

Criteria for United World Wrestling Rankings

The United World Wrestling Rankings, first released in May 2013, have generated considerable interest as a regular feature on the website over the past 2 years. An increasing number of wrestling officials, coaches, wrestlers and fans have asked about the criteria used to compile the rankings each month.

This document is to explain the purpose and methodology of the rankings.

A. Purpose of the rankings

- To create an item on the United World Wrestling website that brings attention to the wrestlers and the United World Wrestling competition, and enhances the appreciation of wrestling

B. Methodology of the rankings

- The wrestlers are ranked according to a comprehensive analysis of their performance in international competition over the previous 12 months.
- The rankings do NOT attempt to predict the next world champion.
- The rankings are based on results at events on the United World Wrestling Calendar, NOT national championships and/or exhibition events.

C. The Competition

- Tournament Strength:
 - Olympic Games, world championships, continental championships (ranked by quality of continent),
 - Golden Grand Prix events, and other established events (e.g., Klippan Open, the Pytlasinski Memorial, Yasar Dogu).
- Individual Factors
 - A higher finish does NOT guarantee a higher position in the rankings
 - In general, the winner of head-to-head match-ups will be ranked higher
 - Lack of international activity (4-6 months) will result in a lower ranking