

Part 7: Freestyle Wrestling/No-Gi Grappling Red Book

Section 1: Introduction

1.1 FGG global standards

The intent of this Sport Red Book is to provide specific and clearly identified standards critical to the planning, organization and execution of this sport at the Gay Games. This Sport Red Book is based on the experience gathered over previous Gay Games and from other major sporting events. It is intended to serve as a permanent living document for the Federation of Gay Games and its Hosts.

All Hosts must refer to and respect the policies included in the Gay Games Red Book for Sport, of which the present Sport Red Book is a part.

This document is the “Sport Red Book” for Wrestling which includes Freestyle, Greco-Roman, No-Gi Grappling, Beach, and Sambo. It may be modified according to the procedures set out in the Gay Games Red Book for Sport. In particular, it may be modified for a particular edition of the Gay Games.

Changes made for a particular edition of the Gay Games, if any, are found in an attached Sport Red Book Rider.

1.2 Structure of the document

In each part of the document, the minimum standards for this sport are indicated in bold.

Section 2: Governing Body and Rules

2.1 Gay Games sports program

- **Wrestling/No-Gi Grappling is an official core discipline (“List A”).**
 - **Freestyle Wrestling is the official traditional core style (“List A”)**
 - **No-Gi Grappling is an official emerging core style (following UWW policy and for inclusion in the Gay Games).**

2.2 Governing body

2.2.1 Mainstream

United World Wrestling (UWW) is the sanctioning body for Wrestling/No-Gi Grappling including both core styles. Either full UWW sanctioning through UWW directly (or by proxy through the/local/state/national wrestling organization), or the national wrestling organization’s “Cultural Exchange” designation must be used (whichever is preferable/cheaper for the Host).

<https://unitedworldwrestling.org/>

2.2.2 LGBT

**Wrestlers Without Borders (WWB) is a member of the FGG.
Wrestlers Without Borders (WWB) will be the primary sanctioning organization:**
<http://wrestlerswob.com/>

2.3 Rules

- The UWW Freestyle/No-Gi Grappling wrestling rules as per the current and valid UWW rulebook must be used.
- All competitors MUST show proof of UWW association through either an explicit UWW license, or with a license from local UWW-associated wrestling organization (e.g.. USAW, KNKF, CAW, or LAW).
- The Host MUST offer 'day licenses' for sale at the weigh-ins, and this should be made clear at registration time.
- The UWW Wrestling rules as presented in the current UWW rule book must be used.
- The valid rule book is that of the calendar year of the Gay Games, or the most recent previous rule book if none is available for the current year.
- UWW changes usually occur in January each year: by the end of January of the year of the Gay Games, the Host and WWB must determine which rules will be used.
- It is common for local/national UWW affiliates to make modifications to UWW rules in the name of safety. WWB has done this in several prior Gay Games to minimize injuries and enhance the experience of competitors. Such changes must be given all due consideration by the Host. This includes permitting headgear, and totally excluding specific potentially dangerous holds.
- In keeping with Federation principles, the UWW requirement of the National Emblem on wrestlers' singlets is to be ignored.
- All changes of rules, venues and schedules in the time of organizing and publishing on the website of the host must be published to the participants by a newsletter via email as soon as possible after the changes are made.
- WWB modifications to these UWW rules to enhance safety, increase participation, and alter pairings are always done with a respect for the legal insurance requirements of UWW.

Section 3: Venue and Equipment

3.1 Venue

The venue choice should coincide with the recommendations in the current and valid UWW rulebook.

A gym that can accommodate 3 full size wrestling mats, stands/bleachers, including male and female locker rooms with showers, etc. The locker rooms must be secure, and need to be large enough to accommodate all of the wrestlers and grapplers.

A facility that can hold the Freestyle competition is able to host a No-Gi Grappling, SAMBO, or GRECO-Roman competition. This decision of the wrestling styles to be offered needs to be done by the FGG and the Host early in order for the registration system to handle the added Unique Medal Events (UMEs). A facility that can host beach volleyball should be suitable to host beach wrestling.

Seating: The available seating at the venue must be able to accommodate 500 spectators as well as all of the participating athletes. The athletes' seating must be in one section with access to the mats and locker room. Non-participants will not be allowed access to the athlete's section.

