Santo Domingo	Level 2 + Ref
3 -8 Oct	ALB	Tirana	Level 2 + Ref
21 -27 Nov	BUR	Ouagadougou	Level 1 + Level 2
2 - 7 Nov	URU	Montevideo	Level 2
12-16 Dec	PER	Lima	Level 2
31 Oct - 04 Nov	HUN	Budapest	Level 4 (regional)
12 -15 Dec	CAM	Phnom Penh	Level 1 (regional)
12 -18 Dec	GAM	Banjul	Level 1
15 -20 Dec	*PLE	Jericho	Introduction to Refereeing

**Only the Introduction to Refereeing was organized; the scheduled Technical Course for Coaches Level 1 was not able to be conducted.*

3. Development of National Sports System

3 Development of National Sports System programs have been conducted in 2022. These concerted efforts underscore the importance placed on strengthening the foundations of the national sports infrastructure, promoting athlete development, and fostering a culture of sports excellence in these respective countries.

- CRC, 2022-2023
- BDI, 2021 - 2022
- PAR, 2021 - 2022

Section II: Technical Assistance and Training Camps

1. More than Medals U17 Training Camp

The "More than Medals" Training Camp series is set to make a significant impact on athlete development across various regions, with a focus on Asia, Pan-America, and the world at large. Scheduled from 23 - 30 June, the Asia training camp in Cholpan-Ata will bring together participants from 8 National Federations (NF), in total 47 athletes and coaches.

Following this, the Pan-America Training Camp is scheduled from 27 June to 4 July in Buenos Aires. Ten National Federations will be represented, with 50 athletes in attendance.

The training initiative extends globally with the World Training Camp in Rome, scheduled from 1 - 7 August. Sixteen National Federations will participate, bringing together 52 athletes.

In total, the "More than Medals" Training Camp series comprises three camps, engaging 34 National Federations and a total of 149 participants. The overall cost for these comprehensive training initiatives is 65,261 EUR/USD. This initiative underscores a commitment to athlete development on a global scale, fostering international collaboration and excellence in sports.

Date	Training camps	Location	No. NF	No. participants	Cost (EUR/USD)
23 -30 June	Asia	Cholpan - Ata	8	47	28'355
27 June - 4 July	Pan-America	Buenos Aires	10	50	15'136
1 -7 August	World	Rome	16	52	21'770
Total	3	3	34	149	65'261

2. Technical Assistance for Competitions

a) Continental Championships

In the pursuit of fostering excellence and collaboration in the realm of sports, a series of Technical Assistance initiatives has been planned for Continental Championships across diverse regions.

1. European Championships:

The Technical Assistance program kicks off with the European Championships, featuring a training camp and championship event from 23 - 28 March. Budapest, Hungary, has been chosen as the location for this endeavour, bringing together participants from 6 National Federations (NF) with a total of 18 athletes.

2. Asian Championships:

Moving on, the Asian Championships Technical Assistance program is scheduled for 10 - 17 April in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. This initiative will engage 8 National Federations, contributing to the development of 23 athletes through specialized training.

3. Pan-American Championships:

A subsequent venture focuses on the Pan-American Championships, with a training camp and championship event taking place from 1 - 5 May in Acapulco, Mexico. Eight National Federations will participate in this program, fostering the growth of 74 athletes.

4. African Championships:

Lastly, the African Championships Technical Assistance program is set for 10 -17 May in El Jadida, Morocco. Nine National Federations will be part of this initiative, collectively developing the skills of 20 athletes.

In total, these concerted efforts encompass 31 National Federations, providing technical assistance to 135 athletes across the European, Asian, Pan-American, and African Championships. This program aims to enhance the capabilities of athletes on the continental stage, contributing to the overall growth and competitiveness of sports on a global scale.

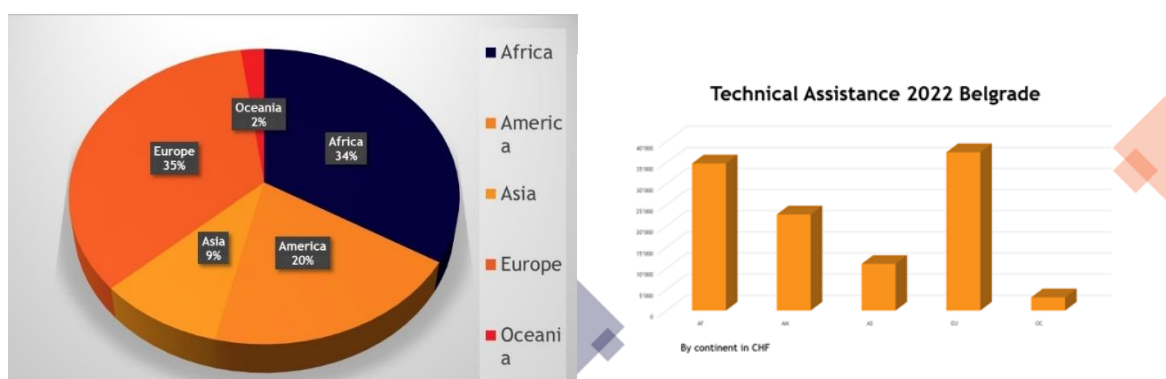
Training camps	Championships	Location	No. NF	No. participants
23 -28 March	European	Budapest, HUN	6	18
10 -17 April	Asian	Ulaanbaatar, MGL	8	23
1- 5 May	Pan - American	Acapulco, MEX	8	74
10 -17 May	African	El Jadida, MOR	9	20
Total	4	4	31	135

b) Senior World Championships 2022, Belgrade

The Technical Assistance for the Senior World Championships in Belgrade was a great success and achieved remarkable results. In total 95 athletes, coaches and referees from 36 countries benefited from this program.

