



UNITED WORLD WRESTLING

TO ALL THE NATIONAL WRESTLING FEDERATIONS
TO THE BUREAU MEMBERS

IMPORTANT decisions taken by the United World Wrestling Bureau

Dear Mr. President,

The Technical Commission met in Sofia (BUL) during the Cadet World Championships. Some recommendations and proposals were therefore given to the Bureau Members.

Most of their proposals will be discussed and decided during the next Bureau meeting in Nur-Sultan (KAZ) but some urgent topics were already voted:

- Ranking Series
 - Number of Events
 - Period of the year
 - Location

- Continental and World Qualifiers for Tokyo 2020

Ranking Series

The Bureau, based on the proposal made by the Technical Commission, approved to have 2 Ranking Series events in 2020. The first one will be organized at the end of January and the other one the first week of June.

All the three styles will be organized during these two stops.

By this circular, we officially open the bidding process for the organization of these two events. We thank in advance all the interested countries to write us in order to finalize the 2020 Calendar as fast as possible.

The 2021-2022-2023 Ranking Series events will be planned the same every year. By saying that, we will have 4 Ranking Series events (with all 3 styles per event) every year and we will try to have one in Americas, one in Asia and two in Europe. As most of the National Wrestling Federations would like to use these events as a preparation for the Continental and World Championships, the below dates were approved:

- 1st Ranking Series Beginning of February
- 2nd Ranking Series End of February
- 3rd Ranking Series June
- 4th Ranking Series July (August when the World Championship is organized in October)

The same organizer will host the event during these 3 years. In this way, the participating nations and the organizer will have no more surprise year after year. It is clear that if one host doesn't reach the required level of Organization, he could be replaced.

We also open the bidding process for the organization of these Ranking Series Events. We heavily encourage American and Asian Countries to show their interest as one of our goals is to touch all the Continents with this project.

Please note that our staff will be in Nur-Sultan if you have any questions to raise about that topic. I also take this opportunity to thank all of you for your big participation to these Ranking Series in 2019.



Continental and World Qualifiers for Tokyo

The Bureau also approved the proposal of the Technical Commission to have two seeds for the Continental and World Qualifiers for Tokyo.

As a reminder, the two first athletes will qualify one spot for their NOC at the Continental and World Qualifiers. By using a normal draw, we won't always have the two best athletes qualified as it will be possible that the two best athletes are in the same part of the bracket.

It is therefore approved that we will use the current Ranking (from our Ranking Series) to determine who is seeded in the first and second position.

You will find below the events that will be taken into account to fix the two seeds:

- 2019 Senior World Championships
- 2020 Senior Continental Championships
- 2020 1st Ranking Series

If there is a tie, we will determine the best of them following these criteria:

1. Rank in the 2019 Senior World Championships (in the concerned weight category)
2. Rank in the 2020 Senior Continental Championships (in the concerned weight category)
3. The number of events (in these three events mentioned above) in which the athletes competed (in the concerned weight category).

If after these criteria there is still a tie between athletes, every concerned athlete will pick a number with the UWW Official Draw device. The seed will be allocated according to that draw (lower number get the highest seed position).

An athlete must have at least two ranking points to be eligible for a seed position.

I kindly ask you to keep all these decisions in your mind for next year.

We really hope to receive candidacies to host the Ranking Series events in 2020-2023.

By informing you at that time, we are confident that you will be able to plan the next years by taking these events into account.


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