Competition area: The competition room must have air conditioning, and the air conditioning must be used if outdoor temperatures are greater than 23.9 degrees Centigrade (75 degrees Fahrenheit)

Locker Rooms: The venue must have separate men's and women's locker rooms with shower facilities. Only participating athletes are allowed access to these locker rooms. This is imperative to comply with strict skin disease prevention regulations.

Warm-up area: Warm-up mats are to be provided, and they must be in a secure area. Only participating athletes and authorized personnel are allowed in the warm-up area.

Medical Area: Medical personnel must be provided a private, dedicated area in which to work.

Security: Event/Tournament organizers must include security personnel in their staffing plans. Security personnel shall ensure only event participants have access to the locker rooms, athletes' seating area, and warm-up mats. The security personnel shall utilize incident reports to account for any security problems they encounter.

Media: Media representatives are not to be permitted access to the locker rooms, warm-up mats, wrestlers' seating area, or the medical area.

3.2 Equipment

The Host will need to provide a computer and a printer.

Required equipment includes 3 full size wrestling mats, and warm-up mats equivalent to approximately half the size of a full size wrestling mat.

- **Suggestion:** WWB suggests that mats be rented or borrowed from colleges, universities, or wrestling/No-Gi Grappling gyms in the area.

It is preferred that the wrestling mats and warmup mats for competition be present at the competition venue. If mats are not present, they will need to be donated or rented, and then trucked/transported/unloaded at the competition venue. The host will want to have adequate personnel to help with this task.

- **Suggestion:** The host may want to make a donation to the organization providing the mats. Mat rental or donation costs will vary based on the location of the Gay Games, but from experience mat rentals can run from \$1,000 - \$5,000 USD. The host should budget appropriately.

Budget: The following costs may be incurred for Wrestling and No-Gi Grappling Tournaments. The host should budget accordingly. Note: Costs will vary based on the location of the Gay Games.

- **Sanctioning/Insurance fee:** Paid to UWW or affiliated organization. Estimated cost \$100 or more per tournament
- **Medical - On-site trainers/emergency:** Estimate cost per day for on-site medical personnel. Could range \$600 per day or more if not donated.
- **Food, Drinks:** Bottled water or water cooler for wrestlers. Sports drinks, snacks as well. Estimate \$3-\$4 per person, but costs will vary.
- **Physician** at weigh-ins for inspection for communicable skin diseases: Cost will vary by host location. Assume \$200 or more if a volunteer physician is not available.
- **Miscellaneous office supplies**, etc.: Paper, Printers, etc. Budget \$100 or more.
- **Scoreboard:** 1-2 Scoreboards that can be seen by competitors and spectators. Electronic scoring preferred. May be available from the venue. Estimate \$100 or more for rentals.

Section 4: Structure of Event

4.1 Required events

- **Gay Games Wrestling** must offer an international freestyle double-elimination wrestling tournament and a Freestyle technique clinic suitable for novice wrestlers.
- **Gay Games No-Gi Grappling:** A host must offer a non-gi No-Gi Grappling style tournament under WWB modified, UWW rules, but not in place of holding a Freestyle tournament.

4.1.2 Optional events

- **Optional Beach Wrestling:** A host with an appropriate beach-wrestling venue may offer beach wrestling in a WWB-sanctioned tournament format or in WWB-sanctioned exhibitions, but not in place of holding Freestyle and No-Gi Grappling tournaments. Typically a facility that is used for beach volleyball can hold beach wrestling.
 - **Beach Wrestling** may be held later in the week and may be held as part of a social event for the Gay Games wrestlers.
- **Optional GRECO-Roman Wrestling:** A host may offer a GRECO-Roman style wrestling tournament under WWB-modified UWW rules, but not in place of holding Freestyle and No-Gi Grappling tournaments.
- **Optional SAMBO:** A host may offer a gi or no-gi SAMBO style tournament under WWB modified UWW rules, but not in place of holding Freestyle and No-Gi Grappling tournaments.

4.1.3 Additional events and activities

None

4.2 Competition structure

4.2.1 Tournament brackets and pairings

4.2.1.1 With a lack of qualifying events leading up to Gay Games, the FGG's and WWB's policies of "inclusion" present many risks that must be addressed in WWB modifications to UWW rules.

