

TO BUREAU MEMBERS
TO SUPERVISORS, INSTRUCTORS AND REFEREES OF CAT. I S and I
TO NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

Sent via email

Subject: 2016 license and registration to the 2016 Continental and World championships, Olympic Games qualifying tournaments, World Cups, Golden Grand Prix finals, U23 competitions.

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

Our new platform Athena which is dedicated towards athlete's management was launched in June 2015. The platform has been an improvement from the past system with National Federations able to purchase licenses, print lists of athletes, upload new photographs and new passports and also access additional services.

Many of you have already used Athena and we thank you.

#### 2016 LICENSE

The UWW license is mandatory for all cadet, junior and senior wrestlers who plan to participate in the competitions entered in the UWW calendar, without exception. The license covers the athlete's medical expenses in the case of an accident.

#### NEW!

Licenses are no longer sold at competitions

We kindly inform all Federations that it is *mandatory* to use Athena to buy their 2016 licenses. *From 1<sup>st</sup> January*, 2016, no license, whether annual or temporary, cadet, junior or senior, will be sold at competitions. This means that all athletes will have to buy their license before going to competitions, to obtain insurance cover before they leave their country.

# NEW!

License card reusable!

The license <u>card</u> that your athlete received in 2015 is unique and can be reused as long as the validity of the license has been renewed. 2016 licenses will be validated by UWW upon receipt of your payment. If you scan the QR code at the back of the card, the year of validity will appear. For this reason, it is important to keep the card.

As a consequence, only new wrestlers (who did not receive a card in 2015) will receive a card in 2016. These cards will be printed within weeks of purchasing, and will be sent to National Federations by priority mail.



The wrestler's personal license card will have to be presented at weigh-in for each competition. The card's validity will be checked by our Referees or Delegates, and wrestlers without a card will not be eligible to take part in the competition. However, the list of licensees (printable via Athena) which also contains a QR code, will be accepted as valid proof for the 2016 license.

#### **Purchase**

The 2016 license is valid from the date of purchase until December 31st, 2016 and is available as of today at https://athena.unitedworldwrestling.org

To buy a license for a new wrestler, there are three tasks to be completed: upload passport copy, headshot photo and 2016 annual medical certificate. To renew a license (for a wrestler who had an annual license in the past), only the 2016 annual medical certificate needs to be uploaded. <u>Here</u> is an example of a blank 2016 medical certificate if necessary.

The form of payment can be made by credit card or bank transfer (the options can be chosen at the end of the procedure). If you choose to pay by bank transfer, we will send you an invoice, payable immediately.

Upon receipt of the payment, the 2016 license will be validated by UWW. For example, if a wrestler purchased a 2015 license, received a card last July and wants to renew his license for 2016, we will validate the year 2016 as soon as we receive payment. The validity of the card will be instantly visible by scanning the QR code at the back of the card, and on the list of licensees.

## **Rates**

- Cadet CHF 50.-
- Junior and Senior CHF 100.-

Do you have any questions concerning your wrestler's age category in 2016? Click here

This information is available on our website (see <u>Governance / Licenses</u>) and we remain at your disposal, should you need further information.

#### NEW!

### 2016 REGISTRATION VIA ATHENA

On the occasion of the

- Cadet, junior and senior continental championships
- Cadet and junior world championships
- Olympic Games qualifying tournaments
- World Cups
- Golden Grand Prix finals
- U23 competitions.

it will be obligatory to register directly with Athena, as in Las Vegas for the 2015 World Championships.



Moreover, each wrestler will have to have a license before being registered by his or her Federation. This means that Federations will have to buy a 2016 license for their wrestlers before registration.

Meeting deadlines are essential with this system, and we remind you that there will be no exception in terms of registration via Athena. Any registration will be blocked as soon as the date for registration expires. We encourage you to buy your license in advance and at the latest two months before a competition.

Please click <u>here</u> and you'll find a tutorial for the licence purchase (renewals or new athletes), the registration of your wrestlers, referees and delegates at competitions.

We remain confident that your cooperation will ensure a smooth Olympic year and thank you for your kind collaboration.

Sincerely yours, Michel Dusson

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