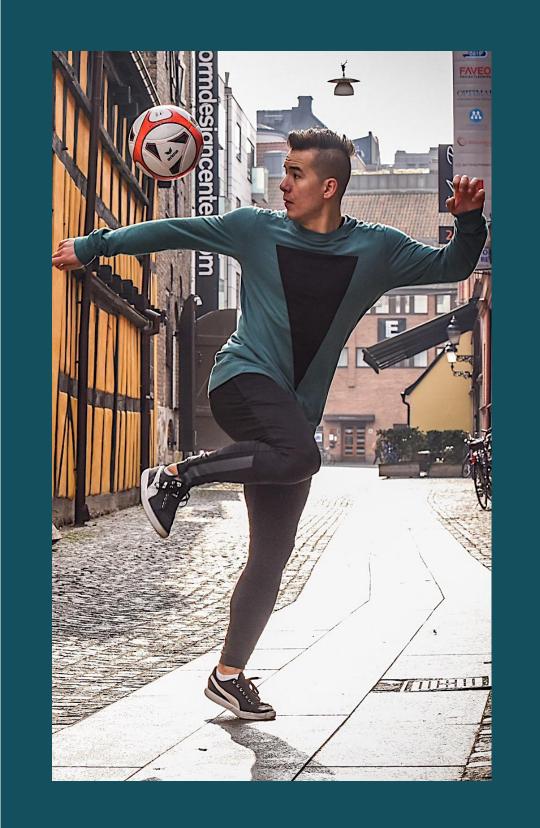


WORLD FREESTYLE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION





SPORT

The top freestylers are respected professional athletes, dedicated to training and competing



ART

Showmanship and creativity of athletes keep pushing the boundaries of the sport



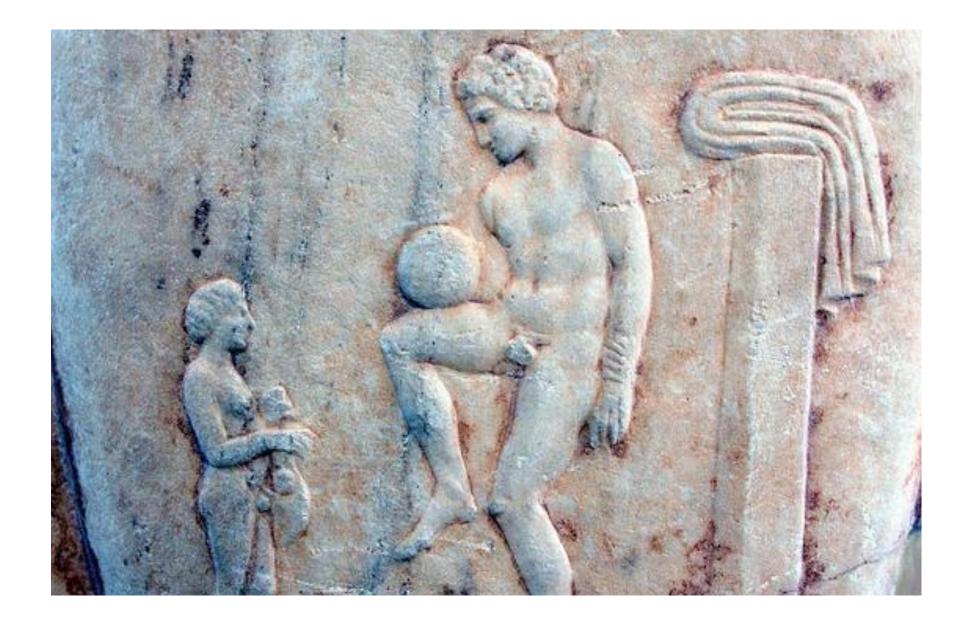
MOVEMENT

Freestyle has no gender, nationality or age; anyone can participate, anywhere



LIFESTYLE

Ingrained in popular culture, with renowned figures, merchandise, associated music styles and pro competitions







ANCIENT TIMES

XXTH CENTURY

XXIST CENTURY

The Roots

Ancient cultures create the first ball games (Jianzi, Episkyros, Sepak Takraw...) and plant the seed for Freestyle Football

The Founding Fathers

Inspired by the tricks of legends like Maradona, pioneers Mr Woo and Kang Sung Min combine art and sport around a football

The Consolidation

Official competitions such as the World Freestyle Football
Championship and Super Ball establish a credible global sport







