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PRESIDENTS REPORT 2025



ONE WAKO, ONE CHAMPION, ONE BRAND GLOBALLY

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Presidents Foreword

As President of WAKO, it is my honour and privilege to welcome you all to our 2025 annual report. This year marks yet another chapter in our remarkable journey—a testament to the unwavering dedication and indomitable spirit that define our organisation. WAKO is more than just an organisation; it is a global family united by passion, respect, and the pursuit of excellence in kickboxing.

In 2025, we have continued to push boundaries, embrace innovation, and nurture talent at every level. Our athletes, coaches, officials, and supporters have demonstrated what it means to strive for greatness, not just in the ring or tatami but in their communities and beyond. Together, we are building a legacy—one that will inspire future generations to dream bigger and reach higher. Together we achieved a lot and have more to do. It will be our collective effort that moves us further within the IOC.

Let us take pride in our accomplishments, remain committed to our shared values, and look forward to a future filled with opportunity, growth, and unity. The best of WAKO is yet to come. I would however like to highlight the following areas.

- Sporting Excellence:** 2025 has seen outstanding performances at national and international events, with record participation and remarkable displays of sportsmanship and skill. Our championships have set new standards for organisation and competition. The 2025 World Games this year in China truly showed the potential of our sport globally. It showcased what we can do if given a chance.
- Development Initiatives:** We have expanded our grassroots programmes, empowering young athletes and promoting inclusivity. New training resources and coaching certifications have been launched, helping to elevate the level of kickboxing worldwide.
- Innovation and Technology:** This year, WAKO has embraced digital solutions, from live-streamed tournaments to enhanced athlete tracking and communication. These advancements have brought the global kickboxing community closer than ever.
- Global Collaboration:** Our partnerships with national federations, sports organisations, and sponsors have flourished, paving the way for greater recognition and opportunities for our athletes on the world stage.
- Values and Legacy:** Integrity, respect, and unity remain at the core of WAKO. We have continued to support programmes promoting fair play, anti-doping, and ethical conduct, ensuring our sport remains a beacon of positive values.
- Committees:** We have extremely active volunteer committees covering all the areas for the development and growth of the sport, they are becoming more critical as we grow within the Olympic family of sports.

This report is a celebration of the collective achievements of our WAKO family. Together, we have shown resilience, adaptability, and vision. As we look to the year ahead, let us remain inspired by what we have accomplished and energised by the possibilities before us. Embrace the new brand concept as we transition to a new brighter future, United in our mission, we will continue to champion kickboxing and inspire greatness in every corner of the globe.



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Be proud of our Long History

- 1970, WAKO First match publicly announced as "Kickboxing" — setting the foundation for a new combat sport(USA)
- 1974, The first official World Championship
- 1977: WAKO was formally registered in Europe. Founded in Berlin on February 26,
- 1978: First WAKO World Championships held, with 110 athletes from 18 countries.
- 2006: First Asian indoor martial arts games
- 2005: WADA Signatory
- 2006: GAISF recognition
- 2007 First African Games
- 2010 First Combat Games
- 2007 First Sea Games
- 2018 IOC provisional recognition
- 2017 First World Games Introduction of the transparent scoring system
- 2021 IOC full recognition
- 2022 WADA recertification to new standards
- 2022 Shortlisted for LA28
- 2023 First Indian Ocean Games
- 2023 First European Games
- 2023 First Central American games
- 2025 First Bolivian games
- 2026 First Mediterranean games (Demo SPort)
- 2026 CISM Championships



Dr Ennio Falsoni



Mike Anderson & Espen Lund



Professor Borislav Pelevich RIP



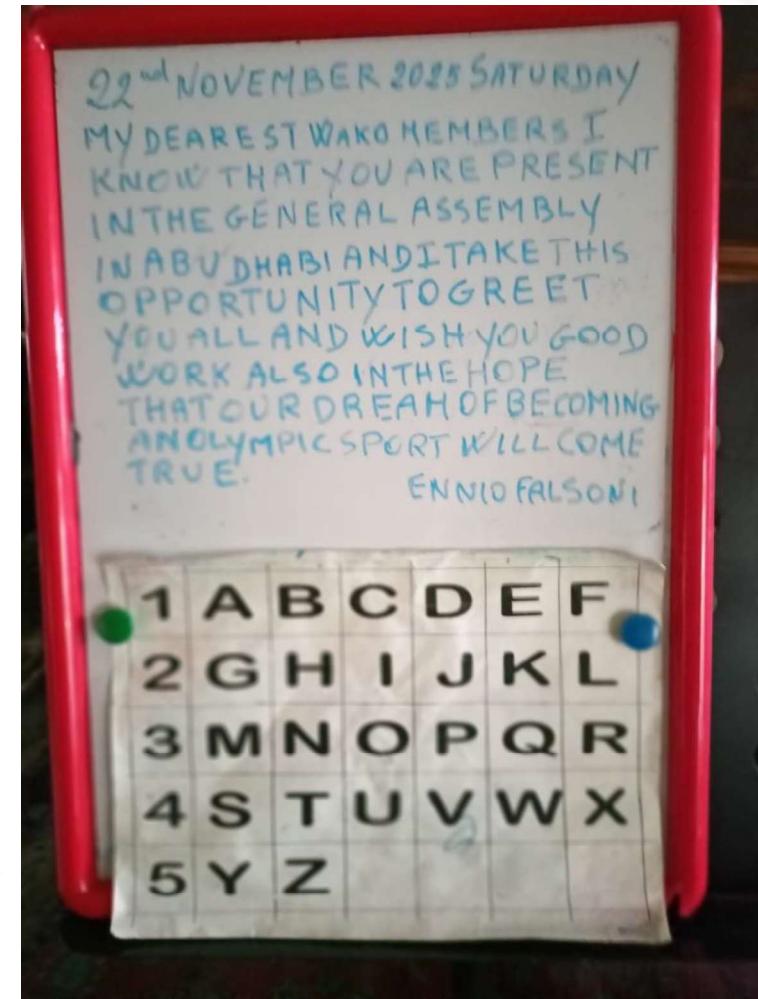
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A personal note from our Hon president



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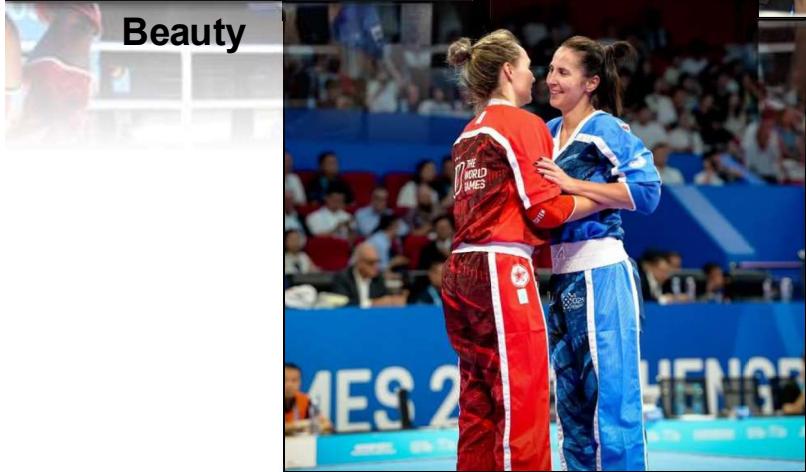
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WORLD GAMES 2025



Beauty



Friendship



Power



Amazing Arena



Dynamic



Leadership



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Important Meetings and progress

European continent:



Gagik Tsurukyan NOC
Armenia
Opening Ceremony



World Boxing President –
WAKO President

Africa continent:



Espen Lund VP, Mohamid
President Egypt



Major General Ahmed Nasser,
President



African Delegation meeting
AASC (African Games)



African Delegation meeting
AASC (African Games)

IOC / Sport Accord/ARISF



IOC 144
Session. Greece: Carlos
Ramjanali



Kirsty Coventry. New
IOC President



Kit Mc Connell
Chairman Brisbane 32
LOC



Raffielle Chuli
Newley Elected
President of ARISF



Tomas
Bachy. Honorary IOC
President



Eugur Erdener,
Sport Accord
President



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Important Meetings and progress



Asia continent: Important collaborations



Prince Faisal Bin
Bandar
Saudi Arabia



Prince Abdulaziz Bin
Turki Al Saud
Saudi Arabia



Mr Abraham N
Tolention
Pre Philippine NOC



Mr Aybek Narmetov
CEO Uzbekistan



Sorawong Thienthong
Minister of
Sport Thailand



Prof Pimol Srivikorn
President Thai NOC



Mr Santosh at
the Indian Open



Dr Basil and Arab
board of Directors



President Mirsaid
Yakhyae Tajikistan



SG Kasimov Oybek
Omilovich and Islamic
Solidarity games Org

Pan America



Minister of Sport Peru



Coronel Rolim Nilton
President CISM



Peru Delegation



President of NOC Peru



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Mandate Review

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PRESIDENTIAL MANIFESTO UPDATE 1-2 YEAR COMMITMENT

Short 1-2 year Commitments

1. 7 Year Strategic Plan development and approval 2025 - 2032
2. Transformation from Voluntarism to professionalism
3. Video Media Streaming Team and Capability
4. Global Media Partner for Streaming of WAKO Major events and PPV
5. Expended WAKO office to support NF development.
 1. Possible additional regional office outside Europe
6. NF Support Team
7. Olympic Channel development
8. Continental Games Inclusion (May bleed in to 2-3)
9. National Federation Development Conference & Discipline Development. Asia/Oceania. Pan America
10. Support NOC recognition of NF not already recognised.
11. Support NF who are not currently recognised by NOC and or MS
12. Standardise WAKO World Cups and A class events
13. Set up 3 new commissions/committees to look at strategic imperatives.
14. Development and delivery of coaching framework and certification

Update Oct 2025

1. Two weekend Strategy workshops held. Strategy in draft launch Dec 2025 **Green**
2. Brand Administrator onboarded, administration officer pending **Amber**
3. Video streaming capability delivered, issues with promoters supplying bandwidth. **Green**
4. Global Media Partner and contract completed **Green**
5. Awaiting staff to enable support. **Amber**
 1. Possible additional regional office outside Europe
6. As above **Amber**
7. We have now secured broadcasting on Olympic Chanel for Europeans and Worlds **Green**
8. Hosted meetings with , African, PanAmerican, and European Continental multi sport games. **Green**
9. Hosted, Brazil, Egypt, Saudi Arabia in 2025 **Green**
10. Delivered support and travelled to a number of countries to meet NOC presidents and develop direct relationships **Green**
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12. Technical Handbook is finished and new contracts issued in October 2025. **Green**
13. Formed, Grading and standards commission, formed membership and event management commission **Green**
14. Delivery of first framework in Abu Dhabi , taking longer than expected. **Amber**



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PRESIDENTIAL MANIFESTO Refocused Focus 26-27

- ✓ **Olympic Programme Inclusion** — Advance efforts for kickboxing's inclusion in the Olympic Games, continental games, global multisport events, to elevate our global profile and unlock greater access to funding.
- ✓ **Global Grassroots Development** — Expand youth and grassroots programmes to nurture talent and broaden participation worldwide.
- ✓ **Governance and Transparency** — Strengthen governance structures and transparency to build trust among stakeholders and uphold the highest standards.
- ✓ **Anti-Doping and Athlete Welfare** — Enhance anti-doping initiatives and athlete safeguarding, ensuring full compliance with international frameworks to protect participants and the sport's reputation.
- ✓ **Continental and Regional Expansion** — Target expansion in underrepresented regions, implementing tailored development strategies to increase global reach.
- ✓ **Digital Engagement and Innovation** — Invest in digital platforms and content to connect with younger audiences and develop new ways to experience the sport.
- ✓ **Women's Participation and Leadership** — Promote gender equity in competition and leadership, striving to match or exceed international benchmarks.
- ✓ **Coach and Referee Education** — Standardise and strengthen education programmes for coaches and referees to ensure consistency, quality, and safety worldwide.
- ✓ **Commercial Partnerships** — Build robust global sponsorship and media partnerships to secure financial sustainability and promote the sport.

