



# UNITED WORLD WRESTLING

TO ALL THE NATIONAL WRESTLING FEDERATIONS

**Subject: Refereeing in 2020**

Dear President,

The Refereeing Commission meeting took place in Budapest at the beginning of November. Various important topics were discussed. This circular summarises the decisions taken and provides guidance for the coming year.

## **1. Selection of the referees for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games (Next step)**

The work of the referees during the last Senior World Championships has been carefully analysed by the members of the Refereeing Commission, who discussed all the information gathered during the competition.

The referees who were selected for Nur-Sultan still need to be controlled. All of them will have to attend the Senior Continental Championships, the Continental Qualifier (of their own Continent) **and** the World Qualifying Tournament for the Olympic Games.

IS referees who were not selected for the Nur-Sultan World Championships can also participate in these three events but are not obliged to do so: they just need to fulfil the criteria to maintain their category (see point 3b).

Right after the World Qualifying Tournament, the list of referees selected for the Games will be released. A specific training camp dedicated to these referees will be organized at the end of May. The location and the exact date will be sent to you next year.

For each Continental Qualifier, it was decided to assign some IS neutral referees from other continents. These referees will be informed at the beginning of next year. They won't have the obligation to also officiate in their own Continental Qualifier.

## **2. Referees' categories**

As every year, the referees' categories have been reviewed during the meeting. You may now consult the updated list on your Athena account. Referees who reached the age limit or did not participate in international competitions since more than two years will automatically lose their international category at the end of the year.

The 2020 Referees' list will be available on our website beginning of January.

## **3. Type of courses and obligation to maintain one's category**

### **a. Referee clinics**

The Commission members decided to reintroduce a one-day clinic (theoretical and practical) for Level 2 and 4. The clinics will take place as follow (in summary):

- Level 1: Theoretical (2 days clinic); practical part during the competition
- Level 2: Theoretical/Practice (1-day clinic); practical part during the competition
- Level 3: Theoretical (2 days clinic); practical part during the competition
- Level 4: Theoretical/Practice (1-day clinic); practical part during the competition
- Level 5: Theoretical/Practice (1-day clinic); practical part during the competition

As for 2019, no payment is needed in order to participate in the different clinics. Referees only need to be in possession of a valid 2020 license (including the candidate referees).

We remind you that you can find the list of clinics organized throughout the year at the following link: <https://unitedworldwrestling.org/development/refereeing-courses>



## b. Conditions to maintain one's category

In order to maintain his/her category, international referees must comply with these minimum requirements:

- 1S referees need, during the calendar year, to take part in a minimum of two competitions where a Level 5 clinic is organized, taking into account that the participation in the Senior Continental Championships of one's own continent is mandatory.
- Category I referees must, during the calendar year, take part in a minimum of either two international tournaments or one of the following championships: Cadet, Junior, U23, Senior Continental and World Championships (except Europe and World Senior) organized by and under United World Wrestling's control.
- Category II referees have the obligation to participate during the calendar year in at least one International Tournament organized by and under United World Wrestling's control.
- Category III referees have the obligation to participate in at least one International Tournament during the calendar year. If one doesn't participate in any International Events during a two-year period, he/she will lose his/her International Category and will be removed from the International Referee list.

## 4. Modifications of the "Regulations for the International Refereeing Body"

Small adjustments have been made to the Regulations for the International Refereeing Body. You will find in attachment the updated document.

The main changes are the following:

Article 4: Candidates need to be at least 18 years old.

Articles 25 to 30: These articles have been removed and replaced by a sentence in article 9.g. considering that this information is specified in the Wrestling Rules.

Article 25 (previously 31): Clarifications have been made about the sanctions that can be imposed on referees.

We thank you for your kind collaboration and wish you all the best for the new year.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'N. Lalovic', written over a horizontal line.

Nenad Lalovic  
President  
United World Wrestling

*Corsier-sur-Vevey, 20th of December 2019/Tm*