- Skill levels, physical conditioning, age, and health status are far more diverse and unknown than in a typical UWW international event.
- The infrequency with which Gay Games wrestlers are able to compete with others from outside their geographic area makes it imperative that Gay Games do all they can to provide geographic separation of competitors at least in the earlier rounds.
- With the risk of injuries enhanced by bad pairings, strict adherence to some UWW protocols (such as random blind draws) has been proven historically to be unsafe or unsuitable for the Gay Games. Therefore, the WWB rule modifications to UWW rules must be followed

Because of the FGG's and WWB's policies of inclusion, there is a far greater range of skill levels, physical condition and health status in Gay Games wrestlers than in a typical national championship or world event.

4.2.1.2 WWB representative. A WWB representative shall serve on the pairing committee and be consulted on safety and geographic concerns.

4.2.1.3.Brackets. **There will be a maximum of 8 wrestlers per bracket.** If a style/gender/age/weight division has more than that 8 wrestlers, it will be split into two pools based on separation of team and country affiliation by ascending age. No pool shall have less than 3 wrestlers.

4.2.1.4 Pairings. **Wrestlers will be explicitly separated by team or country affiliation in the first round. In subsequent rounds, wrestlers will be blind paired by the pairing committee using random draw numbers, subject to any explicit separation.**

4.2.1.5 Structure. Double Elimination

In the interest of saving tournament time, avoiding the public humiliation of outclassed wrestlers, and the risk of serious injuries in bad pairings, wrestlers are officially eliminated from a bracket after two losses. However, we would encourage athletes to wrestle their third match (even if the athlete loses his/her first two matches) if brackets contain 4 or more wrestlers.

The conventional UWW'ladder' system used prior to 1999 will be followed unless another system (such as the post-1999 '4-person pools' method, is agreed upon by WWB.

4.2.1.6 Insufficient wrestlers in an age/weight group.

If there are insufficient athletes to hold matches within an age/weight group, wrestlers will be encouraged to wrestle exhibition matches or, at their option and when it is determined it is safe, to change to another age/weight group. In no instance will age/weight groups be simply combined because of lack of numbers.

4.2.2 Type of tournament

There must be a typical Olympic-style double-elimination Freestyle wrestling tournament, as well as a Freestyle technique clinic suitable for novice wrestlers.

A developmental [Madison weight divisions] novice competition in Freestyle may also be offered if registration numbers warrant it.

Additional tournaments and/or exhibitions under WWB sanctioning may be held in Greco-Roman, beach and no-gi Sambo styles.

4.3 Schedule

A Wrestling or No-Gi Grappling tournament itself requires at least one day, with a maximum of two days. The clinic represents another day.

Suggested Schedule for Wrestling and No-Gi Grappling Events:

1st Day:

Mandatory Clinic. Preferrably held on Monday for Wrestling.

- Gay Games Wrestling and No-Gi Grappling must conduct a one (1) day clinic for all competitors for safety, rules, and technique.
- The clinics for Wrestling and No-Gi Grappling may be held at the same day, at different times.

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Mandatory Weigh-Ins: Preferably held on Monday for Wrestling.

- **A qualified medical doctor must visually examine participants at weigh-ins.** One weigh-in will suffice for all styles of wrestling conducted in the Gay Games. Subsequent weigh-ins may be scheduled for competitors in Beach Wrestling or Sambo who did not compete in Greco-Roman or Freestyle.
- Weigh-ins must occur within 24 hours of the start of Freestyle or Greco-Roman competition, and No-Gi Grappling Competitions.
- Weights taken at weigh-ins will be used to determine the weight class in which a wrestler or grappler may compete.

2nd Day:

Mandatory Freestyle: Preferably held on Tuesday

- Gay Games wrestling must offer an international FREESTYLE double-elimination wrestling tournament.
- **The Freestyle tournament should be scheduled at the beginning of the Gay Games week, due to the fact that athletes will be dieting to maintain their competition weight.**
 - A Greco-Roman tournament may be run in conjunction with the freestyle tournament.
 - A No-Gi Grappling Tournament should follow the Freestyle Tournament. (See Days 3-4)
 - Any Beach Wrestling should be scheduled for a day after the conclusion of the Freestyle (and Greco-Roman) tournament(s).