- ✓ **Para-Kickboxing Development** — Launch and support para-kickboxing initiatives, ensuring inclusive opportunities and aligning with the Paralympic movement.
- ✓ **National Federation Support** — Provide targeted support and capacity-building for national federations to ensure robust governance and growth at all levels.
- ✓ **Data-Driven Decision Making** — Utilise analytics and research to inform strategy, encourage participation, and accurately measure impact.
- ✓ **Combat Sports Collaboration** — Build strategic alliances with other combat sports federations for shared advocacy and the exchange of best practices.
- ✓ **Safeguarding Sport Integrity** — Strengthen measures against match-fixing, corruption, and abuse, to maintain the sport's **credibility and earn public trust**.
- ✓ **Youth Leadership and Ambassadorship** — Foster youth engagement and leadership opportunities, cultivating future ambassadors for the sport globally..
- ✓ **Unified Rules and Branding** — Continue to harmonise rules and branding to ensure clarity, appeal, and unity across all competitions and regions.
- ✓ **Event Excellence** — Raise the standard of international events to attract greater media coverage and spectator interest, enhancing the professionalism and visibility of kickboxing.
- ✓ **Premier League** — The development of WAKO Pro and the Premier league reintegrated in to the WAKO organisation



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WAKO IF Board 2023-2027: Thank You



Roy Baker
WAKO
President



Espen Lund
1st VP and
GS



Francesca Falsoni
Vice President



Paulo Zorello
Vice President



Salim Kayici
Vice President



Donato Milano
Vice President



Istvan Kiraly
Vice President

Date	Venue
09- Feb	Online
15th Feb	UK
16th Feb	UK
4th April	Online
30th May	Online
14th Sep	Italy
22nd Nov	UAE



Ali Khoori
BM



Michaela
Kovacova



Lucinda
Edwards



Zsolt Moradi
Athletes
Representative



Carlos
Ramjanali



Tomaz
Barada



Katarzyna
Kociszewska



Dario
Alvarado



Aslam
Mahomed



Nikolaus Gstaettner
Treasurer



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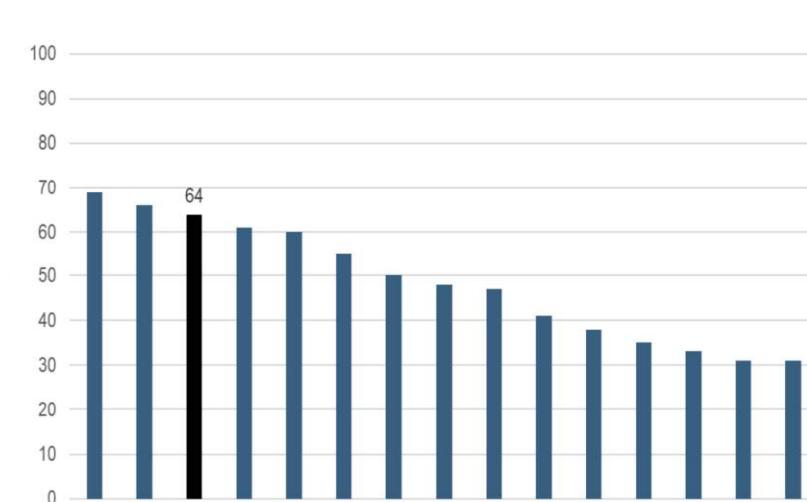


ARISF: Governance Review 2025



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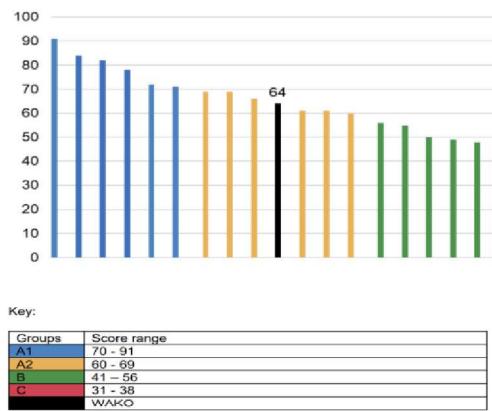
Summary of total scores for IFs with 0 to 3 staff



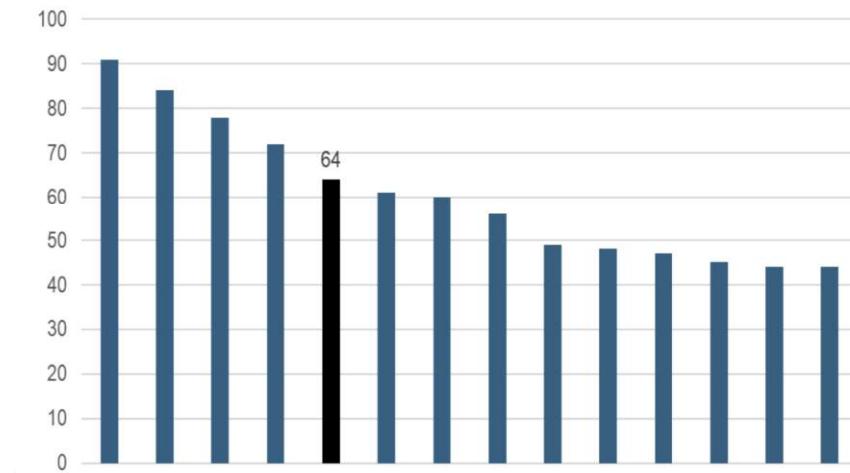
Summary of total scores for 29 IF members of ARISF in the governance review

Total scores of each of the 29 IFs analysed (theoretical maximum 100)

Key:



Summary of total scores for IFs with 0.5m to 2m CHF in annual revenue



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Comparing the scores on 18 indicators the score rose from 35 to 46 (+27%) out of a possible 72, a higher positive increase than most other IFs
10th Ranked amongst all IF (upper quadrant)
3rd with IF with less than 3 staff
5th Ranked with IF budgets less than 2m CHF.



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Global Reach of WAKO

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149 Countries from five continents

113 ARE RECOGNIZED BY NOCS AND/OR OTHER NATIONAL SPORT AUTHORITIES



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WAKO BRAND TODAY



For decades, WAKO's visual identity has represented strength, heritage, and unity. It carried us through world championships, Olympic recognition, and global expansion.

But as our federation has grown, so too have our communication needs. Multiple logos, mixed styles, and inconsistent presentation have created confusion — diluting the impact of our global message.

Today, our brand is respected... but fragmented.

It's time to evolve — to match the professionalism, ambition, and global influence WAKO now holds.



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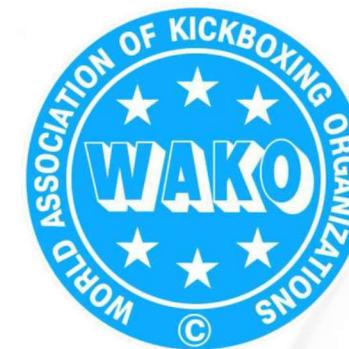
WAKO NEW BRAND

Over the past year, WAKO has been transitioning to a modern, unified brand system.

The new identity reflects our evolution — Olympic-ready, globally aligned, and built to elevate every federation, event, and athlete under one standard.

This is not a replacement — it's a progression.

The legacy remains. The future is sharper.



Together, they show how WAKO continues to grow while respecting its roots.

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WAKO BRAND TOMORROW

The new WAKO Brand is built for clarity, unity, and global excellence.

A modern, Olympic-level identity that every federation can stand behind — consistent, professional, and instantly recognisable.

It's not a redesign — it's a relaunch of confidence, culture, and communication.

One system that connects the world of kickboxing under a single visual standard.

From championship arenas to digital platforms, every element now speaks one message:

WAKO is united, global, and ready for the future.



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WAKO NEW BRAND

Localized K Logos — National Identity, Global Unity

Each country and continent can proudly showcase its connection to WAKO through a localized **K** icon.

These examples show how national pride can live within the global brand system — consistent, modern, and instantly recognizable.



Examples shown:

us USA GB England IE Ireland FR France

More versions will be created as needed — using the same structure, with each flag woven into the K.



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**WAKO National Federation
Leadership**

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WAKO CONTINENTAL LEADERSHIP

AFRICA



Abelilah Idrissi
Bouzidi
MOROCCO



Anita de Klerk
NAMIBIA



Arnold Yusuf
Sengbe Pieh
SIERRA
LEONE



Jean-François
Arnaud Vacher
MAURITIUS



Narcisse Justin Soglo
BENIN



Aslam Mohamed
SOUTH AFRICA



Mohamed Sobih
EGYPT



Anis Jaffali
TUNIS



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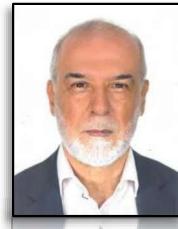
WAKO CONTINENTAL LEADERSHIP ASIA



