



TO ALL THE NATIONAL WRESTLING FEDERATIONS

Subject: Refereeing in 2021

Dear President,

The Refereeing Commission organized this week an online meeting to discuss various important topics. With this circular, we intend to provide an update on some of the decisions taken. More detailed information will be shared with you in January.

1. Referees' categories

Earlier during the year, the Refereeing Commission agreed that flexibility will be given towards referee category maintenance requirements. Considering the low number of events that took place this year, it has been finally decided that no downgrade will be made except for drastic mistakes. The 2021 Referees' list will be updated and available on our website beginning of January. Referees who reached the age limit will automatically lose their international category at the end of the year.

2. Referee education

The Commission discussed the possibility to organize online clinics to reduce the number of days the referees have to be present on-site. This will help reduce the spread of the virus and will serve as an opportunity to improve our education and training system.

The first clinic of the year will be dedicated to IS referees and will take place virtually on the 10th of January 2021 at 15:00 (Zurich). This seminar will be mandatory for all IS referees and we please you therefore to already save this date.

The complete and detailed list of 2021 referee courses will be shared in January.

Webinars organized in 2020 have been followed with great interest. Based on this success, it has been decided that additional webinars will be conducted in 2021.

3. Selection of the referees for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games (Next step)

Considering that the Qualification pathway for the referees to be selected for the Olympic Games could not be carried out as planned in 2020, the refereeing commission is currently reviewing this process. As soon as the process have been finalized this will be shared with you.

I also take this opportunity to thank you for your work and to wish you all the best for the new year to come.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Antonio Silvestri'.

Antonio Silvestri
Chief of the Refereeing Commission
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Corsier-sur-Vevey, 23rd of December 2020/AS/Tm