

TO ALL NATIONAL WRESTLING FEDERATIONS TO THE BUREAU MEMBERS

Subject: Top Seeds for the 2018 Senior World Championship in Budapest (HUN)

As you might know, last year the new Ranking System was approved and Ranking Series Tournaments were organized during the year to establish the top seeds for the Senior World Championships in Budapest.

Following the last event that happened in Minsk (BLR), I have the pleasure to send you in attachment the list of the 4 top seeds for each weight category for the Senior World Championships in Budapest.

I kindly remind you that the calculation of the points is based on the results of the Continental Championships and the Ranking Series.

The Specific Regulation for these Ranking Series is available at our website:

https://unitedworldwrestling.org/sites/default/files/2018-02/uww_series_competition_rules.pdf

We would like to remind you some important points about the top seeded athletes for Budapest:

- The place of seeded athletes is dedicated to the athlete, not the country.
 - It is therefore clear that if an athlete who appears in the attached document didn't participate to this Championship, he will lose his seed position.
- The place of seeded athletes is allocated in the weight category mentioned in the attached document.
 - It is therefore clear that if the athlete participates in another weight category, he will lose his seed position.
- If one (or more) seeded athletes are not competing, the next seeded athletes (up to 4) will be move up.
 - Example: If the $N^{\circ}1$ seed withdraws, the $N^{\circ}2$ seed will take his position. Then the $N^{\circ}3$ seed will take the position of the $N^{\circ}3$ seed and the $N^{\circ}4$ seed will take the position of the $N^{\circ}3$ seed. The position of the $N^{\circ}4$ seed will be free and be randomly drawn.
- No other athlete will be considered as seeds if they don't appear in the document attached. We
 won't replace a seed by the next in the Ranking. In such a case, the position will be free and be
 drawn.
- In the case where a country has two athletes ranked in the top four seeds of a weight category, we ask the National Wrestling Federation to confirm which one will participate in the Championships.

Position of the top seed athletes in the bracket

- N°1: He will be paired at the first position of the bracket (top of the upper part)
- N°2: He will be paired at the last position of the bracket (bottom of the lower part)
- N°3: He will be paired at the top of the lower part of the bracket
- N°4: He will be paired at the bottom of the upper part of the bracket



As it was managed in Paris, if we have a qualification round, the top seed athletes will be paired the last ones. If the number of athletes oblige the top seeds to participate in the qualification round, the N°4 seed will be paired first, followed by N°3 and so on. If we have to pair the N°1 seed, it will be in the case of weight category with a perfect number of entered athletes (08-16-32).

Pairing:

Except for the seed athletes, wrestlers shall be paired off in the order of the numbers they drew.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any question about this matter.

I already thank you for your kind collaboration and I wish you all the best for the 2018 Senior World Championships.

Sincerely Yours

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