Nasser Nassiri
IRAN



Tahir Abbas
PAKISTAN



Abdul Rahman El
Rayess
LEBANON



Aleksandr Voinov
KYRGYZSTAN



Jason Lim
Boon Kheng
SINGAPORE



Hsieh
Nai-Wei
CHINESE
TAIPEI



Moh'd Aref
Omar Jariri
Hesan
JORDAN



Pai Leeke
THAILAND



H.E. Abdullah Saeed
Al Neyadi
UAE



Kazuyoshi
Ishii
JAPAN



Santosh Kr
Agrawal
INDIA



Samir
Athamna
PALESTINE



Saria
Aljazairi
SYRIA



Qassim kadim
al_wassiti
IRAQ



Abdulaziz
AlfadaghK
KUWAIT



Begmenov
Begmyrat
TURKMENISTAN



Kim Viktor
KAZAKHSTAN



Mostafizur
Rahman
BANGLADESH



H.E. Ahmed
bin
Mohammed
Al-Towayan
SAUDI
ARABIA



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WAKO CONTINENTAL LEADERSHIP

EUROPE



Giovanni De
Paolis
SWITZERLAND



Dejan Mitrovski
NORTH
MACEDONIA



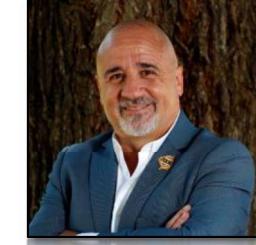
Hakan
Ozen
SWEDEN



De Block
Marc
BELGIUM



Andrius
Danilaitis
LITHUANIA



Jesus Eguia
SPAIN



Kozlov
Sergei
ESTONIA



Mavrommatis
P. Antonios
GREECE



Grzegorz
Wrzesień
POLAND



Peter Edwards
GREAT BRITAIN



Niklaus
Gstättner
AUSTRIA



Tomislav
Bilandžić
CROATIA



Søren Kofoed-
Hansen
DENMARK



Vladimir Sitar
SLOVENIA



Peter Galambos
HUNGARY



Mihaljević Branko
BOSNIA AND
HERZEGOVINA



Riccardo
Bergamini
ITALY



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EUROPE



Darya Strutinska
LATVIA



Galin Dimov
BULGARIA



Hani
Sakas
ISRAEL



Jiri Mulac
CZECH
REPUBLIC



Petteri Maunu
FINLAND



Salim Kayici
TURKEY



Arbis Vjerdha
ALBANIA



João Diogo
PORTUGAL



Ivan Strugar
MONTENEGRO



Gocha Javakhia
GEORGIA



Roy Baker
IRELAND



Orkhan Aliyev
AZERBAIJAN



Jozef Kolozsy
SLOVAKYA



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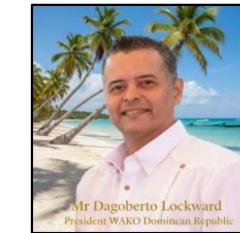
PAN AM



Juan Corrales
ARGENTINA



Fernando
Granados
MEXICO



Dagoberto Lockward
DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC



Carlos Betancourt
EL SALVADOR



Albert Camacho
PUERTO RICO



Peter Silberie
BONAIRE



Muzammal
Nawaz
CANADA



Paulo Zorello
BRAZIL



Yariela Mendoza
PANAMA



Andres Garcia
Gandara
GUATEMALA



Dario
Alvarado
VENEZUELA



Rob Zbilski
USA



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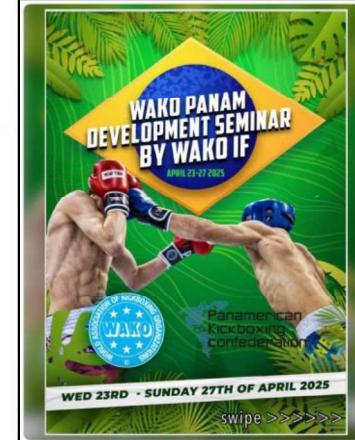


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WAKO Development Seminars



Event	Place and date	Athletes	Coaches	Referees	Officials
7th International Referee Seminar	New Delhi (IND) February 1, 2025			56	5
Panamerican Development Seminar	Rio De Janeiro (BRA) April 23-27, 2025	120	76	52	10
International Referee Academy	Varna (BUL) July 3 – 7, 2025			35	
Egypt Development Seminar	Cairo (EGY), September 29 – October 1, 2025	127	99	39	15



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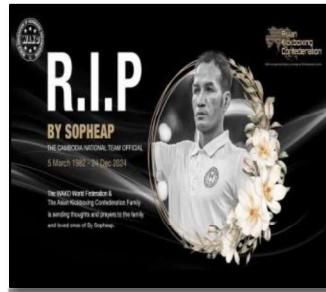


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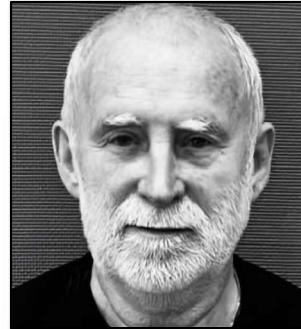
Master Francisco Cruz
Founder of the
Santiago Kickboxing
Association
(Dominican Republic)
Date of death: on July
31st, 2025

"Master Cruz was
Former National Full
Contact Champion
(1978), Founding
Member of the Santiago
Kickboxing Association
and Technical Director
of the Association until
his death".



**Mr By
Sopheap, Cambodia
National Team official:**
24 December 2024

He will always be
remembered for his easy-
going personality, and his
love of kickboxing sport.
#We will always cherish
his contribution to
Kickboxing during the
various Asian Kickboxing
Championships



Mr. Imre Balazs
Former Board
member of WAKO
Hungary

"His contribution to
WAKO and WAKO
Hungary was
undisputable, also
many future adult world
champions started
kickboxing under his
wings, that is why we
would like to include
him in the President's
remembering."



Mr. Alan Johnson
Former National
Treasurer of
Kickboxing Ireland
Date of death: Sunday
December 15th, 2024.

"Alan was an integral
part of the Irish
kickboxing community, a
formidable fighter, a
supportive coach, and a
trusted friend. He served,
selflessly, for many years
on the Kickboxing Ireland
Executive Committee as
the National Treasurer."



Mr. Peter Gerhard Land
Former ÖBFK President,
Austria
(from 1982 to 2005)
Peter Land passed away
on July 31, 2025,
at the age of 86.

"Born on June 20, 1940, was one of
the most important officials of the
ÖBFK and played a key role in the
recognition of the ÖBFK as an
independent association with the
BSO (Austrian Sport Organisation).
He was a founding member of the
ÖBFK and headed it from 1982 to
January 16, 2005. In addition to his
roles as president of the Styrian
Association for Kickboxing and the
Austrian Association for Kickboxing,
Peter Land was a top official in the
WAKO and the IAKSA."



Mr. El Hillali Abdelkrim
Date of passing: March
2024
Former President
Moroccan Federation



Miss Maria Wray.
Date of passing: Nov 25

"behind every great man is an
ever greater woman, Maria Wray
was a lady of integrity who always
supported the sport of Kickboxing
and gave of her time and energy
to the sport, she enabled her
Husband Nevil Wray to chase his
dreams and passion, she will be
sorely missed by us all. RIP
Maria"



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WAKO ONLINE COURSES

Date	Subject
2025.01.18	SEMINARIO ONLINE PARAKICKBOXING
2025.02.25	WEIGHT MANAGEMENT - WAKO Online Development Seminar Series 2025
2025.03.25	TRAIN SMART – ENERGY SYSTEMS OF KICKBOXING - WAKO Online Development Seminar Series 2025
2025.07.01	UNDERSTANDING ANTI-DOPING: PLAY FAIR, COMPETE STRONG - WAKO Online Development Seminar Series 2025
2025.07.05	WAKO ORGANIZING COMMITTEE - Sportdata on line seminar - English / Spanish
2025.07.06	
2025.07.15	WAKO ONLINE DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR - Concussion in Combat Sports
2025.07.18	WAKO Online Referee Seminar
2025.08.05	OPTIMIZING ATHLETE PERFORMANCE – HORMETIC STIMULI - WAKO Online Development Seminar Series 2025
2025.9.24	Introduction to Anti Doping – Prohibited list and testing



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- WAKO Pro Brand and Business will be reintegrated in to WAKO
- WAKO pro commission set up to develop the brand and product, accountable to WAKO board
- We would like to thank the Falsoni Family for their development of the brand and business in the last 15 years
- We would like to thank Carlos Ramjala 'for his tireless work and dedication to the pro component of WAKO
- **Next Steps**
 - Signing of contract
 - Resetting WAKO Pro Working group
 - Securing service provider and sponsors
 - Reaffirming and Resetting membership to WAKO affiliated bodies.
 - Relaunch of WAKO pro and its additional services
 - Kickboxing Premier League activation



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Based on ideas from
Master Kazuyoshi Ishii

THE MOST ENTERTAINING MARTIAL ART IN THE WORLD



WAKO PREMIER LEAGUE



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K1 - THE MOST ENTERTAINING COMBAT SPORT IN THE WORLD

The strongest K1 League in the world

By WAKO, the world governing body in partnership with WAKO-PRO

WAKO a part of the Olympic movement

Exclusive circuit for WAKO members only

A 3 year circuit with solid awards

Top sport and entertainment

World wide coverage

K1 Kickboxing by WAKO was on shortlist for Olympic Games LA2028

(fully evaluated to be included as an Olympic sport)

International Federation
recognised by the



International
Olympic
Committee



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WORLDWIDE NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITION

FOR WAKO MEMBERS ONLY



VS



WAKO PREMIER LEAGUE



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EXAMPLES OF GROUP ELIMINATIONS. OFFICIAL DRAWINGS

Europe

Croatia
vs
Turkey

Winner
vs
Winner

Ukraine
vs
Serbia

Africa

Morocco
vs
Mauritius

Winner
vs
Winner

Egypt
vs
Australia

Semi Finals

Winner Europe
vs
Winner Africa

Winner Asia
vs
Winner Americas

Asia

UAE
vs
Kazakhstan

Winner
vs
Winner

China
vs
Japan

Americas

Brazil
vs
USA

Winner
vs
Winner

Mexico
vs
Canada

Finals

Semi Finals Winner 1
vs
Semi Finals Winner 2

WAKO PREMIER LEAGUE

K1 WAKO PREMIER LEAGUE

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IF 16 COUNTRIES IN TOTAL - WHAT DOES THAT MEAN LOGISTICALLY?

ELIMINATIONS

Participation

- Four countries from each continent
 - Europe
 - Asia/Oceania
 - Africa
 - Pan America
- Eight strong countries in K1 are approached (Probably you will get 4 accepting).

Schedule

- Four events, one each quarter.
- World Final end of year
 - Day 1 semi finals
 - Day 2 finals

Format

- Open Draw of four countries, each country will have one home game one away game.
- A v B and C v D
- The two winning teams will then move forward to a continental K1 Champions league final (Eg A – D)
- The winners of the continental final will go to final of the champions league world finals and team the world title (Eg D)



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THE CONDITIONS

Weight classes men: -63 kg, -69 kg, -71 kg, 81 kg, +91 kg

Weight classes female: -50 kg, 60 kg, -65 kg

10 Oz gloves

No helmet

3x3 minutes round

WAKO-PRO Rules

Open Scoring system for coaches and audience

International Federation
recognised by the



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THE CONDITIONS

Fixed Weight classes. NF decides the team at all time but based upon a fixed and announced registration of max 3 athletes in each weight category.

First edition: WAKO pick the K1 Federations

Second edition: National Federation needs to participate in the World Championship to qualify participation

Building up solid national pride

Press-releases and media package for all national teams

Brand management

1 home and 1 away event



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Final Round

HOST CITY

Bid for K1 Champions League final host city.

Host city responsible for all travel and accommodation for all teams, organizers and referees.

