



TO ALL NATIONAL WRESTLING FEDERATIONS

**Subject: Amendments of the General Regulations for Championships and International Competitions, Wrestling Rules, for extreme situations.**

Dear Mr. President,

As you might know, at the beginning of the year United World Wrestling participated in the Homologation Test for the Tokyo Olympic Games.

During these tests, several exceptional situations were discussed in order to check if our Rules are clear enough for each case.

Following this meeting, we had to make some small adjustments in the Rules to clarify these exceptional situations around the double injuries but also precise the regulations for the different type of forfeits.

You will find attached the new version of the Wrestling Rules. The main change was done at the Article 15 - Elimination of the competition:

**If a double injury (2VIN) happens during one match, the opponent of the next round will win the match by injury. If it happens in a semi-final match and in order to determine which athletes have to go in the repechage, we will use the classification criteria (Article 8) to determine the winner of this double injury match.**

If a **forfeit(s)** or disqualification(s) happen during a medal match (1-2 or 3-5), the following wrestlers (from the part of the bracket of the disqualified/**forfeited** athlete(s)) will move up the table to establish the final classification. If the two finalists are disqualified, then it will be necessary to make the bout between the two bronze medalists to determine the 1st and the 2nd place. All other participants will go up in the ranking, the two in 5th position will become 3rd. **If the two finalists are forfeits despite their successful second weigh-in, the same process will apply (an additional match between the two bronze medalists).**

Moreover, we also take this opportunity to also adjust the General Regulations for Championships and International competitions.

The article 26 - Commitments was modified to be in line with the Olympic Games:

**\*For the Olympic Games and other multi-sports events, any athlete for which an accreditation application has been submitted by the accreditation deadline may be used as replacement provided that he/she is eligible. This change can be done until midday, the day before the competition day of the concerned weight category.**

Still in that article, we also wanted to precise that: **If a National Wrestling Federations cancels the participation of one delegation member after the one-month deadline, the organizer is allowed to request his accommodation fee.**

You will find attached these two documents that can be also founded on our website. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have any question regarding this matter.

Sincerely Yours,

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