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OFFICIAL LETTER OF INVITATION 2022 Women's and Men's Freestyle World Cup

September 12, 2022

Dear Wrestling Federation President:

Congratulations on your performance at the 2022 United World Wrestling Senior World Championships. Your placement at this event has qualified your federation for the 2022 United World Wrestling World Cup. Per United World Wrestling regulations your team is invited and requested to attend the Men's and Women's Freestyle World Cup. The World Cup will be held in Coralville, Iowa on December 10-11, 2022.

United World Wrestling, USA Wrestling and Think Iowa City have put a tremendous amount of planning and coordination toward assuring the December 2022 combined Men's and Women's Freestyle World Cup event is a big success. This is the first time the World Cup is being held together with both disciplines, and it will first-class event.

It is important that the best countries are represented at the World Cup. Failure for qualified countries to compete in this event could lead to sanctions and ban from upcoming Continental Championships.

United World Wrestling and USA Wrestling are trying to assist with the visa process. It is important to understand that your cooperation in meeting deadlines and attention to detail is important.

Please be aware of the following deadlines:

Deadline to apply for visas – September 28th, 2022

***We are within the 90 day window that is usually necessary for visa applications.**

November 10 - Deadline to submit final entries and travel information into Athena.

Your federation will receive a visa tracking sheet via email. Once you receive this document please fill out and email back to Pete Isais pisais@usawrestling.org

USA Wrestling and Think Iowa City are ready to welcome you for this great event. We look forward to a weekend of very competitive wrestling in December!

Sincerely,

Bruce Baumgartner
President
USA Wrestling

Rich Bender
Executive Director
USA Wrestling

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JOURNEYS BEGIN"





The following regulations will be strictly followed. Variations will only be made by UWW/USA Wrestling.

Teams Invited by UWW

- The five (5) best ranked countries in Women's and Men's Freestyle from the 2022 Senior World Championships.
- One (1) All-World Team in Women's and Men's Freestyle comprised of ten (10) UWW weight categories chosen from 2022 Senior World Championships.
- Delegations are asked to apply for a maximum of 30 total members per delegation. Please prioritize athletes first and foremost. Federations are allowed to enter two (2) athletes per weight category.
- **USAW suggests that all foreign delegations participating at the 2022 Women's and Men's Freestyle World Cup complete all VISA APPLICATIONS including processing DS-160 Forms, electronic payment and selecting interview date by September 28th to ensure an appointment and visa approval.**
- Please see separate emailed document on how to apply for visa.
- Begin the visa process by applying online at <http://www.travel.state.gov>
- Apply for a B1/B2 Nonimmigrant Visa Online by filling out an electronic DS-160 application for each member of your delegation.
- Please fill out emailed visa tracking spreadsheet and submit back to Pete Isais at pisais@usawrestling.org

Covid 19 Requirements

- Foreign nationals traveling to the United States are required to present the following to travel: a Passport, visa and [proof of full vaccination for COVID-19](#). Foreign nationals under the age of 18 are **not** required to present proof of COVID-19 vaccination.

Venue and Dates

- The 2022 Women's and Men's Freestyle World Cup will take place at Xtream Arena & Greenstate Family Fieldhouse in Coralville, Iowa.
Address: 200 E 9th St Ste 100, Coralville, Iowa 52241
- The event will take place on December 10-11, 2022. Weigh-ins will be on December 10 and 11, 2022 at 8:00 AM

Financial Conditions

- All visiting delegations will be responsible for all food and housing expenses for extra delegates if they bring more than ten (10) wrestlers: **one wrestler per UWW weight category**, one (1) coach, one (1) Category I-S or category I referee, one (1) doctor, and one (1) team leader. The 10 replacement wrestlers and any extra delegates will be charged \$180 CHF* per day. Teams who stay longer than two days before and one day after competition will pay for the additional days.
- Delegates who request ***SINGLE ROOM** accommodations will be charged **\$225 CHF** per day unless odd number in delegation.
- USA Wrestling will be responsible for local transportation from the Eastern Iowa Airport in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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Financial Conditions - Continued

