



UNITED WORLD WRESTLING

TO ALL NATIONAL WRESTLING FEDERATIONS
TO THE BUREAU MEMBERS

Subject: Junior and Senior World Championships - Belgrade (SRB)

Dear Mr. President,

The UWW Executive Committee met today to discuss the organization of the 2020 Junior and Senior World Championships in Belgrade (SRB).

Based on the answers received from the National Wrestling Federations, the Junior World Championships is cancelled because the conditions for holding the event are not met. The percentage of participating NFs as required by the decision of the last meeting was not reached. Also, from the information received by our members, junior competitions in many countries have not resumed and only Senior athletes are practicing.

For the Senior World Championships, 70% of the participating countries and athletes of the previous Senior World Championships committed to compete. In addition, 9 countries out of the 10 top ten teams also confirmed their participation.

It is therefore decided to keep the Senior World Championships in Belgrade from the 12th to the 20th of December 2020 but it will also depend on the participation figures collected on Athena, and obviously on the evolution of the pandemic.

I inform you that the event will be created and opened on Athena tomorrow. Each National Wrestling Federation will be able to register their team **UNTIL the 5th of November 2020.**

I remind you that our Regulations stipulate that: *“If a National Wrestling Federation cancels the participation of one delegation member after the deadline, the organizer is allowed to request his accommodation fee”*. It is therefore very important that you only register the people who will travel to Belgrade.

In this regard, it is advised that only the Teams' staff that is necessary to assist the athletes are entered so that the protective measures are focused and effective. Regarding Referees, their selection will be made by UWW and more information will be communicated on a later date.

In the meantime, we will continue to work with the IOC, our Insurance Company and the WHO to fine tune the sanitary protocol.

On the 6th of November, the Executive Committee will meet again to check the registrations and discuss the current situation of the pandemic around the World. During this meeting, it will be decided to finally keep this event or to cancel it. I please therefore all **the participating countries to book refundable flight tickets.**

Depending the number of participating countries, it will be also decided if the Congress will be held on site or not.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this special time and remain at your disposal in case you have any question regarding this event.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nenad Lalovic'.

Nenad Lalovic
UWW President

Corsier-sur-Vevey, 12th of October 2020/Jdr