



TO ALL NATIONAL FEDERATIONS TO BUREAU MEMBERS

Subject: Athletes' eligibility for qualifiers to Olympic Games and Games

Dear President,

Several UWW-sanctioned championships serve as qualifiers for the Olympic Games and the Continental Games. In 2019, *for instance*:

- The Bucharest Senior European Championships serve as qualifier for the Minsk European Games
- The Senior Pan-American Championships serve as qualifier for the Lima Pan-American Games
- The Astana Senior World Championships (Phase 1) and the Continental and World Tournaments (Phases 2 and 3) serve as qualifiers for the Tokyo Olympic Games.

UWW's rules for the change of sports nationality are most liberal and not in line with the Olympic Charter. Indeed, wrestlers who have changed sports nationality according to our rules (namely without having obtained yet the passport of the new country they represent) may qualify a spot at the Olympic Games.

In order to align UWW's rules regarding sports nationality on the Olympic Charter's, UWW Bureau accepted, at its last meeting, to modify its rules. Hence, a wrestler who has obtained a UWW change of sports nationality will be allowed to participate in a Games qualifier *if*, in addition to the other conditions mentioned in the Games' qualification system :

1. The wrestler is a holder of the official administrative passport of his new country AT THE LATEST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE QUALIFIER

AND IF,

2. AT THE TIME OF THE GAMES, three (3) years have passed since he last participated with his previous sports nationality in the following competitions*: the continental championships, the world championships, the Olympic Games qualifiers, the Olympic Games, the World, Continental and Regional Games.

Example : Astana World Championship, in September 2019

At least 25 months must have passed between the Astana World Championships and the wrestler's last participation with his previous sports nationality in one of the above-mentioned competition*. Thus, the 36-month period required by the Olympic Charter that separates his last competition from the 2020 Olympic Games, will have elapsed.

To know if your athlete is eligible for the qualifying phases for the Olympic Games, one must count down 36 months from the Olympic Games. Please check the eligibility of your athlete [here](#).

Wrestlers who do not fulfil the conditions mentioned above shall not be admitted to the Games qualifiers.



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These criteria apply to all qualifiers for all Games that enforce the Olympic Charter.

We thank you very much for your attention and remain,

Yours sincerely,

Michel Dusson

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Secretary General
United World Wrestling

Nenad Lalovic

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President
United World Wrestling

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