

## = CMLL World Heavyweight Championship =

The CMLL World Heavyweight Championship ( Spanish : Campeonato Mundial de Peso Completo del CMLL ) is a professional wrestling world heavyweight championship established in 1991 and promoted by Consejo Mundial de Lucha Libre . CMLL introduced the championship as they moved away from the National Wrestling Alliance ( NWA ) to signal their independence . As part of the move away from the NWA they established a number of championships designated as " CMLL World Championships " for a variety of divisions . The heavyweight championship was the first CMLL title to be created , and the inaugural champion was Konnan el Bárbaro , who won the title by defeating his storyline rival Cien Caras in the finals of a tournament on June 9 , 1991 . The current champion is Máximo Sexy , the 15th overall person to hold the championship and the 18th overall champion .

In most professional wrestling promotions around the world the " heavyweight " designation is normally one used to indicate the highest ranking championship instead of an actual weight division . Traditionally , however , Mexican wrestling has used multiple weight divisions , often with the lower weight classes receiving more attention from the promoters . CMLL carries on this tradition . As it is a professional wrestling championship , it is not won legitimately ; it is instead won via a scripted ending to a match .

## = = 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 Heavyweight Championship was created in 1926 and over time 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 thus recognized the NWA World Heavyweight Championship and would on occasion promote title matches for the NWA in Mexico .

In the late 1980s EMLL left the National Wrestling Alliance ( NWA ) to avoid the politics of the NWA and would later rebrand themselves as " Consejo Mundal de Lucha Libre " ( CMLL ) . By the start of the 1990s CMLL began to downplay the Mexican National Heavyweight Championship , which featured less frequently on CMLL shows until they stopped promoting it altogether . In 1991 CMLL decided to create a series of CMLL branded world championships , the first of which was for the Heavyweight division . The first champion was crowned in the finals of a 16 man tournament that saw Konnan el Bárbaro defeat Cien Caras . Konnan lost the title to Cien Caras in his first title defense on August 18 , 1991 , making him one of only two champions to not have a single successful title defense . Cien Caras left CMLL in the summer of 1992 as he decided to join former CMLL promoter Antonio Peña in Peña 's newly formed Asistencia Asesoría y Administración ( AAA ) wrestling promotion , leaving CMLL without a heavyweight champion . CMLL held a 16 @-@ man single @-@ elimination tournament from October 30 , 1992 to November 20 , 1992 , which ended with Black Magic winning the title . With the victory he became the first the first non @-@ Hispanic , and so far only British wrestler to win the Championship . On June 27 , 1993 CMLL decided to move the title onto Mexican native Brazo de Plata as he defeated Black Magic on a show in Arena México , CMLL 's main venue .

On April 18 , 1997 Steel became the first Canadian to win the championship as he defeated then champion Rayo de Jalisco Jr. to become the 8th overall champion . In September 1997 Steel signed a contract with the World Wrestling Federation ( WWF , later WWE ) , which forced CMLL to vacate the championship for the second time . Instead of holding a traditional tournament to crown another champion CMLL took the top three heavyweight contenders , Universo 2000 , Rayo de Jalisco Jr. and Cien Caras and had the new champion decided in a match between the three . On October 19 , 1997 Universo 2000 won the title , starting the first of his three reigns , which remains a record . Universo 2000 lost the title to and regained the title from Rayo de Jalisco Jr . Universo 2000 's

second reign as champion lasted a total of 1 @, @ 225 days , the longest of any championship reign . The record breaking run ended on April 18 , 2003 when Mr. Niebla won the title . Mr. Niebla was champion for 543 days before Universo 2000 regained the championship . On July 8 , 2007 Dos Caras Jr. became the 14th overall champion . His reign lasted 533 days but only saw him defend the title three times overall , defeating Lizmark Jr . , Universo 2000 and Último Guerrero . On December 22 , 2008 , Último Guerrero won the championship from Dos Caras Jr. and shortly afterwards Dos Caras Jr. left CMLL to work for WWE . On April 2 , 2009 Último Guerrero successfully defended the World title against Rey Mendoza Jr. on an independent wrestling promotion show in Gomez Palacio , marking the first time the CMLL World title was defended on a non @-@ CMLL promoted show . After a 963 day reign and 17 successful defenses , Guerrero lost the title to Héctor Garza on August 12 , 2011 . The championship was vacated on November 11 , 2011 , after Garza left CMLL for Perros del Mal Producciones , a group of former CMLL wrestlers who broke away from the promotion in late 2011 . On January 1 , 2012 , El Terrible became the new champion , when he defeated CMLL World Light Heavyweight Champion Rush in a decision match . The two had won a torneo cibernetico match a week earlier to earn spots in the match .

