

## = CMLL World Light Heavyweight Championship =

The CMLL World Light Heavyweight Championship ( Campeonato Mundial Semi Completo de CMLL in Spanish ) is a professional wrestling world heavyweight championship promoted by Consejo Mundial de Lucha Libre ( CMLL ) since 1991 . As it is a professional wrestling championship , it is not won via legitimate competition ; it is instead won via a scripted ending to a match or on occasion awarded to a wrestler because of a storyline . The official definition of the light heavyweight division in Mexico is between 92 kg ( 203 lb ) and 97 kg ( 214 lb ) , but the weight limits are not always strictly adhered to . Because CMLL puts more emphasis on the lower weight classes , this division is considered more important than the heavyweight division , which is considered the most important championship by most promotions outside of Mexico .

The current CMLL World Light Heavyweight Champion in his first reign is La Máscara , who won it by defeating Ángel de Oro on April 8 , 2016 . La Máscara is the 15th overall champion and the 13th wrestler to officially hold the championship . The title has been vacated only once since its creation in 1991 , and has had one unofficial reign .

## = = History = =

The Mexican professional wrestling promotion Empresa Mexicana de Lucha Libre ( EMLL ) was founded in 1933 and initially recognized a series of " Mexican National " wrestling championships , endorsed by the Comisión de Box y Lucha Libre Mexico D.F. ( Mexico City Boxing and Wrestling Commission ) . The Mexican National Light Heavyweight Championship was created in 1942 as EMLL began promoting matches for that championship with the approval and oversight of the wrestling commission . In the 1950s EMLL became a member of the National Wrestling Alliance ( NWA ) and began promoting the NWA World Light Heavyweight Championship in the late 1950s . Previously that championship had been promoted in the US , but the NWA gave EMLL full control of the championship in 1958 , positioning the NWA title as the highest @-@ ranking title in the light heavyweight division with the Mexican National title positioned as the secondary championship .

In the late 1980s EMLL left the NWA to avoid the politics of the NWA and later rebranded themselves as " Consejo Mundial de Lucha Libre " ( CMLL ) . In 1991 CMLL decided to create a series of CMLL @-@ branded world championships , with the CMLL World Light Heavyweight Championship ( Campeonato Mundial Semi Completo de CMLL in Spanish ) created as the second CMLL @-@ branded championship , after the CMLL World Heavyweight Championship . Jerry Estrada was chosen as the first champion , with CMLL booking the tournament for the championship to end with Estrada defeating Pierroth Jr . In 1996 the then @-@ champion Dr. Wagner Jr. lost the championship to Aquarius on a show in Japan , but the title change was not approved by CMLL and thus was never officially recognized . Dr. Wagner Jr. won the title back eight days later before returning to Mexico . Since the title change was not officially recognized CMLL considers Dr. Wagner Jr. a two @-@ time champion , not a three @-@ time champion .

On January 15 , 2013 , then @-@ reigning champion Rush voluntarily gave up the CMLL World Light Heavyweight Championship as part of his ongoing storyline feud with then @-@ CMLL World Heavyweight Champion El Terrible . As part of the storyline El Terrible stated that he would not defend against someone who represented a lower weight class so Rush moved into the Heavyweight division for a title match . CMLL held a 16 @-@ man torneo cibernetico elimination match to determine which two wrestlers should compete in the finals for the vacant title . On January 29 , 2013 , Rey Escorpión defeated Volador Jr. in the tournament finals to become the 13th overall champion .

## = = Reigns = =

La Máscara is the current CMLL World Light Heavyweight Champion in his first reign , since defeating Ángel de Oro on April 8 , 2016 . Overall , there have been 15 reigns shared between 13 wrestlers , which does not include one unofficial reign by Aquarius . Only two men have held the title

more than once ; both Dr. Wagner Jr. and Atlantis have officially held the title twice . Dr. Wagner Jr. has the longest combined reigns with 1 @,@ 574 days , and Último Guerrero holds the record for the longest individual reign with 3 years , 213 days . Because Aquarius ' eight @-@ day reign in 1996 is not officially recognized by CMLL , the current champion La Máscara , at 109 days and counting , is the shortest reigning champion . If he remains the champion until October 2 , 2016 , he will surpass Estrada 's 175 @-@ day reign . Not only was Último Guerrero 's reign the longest of any individual reign , he is also credited with a record 28 successful championship defenses .