- Please try and arrange your travel through either Minneapolis, MN or Chicago, IL airports. Your final destination airport should be **Eastern Iowa Airport in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.**
- ***Please provide detailed travel information through "Athena" by November 10, 2022.***
- All delegations must plan to depart on December 12, 2022. Special arrangements may be possible if requested.
- Delegations must adhere to the deadlines stated in UWW Regulations and attached forms.
- Delegation participation/engagement fees shall be paid to United World Wrestling online through the "Athena" system
- Delegation leaders shall settle all payments for room and board upon arrival for additional delegates. Each nation must enter all members of delegation in UWW Athena system prior to November 10, 2022.
- **Federations are also encouraged to pay all costs in advance, transferring the amount due to the organizer's account. Information for wire transfers will be sent upon request. Email pisais@usawrestling.org**
- No accreditation shall take place without the participation/engagement fees being paid directly to United World Wrestling.
- Place of accreditation: Hyatt Regency Hotel and Conference Center, 300 E 9th St, Coralville, IA 52241, (319.688.4000)
- Delegation leaders will be responsible for any damage caused by members of their team during their stay.
- Delegations will be responsible for any incidentals associated with hotel and specific hotel rooms.

Technical Conditions

- The World Cup will be conducted under UWW Wrestling Rules on two (2) UWW-approved Dollamur mats.
- The competition will be conducted over two (2) days.
- The men's competition will be held in the weight categories (KG) determined by UWW: 57-61-65-70-74-79-86-92-97-125 kg.
- The women's competition will be held in the weight categories (KG) determined by UWW: 50-53-55-57-59-62-65-68-72-76 kg.
- Competitors will weigh in each day. A 2 KG allowance will be given.
- Competitors must be a minimum of 18 years old in 2022.
- Medical services will be provided by the Organizing Committee. The cost of transport by ambulance or special vehicle outside the agglomeration, hospitalization and special care have to be borne by the participants who are, in principle, covered by United World Wrestling insurance if their license is valid for current year.
- **ALL ATHLETES MUST HAVE A CURRENT UWW ATHLETE LICENSE. All Licenses must be purchased through Athena system.**
- Each wrestler must undergo a medical exam prior to stepping on scale.

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Technical Conditions Continued

- Wrestlers may only compete in the weight class they weighed in for. At the weigh-in, they may opt to compete in the next weight category. For Men's Freestyle only wrestlers who weigh a minimum of 97 kg may compete at 125 kg for Women's Freestyle only wrestlers who weigh a minimum of 72 KG may compete at 76 KG. Each team may weigh-in two athletes per weight class. Weigh ins will be conducted each morning of competition. A 2 KG allowance will be given
- The sampling procedure and doping control will be conducted according to IOC, WADA, and UWW regulations.

Organization

- The 1st ranked team in the Senior World Championships is the top seed of Group A and the 2nd ranked team is the top seed of Group B. The next teams will be placed as follows:

Group A

1

4

5

Group B

2

3

6*

*Note that the All-World Team is team 6

- Each team will enter one (1) athlete per weight category and wrestle against opponent. Each winning athlete will receive one (1) point for his team and the losing team will receive (0) point. If one team doesn't have an athlete in a weight category, his opponent will win the match per forfeit. If both teams don't have an athlete in a weight category, no point will be awarded.
- 30 minutes before the beginning of each round, each team leader must make a written announcement to the (Technical Results Team) TRT of any changes made to team composition
 - If no change is announced within the time limit mentioned above, the team composition must absolutely be the same as the previous match. No changes will be allowed for any reason.
 - An athlete cannot compete in two (2) different weight categories during a round.
- In case of a tied match (same number of victories ex. 5-5) between two teams, the winner will be determined by successively reviewing the following criteria:
 - The most classification points
 - The most victories by fall
 - The most match victories by technical superiority
 - The most technical points obtained during the match
 - The outcome of the last bout competed
- Team Ranking: The winning team will receive one (1) point and the losing (0) point.
 - If two teams have an equal number of victories at the end of pool competition:
 - The winner will be determined on the bases of the result of their match
 - If 3 or more teams have an equal number of victories, the ranking will be determined following this criteria, across all competition.
 - The highest classification points
 - The highest victories by fall
 - The highest match victories by superiority

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- The highest technical points scored
- The fewest technical points given
- The lowest draw number (best ranked at the previous Senior World Championships)
- For the final ranking and because of no match for the 5th and 6th, the criteria mentioned above will be used to rank them in case they have same number of victories.

Officiating

- A Type IV referee clinic will be held at this event.
- Referees belonging to UWW international I-S or I Category shall officiate these championships.
- Each referee shall present his referee's license to verify paid taxes for 2022.

