



UNITED WORLD WRESTLING

TO ALL THE NATIONAL WRESTLING FEDERATIONS
TO ALL THE BUREAU MEMBERS

Subject: Executive Committee Decisions - Sport

Dear Mr. President,

The Executive Committee Members met in Istanbul to discuss about several important topics linked the 2020 Olympic Year.

Other decisions were shared to you in the past days but this circular will inform you about the decisions taken for:

- The New Draw Process
- The European and World Qualifying Tournaments
- The Adjustments of the Wrestling Rules

1. New Draw Process

We have the pleasure to inform you that a new draw technology will be created in order to generate automatically the numbers for all athletes, without wasting time to ask each coach to press the button of our device. The numbers will be taken from the Blockchain technology which is created by something completely outside of the Wrestling World. Nobody will be able to interfere in this system and each National Wrestling Federation will be able to control that the numbers given to their athletes are the good ones.

At the beginning of the year you will receive a detailed explanation about how this system works. This System will be used during all our main events (Continental and World Championships, Olympic Qualifiers and Olympic Games...). Note that it is a huge step forward for our Sport as we will be the first International Federation to use such system. The IOC already congratulates us to put this system in place and hope that other International Federations will use this procedure soon.

The Executive Committee also approved the proposal of the Technical Commission to organize a Technical Conference before each style and not only one at the beginning of the Championship. The draw will therefore be always organized right after that Technical Conference. We will have therefore one draw per style.

For the Continental and World Qualifiers, it was decided to organize only one draw the day before the first competition day. That draw will be done for all the weight categories and styles.

During the Olympic Games, a draw will be done each day and only one technical conference will be organized.

The participation of the Technical Conference **is still mandatory** and the last control of the entries will be done at that time. By example, a National Wrestling Federation that registered two athletes in a weight category will tell which one will wrestle during this meeting. The National Wrestling Federation of an athlete registered who will not participate must inform the Technical Delegate otherwise sanctions will be taken.

2. European and World Qualifying Tournaments

As all of you know, the winners of the Semi-Final bouts will obtain their quota for the Olympic Games. As these bouts are the most interesting ones, the Executive Committee approved to schedule these bouts after the Gold and Silver medal bouts of the weight categories of the previous day. The schedules will be updated and the Gold and Silver matches will be named: Ranking Matches and the Semi-final matches will be named : Tokyo 2020 Qualifying Round.

We take this opportunity to remind you that the repechage, the gold and bronze medal matches are very important to establish the ranking. In case of disqualification or doping case, we will take the next best ranked athlete. We thank you therefore in advance to inform your athletes that these bouts are also important.



3. Adjustments of the Wrestling Rules

It is clear that no big change in the Rules will be done before the Olympic Games but we still have to make small adjustments in order to be ready for all the scenarios that can happen in Tokyo.

You will find attached the Wrestling Rules with the modifications that will be implemented from the 1st of January 2020.

The biggest changes in that document are:

AGE CATEGORY

Only the athletes who still don't have 18 years old at the date of the competition have to provide a medical and parental certificate. If they reached 18 years old before the date of the competition, they don't need to provide these documents.

INJURY

In a two days events, only the athlete that was injured DURING the first competition day doesn't have to attend the second weigh-in and will keep his result. For all the other injuries that could happen during the evening of the first day but out of the competition, the athlete will have to attend to second weigh-in otherwise he will be eliminated and ranked last, without rank.

DIRECT CONFRONTATION

The direct confrontation is not anymore the first criteria in case of a tie between two athletes in a Nordic Tournament or between two teams during a team event.

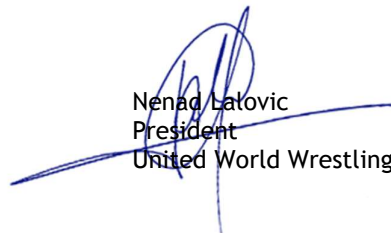
The other changes are implemented to clarify some situations that may happen.

We would like to remind you that it is clearly forbidden to apply greasy or sticky substance to the body of your athlete. We faced that situation in Nur-Sultan and would like to inform you that we will be very strict on that topic.

We also take this opportunity to inform you that the Executive Committee approved to increase the prize money for the Best Wrestlers of the year from 10'000 CHF to 60'000 CHF per style. The three best wrestlers per style will therefore share this amount. The concerned athletes will be contacted in the coming days.

We already wish you all the best for the upcoming Olympic Year.

Sincerely Yours



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