3rd and 4th Days: Preferably Wednesday and Thursday

- **Mandatory No-Gi Grappling:** Gay Games wrestling must offer an International No-Gi Grappling double-elimination tournament.
- **Optional Events:** Gay Games may also offer optional wrestling events. Any optional event should be scheduled after the conclusion of the Freestyle (and Greco-Roman) tournament(s).

Additional Rules and Notes:

Maximum Bouts: The intent of these rules is to limit the maximum number of required matches per day to about 3 to 5 matches.

Weight Classes: To enhance opportunities for competition and to simplify all the style (UME) options in registration, the SAME expanded weight classes will apply across Gender, Freestyle, No-Gi Grappling, GRECO-Roman, Beach, and SAMBO UMEs.

UME Adjustments: Immediately after Weigh-Ins, a wrestler may choose to move up one (1) weight division and/or down one (1) age division prior to pairings.

Medals: Wrestlers in undersubscribed divisions will always get their medals. They will be encouraged by tournament officials to wrestle exhibition matches or, at their option and when it is determined it is safe, to change to another age/weight group. *More details on Medals and UME's appears in Section 5.*

In no instance will weight-age groups be simply combined/collapsed because of lack of numbers. Combining weight/age groups due to low numbers can compromise competitors' safety.

4.4 Officials and volunteers

4.4.1 Officials

Freestyle Officials

- In wrestling, 3 officials are needed per mat during each match to have effective officiating.
- At least 3 volunteers are also needed at the officials table to help with scoring and paperwork.

For a typical tournament with 100-200 registrants, held on one day on 2-3 mats, assume that 15 officials are needed, although a tournament could be run with 2 officials per mat.

Costs for officials will vary based on the host country. In the US, costs per day for officials range from \$50-\$100 per official per day.

WWB may assist the host with finding officials for Wrestling.

No-Gi Grappling Officials

Assume the same number of officials and costs as Freestyle (above) to run a one day No-Gi Grappling Tournament.

No-Gi Grappling officials may be procured by contacting **IBJJF** and other organizations that support No-Gi Grappling, as well as UWW.

As mentioned in the Freestyle Officials section, the number of officials will depend on the number or registered participants, which will also determine the number of mats, the number of days of competition, and whether a 2-ref or 3-ref system is used for each mat.

WWB may assist the host with finding officials for No-Gi Grappling.

4.4.2 Volunteers

At least 20 volunteers are required to provide security, clean mats, enter data, as well as to handle crowd control, competitor escorting, scoring, announcing, etc.

4.5 Results software and format

The Freestyle competition will use a manual weigh-in/pairing method with volunteers doing data input into computers to generate results, wall brackets, etc

Host must follow the requirements of the Gay Games Red Book for Sport regarding the reporting of event results during the week of the Gay Games and following through for the Final Report.

The final results must detail at least first, second and third place finishers in each event and listing their first and second name (or team name), their city, their country and – if applicable. All bracket and bout sheets are to be saved and copies supplied to WWB.

4.6 Medal requirements and award ceremony

Award ceremony Three medals (gold, silver, and bronze) must be awarded in each UME.

4.6.1 Medal requirements

4.6.2 Award ceremony

The top three athletes in each Unique Medal Event will receive medals.

Medals will be awarded per the normal UME that athlete would have competed in, even if there are insufficient athletes in the UME, and even if the athlete has accepted to wrestle in a different category to provide a competitive opportunity for him or herself and others.

Awards must be presented at the competition venue immediately after the conclusion of each tournament.

Section 5: Participation guidelines

5.1 Categories and divisions of participation

Refer to Sections 9.5 and 9.6 Minimum Standards Table: Categories and Unique Medal Events (UMEs)

Weight Classes: To enhance opportunities for competition and to simplify all the style (UME) options in registration, the SAME expanded weight classes will apply across Freestyle, No-Gi Grappling, GRECO-Roman, Beach, and SAMBO UMEs.

UME Adjustments: Immediately after Weigh-Ins, a wrestler may choose to move up one (1) weight division and/or down one (1) age division prior to pairings in each style registered. This is referred to as the **Certified Change Option (CCO)**.

Medals: Wrestlers in undersubscribed divisions will always get their medals. They will be encouraged by tournament officials to wrestle exhibition matches or, at their option and when it is determined it is safe, to change to another age/weight group.

In no instance will weight-age groups be simply combined/collapsed because of lack of numbers. Combining weight/age groups due to low numbers can compromise competitors' safety.