Host City to pay sanction fee



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TIMELINE

2025

Agree on concept

Design and modelling

Sponsor package

Approach countries

Contracts

Agree Host City
final

2026

Eliminations

Finals

2026/7

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ATHLETES' COMMITTEE: DELIVERED IN 2025

IWGA AC Elections

- WAKO AC managed to secure a WAKO-nominated IWGA AC Member – [important diplomatic position](#)

Athletes Development

- Informing WAKO Athletes about relevant news & information in collaboration with the Media Committee
- Organized 4 development seminars by expert lecturers as the *Online Development Seminar Series*
 - Weight Management
 - Train Smart – Energy Systems of Kickboxing
 - Sport Psychology in Combat Sport
 - Understanding Anti-Doping: Play Fair, Compete Strong

Participation at IOC Athlete Representatives Events

- In-person attendance at the *IOC International Athletes Forum* in Lausanne
- Participation at briefings & video conference meetings of the *IOC's Global Network of ACs*

Anti-Doping/WADA Athlete Council Group 3 Selection

- WAKO nominee shortlisted for the second interview among over 40 candidates
- Participation at WADA briefings and webinars

"Fighters Supporting Fighters"

- Contributing in organizing the WAKO Athlete Corner



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ATHLETES COMMITTEE: FOCUS 2026

Athletes Development

- Contributing in organizing the *Online Development Seminar Series* in collaboration with the Coaches Committee

Participation at IOC Athlete Representatives Events

- In-person attendance at the *IOC International Athletes Forum* in Lausanne
- Participation at briefings & video conference meetings of the *IOC's Global Network of ACs*

Structured Work Distribution by 3 Specialized Working Groups

1) Sport Rules & Regulations and Event Organization Working Group

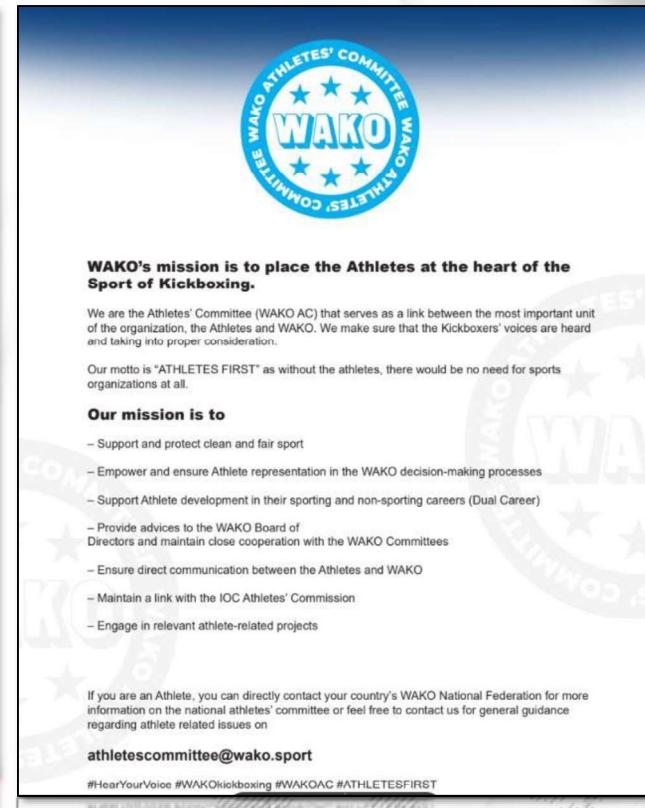
Working closely with the Coaches and Referee Committees in order to reflect constantly on rules & regulations

2) Athlete Support & Communication Working Group

Working closely with the Media Committee in order to duly provide relevant information for the athletes (via social media) and open to receive relevant feedbacks from athletes (via dedicated email)

3) Anti-Doping and Athlete Welfare Working Group

Working closely with the WAKO Anti-Doping Officer & Participation at WADA briefings and webinars in order to be duly informed about anti-doping-related issues



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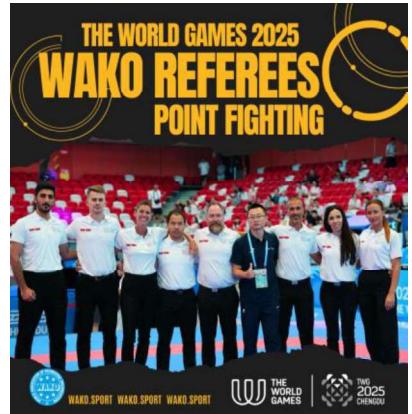
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Tatami A CLASS REFEREES

Country	Male	Female
Netherland	1	1*
Norway	4	0
Poland	2	2
Portugal	1	0
Serbia	1	0
Slovenia	9	1
Switzerland	1	0
Slovakia	7	1
Spain	2	0
Sweden	0	1
Turkey	1	0
USA	1	0
Ukraine	1	1
Venezuela	1	0

Country	Male	Female
Algerie	1	1
Austria	2	2
Belgium	3	1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2	0
Bulgaria	5	3
Canada	1	1
Croatia	6	2
Czechia	0	1
France	1	0
Great Britain	2	0
Germany	6	1
Greece	2	3
Hungary	5	2
India	0	1
Ireland	3	0
Italy	9	5
Moldova	1	0



**WAKO IF:
A Class International
Referees:
81 Male 73%
30 Female 27%**



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TATAMI: B CLASS



Country	Male	Female
Macedonia	1	1
Moldova	0	1
Mexico	1	0
Montenegro	1	0
Netherland	1	
Poland	1	0
Serbia	2	0
Slovenia	1	1
Switzerland	0	1
Slovakia	1	1
Spain	2	1
Thailand	1	0
Tjadikistan	1	3
Turkey	4	0
UAE	1	0
Uzbeksitan	1	1
USA	1	0
Ukraine	1	1

Country	Male	Female
Algerie	1	0
Argentina	1	0
Austria	2	1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3	0
Bulgaria	3	1
Croatia	0	2
Czechia	2	0
Ecuador	0	1
Egypt	3	0
Great Britain	1	0
Germany	2	1
Greece	2	2
Hungary	3	0
India	3	0
Iraq	2	0
Italy	6	3
Jordan	1	0
Lebanon		1



**WAKO IF:
B Class International
Referees:
56 Male 71%
23 Female 29%**



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RING: A CLASS REFEREES

Country	Male	Female
Kazakhstan	4	0
Korea	0	1
Latvia	1	0
Lithuania	2	0
Moldva	2	0
Norway	2	0
Poland	3	2
Serbia	2	0
Slovakia	1	0
Slovenia	1	0
Spain	1	1
Switzerland	1	0
Turkiye	2	1
Ukraine	3	0
Uzbekistan	1	0
USA	2	0

Country	Male	Female
Austria	1	0
Azerbaijan	2	0
Bosnia & Herzegovina	1	1
Bulgaria	4	1
Canada	0	1
Croatia	2	0
Czechia	2	0
Estonia	3	0
Finland	3	0
Germany	1	0
Great Britain	1	0
Greece	2	0
Hungary	1	0
India	2	0
Ireland	1	0
Israel	2	1
Italy	0	1

66 A Class referees



**WAKO IF:
A Class International
Referees:**
56 Male 85%
10 Female 15%



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RING: B CLASS



Country	Male	Female
Turkiye	5	0
Ukraine	0	1
UAE	2	0
USA	1	0
Uzbekistan	1	0



Country	Male	Female
Azerbaijan	3	1
Algeria	1	0
Belarus	1	0
Bulgaria	1	0
Estonia	2	0
France	1	0
Greece	0	2
Israel	1	0
Jordan	1	0
Kyrgyzstan	1	0
Latvia	1	0
Lithuania	2	0
Mauritius	0	1
New Zealand	0	1
Portugal	1	0
Syria	1	0
Thailand	2	2



**WAKO IF:
B Class International
Referees:
29 Male 78%
8 Female 22%**



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KICKBOXING FIELD OF PLAY



Kickboxing has a high engagement level during multi sport events.



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EVENT MANAGEMENT & MEMBERSHIP

2026:

Following extensive negotiations the following framework has been agreed for 2026 to enhance uptake of memberships globally and incorporate more events.

What: The Standard WAKO Membership will now be free of charge (Federations can continue to charge whatever they feel appropriate for their national need. There will be no charge for the event set up and delivery on sports data for event management and hosting (**Excludes staff**)

Why: We need to be able to standardise and show our global picture to enhance our ability to promote and integrate. With the registration being free it will promote additional members on to the system. Only when an athlete wants to compete is there a charge that is then applied at point of registration. The normal sports data charges no longer apply as they are incorporated in the competitor registration fee. This will we believe promote more tournaments on the global system.

Fees 2026 forward.

Event Management Fee: €0 (excludes staff (if required) and or payment commission from provider (stripe etc)

Competitor Fee: Two options

One Event registration €4

Annual registration €9



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Continental Focus

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CONTINENTAL FOCUS: AFRICA

Date	Event	Host	Host
9 Dec 2024	REFEREE Seminar	SOUTH AFRICA	SAMI SAVO
9 Dec 2024	Technical Seminar	SOUTH AFRICA	ROMEO DESA
9-10 Dec 2024	WAKO Africa OPEN CUP	SOUTH AFRICA	ASLAM MAHOMED WAKO AFRICA
9-12 Dec 2024	WAKO AFRICAN CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	SOUTH AFRICA	ASLAM MAHOMED WAKO AFRICA
10 December 2024	WAKO AFRICA ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY	SOUTH AFRICA	WAKO AFRICAN BOARD
29 March 2025	Cameroon National Low Kick	DOUALACAMEROON	EMMANUEL ESSISSIMA
26 April 2025	Cameroon National Full Contact	BAHAMCAMEROON	EMMANUEL ESSISSIMA
10 May 2025	COMBAT 6	BENIN	FAKB-DA
17 May 2025	Cameroon National K1 Championship	LIMBECAMEROON	EMMANUEL ESSISSIMA
15-22 June 2025	AFRICAN OPEN CUP 2025 -7	YAOUNDECAMEROON	EMMANUEL ESSISSIMA
11-12 July 2025	7 COUNTRIES	WALVIS BAYNAMIBIA	ANITA DE KLERK
July 2025	National	ABUJA NIGERIA	OKON WILSON
28 Sept – 1st October 2025	INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR COACH,	CAIRO EGYPT	WAKO IF
1-6 October 2025	AFRICA CONTINENTAL	CAIRO EGYPT	MOHAMED SOBIH
15 November 2025	WAKO AFRICA ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY	ONLINE	WAKO AFRICAN BOARD



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CONTINENTAL FOCUS: EUROPE

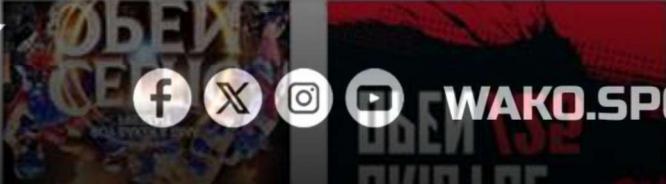


THE MAIN TOURNAMENTS IN EUROPE 2025

1. Golden Glove, Mareno di Piave, January 2025
2. Danish Open, Aalborg, February 2025
3. Athens Challenge 2025, WAKO European Cup
4. Zabok Open, Zabok (CRO)
5. Bulgaria Kickboxing European Cup, Plovdiv
6. Grand Prix Sarajevo, European Cup
7. Yokoso Dutch Open 2025
8. Zagreb European Cup, Varaždin 2025
9. EUSA Combat Championships, Warsaw
10. WAKO European Championships, Jesolo
11. Flanders Cup, Belgium
12. Balkan Open, Tesanj BiH
13. The Bristol Open 2025
14. Celtic Open 2025, Ireland