Con.	Camp	Championships	Total
AF	13'740	21'060	34'800
AM	9'780	12'960	22'740
AS	3'300	7'740	11'040
EU	12'600	24'840	37'440
OC	420	2'700	3'120
Total	39'840	69'300	109'140

The significance of these allocations is amplified by the concurrent occurrence of the Tokyo Olympic Games in the same year. Acknowledging the intensified demand for resources during this significant global event, it is imperative to emphasize the crucial need for additional support to enable national federations to navigate the complexities and challenges associated with both the Senior World Championships and the Tokyo Olympics. This holistic approach underscores a commitment to providing comprehensive assistance, ensuring optimal preparation and performance for athletes on the world stage.



3. Technical Assistance for Wrestling Mats

To support the global wrestling community, a significant contribution was made through the donation of wrestling mats in 2022. This generous initiative aimed to enhance the training and competition facilities for various nations, fostering the growth of wrestling worldwide.

UWW Technical Assistance for Wrestling Equipment Donation - Mats 2022

NF	No. Mats	Cost (USD)	Shipping Cost (USD)	Total (USD)
CRC	2	15'000	7'750	22'750
DOM	2	15'000	7'500	22'500
COL	2	15'000	7'000	22'000
ALB*	2	15'000	12'000	27'000
AUS	2	15'000	3'500	18'500
JOR	4	30'000	5'300	35'300
PRK	4	30'000	1'800	31'800
Grand total		135'000	44'850	179'850

**Awaiting the manufacturer's confirmation of the actual shipping cost.*

In total of the wrestling mat donation initiative amounted to \$135,000U in mat costs and \$44,850 in shipping costs, reaching an overall contribution of \$179,850. This generous effort reflects UWW's commitment to the development and promotion of wrestling on an international scale.

Section III: Educators Course 2022

Educators, serving as the primary workforce for facilitating UWW educational courses, undergo additional training every two years to enhance their skills and stay updated with the latest educational methodologies.

The UWW Educator Courses 2022 were organized in 2 places to accommodate both the Spanish speaking and English-speaking coaching and refereeing experts.

The first session, held in Peten, Guatemala, from 31 January to 7 February, saw the successful



completion of the course by 14 dedicated educators. Hailing mostly from Central and South America, these professionals immersed themselves in a comprehensive program conducted in both Spanish and English. The cultural exchange and collaborative learning fostered a vibrant educational environment, enhancing the skills and perspectives of all participants.

Following this successful start, the journey continued to Istanbul, Turkey, where from March 15 to 21, 39 educators gathered to further their expertise. The diversity of the group was reflected not only in their geographical origins but also in the languages spoken during the course. With a curriculum delivered in English, French, Russian, and Arabic, the participants engaged in a truly international and multilingual educational experience.

Both sessions of the UWW Educator Course 2022 stand as a testament to the global commitment to excellence in education. The shared knowledge, cultural exchange, and linguistic diversity underscore the program's dedication to preparing educators for the challenges and opportunities of a globalized world.

In total, 55 world-renowned experts from 5 continents are certified as UWW Educators, and they will be the main workforce for delivering educational courses worldwide.

Continent	Coaching	Refereeing	R/C	Total
AF	6	3	N/A	9
AM	11	6	1	18
AS	1	6	N/A	7
EU	8	10	2	20
OC	N/A	1	N/A	1
5	26	26	3	55

Section IV: Regional Educational Development Programs

Four Regional Educational Programs were successfully executed in Guatemala, Mauritius, and Vietnam. These programs, designed to enhance educational practices, provide inclusion and foster collaborative learning with the ultimate aim to grow wrestling in different regions of the world. The REDP - Southeast Asian Championships - organized in Cambodia 7 -17 December 2022 marked a significant milestone in regional education.

A series of UWW activities were held in the city of Phnom Penh from December 8 to 15 prior to 2022 Southeast Asian Championships. Including: Training camp, Coaches Course Level 1, Introduction to Refereeing and UWW International Referee Cat.III (level 1) exam, UWW Event organization - IT course and NF Workshop. A total of 80 participants including athletes, coaches, referees and IT specialists took part in the events. The educators were Zach Errett (USA), Igor Ligay (Kazakhstan), Vincent Aka (Ivory Coast/France) and Youssef Bouaziz (Tunisia).

These courses were held with the support of the Olympic Solidarity Cambodia Olympic Committee and Cambodian Wrestling Federation.



Section V: Gender Equality

1. Women in Sport High Performance Pathway (WISH)

Women in Sport High-Performance Pathway (WISH) the first edition of the programme started on 23 May. Supported by Olympic Solidarity, WISH was designed to equip women coaches with the potential and ambition to gain roles at elite coaching levels within their sports. The programme is specifically designed to help coaches develop their sport-specific skills, leadership skills and behaviors and build confidence. United World Wrestling is participating along with seven other IF's and is being supported by Olympic Solidarity, the University of Hertfordshire, and Females Achieving Brilliance (FAB).

United World Wrestling had three coaches attend the first edition. Those coaches include Martine DUGRENIER (CAN), Aline DA SILVA (BRA) and Carissa HOLLAND (AUS).



2. United World Wrestling Gender Equality Development Programme

UWW Gender Equality Development Programme awarded to a project, programme or organization that contributes to the development of this topic and is committed to tackle gender biases and inequalities in wrestling, in such areas as:

Participation of women and girls in wrestling

- Elite level women's wrestling development
- Coaching programs for women
- Development of women referees
- Women in leadership

In 2022, KOS, MDK, SUI were awarded the funding 10'000 - 15'000 CHF per federation.