2007	First battle competitions launched with Red Bull: Red Bull Reacción and Red Bull Fútbol de Calle
2011	Foundation of the first World Governing Body, the Freestyle Football Federation (F3), with 26 country members and 600 professional athletes
2012	Launch of anti-bullying and health awareness initiatives in schools. Launch of the popular videogame FIFA Street
2013	Launch of the World Rankings system and new event formats
2014	Ronaldinho becomes a Global Ambassador and embraces the sport as 'his beach'
2015	Contributing to fundraising and programming of NGO projects across 3 continents
2016	Rebranded from F3 to WFFA (World Freestyle Football Association) with headquarters in Mississauga, Canada
2017	A record 83 events coordinated across the 114-member country network. Over 15,000 athletes officially recognized
2018	Included as a Medal sport at the inaugural African Beach Games in Sal, Cape Verde
2019	All events moved online throughout COVID-19. Production of Teacher/Parent training manuals to inspire active lifestyles from home anywhere. Launch of the videogame Street Power Football. Going for Gold launched aiming for inclusion of the Sport in the World Youth Games and other Multi-Sports events by 2026.
2021	Implementation of a renewed global strategy with the establishment of a variety of strategic partnerships (IMAGO, Wave S+E, Tournify, Horizm, GameDay)
2022	Launch of the US Open
2023	Complete revolution of the governance system and global circuit with the introduction of the Pulse Series

THE INVOLVEMENT IN ESPORTS







The World Freestyle Football Association is the world governing body for the sport of Freestyle Football: its main mission is to grow awareness of, and participation in, Freestyle Football worldwide. With this objective, the WFFA organises a wide range of Freestyle Football championships around the world

The WFFA was established in 2017 upon a backbone of **community development** and **education**: this means the Association recognises the power this exciting sport has to inspire healthy active lifestyles for young people all over the world

Aside from growing the sport as a full-time profession for the athletes, the WFFA is committed to teaching **key life skills** through the practice of Freestyle Football





CO-FOUNDER, PRESIDENT

CAMBRIDGE, 1972

A pioneer of Freestyle Football and a business-savvy entrepreneur with a focus on sport and community development. Steve is the creator of a global movement providing B2B and B2C worldwide opportunities.



CO-FOUNDER, HEAD OF PARTNERSHIPS

YEOVIL, 1981

A Sports Marketing graduate and serial entrepreneur with a passion for social impact, developing communities and education. Dan heads up all Partnerships for the WFFA with Sponsors and Government entities.



HEAD OF OPERATIONS

LIBEREC, 1989

Former freestyler turned event organiser, creator of foundational events in the Freestyle Football community such as Super Ball World Open. Lucaso leads all Operations in the WFFA, liaising with production teams all around the world.