5.2 Number of competitive instances

Each athlete should be able to participate in a minimum of three and a maximum of five matches per day in any tournament (Freestyle + optional tournaments).

5.3 Maximum number of entries per individual

Each athlete is allowed to register for and compete in only one age division in one weight class in any given tournament. The age/weight group entered for one tournament (example, Freestyle) need not be the same in all other wrestling tournaments (example, Greco-Roman).

5.4 Minimum number of competitive instances for each participant

None.

Section 6: Unique Medal Events (UMEs)

Based on the structure of the event and the participation guidelines, all the following Unique Medal Events (UME) must be organized (the only exception is if there are no participants inside an age group).

Required UMEs and Medals:

- **Style – 2 options, 1 or 2 choices**
Freestyle and/or No-Gi Grappling
- **Gender Divisions – 2 options one choice**
Male or Female
- **Age Divisions – 3 options one choice:**
Refer to Sections 9.5 and 9.6 Minimum Standards Table: Categories and Unique Medal Events (UMEs)
OPEN (35 and under as of date of competition weigh-in)
MASTERS (36 – 49 as of date of competition weigh-in)
VETERANS (50 and over as of date of competition weigh-in)
- **Weight Divisions -** *Refer to Sections 9.5 and 9.6 Minimum Standards Table: Categories and Unique Medal Events (UMEs)*
- **Unique Medal Event Calculation:** 2 Styles, Male and Female Competition Groups for each style, 3 Divisions (Open, Masters, Veterans) per Style, 12 Weight Divisions per Style = $2 * 2 * 3 * 12 = 144$ UMEs required for wrestling at a minimum. (More if additional styles, e.g. Beach Wrestling, are added)
- **Required Medals to Order for Host:** The Host will permit WWB to use a LINK for registrants to use in order to begin draft pairings 1-2 months out from Opening Ceremonies. This is necessary in order to narrow down the exact number of required medals to order, and in order to permit registrants to better target their age/weight change option that is permitted at weigh-ins. The rule of thumb for an initial medal order estimate is 160% of total FreeStyle/No-Gi Grappling registrants evenly divided between Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals.
- *Refer to Sections 9.5 and 9.6 Minimum Standards Table: Categories and Unique Medal Events (UMEs)*

Section 7: Registration and Accreditation

7.1 Specific information and rules for registration

Each athlete is allowed to register for and compete in only one (1) gender division in one (1) age division in one (1) weight class in any given Style tournament.

Note: The age/weight group entered for Freestyle need not be the same for No-Gi Grappling.

Note: An Athlete may register for more than 1 tournament, E.g... an athlete may register to compete in the Freestyle and No-Gi Grappling and/or Beach Wrestling if desired.

7.2 Management of the number of participants

See: 4.2.1.6 Insufficient wrestlers in an age/weight group. If there are insufficient athletes to hold matches within an age/weight group, wrestlers will be encouraged by tournament officials to wrestle exhibition matches or, at their option and when it is determined it is safe, to change to another age/weight group. In no instance will age/weight groups be simply combined because of lack of numbers.

7.3 Accreditation information

The Host must provide to all participants, in addition with the general information about the Gay Games, the following elements:

- Description of the transportations to reach the venue
- Detailed timetable of events
- Specific rules applied during the event.

Section 8: Policy Compliance

8.1 Age and abilities

Age categories exist and use most standard divisions.

8.2 Disability

- General mobility: Participation in this sport would be difficult.
- Lower-body mobility (wheelchair): No provision for wheelchair sport.
- **Hearing impairment: This sport is accessible to players with hearing impairments.**
- Visual impairment: Participation in this sport would be difficult except for the smallest levels of impairment.

8.3 Gender in sport

Standard policy does NOT apply.

UWW rules only apply: Only legal gender may be used for official parings due to license/insurance requirements. However exhibitions are encouraged where safety permits.

8.4 Health and well-being

8.4.1 General health and well-being

There are opportunities for education on webpage for the sport and in sport participant guidebook.

8.4.2 Safety

Standard policy applies.

A visual exam by qualified medical doctor must take place at weigh-in to protect against communicable skin diseases.

8.4.3 Performance-enhancing drugs

Drug Testing: WWB sanctioned events will not have required or mandatory drug testing of any kind. However, any Drug testing that is done must adhere to World Anti-Doping Agency protocols as outlined in the FGG Anti-Doping Policy.