TOTAL PARTICIPATION OF 16.207 KICKBOXERS ACROSS EUROPE



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Other Activities:

1. WAKO Europe participated at the **Transnational Safe Combat Erasmus + Project Meeting** in Antwerp, Belgium
2. Total 49 WAKO Europe kickboxers participated in **The World Games** held in Chengdu, China
3. The **WAKO International Referee Seminar**, Varna, Bulgaria
4. WAKO Educational Webinar for Referees-appointment of the **new para-kickboxing referees**
5. WAKO Europe Kickboxing Championships for juniors and **Para-kickboxing Demonstration**



A new Strategy in Europe active from 2 quarter to be developed by the new European Board

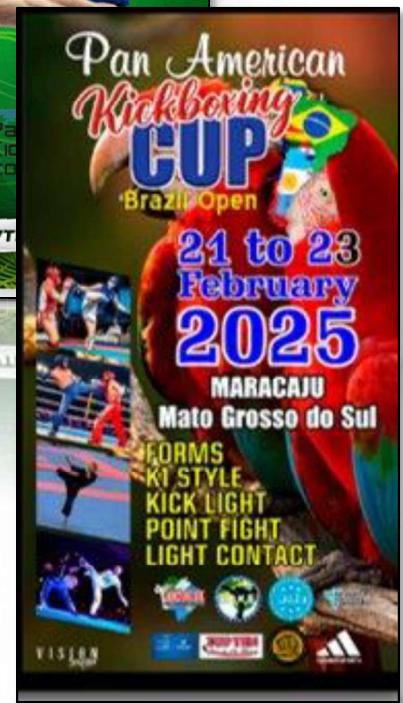


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JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
General Assembly of Asociacion de kickboxing de SAntiago (Dominican Republic) Youth Development Championship (El Salvador) Camp (January 12-15) Uruguay Presidents of Associations/ Leagues Meeting; Belt Homologation (Venezuela)	Pan American Cup - Brazil Women's Team Training Camp (Kickboxing Low Kick) (ELS) Seminar (Point Fighting, Light Contact) (URU) Strategic Training/Tactics (Point Fighting, Kick Light, Low Kick, KT) (VEN)	Kickboxing Workshop in Puerto Plata and Local Youth Event: "Batalla del 30 de marzo" (DR) Ordinary General Assembly of the Federation (ELS) Ordinary Assembly (2025 Report); Awards Gala for Most Outstanding Athletes of 2024 (VEN)	WAKO DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR SERIES at Brazil 23-27 - Dual Meet vs. Nicaragua (ELS) Ring Seminars I (URU) 1st Kickboxing Camp (La Guaira 2025) (VEN)

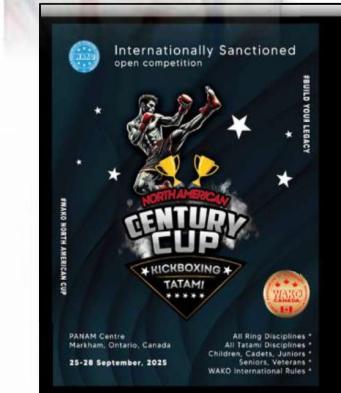


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MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
<p>1.Presentation of "Athlete of the Year" Awards (Youth/Juvenile categories) (DR)</p> <p>2.1st Francisco de Miranda Kickboxing Cup 2025; National Championship (VEN)</p> <p>3.Kickboxing Mexican Open 2025</p>	<p>1.Local Gym Event: "Rookies Night 2" (June 19) (RD)</p> <p>2.North American Century Championship (CAN)</p> <p>3.Tatami Seminar. (URU)</p> <p>4.1st Táchira Kickboxing Cup 2025; WAKO PRO Update Seminar. (VEN)</p> <p>5.Brazil national championship</p>	<p>1.National Training and Sparring Camp. (ELS)</p> <p>2.Ring Seminar II (URU)</p> <p>3.Certification of Judges, Referees, and Coach (Lara);</p> <p>1st Kickboxing Cup. (VEN)</p>	<p>1.Organized Event: Mayan Challenge USA (Clearwater, Florida) (ELS)</p> <p>2.Referees Seminar. (URU)</p> <p>3.Training of the National Beach Selection (Lara) (VEN)</p> <p>4.Participation of the Venezuelan delegation as an official of the Venezuelan Olympic Committee in the Junior Pan American Games 2025.</p> <p>5.Participation in the Panam Sports General Assembly in Paraguay</p> <p>6.Affiliation to Acodepa (associations of panamerican sport confederations)</p> <p>7.Agreement with CISM (International Military Sports Council) and Kickboxing in the military sphere/sector.</p> <p>8.QUITO INTERNATIONAL KICKBOXING OPEN 2025</p>



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WAKO PAN AMERICA



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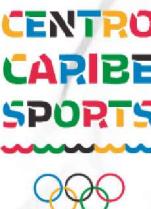


Confirmed:

1. Bolivarian Youth Games in Caracas, Venezuela
2. Pan American Cups - Brazil and Canada
3. South American and Pan American Championships in Caracas, Venezuela
4. Participation in the 1st International Military Kickboxing Challenge
5. Assembly and Elections during the Pan American Games

Our future goals:

6. FISU World University Championship Combat Sports 2026 . Participations on FISU America
7. Central American and Caribbean Games 2026, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
8. South American Youth Games, Panama City, Panama



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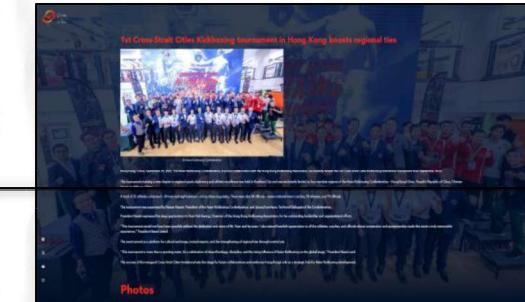


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CONTINENTAL FOCUS: ASIA

1. Asian Kickboxing Championships 2024, Cambodia and World Games qualification for Asian Athletes (Phnom Penh 6-13 October 2024)
2. Kickboxing Coaching, Technical & Referee Seminar, (Kuwait 12 May 2025)
3. Hong Kong 1st Cross-Strait Cities Kickboxing Tournament (18-22 September 2025)
4. Online Guideline Meeting for Kickboxing Competition 33rd Southeast Asian Games – Thailand 2025 (24 September 2025)
5. Olympic Council of Asia OCA is monitoring WAKO Asia activities



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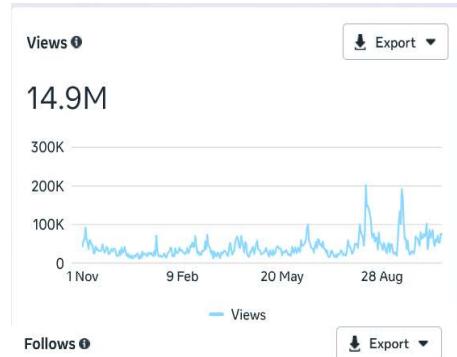
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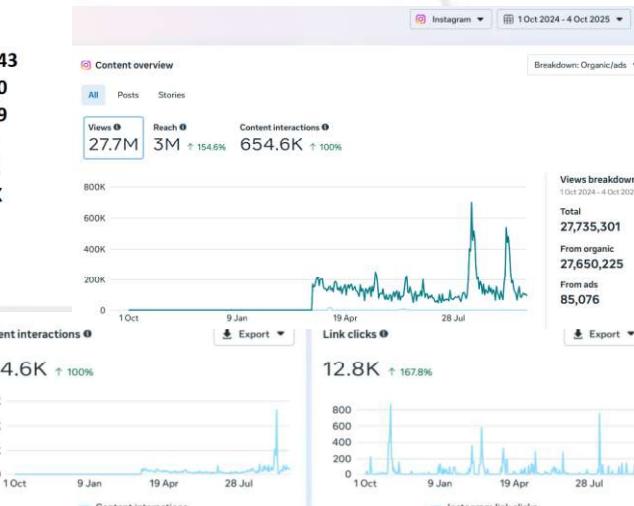


WAKO SOCIAL MEDIA

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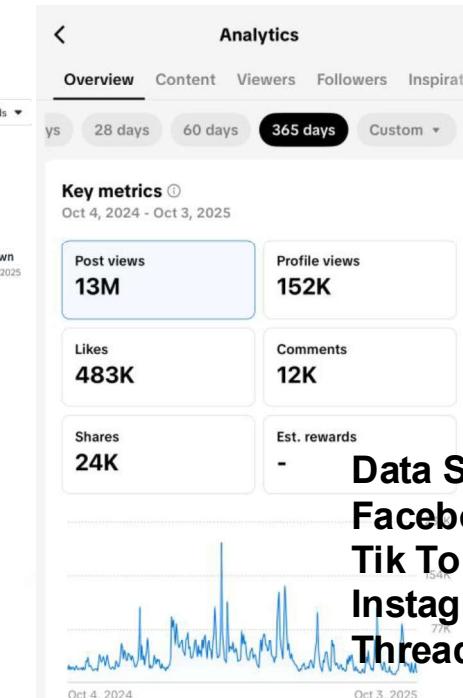


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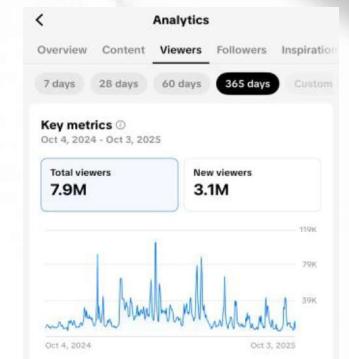


A loyal and growing fanbase:
FB 118,320, IG 60,7K, TikTok 63,6K,
Threads 4,6K

Tik Tok, 13M



9 Months
59 Million views



Data Source:
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Threads @wako.kickboxing.official

WAKO at The World Games:
-9M content views in period August 2025.
-Kickboxing event live broadcast at Olympic channel



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WAKO MEDIA REPORT 2025: SOCIAL MEDIA REACH 12 MONTH LOOKBACK SEP TO SEP TOP VIDEOS AND STORIES

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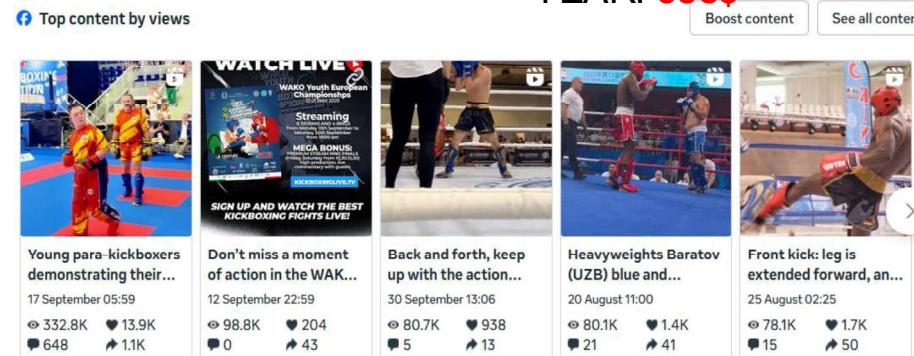
Instagram Top content by views



