



TO ALL NATIONAL WRESTLING FEDERATIONS
TO THE BUREAU MEMBERS

Corsier-sur-Vevey, 21st of November 2023 / Jdr

Subject: Qualifying Tournaments for the Olympic Games and 2024 Ranking System

Dear Presidents,

By this circular we would like to provide you all the necessary information regarding the Qualifying Tournaments for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games but also regarding the 2024 Ranking System.

Continental Qualifying Tournaments

During these four tournaments, 2 athletes per weight category will qualify one quota for his/her country.

As only the winners of the semi-final matches will be qualified for the Olympic Games, it will be useless to organize repechage for this event. Moreover, the medal matches (bronze and gold) are also not important as we will already know who will be qualified in each weight category.

Our past experience with the qualification events for the Tokyo Olympic Games showed us that most of these matches were not held because of “injuries”.

The Bureau Members agreed to cancel the repechage and the medal matches for the Continental Qualifying Tournaments.

These competitions will be therefore organized in a one-day format with the qualification rounds in the morning and the semi-final matches (the qualification for Paris) during the evening session.

In case a positive doping case or if a National Olympic Committee will not confirm their quota, we need to establish an overall ranking for these events. You will find attached to this circular the document which stipulate the criteria set to rank each athlete after the two qualified wrestlers.

World Qualifying Tournament

During this last qualifying event, 3 athletes per weight category will qualify one quota for his/her country.

The two winners of the semi-finals will be qualified for the Olympic Games. The last quota will be given to the winner of the additional match that will be held between the two winners of the bronze medal matches.

This tournament will be organized in a two-day format. The qualifications rounds will be organized the first morning. The semi-final matches the first evening. The repechage the second morning and the bout for the last quota the second evening.

It was also approved that no gold medal match will be held in order to preserve the qualified athletes against potential injuries.

The ranking for this competition will be set following the International Wrestling Rules.



Seeds

The Bureau Members also approved to have 4 seeded athletes for each of the qualifying events (Continental and World). We also remind you that we will seed 4 athletes for the Senior Continental Championships. For the Olympic Games, 8 athletes will be seeded.

We use this opportunity to remind you which events will count to seed the athletes.

2024 Senior Continental Championships (4 seeds):

- 2023 Senior World Championships - Belgrade (SRB)
- 1st Ranking Series - Zagreb Open (CRO)
- African Games - Accra (GHA)

2024 Continental and World Qualifying Tournaments (4 seeds):

- 2023 Senior World Championships - Belgrade (SRB)
- 1st Ranking Series - Zagreb Open (CRO)
- African Games - Accra (GHA)*
- 2024 Senior Continental Championships (GUM, EGY, MEX, KGZ and ROU)

** As the African Games are reserved for African Countries, their UWW Ranking results are calculated from their 2 best results (of the maximum 3 events) plus the 2023 Senior World Championships*

Paris Olympic Games (8 seeds):

- 2023 Senior World Championships - Belgrade (SRB)
- 1st Ranking Series - Zagreb Open (CRO)
- 2024 Senior Continental Championships (GUM, EGY, MEX, KGZ and ROU)
- African Games - Accra (GHA)*
- 2nd Ranking Series - Polyak Imre & Varga Janos Memorial (HUN)

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2024 Ranking System

The International competitions included into the 2024 Ranking System are the:

- 1st Ranking Series - Zagreb Open (CRO)
- Senior Continental Championships (GUM, EGY, MEX, KGZ and ROU)
- African Games - Accra (GHA)*
- 2nd Ranking Series - Polyak Imre & Varga Janos Memorial (HUN)
- Paris Olympic Games (FRA)

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Our Sports' Department stays at your disposal if you have any question related to these aforementioned topics.

Sincerely Yours,


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