On one occasion CMLL declared the championship vacant , which meant that there was no champion for a period of time . Sometimes , a championship is vacated due to an injury to the reigning champion , or when a champion stops working for the promotion , but in the case of the CMLL World Light Heavyweight Championship , there was a storyline reason behind it being declared vacant . In late 2013 the light heavyweight champion Rush was working a long @-@ running storyline rivalry with El Terrible . When El Terrible won the CMLL World Heavyweight Championship CMLL decided to enhance the rivalry by having Rush voluntarily give up the light heavyweight championship in order to receive a CMLL World Heavyweight Championship match against El Terrible . This allowed CMLL to advance the storyline as well as move the championship off Rush without having Rush lose a match , allowing Rey Escorpión to become the next champion .

= = Rules = =

The official definition by the Mexican lucha libre commission for the light heavyweight division in Mexico is between 92 kg ( 203 lb ) and 97 kg ( 214 lb ) . In the 20th century CMLL were generally consistent and strict about enforcing the actual weight limits . In the 21st century the official definitions have at times been overlooked for certain champions . One example of this was when Mephisto , officially listed as 90 kg ( 200 lb ) , won the CMLL World Welterweight Championship , a weight class with a 78 kg ( 172 lb ) upper limit . Although the heavyweight championship is traditionally considered the most prestigious weight division in professional wrestling , CMLL places more emphasis on the lower weight divisions , often promoting those ahead of the CMLL World Heavyweight Championship .

With twelve CMLL @-@ promoted championships labelled as " World " titles , the promotional focus shifts from championship to championship over time with no single championship consistently promoted as the " main " championship ; instead CMLL 's various major shows feature different weight divisions and are most often headlined by a Lucha de Apuestas ( " Bet match " ) instead of a championship match . From 2013 until June 2016 only two major CMLL shows have featured championship matches , Sin Salida in 2013 and the 2014 Juicio Final show featuring the NWA World Historic Welterweight Championship . The last time a CMLL World Light Heavyweight Championship match was featured on a major CMLL show was on September 18 , 2004 , when Último Guerrero successfully defended the title at the CMLL 71st Anniversary Show . Championship matches usually take place under best two @-@ out @-@ of @-@ three falls rules . On occasion single fall title matches have taken place , especially when promoting CMLL title matches in Japan , conforming to the traditions of the local promotion . Outside of CMLL , the light heavyweight championship has been defended on joint CMLL / Universal Wrestling Association ( UWA ) shows in 1993 , on W \* ING , Big Japan Wrestling , Dragondoor and New Japan Pro Wrestling shows in Japan .

= = Tournaments = =

= = = 1991 = = =

CMLL held a 16 @-@ man tournament from September 15 to October 26 , 1991 to crown the first light heavyweight champion . Documentation on Pierroth Jr . ' s path to the finals has not been found .

## Tournament brackets

== 2013 ==

CMLL held a tournament to determine the next CMLL World Light Heavyweight Champion starting on January 22 , 2013 , and the finals were held the following week . The first round of the tournament was a 16 @-@ man torneo cibernetico elimination match , with the last two men in the match qualifying for the finals the following week on January 29 . The torneo featured two teams of eight wrestling against each other ; Team A consisted of Delta , El Felino , La Máscara , Mephisto , Mr. Águila , Rey Escorpión , Stuka Jr. and Volador Jr. and Team B consisted of Atlantis , Blue Panther , Diamante , Euforia , Maximo , Morphosis , Psicosis and Sagrado . The match came down to Team A 's Rey Escorpión and Volador Jr. versus Team B 's Euforia . Escorpión pulled off Volador Jr . ' s mask and threw it to rival Euforia , causing Euforia to be disqualified , which meant that Escorpión and Volador Jr. qualified for the finals the following week . On January 29 , Escorpión defeated Volador Jr. in the finals to become the 13th overall CMLL World Light Heavyweight champion .

Cibernetico order of elimination