



TO ALL NATIONAL WRESTLING FEDERATIONS

Subject: Refereeing in 2021

Dear President,

This circular is complementary to the circular sent at the end of December 2020 and provide further information on the decisions taken regarding refereeing in 2021.

1. Referees' categories

The 2021 Referees' list has been updated and is now available on our website.

2. Referee education

Due to the severe limitations imposed by the current pandemic, the Refereeing Commission decided to replace onsite theoretical referee clinics by online courses prior to the event. As already explained, this will reduce the number of days the referees have to be present on-site and will reduce the risks of spread of the virus. The practical part will still take place during the event. This new methodology will be used for the first semester of 2021.

To resume, referees will still have to register to the different clinics on Athena system when registering for the competition. Once the registration deadline is closed, each referee will receive a link and password to join the different meetings (clinics). Online clinics will be mandatory in order to attend the practical part during the event. It is important that you complete the Athena profile of your referee with a private email address so we can contact each of them in due time.

Each session will last approximatively one hour and thirty minutes. Level 1 and 3 courses will consist of four sessions split over two weekends. A written exam will be carried out on site in order to validate the theoretical part. This will take place one day prior to the start of the competition. Level 2 and 4 clinics will consist of one session only, there will be no written exam for these clinics.

You will find in attachment the calendar of online clinics with the date and time of each session.

Additional information: Considering that no clinics level 1 took place in 2020, referees aged 41 (1980) will exceptionally be able to attend level 1 clinic in 2021 in order to obtain the international category.

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

Over the past few weeks, the UWW Referee Commission has met via teleconference to discuss and evaluate the continued process of the selection of the referees for the Tokyo Olympic Games. After discussion and taking into account the COVID-19 situation worldwide, the Commission has decided to maintain the procedures determined at the 2019 Commission meeting in Budapest, with some minor changes in response to the pandemic.

All the IS referees who officiated at the 2019 Senior World Championships in Nur-Sultan, KAZ, will be controlled. These referees will be required to officiate at one of the remaining three Continental Olympic Qualifiers and at the World Olympic Qualifying Tournament.

Referees will need to officiate at the Continental Qualifier of their own continent, unless designated by the Referee Commission to act as neutral referees in another Qualifier. The concerned IS referees from Americas will be therefore appointed to another Qualifier.



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Shortly after the World Qualifier, the final selection of referees for the Tokyo Olympics will be released. Due to the pandemic the originally scheduled seminar might be replaced by an online training. Further information will be shared later during the year.

Due to the recent changes in the event calendar, IS referees still eligible for the Olympic Games will not have the obligation to officiate at the Seniors Continental Championships but we encourage them to participate. IS referees who did not officiate in Nur-Sultan will be required to participate at the Seniors Continental Championships for control; Category I referees will also be allowed to officiate at the Continental Championships.

We thank you for your collaboration and wish you a good start of season.

Sincerely yours,

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

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