



UNITED WORLD WRESTLING

TO ALL THE NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

Corsier-sur-Vevey, 14 January 2020 / cr

Subject: Wrestling for athletes with vision impairment

Dear President, dear colleagues,

During its last meeting in November 2019, in the margin of the World Wrestling Medicine Conference in Budapest, the UWW Medical & Anti-doping Commission discussed the possibilities for the development of a Paralympic style for our sport.

In light of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) *Policy on Eligible Impairments in the Paralympic Movement* and considering the characteristics of our sport, the Commission concluded that Wrestling is not suitable for athletes with impairments as listed by the IPC except for those with vision impairment.

It was acknowledged that some visually impaired athletes were already practicing Wrestling and small adaptations were necessary for the practice of our sport by visually impaired athletes.

In order to further explore the possibilities and try to assess the demand in this regard, we are hereby contacting you to ask whether your Federation has any program or competition in place or if another organization exists in your country that promotes the sport for visually impaired athletes.

In addition, and only if such exists within your country, we would greatly appreciate receiving an evaluation of the number of active visually impaired wrestlers.

We thank you for your attention and collaboration and remain

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michel Dusson'.

Michel Dusson
Secretary General

Copy: Bureau; Medical Commission; Sport Department