

Iran Claim World Wrestling Championship Title



TEHRAN – Iran's National Freestyle Wrestling team has claimed the championship title at the 2025 World Wrestling Championships in Zagreb, Croatia, marking its first triumph in 12 years.

The decisive moment came on Monday night when Amirhossein Firouzpour secured a bronze medal in the 92kg category. The freestyle wrestler from Iran's northern province of Mazandaran defeated Kazakhstan's Kamil Ku-

rugliev 4-0, sealing Iran's overall victory. Firouzpour already defeated Batyrbek Tsakulov of Slovakia 7-2 in the quarterfinals to advance to the semifinals.

Firouzpour's bronze was the team's seventh medal in Zagreb,

following one gold, three silvers, and two other bronzes. This latest achievement marks Iran's sixth world title since the country's first championship win in 1961. The 2025 championships run from September 13-21.

President Masoud Pezeshkian congratulated the national team, praising the victory as a source of pride and joy for the Iranian nation. In his message on Monday night, he highlighted the wrestlers' tireless efforts, saying the win proved that the sons and daughters of this land, as always, "are capable of raising the proud flag of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the toughest arenas of the world."

Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi also extended his congratulations, expressing hope for further achievements by Iranian athletes on the global stage.

Volleyballers Edge Tunisia at World Championship



TEHRAN – Iran beat Tunisia 3-1 (23-25, 25-20, 25-23, 25-16) at the 2025 FIVB Men's Volleyball World Championship.

Poriya Hussein Khanzadeh scored 21 points for Iran, and captain Morteza Sharifi earned 18 points.

Team Melli are scheduled to play the Philippines on Thursday.

Italy are the defending champion, having won its fourth title in 2022.

Taking place in Manila, Philippines, the championship features 32 teams from across the world competing for the coveted title, divided into eight pools of four teams, where the top two advance to the knockout stage.

Ali Tajik Named Head Coach of Tunisia Taekwondo Team



TEHRAN – Ali Tajik has been appointed the head coach of Tunisia's taekwondo team.

According to the Iran's Taekwondo Federation, previously, he was the head coach of the national team.

Tajik was also the head coach of the Oman national team for 7 years before joining the Iranian national team and also heading the National Teams Organization. He also coached the youth and student teams and was the head coach of the Iranian national student team.

Tunisia had won two gold and bronze medals at the Paris Olym-

pics through Firas Katoussi and Mohammad Khalil Al-Jandoubi. His contract is two years, which can be extended until the 2028 Paris Olympics.

Tajik achieved considerable success, such as the gold medal at the World Armies in 2018, the silver medal at the individual World Cup hosted by Vietnam in 2001, the silver medal at the Madrid World Championships in 2006, the bronze medal at the Asian Championships in Jordan in 2003, the silver medal at the Universiade and the bronze at the World Students Championships.

Persepolis Eye Spanish Player Sergio Reguilón

TEHRAN - The FC Persepolis are closely monitoring Spanish defender Sergio Reguilón, as part of the club's strategy to strengthen the squad's flanks ahead of the upcoming season.

Persepolis still having 2 vacancies on its roster, and therefore the Reds are trying to complete their roster for the 25th league by buying two free agents.

The team's head coach Vahid Hashemian said Persepolis are looking to sign a left-back who can play in several positions. We previously wrote that Hashemian has given the green light to sign Sergio Reguilón, a Spanish defender who has played for Real Madrid, Manchester United, and Tottenham, and the Reds



have entered into negotiations with these Spanish players.

Persepolis' managers have offered the 30-year-old Spanish defender a 2-year contract worth \$2.5 million. Persepolis will wait for the Spanish defender's response within the next 48 hours and then move on to their other option.

Reguilón is a graduate of Real Madrid's youth academy. He made his senior debut in August 2015, while on loan at Logroñés. Reguilón made his first-team debut for Real Madrid in October 2018. He spent the 2019-20 season on loan at Sevilla, where he won the UEFA Europa League and was named in the Squad of the Season. Reguilón signed for Tottenham Hotspur in September 2020.

Sumo Team Wins Two Bronze Medals at Asian Championship



TEHRAN - Iranian sumo team has won two bronze medals in the Asian championships in Bangkok.

The Iranian national sumo team, consisting of four athletes, competed in the

individual section.

Ahmadreza Shakiba won the Asian bronze medal in the -85 kg weight category by defeating opponents from Chinese Taipei, India and Uzbekistan and los-

ing to the representative of Japan. Also, Muhammad Hassan Rahimi won the second bronze medal for the Iranian national team in the +115 kg weight category after defeating opponents from Kyrgyzstan and Sri Lanka and losing to the representative of Mongolia.

In the following World Championships, our national team qualified for the team stage by winning seven individual matches against Egypt, Hungary, Australia, India, Italy, and Sri Lanka.

Women's Futsal Team Drawn With Brazil, Italy, Panama in World Cup

TEHRAN – Iran discovered its fate at the inaugural FIFA Futsal Women's World Cup.

Team Melli Banovan is drawn in Group D along with Brazil, Italy and Panama.

The 16 teams are divided into four groups of four. The top two teams from each group will advance to the knockout phase, comprising quarter-finals, semi-finals, a third-place play-off, and the final match.

Full 2025 FIFA Futsal World Cup Draw

Group A: Philippines, Poland, Morocco, Argentina

Group B: Spain, Thailand, Colombia, Canada



Group C: Portugal, Tanzania, Japan, New Zealand

Group D: Brazil, Iran, Italy, Panama

The first-ever FIFA Futsal Women's World Cup will take place from November 21

to December 7, 2025 in Pasig City, Manila, the Philippines.

Persepolis is looking to sign the former Real Madrid defender and has announced its offer package for the defender.