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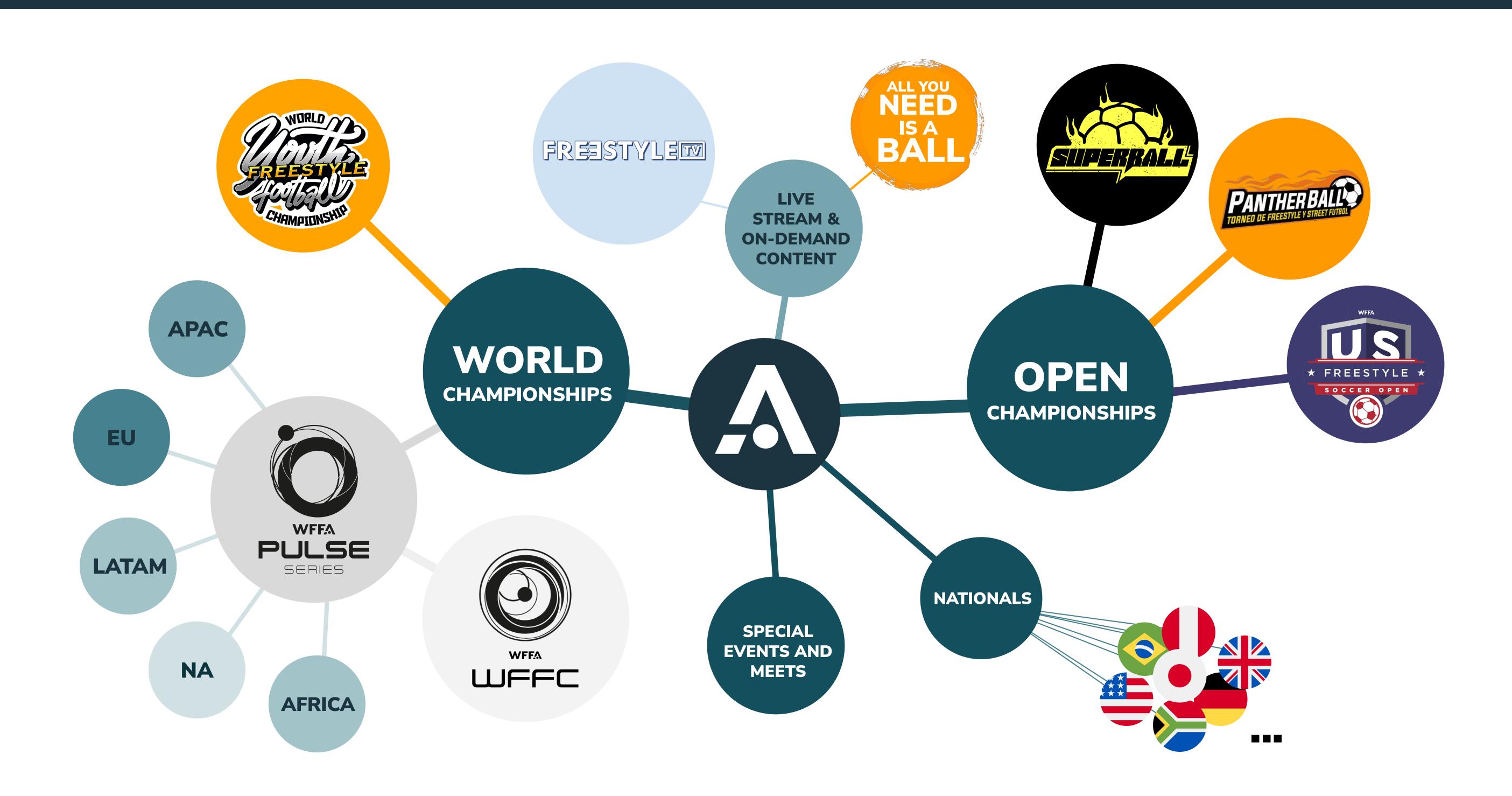