Standard policy applies.

The existence of a multiple age and weight divisions allows for competitors of various levels to excel. This decreased incentive for use of performance-enhancing drugs.

There are opportunities for education on webpage for the sport and in sport participant guidebook.

8.4.4 HIV/AIDS

There are opportunities for education on webpage for the sport and in sport participant guidebook.

8.5 Officials

See section 4.4.

Section 9: Minimum Standards Table

Here is the summary of all the minimum standards for this sport.

9.1 Category

Minimum standards

9.2 Governing body and rules

- Wrestling/No-Gi Grappling is an official core sport ("List A").
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- Wrestlers Without Borders (WWB) should be consulted to support the sanctioning procedure.
- Wrestlers Without Borders (WWB) is a member of the FGG.
- The UWW Freestyle/No-Gi Grappling wrestling rules as per the current and valid UWW rulebook must be used with WWB pairings and safety modifications.
- All competitors MUST show proof of UWW association through either an explicit UWW license, or with a license from local FILA-associated wrestling organization (e.g.. USAW, KNKF, CAW, or LAW).
- The Host MUST offer 'day licenses' for sale at the weigh-ins, and this should be made clear at registration time.
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- UWW changes usually occur in January each year: by the end of January of the year of the Gay Games, the Host and WWB must determine which rules will be used.
- It is common for local/national UWW affiliates to make modifications to UWW rules in the name of safety. Such changes must be given all due consideration by the Host. This includes permitting headgear, faceguards, and totally excluding specific potentially dangerous holds.
- In keeping with Federation principles, the UWW requirement of the National Emblem on wrestlers' singlets is to be ignored.
- All changes of rules, venues and schedules in the time of organizing and publishing on the website of the host must be published to the participants by a newsletter via email as soon as possible after the changes are made, and propagated to the WWB website and social media pages.

9.3 Venue and equipment

- The venue choice should coincide with the recommendations in the current and valid UWW rulebook.
- A gym that can accommodate 3-4 full size wrestling mats, stands/bleachers, including male and female locker rooms with showers, etc. The locker rooms need to be secure, and should be able to accommodate all the wrestlers.
 - The estimated cost of gym or venue rental may vary. The host should budget appropriately in the range of \$1,000 US or more
- Seating: The available seating at the venue must be able to accommodate 500 spectators as well as all of the participating athletes. The athletes' seating must be in one section with access to the mats and locker room. Non-participants will not be allowed access to the athlete's section.
- Competition area: The competition room must have air conditioning, and the air conditioning must be used if outdoor temperatures are greater than 27°C.
- Locker Rooms: The venue must have separate men's and women's locker rooms with shower facilities. Only participating athletes are allowed access to these locker rooms.
- Warm-up area: If warm-up mats are to be provided, they must be in a secure area. Participating athletes only are to be allowed in the warm-up area.
- Medical Area: Medical personnel must be provided a private, dedicated area in which to work.
- The Host will need to provide a computer and a printer.
- Required equipment includes 3-4 full size wrestling mats, which could be rented or borrowed.

9.4 Events, scheduling, officials, awards

- For a typical tournament with 200-300 wrestlers, held on one day on 3-4 mats, the Host should assume that there will need to be 15 officials. Costs will vary based on the host city, but the host should budget \$50 US or more per official per day.
- At least 20 volunteers are required to provide security, clean mats, enter data, as well as to handle crowd control, competitor escorting, scoring, announcing, etc.
- The Freestyle and No-Gi Grappling competitions will use a manual weigh-in/pairing method with volunteers doing data input into computers to generate results, wall brackets, etc
- Host must follow the requirements of the Gay Games Red Book for Sport regarding the reporting of event results during the week of the Gay Games and following through for the Final Report.
- The final results must detail at least first, second and third place finishers in each event and list their first and second name (or team name), their city, their country and other information relevant to their achievement.
- The top three athletes in each Unique Medal Event will receive medals.
- Medals will be awarded per the normal UME that athlete would have competed in, even if there are insufficient athletes in the UME, and even if the athlete has accepted to wrestle in a different category to provide a competitive opportunity for him or herself and others.
- Awards must be presented at the competition venue immediately after the conclusion of each tournament.