By top content



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TOP CONTENT:



322K views



1. SOCIAL MEDIA REACH 12 MONTHS

FACEBOOK: 14,9M

INSTAGRAM: 28,9M

TIKTOK: 13M

THREADS: 46K

2. AVERAGE DAILY POSTING:

3-5 POSTS PER DAY

(POSTS, REELS, VIDEOS, STORIES)

3. FACEBOOK EARNING LAST

YEAR: 588\$



1.115M views



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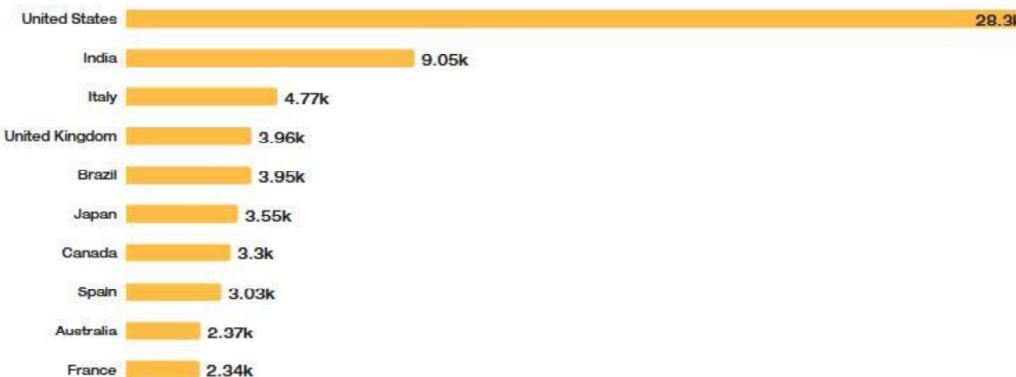


DIGITAL FOOTPRINT: SENTIMENT & REACH 365 DAYS

Reach Trend ⓘ

Total Reach
3.72B ↓ 41% Previous period 6.29B

Daily Average
531M ↓ 41% Previous period 898M



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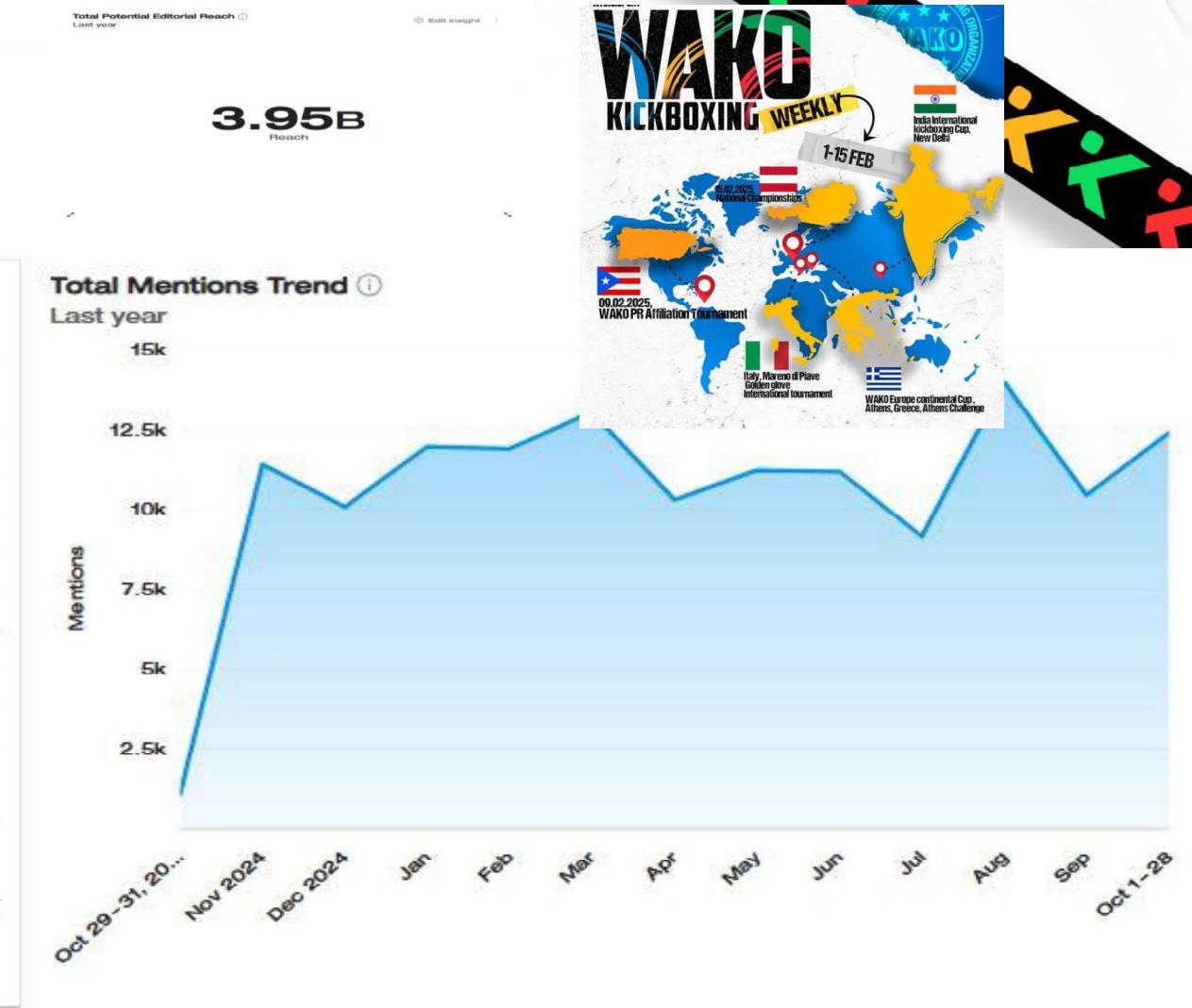
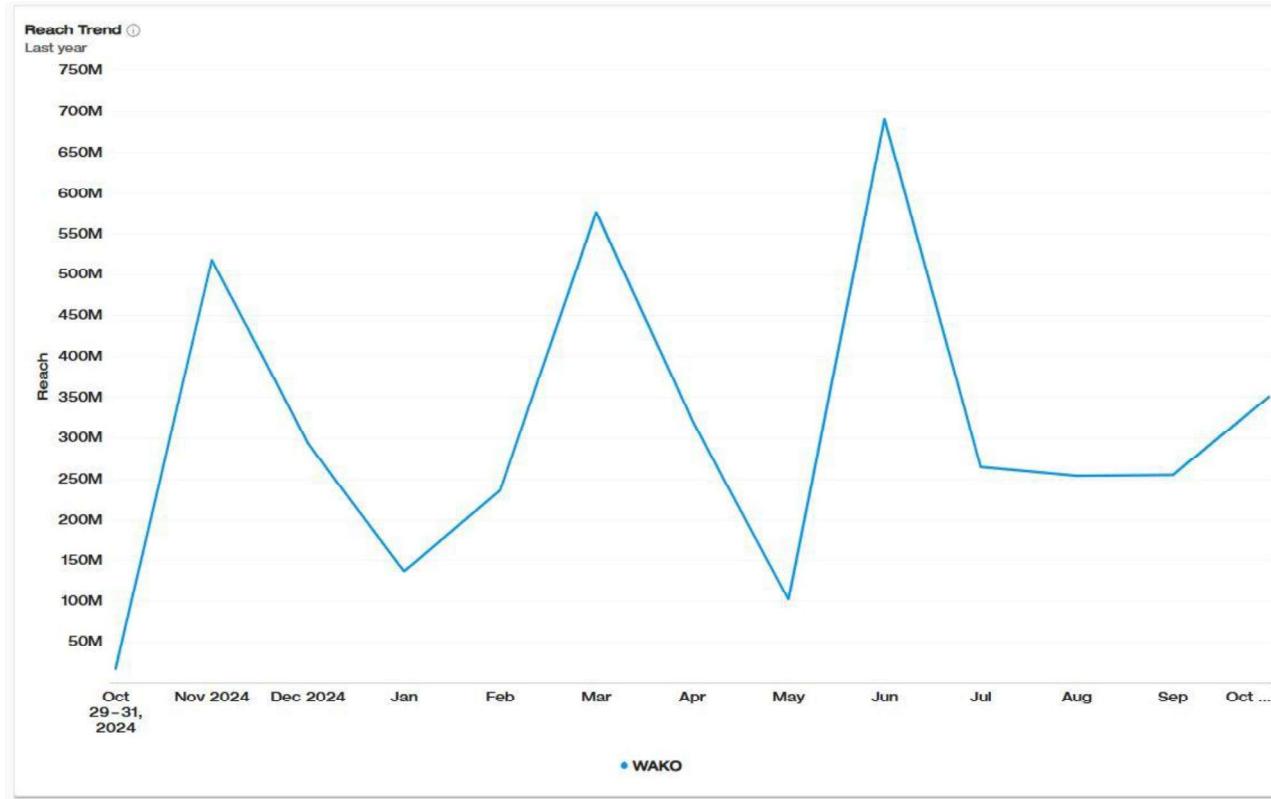


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DIGITAL FOOTPRINT: SENTIMENT & REACH 365 DAYS



Data Source: Meltwater Oct 17th 2025



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Grading and Standards

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Grading and Standards

The Grading Syllabus Committee presented at various WAKO tournament.

- Outlined the Grading Syllabus program
- Seminars are being planned for 2025–2026 to allow participants to achieve above 3rd Dan promotions,
- Members will be informed through WAKO HQ about the dates and locations of these events.
- I am pleased to inform you that the first official seminar will be held during the World Championships in Abu Dhabi.
- After the seminar, there will also be an opportunity for candidates to take Dan examinations.