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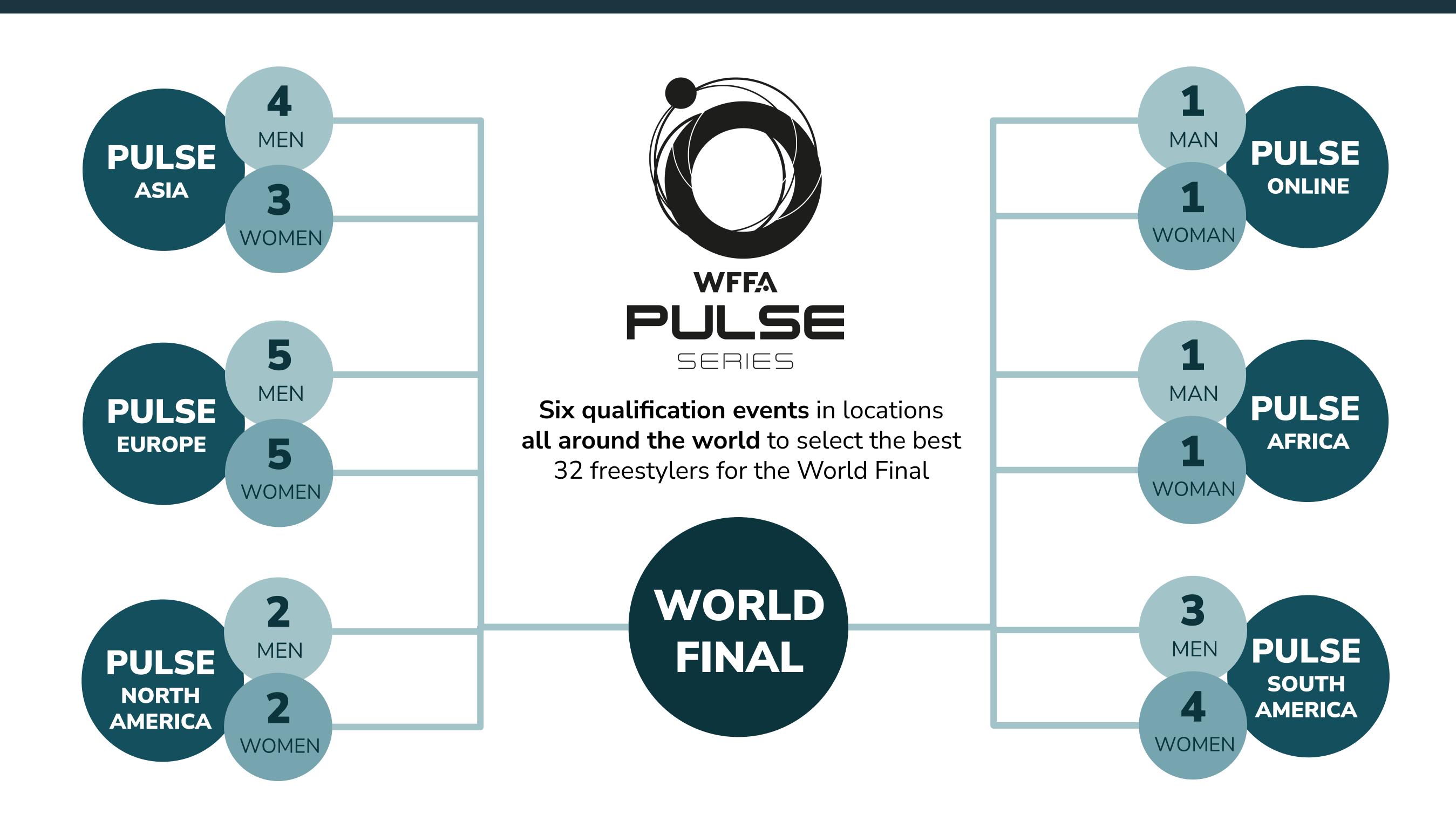