9.5 Categories

- There must be a separate women's and men's division for the following age and weight divisions:
 - **Age:** Open (up to 35), Masters (36-49), Veterans (50+). (Age as of date of weigh-in)
 - **Weight Divisions: 12 options, one choice (kg/#pounds),** specifying the top limit of the category as 'less than or equal to: <= '. KGs are the official metric weights, the #Pounds are a rounded Imperial reference. There will be no weigh-in on a #Pounds scale.

<= 48kg/105.5#	<= 52kg/114.5#	<= 57kg/125.5#	<= 62kg/136.5#
<= 68kg/149.5#	<= 74kg/163.0#	<= 82kg/180.0#	<= 90kg/198.0#
<= 100kg/220.0#	<= 110kg/242.0#	<= 130kg/286.0#	> 130kg/286.0#

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9.6 Unique Medal Events (UMEs)

*Age groups are: Open (under 36), Masters (36-49), Veteran (50+). Age as of date of weigh-in

Required UMEs:

Freestyle	Men	One UME by age and weight group
Freestyle	Women	One UME by age and weight group
No-Gi Grappling	Men	One UME by age and weight group
No-Gi Grappling	Women	One UME by age and weight group

Optional UMEs:

Beach Wrestling	Men	One UME by age and weight group
Beach Wrestling	Women	One UME by age and weight group
Greco-Roman	Men	One UME by age and weight group
Greco-Roman	Women	One UME by age and weight group
Sambo	Men	One UME by age and weight group
Sambo	Women	One UME by age and weight group

- Each athlete should be able to participate in a minimum of three and a maximum of five matches per day in any tournament (Freestyle + optional tournaments).

9.7 Registration and Accreditation

- If there are insufficient athletes to hold matches within an age/weight group, wrestlers will be encouraged by tournament officials to wrestle exhibition matches or, at their option and when it is determined it is safe, to change to another age/weight group. In no instance will age/weight groups be simply combined because of lack of numbers.
- The Host must provide to all participants, in addition with the general information about the Gay Games, the following elements:
- Description of the transportations to reach the venue
- Detailed timetable of events
- Specific rules applied during the event.

9.8 Policies

- The Host must respect all policies described in the Gay Games Red Book for Sport, with the exceptions and modifications described in Section 8 of the present document.

Section 10: Document versions and tracking

Version	Effective date	Description of changes	Sport Co-chairs
1.0	20111230	New format	Sébastien Datiche Bettina Dietmann Winter Marc Naimark
2.0	20152007	Updated to include No-Gi Grappling. Additional formatting, and review by WWB.	Alain Perie. Paris 2018 Christopher Loreface WWB Martha Ehrenfeld, FGG
3.0	20151115	Paris 2018 Change Requests	Alain Perie (P2018)
4.0	20151212	Additional Edits by WWB. Formatting of language and style.	Christopher Loreface, WWB
4.1	20160301	Corrections to Weight Classes throughout document (cleanup)	Christopher Loreface WWB Gene Dermody WWB
4.2	20160515	Change of Weight Classes from 11 to 12 adding 110kg/242# after TIPS 2015 meeting with Paris Lutte... change from Grappling to No-Gi Grappling to differentiate from the new Judo affiliated Gi Jui-Jitsu event	Christopher Loreface WWB Jerone Tan WWB Gene Dermody WWB Laurent/Paris LUTTE
4.3	20160722	4.1.2 No-Gi Sambo to Gi or No-Gi Sambo	Christopher Loreface WWB Gene Dermody WWB

Section 11: Historical data

11.1 Previous Gay Games participation

To be completed with numbers of participants in previous games.

11.2 Main comments from previous Blue Books

The following information from previous Gay Games may be helpful:
 FGG Sport Coordinator's report on S2002 Gay Games wrestling (Official Results, etc.)
<http://www.wrestlerswob.com/ggvi/ggviReport.html>
 Peter Verey's Report as the S2002 Tournament Director
<http://www.wrestlerswob.com/ggvi/ggviPostEventReport.html>
 FGG Sport Coordinator's Federation 'Blue Book' report:



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Red Book
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<http://www.wrestlerswob.com/ggvi/IndividualSportsReport.html>
WWB Chair's Post Gay games VII report:
<http://www.wrestlerswob.com/ggvii/WWB-GGVIIReportNotes.pdf>

11.3 Gay Games records