= = Reigns = =

Máximo Sexy is the current CMLL World Heavyweight champion . He won the title on January 30 , 2015 by defeating El Terrible . He is the 18th overall champion and the 15th person to hold the title . Universo 2000 has held the title the most times , three reigns in total . Universo 2000 also holds the record for the longest combined reign with 2 @, @ 555 days and longest single reign , 1 @, @ 225 days . The first champion , Konnan , was also the person who held the title the shortest amount of time , 70 days . Último Guerrero is officially credited with 20 successful title defenses by CMLL , the highest number of defenses of any CMLL World Heavyweight Champion .

On three separate occasions CMLL was forced to declare the championship vacant , which meant that there was no champion for a period of time . In all three instances this was necessitated by the then reigning champion leaving CMLL without working a match where he would lose the title to whichever successor CMLL picked . Under normal circumstances CMLL would know that a wrestler was leaving the promotion , either due to their contract not being renewed or the wrestler giving notice , which allows them time to transition the championship to a different wrestler . In the case of Cien Caras , Steel and Héctor Garza their departures from the company were so sudden and unannounced that no plans were in place and CMLL had to organize a tournament to determine the next champion .

= = Rules = =

The championship is designated as a heavyweight title , which means that the championship can officially only be competed for by wrestlers weighing at least 105 kg ( 231 lb ) . In the 20th century Mexican wrestling enforced the weight divisions more strictly , but in the 21st century the rules were occasionally ignored for the various weight divisions . The heavyweight championship was no exception as several champions were under the weight limit , for example Héctor Garza . While the Heavyweight title is traditionally considered the most prestigious weight division in professional wrestling , CMLL places more emphasis on the lower weight divisions . As such , the CMLL World Heavyweight Title is not considered the top CMLL championship .

With a total of twelve CMLL promoted championships being labelled as " World " titles the promotional focus shifts from championship to championship over time with no single championship being promoted as the " main " championship of the promotion . 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 .

= = Tournaments = =

=== 1991 ===

The tournament to crown the inaugural CMLL World Heavyweight champion ran from May 24 to June 9 , 1991 and featured 16 competitors . The first round of the tournament saw two eight @-@ man battle royals used to cut the field in half with the last four remaining wrestlers from each match advancing to the next round . Konnan , Rayo de Jalisco Jr . , Black Magic and Mascara Ano 2000 eliminated Brazo de Plata , Vampiro Canadiense , Universo 2000 and El Egipcio in the first battle royal . In the second battle royal Nitron , Pierroth Jr . , Pirata Morgan and Cien Caras eliminated Fabulous Blondie , Gran Markus Jr . , Máscara Sagrada and El Egipcio . The second round saw another pair of battle royals , this time four men in each to find the final four wrestlers who faced off in traditional semi @-@ finals and finals .

Tournament results

=== 1992 ===

After Cien Caras left CMLL for AAA in 1992 CMLL decided to hold a traditional 16 @-@ man single @-@ elimination tournament to crown a new World Heavyweight Champion . The tournament ran from October 30 to November 20 , 1992 .

Tournament results

=== 2011 ? 2012 ===

On December 18 , 2011 CMLL announced that then CMLL World Heavyweight Champion Héctor Garza had decided to leave CMLL to work for Perros del Mal Producciones and they thus had vacated the championship . They also announced that the following week , on December 25 , there would be a tournament to determine a new champion . The main event of the December 25 , Domingos Arena México show was a 10 @-@ man torneo cibernetico elimination match designed to reduce the field of championship contenders from 10 to 2 . The match ended when El Terrible pinned Marco Corleone to eliminate him , leaving El Terrible and Rush to face off the following week . On January 1 , 2012 El Terrible defeated Rush in a best two @-@ out @-@ of @-@ three falls match , two falls to one to become the 17th overall champion .

Torneo cibernetico - December 25 , 2011