Official Ceremonies

- Each participating team must have one (1) representative present at the opening ceremony according to the host committee's instructions.
- The national flags of the countries whose teams earned 1st-3rd places will be raised once the medals and trophies have been awarded.
- The national anthem will be played for each team place winner.
- USA Wrestling will provide the flags and national anthems. It is the responsibility of the team leader to check the flag and anthem that USA Wrestling has obtained.

Accommodations

- Accommodations and meals for the participating teams will be provided by organizer at: Hyatt Regency Hotel and Conference Center, 300 E 9th St, Coralville, IA 52241, (319.688.4000)
- Accommodations for all competitors is provided in rooms with two beds and full bathroom facilities. Due to limited availability, any further single room requirements must be made in advance and shall incur additional payment of 225 CHF.
- All delegates must check out of the hotel by 10:00 am on the day of departure.
- Meals with a caloric value of 5,000 calories per day will be served to those accredited.
- USA Wrestling assumes no responsibility for people who are not on the list of entries or who are above the specified limit.

Training

- Delegations that plan to conduct a camp or require training space ahead of the competition may contact Pete Isais at 011.719.659.9632 or pisais@usawrestling.org. This request must be received at least 60 days prior to the competition.
- For details on Women's Freestyle developmental camp following competition please contact Terry Steiner tsteiner@usawrestling.org or Jaimie McNab jmcnab@usawrestling.org.

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Media

- All Media must be credentialed through United World Wrestling “Athena” system.
- Members of the media are responsible for their own accommodation and board; however, hotels can be recommended.
- A press center will be available during the competition.
- Anyone wishing to record video must apply for UWW approval one month before the event.

Awards

- All members of the top three teams will receive medals and diplomas.
- The top three teams will receive prize money: 1st—\$70,000 CHF, 2nd—\$20,000 CHF, and 3rd—\$10,000 CHF.
- **Please be aware with new regulations UWW will wire Federations prize money.**
- Each participant will receive a souvenir and a diploma.

Entries

- Final entries must be entered in the “Athena” system one month before the competition (**November 10, 2022**).
- Any changes must be made in writing to the competition secretariat 30 minutes before the beginning of each match. No changes will be allowed after this time.
- The competition engagement fee will be CHF 100 per participant. This shall be paid through “Athena” system.

Deadlines: Please provide information according to their respective deadlines included in regulations.

NOTICE! When corresponding by e-mail, USA Wrestling kindly asks that your Federation please use your **UWW email account**. Due to security issues stemming from deceitful individuals impersonating international wrestlers, our State Department insists we provide proof that those wishing to participate at international tournaments within the United States are actual international wrestlers and are represented by a wrestling federation. Using your Federation’s email account assists with this proof.

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Tournament Schedule

Thursday, December 8

Arrival of Teams and Referees

Friday, December 9

| | | Start | Finish |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Referee Consultation..... | Hyatt Regency..... | 4:00 PM | 5:00 PM |
| Technical Conference-All Teams..... | Hyatt Regency..... | 5:00 PM | 6:00 PM |

Saturday, December 10

| | | Start | Finish |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Medical Control..... | Xtreme Arena/GreenState Family Fieldhouse..... | 8:00 AM | 9:00 AM |
| Weigh-Ins..... | Xtreme Arena/GreenState Family Fieldhouse..... | 8:00 AM | 9:00 AM |
| Session 1..... | Xtreme Arena..... | 10:00 AM | 12:30 PM |
| Opening Ceremonies..... | Xtreme Arena..... | 3:00 PM | 3:30 PM |
| Session 2..... | Xtreme Arena..... | 4:00 PM | 9:00 PM |

Sunday, December 11

| | | Start | Finish |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Medical Control..... | Xtreme Arena/GreenState Family Fieldhouse..... | 8:00 AM | 9:00 AM |
| Weigh-Ins..... | Xtreme Arena/GreenState Family Fieldhouse..... | 8:00 AM | 9:00 AM |
| 3 rd Place – Women's Freestyle..... | Xtreme Arena..... | 11:00 AM | 12:30 PM |
| 3 rd Place – Men's Freestyle..... | Xtreme Arena..... | 12:30 PM | 2:00 PM |
| 1 st Place – Women's Freestyle..... | Xtreme Arena..... | 4:00 PM | 5:30 PM |
| 1 st Place – Men's Freestyle..... | Xtreme Arena..... | 5:30 PM | 7:30 PM |
| Celebration Dinner..... | Hyatt Regency..... | 9:00 PM | |

Monday, December 12

Departure of Teams

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