



UNITED WORLD WRESTLING

TO ALL NATIONAL WRESTLING FEDERATIONS
TO THE BUREAU MEMBERS

Subject: Decisions taken during the last Bureau Members' Meeting

Dear Mr. President,

As you might know, the Bureau Members met in Rome (ITA) during the last Junior European Championships. They discussed about many key areas of our Sport and this circular will summarize all the decisions linked to the competition and taken during that meeting.

1. Wrestling Rules

We inform you that some small adjustments were made in the Wrestling Rules. These adjustments concern mainly grammatical changes (like schoolboys by U15) and better wording in some sentences. Only two scoring adjustments were made for the push out and the ordered parterre position (Articles 39 and 45).

If a wrestler pushes his opponent out of bounds with no meaningful action, no point will be awarded and the attacking wrestler will not be penalized with a caution anymore.

If the top wrestler commits a foul during the ordering of the parterre position, the bout will resume in standing position without the top wrestler receiving a caution.

You will find attached the Wrestling Rules with the modifications made on it. These Rules will be implemented from the 1st of September 2018.

2. Participation in championships

Based on the last Oceania Championships where some athletes became Continental Champion because they were alone in their weight category, it was decided that a weight category with less than 5 athletes will be cancelled. No title or medal can be given if less than 5 athletes are registered in a weight category. This new Rule will be applied in the United World Wrestling Championships but not in the International Tournaments.

3. Late registrations

The Bureau Members were again informed that many countries still asking to be registered after the deadlines. As we can't continue like that they decided that we won't allow anymore these late registrations in United World Wrestling Events.

Please take due note of this information. No more late registration will be allowed in 2019!

4. Obligations of the team leaders

Since we organize the draw the day before the competition, we still have some National Wrestling Federations that register athletes who are not coming. As the Technical Delegate picked a number for them, the brackets are wrong and their first opponents, by default, win their bout by forfeit.

We would like to remind you one paragraph of the article 12 of the Wrestling Rules:

*The team leader (or his substitute) shall draw a number for his athlete on the basis of which he shall be paired off. **If the team leader (or his substitute) can't attend the draw because of exceptional reason, he must inform the organizer.** The organizer will have the responsibility to communicate it to the UWW results' team and the number of his wrestler will be drawn by the Technical Delegate or the responsible person of the draw.*



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With this article we wanted to say that if the Technical Delegate don't get an official information from the organizer that your representative cannot attend the draw, he **WILL NOT** pick a number for your athlete.

In other words, if you can't attend the draw because of exceptional reason, by example because a late arrival on site, you need to send an official information to the organizer. Then they will inform the Technical Delegate to pick a number for your team.

If they didn't get anything, the Technical Delegate will **NOT** pick a number for your wrestler.

5. Obligations of the Inspectors

During the inspection visit, all the hotels and meals have to be controlled by the Inspectors. Based on their evaluation, they have the power to propose a reduction of the accommodation fee if the level of services is below the proposed price by the organizers.

Note that several Federations complained about the difference between the price and the level of services during some Championships. It will be therefore the duty of the Inspector to fix a fee linked with the accommodation and meals provided.

6. Updated World Cup Regulations

Please note that the Bureau Members agreed to allow that an athlete may opt for the next higher category than their body weight, except for the heavy weight category, for which contestants must weigh over 97kg for Freestyle and for Greco Roman Wrestling and over 72 kg for Women's Wrestling.

That's why we deleted the sentence in the World Cup Regulations: *In any event, a wrestler who has weighed-in in one weight category may only participate in the competition in that weight category.*

By this decision, the Board Member wanted to allow a substitute in a lighter weight category to replace an injured athlete in the heavier weight category.

It is clear that an athlete cannot compete in two weight categories during one confrontation (round).

You will find all the mentioned documents attached to this circular.

In addition, you already received the approved list of the referees for the Senior World Championships in Budapest (HUN) and the information linked to the U15 and their licenses.

We are at our disposal for any questions related to these important decisions.

Sincerely Yours,



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