



REPORT 5th ATHLETE & COACH CORNER

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ABU DHABI 2025



THE EVENT

85 countries - 1950 athletes - 4500 people in total

Tuesday 25.11.2025 from 10:00 AM to 18:30 PM

Countries interacting: Iran, Greece, Ukraine, Norway, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Morocco, Spain, Portugal, Poland, India, New Zealand, UAE, Egypt, Turkmenistan, GB, Belgium

Wednesday 26.11.2025 from 10:00 AM to 17:30 PM

Countries interacting: North Macedonia, Poland, India, Bulgaria, Belgium, Ireland, Iraq, Tajikistan, Saudi Arabia, Hungary, UAE, Montenegro, Pakistan, Bonaire, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Uzbekistan, Philippines, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Germany, Chile, Bulgaria

Thursday 27.11.2025 from 10:30 AM to 18:30 PM

Countries interacting: UAE, India, Turkmenistan, Egypt, Thailand, Guatemala, Ecuador, Italy, Iraq, Ukraine, Iran, Argentina, Portugal, Mexico, Brazil, Vietnam, Turkey, Norway, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Chile, Greece, GB

Friday 28.11.2025 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM (ran out of diplomas)

Countries interacting: Denmark, Spain, Iraq, Syria, Canada, Jordan, Thailand

Total participation in Safeguarding quiz: 217 athletes/coaches

Total participation in Athlete 365 Career+: 180 participants from 40 countries

Total Certificates: 400

Approx total of persons engaging: approx. 600



Entire experience was great. I think this was our most successful event regarding Athlete Corner. Kate, material for Safeguarding and quiz were excellent, Linn is so enthusiastic and magnet for athletes to engage them with what we are doing, position in the hall was top. Thank you all for really great week, I enjoyed every moment!

Everyone did a great job. Connecting with the athletes was an amazing experience; their interest, commitment, and enthusiasm exceeded all expectations. The visit of the parakickboxers caused strong emotions both for them and for us. Thank you to everyone. I look forward to continuing this cooperation and creating even more opportunities together in the future.

Location was super this year-this is key! Quiz about safeguarding worked great, thank you Kate! Video clips were super Marijana! Personality test is fun and interactive Milos! Thank you, Espen, and all for your collaboration and good vibes😊

It works absolutely perfect – Simple methods, athletes and coaches hunger for information. They are curious, they are reflected even though being in a Championship bubble. All in all delivered by a super positive team. WAKO walk the talk.



SAFEGUARDING FOCUS

Representatives from the Women in Sport Committee. Information Learning about Safeguarding - Purpose, responsibilities, reporting procedures, quiz and learning.



ANTI-DOPING



Information and signing up for a free sport and fair play.

WAKO have as mandatory to have ADEL certificate to be able to participate in a Championship. In December and January WAKO will have an ADEL campaign.



ATHLETE 365 CAREER +



Information and dialogue. Discovering IOC Athlete365 Career+ programme, thinking about career after sport, through Talent cards, Occupation table and personal consultation



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ATHLETES' COMMITTEE

Zsolt Moradi (HUN)

Aleksandra Georgieva (BUL)

Andres Garcia

Billy Bryce (GBR)

Cebrail Gencoglu (TUR)

Guilmerina Barat (ARG)

Leonardo Corrales (ARG)

Mahmoud Alkhatib (JOR)

Meryl Swidler (USA)

#ATHLETES

WAKO's mission is to place the Athletes at the heart of the Sport of Kickboxing.

We are the Athletes' Committee (WAKO AC) that serves as a link between the most important unit of the organization, the Athletes and WAKO. We make sure that the Kickboxers' voices are heard and taking into proper consideration.

Our motto is "ATHLETES FIRST" as without the athletes, there would be no need for sports organizations at all.