Name	Country	Grade	Date
Igor Opoczka	Poland	1st degree	June
Maciej Bednarowicz	Poland	1st degree	June
Tymoteusz Kopa	Poland	1st degree	June
Thor Laenen	Belgium	1st degree	June
Mattéo Delporte	Belgium	1st degree	June
Krzysztof Mrozek	Poland	1st degree	June
Name	Country	Grade	Date
Andrzej Majewski	Poland	2nd Degree	June
Patrick Vranckx	Belgium	2nd Degree	May
Anthony Blanquart	Belgium	2nd Degree	June
Name	Country	Grade	Date
Andrzej Śliwa	Poland	3 rd degree	Nov
Name	Country	Grade	Date
Erich Wulz	Austria	4 th degree	May
Name	Country	Grade	Date
Zoran Cicvara	Croatia	6 th degree	Feb
Piotr Siegoczyński	Poland	6 th degree	Jul
Name	Country	Grade	Date
Donato Milano	Italy	9 th degree	Feb



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MEDICAL & ANTI-DOPING

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Medical and Anti-Doping report



2025 activity

Providing Medical Assistance and Anti-Doping controls at World and Continental championships

Review of WAKO Medical rules, forms and procedures

Database of suspended athletes and continuous monitoring of their clearances

Ongoing Antidoping Education, with a specific campaign directed at the International World Games

Activity in the Paralympic sector: collaboration to define different competition classes, and athletes' assessment

Plans for 2026

Providing Medical Assistance at World and Continental championships

Anti-doping surveillance, with an increase in size of the Registered Testing Pool, and education

Supporting kickboxing education seminars on health-related topics

Publishing the list of medical suspensions on WAKO website

Continue activity in the Paralympic sector



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Global Presence

We are Kickboxing Kickboxing is WAKO

- Global Footprint: **1.7M. matches 2024/25 (Oct-Oct**
- Inclusivity and Diversity: **367k Elite athletes**
- Athleticism and Skill: **36% Female 64% Male**
- Excitement and Entertainment: **694 Events**
- Legacy and Growth: **23.2% up YoY in 25**
- Transparency. **Global use of Sportdata**



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WORLD CUPS

Date	Event	Country	Participate d countries	Registratio ns	Male	Female
March	IKWC World Cup	Italy	46	3012	1885	1127
April	Thai WC	Thailand	37	790	578	212
May	Turkish WC	Turkey	41	3246	1995	1251
June	Hungarian WC	Hungary	52	3811	2459	1352
Oct	Uzbek WC	Uzbekistan	40	2727	2102	625
				13,586	9,019	4,567
					67%	33%



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CONTINENTAL CUPS

Date	Event	Country	Countries	Registrations	Male	Female
European cup	Athens Challenge Open	Greece	24	1755	1024	731
European cup	Top Ten Plovdiv Open	Bulgaria	29	2177	1455	722
European cup	Grand Prix Sarajevo	Bosnia and Herzegovina	20	858	605	253
European cup	Varazdin Open	Croatia	30	2032	1247	785
African Cup	Pyramide Battle Cup	Egypt	8	641	499	142
Pan American cup	South American Championships	Brazil				
				7463	4830	2633
				%	65%	35%



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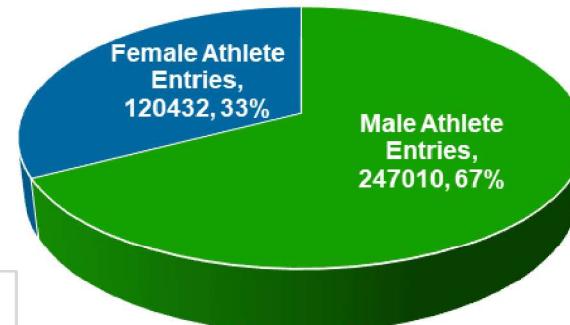
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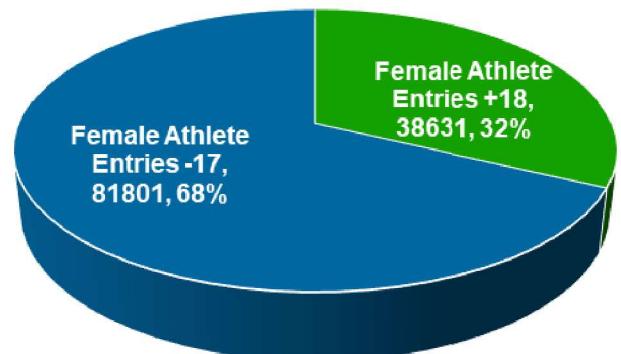
Event Statistics: Gender Balance & Age



Gender Balance

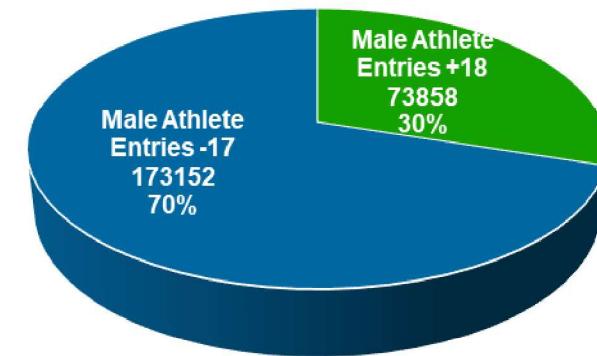


Female Elite Athletes <12 (Oct 24-Oct 25)



■ Female Athlete Entries +18 ■ Female Athlete Entries -17

Male Elite Athletes <12 months (Oct 24-Oct 25)



■ Male Athlete Entries +18 ■ Male Athlete Entries -17



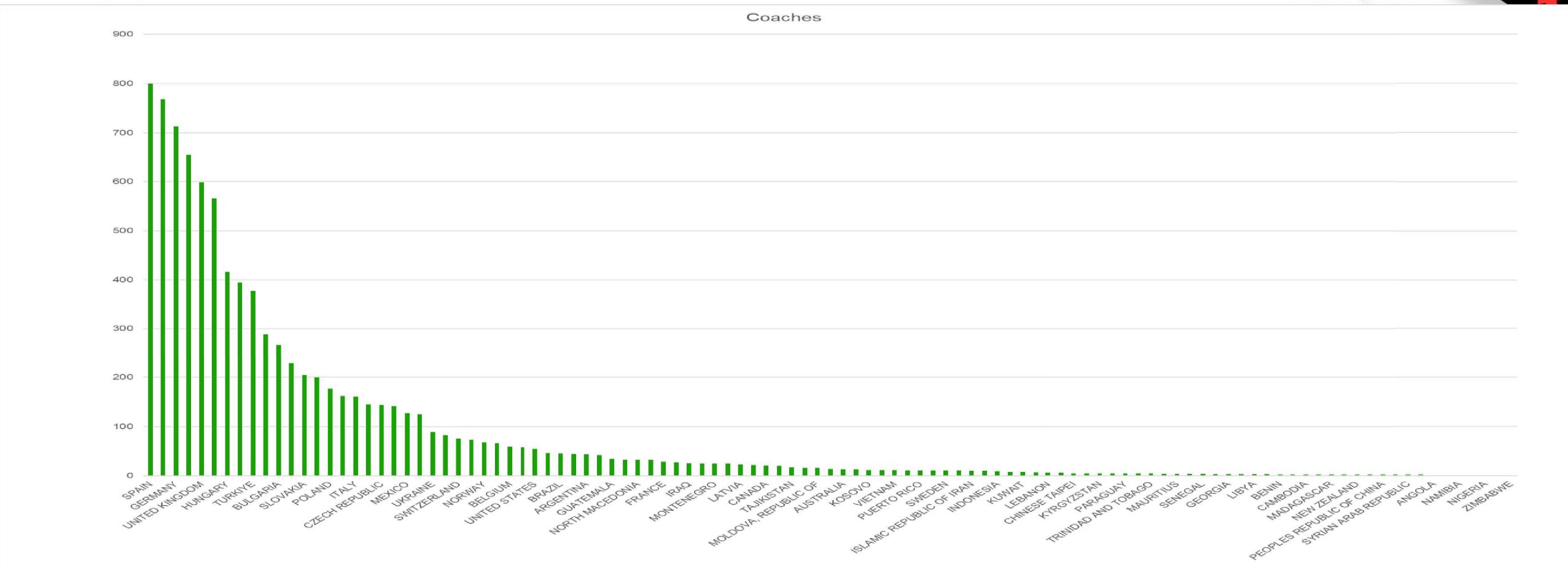
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Event Statistics: Coaches 9,232 from 107 countries



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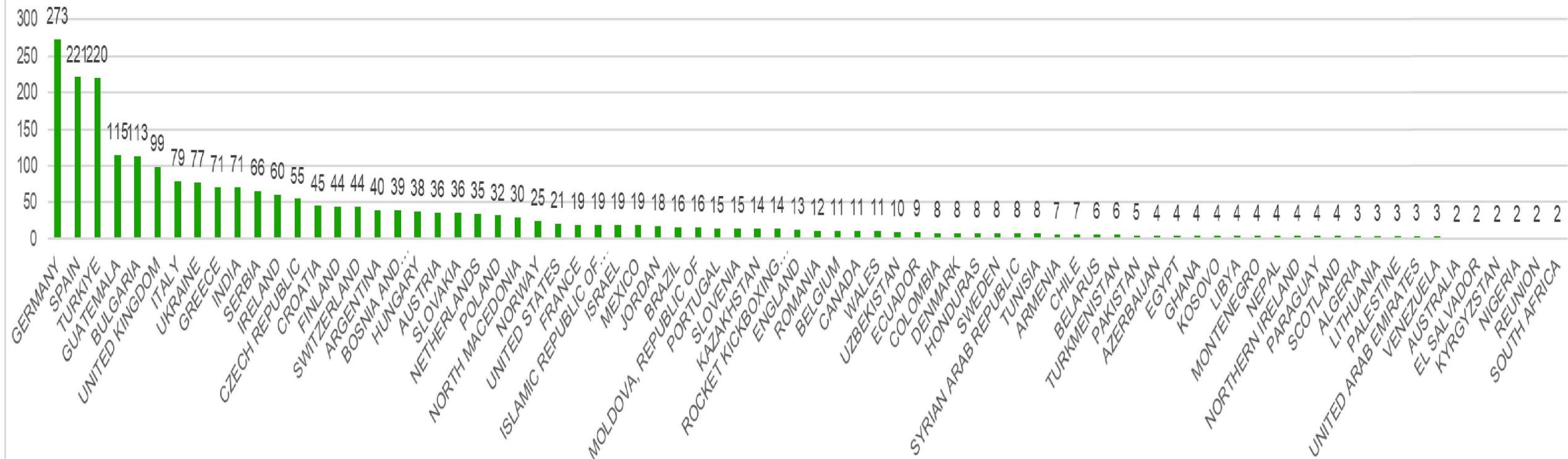
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Event Statistics: Referee 2,392 from 76 countries



