

TO ALL OCEANIAN NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

Subject: 2021 Oceania Championships, Pago Pago (ASA)

Dear Mr. President,

In view of the current health situation, we have been in closed contact with the organizing committee of the 2021 Oceania Championships to discuss the conditions under which the competition could take place.

We have also been contacted by National Federations who expressed their concerned about the risk of spreading the virus and the difficulty to travel within the Oceanian Continent.

At this moment, American Samoa remains COVID-free. We have therefore reviewed the travel restrictions implemented and noticed that every passenger travelling through Hawaii would have to spend 14 days in quarantine before being able to enter American Samoa. This is one restriction among many others, and this is not something that can be solved by the organizer.

As already mentioned in multiple circulars these past few months, our first concern is to preserve the health of the delegations and be sure that they will be able to compete in good conditions.

Considering that only one month separate the 2021 Oceanian Championships with the African and Oceanian OG Qualifier, we do not want to take any risk with the health of the athletes.

Based on all the above reasons, we decided to cancel the 2021 Oceania Championships.

With this decision, we reduce the risk of infection due to the travel and avoid taking the risk to have an athlete being infected and not being able to attend the Qualifier.

We would like to point out that the American Samoa Amateur Wrestling Association did their very best to organize this event and this decision was beyond their control.

We inform you therefore that you won't have any restriction linked with your registrations for the 2021 Africa and Oceania Qualifier.

We thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Nenad Lalovie President

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