Our mission is to

- Support and protect clean and fair sport
- Empower and ensure Athlete representation in the WAKO decision-making processes
- Support Athlete development in their sporting and non-sporting careers (Dual Career)
- Provide advices to the WAKO Board of Directors and maintain close cooperation with the WAKO Committees
- Ensure direct communication between the Athletes and WAKO
- Maintain a link with the IOC Athletes' Commission
- Engage in relevant athlete-related projects

If you are an Athlete, you can directly contact your country's WAKO National Federation for more information on the national athletes' committee or feel free to contact us for general guidance regarding athlete related issues on

athletescommittee@wako.sport

#HearYourVoice #WAKOkickboxing #WAKOAC #ATHLETESFIRST



FREE CHIROPRACTIC SERVICE

Two excellent chiropractors working all week, all day long to service athletes, coaches and officials

Donation

50% of official equipment used at the World Championships – 50 Complete sets - are already donated to Palestine and Gaza area.

The other 50% are donated to the UAE national federation.





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KICKBOXING SAFE SPORT

REQUIRES A BEHAVIOUR
BASED ON MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING WITH
FRIENDSHIP, SOLIDARITY AND FAIR PLAY

With a current SAFEGUARDING POLICY, the WAKO actively promotes excellent behaviour and at the competitions.

BEHAVIOUR

OATHS AT CHAMPIONSHIPS

All WAKO events should be enjoyed by every participant in the oaths of competitors and officials, which are published before the competition.

VALUES

At all WAKO events, competitors, officials, and spectators perform to the best of their ability and to show respect for embracing diversity, fan culture, inclusion, and health, and everyone fairly and sensitively, regardless of gender, ethnic cultural background, sexual orientation, religion, or political affiliation.

THE WAKO SAFEGUARDING POLICY

The safeguarding policy defines the types of inappropriate punishable behavior, providing a standard view on how we behave. It serves as a tool to prevent and resolve conflicts in the WAKO sports community.

PERSONS COVERED

The WAKO Safeguarding Policy shall apply to all participants in WAKO events.

CONFIDENTIALITY

In reports of harassment and abuse, personal information of the concerned persons, other information gathered during investigations, hearings and results of investigations shall be regarded as confidential.

TIME FRAMEWORK


The WAKO Safeguarding Policy applies to each person as of the day of the arrival of this person at the WAKO event to the day of departure of this person from the WAKO event.

SANCTIONS

Breaches of WAKO Safeguarding Policy will be sanctioned by the WAKO Disciplinary Committee.

- PARTICIPATE IN THE SPIRIT OF THE GAME
- SHOW RESPECT AND FAIR PLAY
- DEMONSTRATE FAIR PLAY
- AVOID INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR






Stand Up, Speak Out: WAKO Supports UN Women's "Orange the World" Campaign

Every woman and girl deserves to live free from fear and violence. Yet, around the world, 1 in 3 women experience physical or sexual violence in their lifetime. This is not just a statistic—it's a call to action. As part of the global "Orange the World" campaign led by UN Women, we at WAKO stand united in raising awareness and taking action to end violence against women and girls. The color orange symbolizes a brighter future, free of violence, and we are proud to wear it as a sign of solidarity.

Why it matters: Violence against women is a violation of human rights. It affects not only individuals but entire communities and societies. By speaking up, educating ourselves and others, and supporting survivors, we can create a culture of respect, equality, and safety.



What can you do?
Wear orange to show your support.
Educate yourself and others about gender-based violence.
Speak out against harmful stereotypes and behaviors.
Support organizations working to protect and empower women.

Together, we can make a difference. Let's turn the world orange and say NO to violence against women.

#OrangeTheWorld #16Days #EndViolence #WAKOForChange











WAKO thank you!



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REFLECT – EDUCATE



- **Milos Milenkovic, Serbia NOC**
- **Linn Kristine Haugen, WAKO Europe Woman in Sport Committee**
- **Cebrail Cencoglu, WAKO Athlete Committee**
- **Katarzyna Kociszewska, WAKO Woman in Sport Committee**
- **Marijana Pelevic, WAKO Woman in Sport Committee**
- **Shea Stark FICS**
- **Aouregan Loge, FICS**

You Rock!