### TO ALL NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

Corsier-sur-Vevey, 6 April 2020 /nl/cr

Subject: Decisions regarding the UWW Calendar, OG Qualifiers

Dear President, dear Athletes, dear Colleagues,

We hope that you and your families are well.

This is to follow-up with our communication of 30 March to all federations (available <u>here</u>) and to inform you of the decisions made by the Executive Committee via phone conference on 3 April, and approved by the Bureau today.

Before going through the decisions, which have been taken in the best interest of our athletes, I would like to convene the following message to all National Federations, wrestlers, coaches, referees and athletes' entourage.

For the National Federations, it is advisable to maintain a regular contact with the clubs and the athletes, and to follow the health situation as much as possible. In this regard, I reiterate our message of 30 March asking you to keep UWW informed of any case of infection, as well as cases of recovery.

We also ask you to keep UWW informed of your government's measures and their plans for the lifting of such measures.

Other information will also be regularly posted on UWW's website and we invite you and all your members to follow the news posted on <u>unitedworldwrestling.org</u>.

During this containment period, sport is put aside, and we must work hard together so that this adverse situation becomes an opportunity. How? By resuming competitions before other sports and being prepared as soon as the first signs of the end of the pandemic appear, at least in some parts of the world.

The UWW Technical Commission will have the complicated task to work on the calendar of events and take many aspects into account. To facilitate its work, as much precise information as possible on the conditions in each country will be needed.

Our successful way-out of this crisis relies on this.

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# **DECISIONS**

### 1) Qualifications for the Tokyo Games 2021 & Organizers

- The remaining OG qualifiers shall be organized in 2021 in the same period as in 2020 (supposing minor adjustments to the exact dates).
- The same organizers as originally planned will stage these remaining qualifiers.

## 2) Postponement of the upcoming UWW championships

• All UWW Championships planned until 30 June 2020 are postponed to a later date to be decided in consultation with the concerned organizers, the Technical Commission and the Sports Department.



- All International tournaments planned until 30 June 2020 are cancelled.
- UWW suggests all National Federations to cancel their national events to ensure the health of all athletes and participants is protected.

The calendar shall be adapted in function to the development of the pandemic and shall take into account the financial challenges faced by organizers and national federations.

### 3) Eligibility requirements for the Games

The IOC asked all International Federations to consider the age eligibility requirement in their qualifying systems in light of the new dates for the Games.

- The EC and the Bureau decided to allow the participation of athletes who will meet the minimum age requirements in 2021.
- With regards to the nationality of athletes the EC and the Bureau decided however, that the nationality changes must be frozen and athletes who intend to apply for a change of nationality in 2021 may not be allowed in the Qualifiers and the Games.

Note: As already announced by the IOC, the quotas already allocated are blocked and will not change.

### 4) Congress 2020

The UWW Ordinary Congress is currently planned on 6 September 2020, on the eve of the Junior World Championship. However, considering the UWW Statutes and as this championship may be postponed to a later date and, it was agreed that the convening to the Congress and the call for candidacies should be sent as if it was to be held normally in September.

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I thank you for your collaboration and wish you good health.

Yours sincerely,

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**IOC Executive Board Member** 

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- Technical Commission
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