

= CMLL World Welterweight Championship =

The CMLL World Welterweight Championship (Spanish : Campeonato Mundial Peso Welter de CMLL) is a professional wrestling world championship in the Mexican professional wrestling promotion Consejo Mundial de Lucha Libre (CMLL) . The official definition of the welterweight division in Mexico is between 70 kg (150 lb) and 78 kg (172 lb) but the official weight limits are not always adhered to these days . As the championship is a professional wrestling championship , it is not won or lost competitively but instead by the decision of the bookers of a wrestling promotion . The title is awarded after the chosen wrestler " wins " a match to maintain the illusion that professional wrestling is a competitive sport .

Overall there have been a total of 32 official championship reigns , shared between 20 different wrestlers . Mephisto is the current and 32nd champion , having won the championship on May 3 , 2016 . Máscara Dorada is the first and only wrestler to hold the championship four times . Mephisto 's first reign was the longest individual reign , 1 @, @ 141 days between 2004 and 2007 . The championship has been defended in Mexico and Japan , including three title changes in Japan . Over the lifetime of the championship was vacated twice and CMLL has held three different tournaments for the championship .

= = History = =

In the late 1980s CMLL left the National Wrestling Alliance (NWA) to avoid the politics of the NWA . While they left the NWA they did retain control of the NWA World Welterweight Championship as their main championship of the welterweight division . They also promoted the Mexican National Welterweight Championship as a secondary title in the Welterweight division . In 1991 CMLL decided to create a series of CMLL Branded world championships , one of which was for the welterweight division . CMLL held a four @-@ man tournament on February 15 , 1992 to crown the first welterweight champion. the participants were Fuerza Guerrera , El Felino , América and El Khalifa , the finals saw Fuerza Guerrera defeat El Khalifa to become the first Welterweight champion . On July 16 , 1992 then Mexican National Welterweight Champion defeated CMLL Welterweight Champion América , which led to the Mexican National Welterweight Championship being vacated . In 1993 control of the Mexican National Welterweight Championship was transferred from CMLL to rival promotion Asistencia Asesoría y Administración (AAA) .

In 1996 the championship was vacated after then @-@ champion El Pantera lost the Championship to Super Delfin while on tour in Japan . Pantera left CMLL for AAA after the tour , and he decided to give Super Delfin the championship by losing a match to him while in Japan . CMLL knew that Pantera was leaving and nullified the championship change , choosing to not recognize the title change at all , instead announcing that they had wikt : vacated the championship . Subsequently CMLL put together a 16 @-@ man tournament crown a new champion , the tournament saw Máscara Mágica defeat El Felino in the tournament final to become the seventh official CMLL World Welterweight Champion . Máscara Mágica would later defeat Super Delfin to put an end to any questions about the lineage of the championship . In 1998 the Mexican National Welterweight Championship was returned to CMLL , making it a tertiary title behind the CMLL and NWA branded world championships . In 2010 CMLL returned the NWA World Welterweight Championship to the NWA , but immediately replaced it with the NWA World Historic Welterweight Championship .

From the unrecognized title change on March 15 , 1996 , until January 2011 , when Ryusuke Taguchi won the Championship in Tokyo , all championship matches took place in Mexico . In early 2015 it was announced that then @-@ champion Máscara Dorada had signed a contract to work for New Japan Pro Wrestling (NJPW) for a year , taking the championship with him to Japan . During his tour of Japan Máscara Dorada lost the championship to Bushi , which was officially acknowledged by CMLL .

= = Reigns = =

The Championship is designated as a welterweight title , which means that the championship can officially only be competed for by wrestlers weighing between 70 kg (150 lb) and 78 kg (172 lb) . In the 20th century Mexican wrestling enforced the weight divisions more strictly , but in the 21st century the rules have occasionally been ignored for the some weight divisions . The heaviest welterweight champion on record is Olímpico who was announced as weighing 92 kg (203 lb) , 14 kg (31 lb) above the maximum weight limit . While the heavyweight championship is traditionally considered the most prestigious weight division in professional wrestling , CMLL places more emphasis on the lower weight divisions . All title matches promoted in Mexico take place under best two @-@ out @-@ of @-@ three falls rules , while championship matches promoted in Japan followed the local custom and were only one fall matches .

Mephisto is the current and two @-@ time after defeating Máscara Dorada at a CMLL show in Arena Mexico May 3 , 2016 . He is the 32nd overall champion . El Felino has the longest combined reigns overall with 1 @,@ 186 days , divided over three separate reigns . Mephisto has the longest individual reign of all champions at 1 @,@ 141 days from 2004 to 2007 . The first champion , Fuerza Guerrera is also the person who 's held the title the shortest time , 22 days but the possibility exists that Mascara Magica 's second reign was shorter as no specific date for the start of the reign has be confirmed , which means his reign lasted between 6 days and 36 days .

= = Tournaments = =

= = = 1992 = = =

On February 15 , 1992 CMLL held a one @-@ night , four @-@ man tournament to crown the first ever CMLL World Welterweight Champion . The welterweight championship was the fifth CMLL branded world championship created after the CMLL World Heavyweight , CMLL World Light Heavyweight , CMLL World Trios and CMLL World Middleweight Championship . In the tournament finals Fuerza Guerrera defeated El Khalifa to win the championship .

= = = 1996 = = =

In 1996 CMLL decided not to acknowledge that La Pantera had lost the CMLL World Welterweight Championship during a tour of Japan , declaring the title vacant instead . They held a 16 @-@ man tournament from May 7 to May 21 , 1996 , in order to crown a new champion . In the finals Máscara Mágica defeated El Felino to become the seventh champion .

= = = 2014 @-@ 2015 = = =

On May 2 , 2015 then @-@ reigning CMLL World Welterweight Champion Místico , crashed his motorcycle , breaking both the fibula and tibia in his right leg , forcing him to undergo surgery the following day . Due to the injury the Welterweight championship became inactive for several months as Místico was unabel to compete . During a press conference on November 19 , 2014 Místico announced that he was not ready to return to the ring , which led to the CMLL World Welterweight Championship being declared vacant . On December 26 , 2014 CMLL held a 10 @-@ man Torneo cibernetico elimination match to determine the next champion . Negro Casas and Máscara Dorada outlasted the other eight competitors ; Delta , Fuego , Kamaitachi , Pólvora , Rey Cometa , Sangre Azteca , Titán and Tritón . A week later Máscara Dorada defeated Negro Casas to become the 29th CMLL World Heavyweight Championship .

Torneo cibernetico order of elimination