Referee Activity 2025



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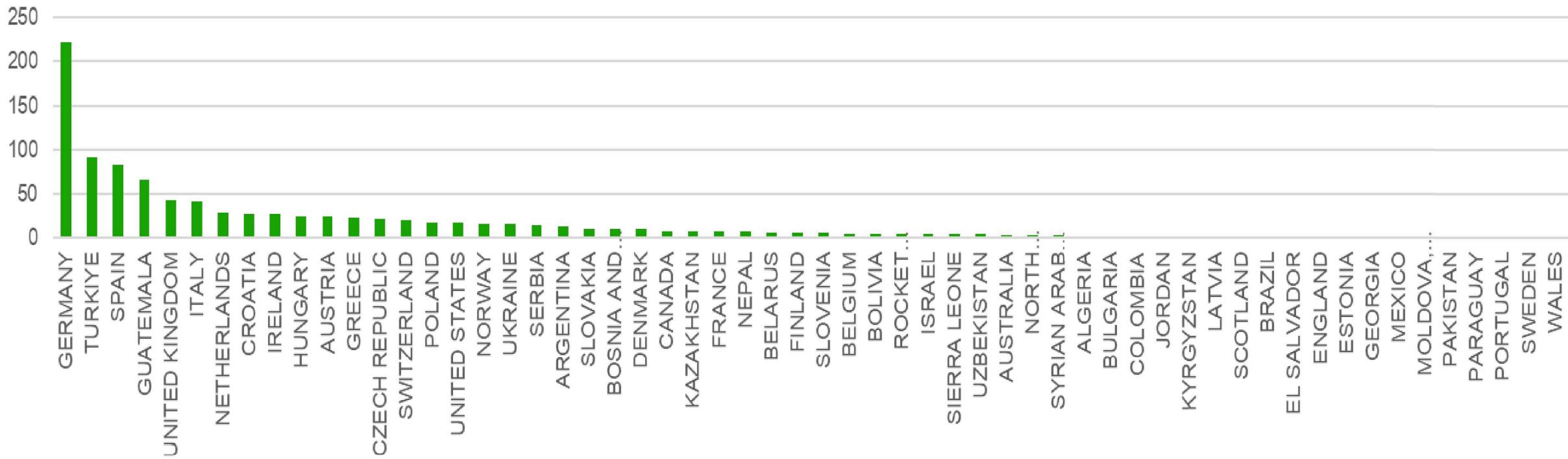


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Event Statistics: officials 978 from 57 countries

Officials 2025



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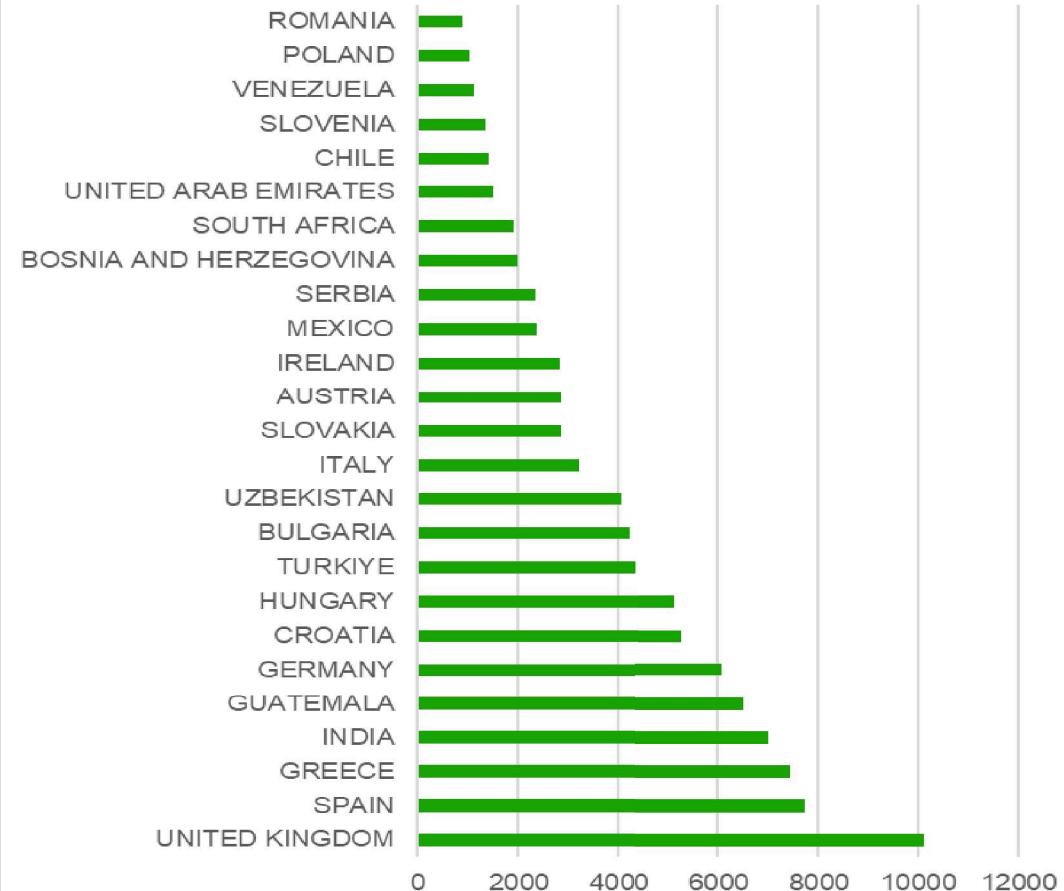
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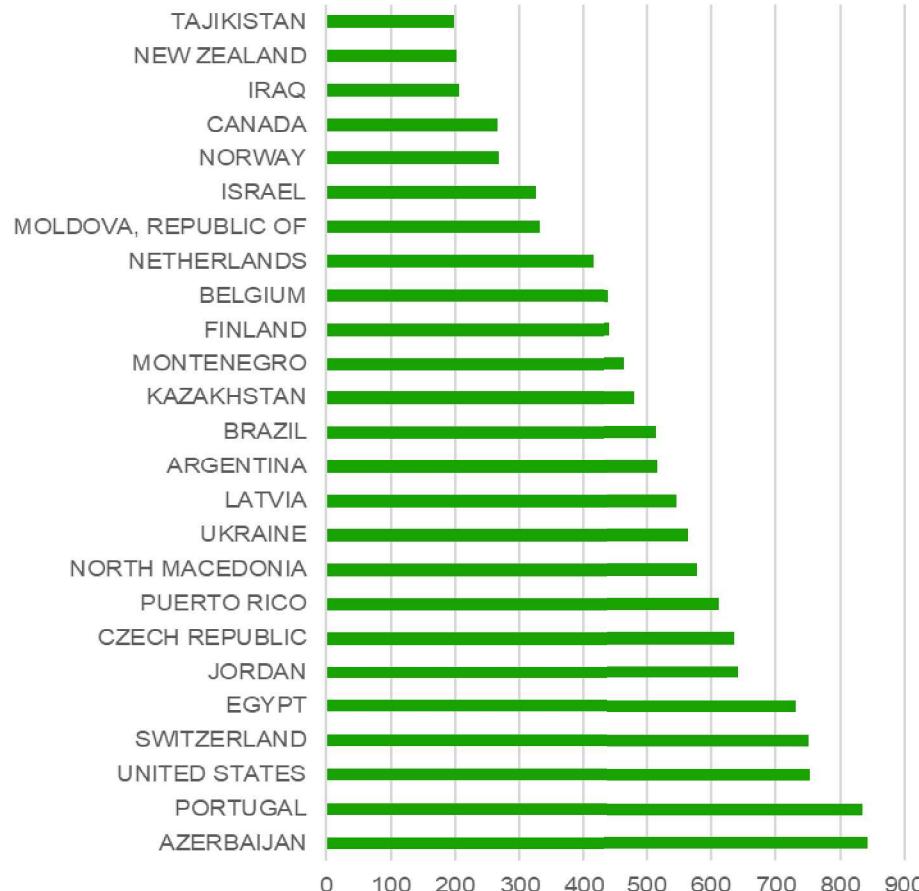
Event Statistics: Elite Athletes 376k 110 countries



1 - 25 top



Next 26 -50 (under 1,000)



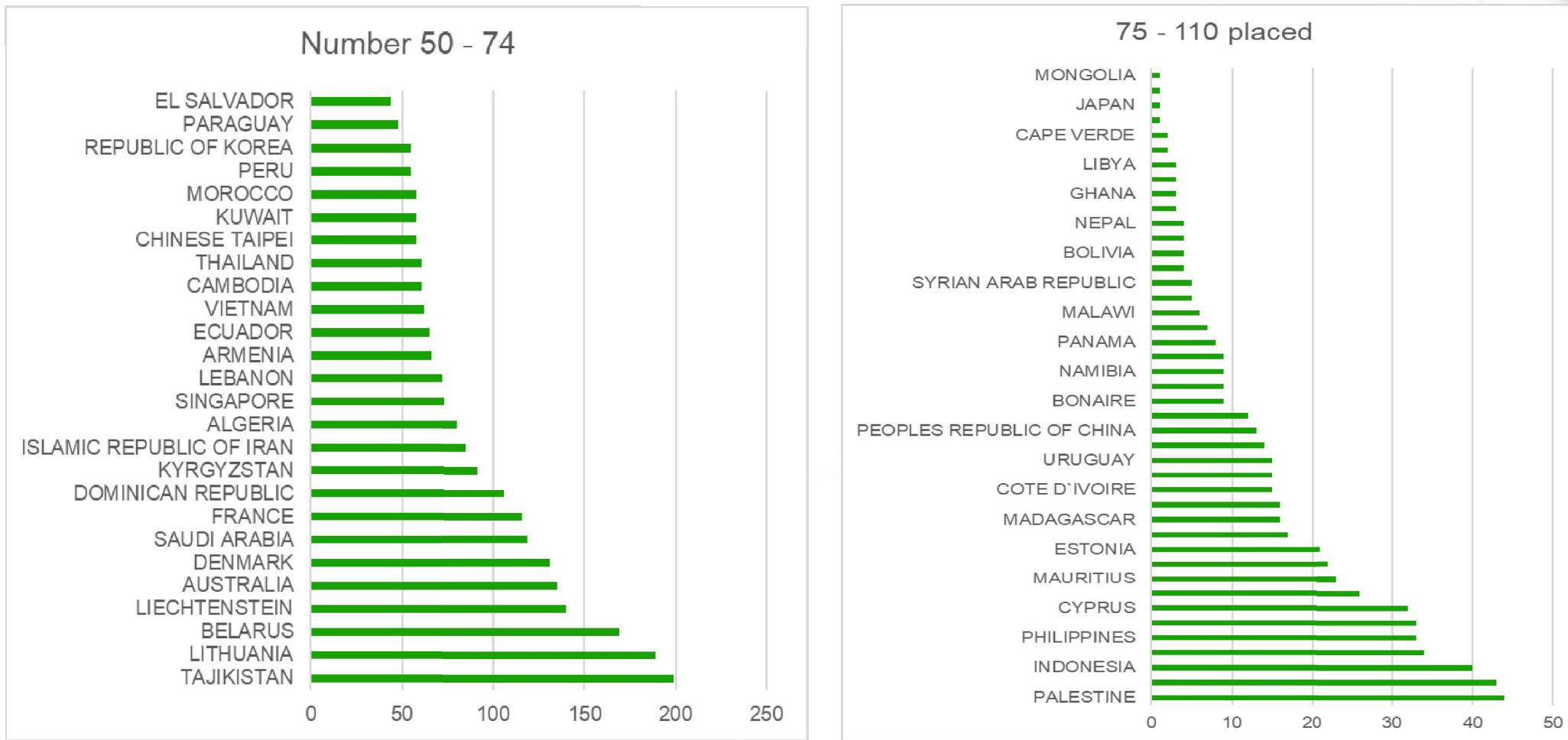
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Event Statistics: Elite Athletes by country



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