Successes in every recognized and accredited event are rewarded in the **World Rankings**

Due to COVID-19 and all events merging into one global online competition in 2020, **the World Rankings were completely reset** and relaunched in 2023

The current World Rankings work using the **ELO system**, in which victories against higher-placed freestylers mean the winners move up the list; victories against lower-ranked athletes simply help adjusting the position of both contendants







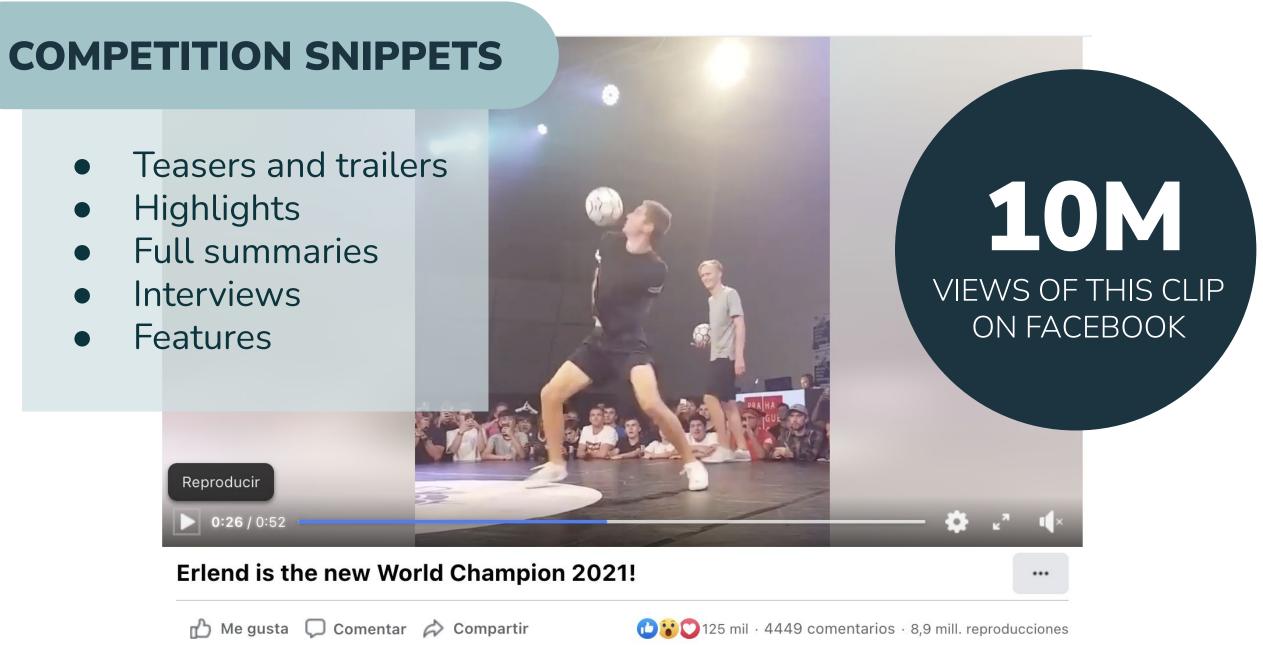


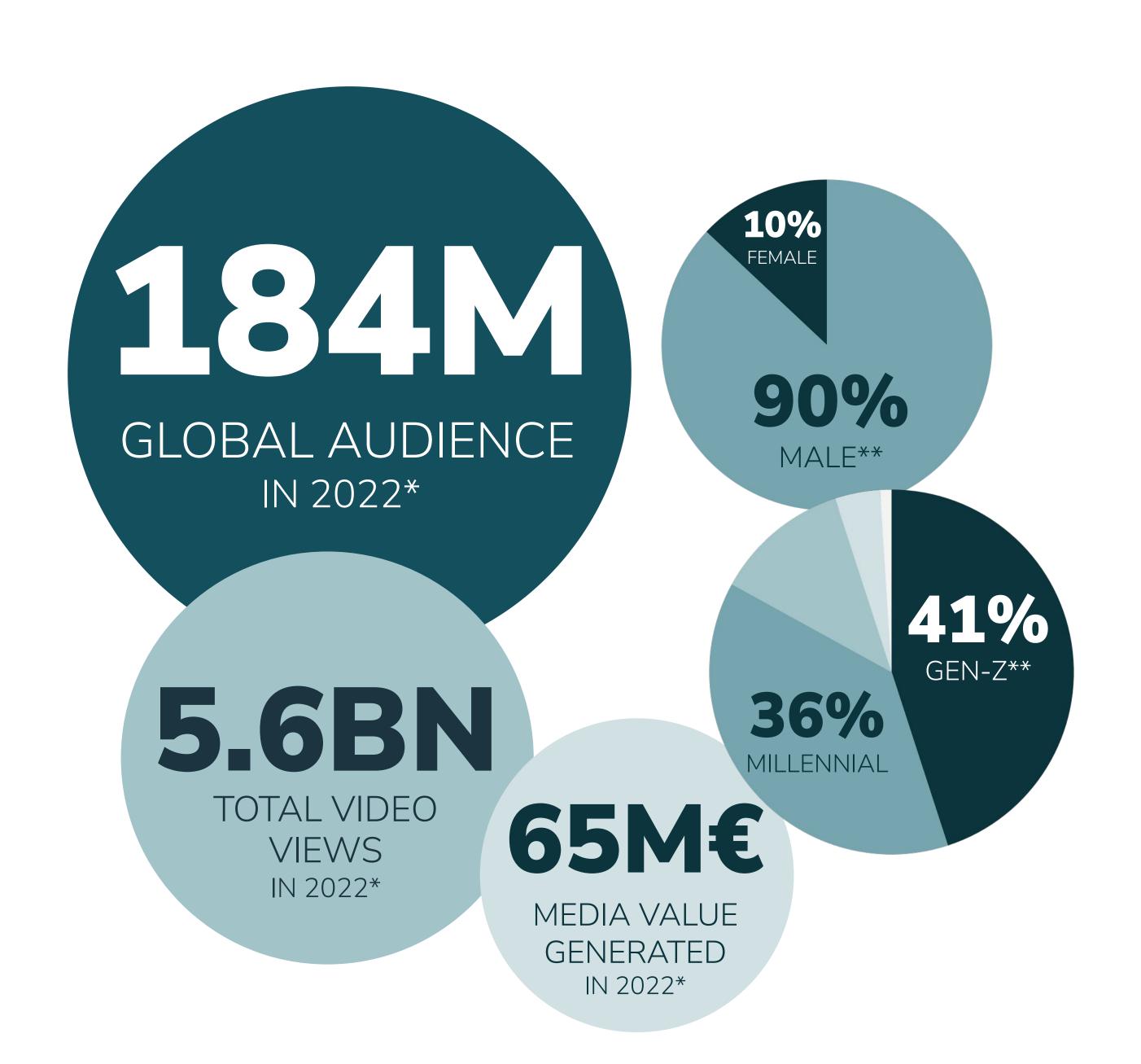
The song pro soccer freestyler Indi Cowie can't stop listening to this summer













^{**} FIGURES FROM AN ANALYSIS OF THE WFFA OWNED AND AFFILIATE CHANNELS



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THE COVERAGE







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