

**TO ALL NATIONAL GRAPPLING FEDERATIONS
TO THE GRAPPLING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Corsier-sur-Vevey, 22nd of January 2024

Subject: Modifications of International Grappling Rules

Dear President,

We are writing to inform you that the International Grappling Rules have undergone some changes following the meetings of the Grappling Committee, as well as following the changes made by the UWW Sports Department.

After discussions during the Grappling Committee meetings on August 23, 2023, and December 21, 2023, the following amendments were adopted by majority votes:

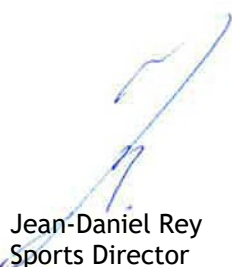
1. Introduction of a 58 kg weight category for Senior Men in order to align with the same weight categories as the U20 age group and due to the popularity of this category among Asian countries (art. 7 "Age, Weight and Competition Categories").
2. Removal of the Veteran Women category due to the lack of participants in this category (art. 7 "Age, Weight and Competition Categories").
3. Change in the events when a challenge can be requested by the athlete (art. 32 "The Challenge").
4. Adoption of team ranking for the U15 age category (art. 33 "Team Ranking during Individual Competitions").
5. Introduction of the Back Body Triangle attack (art. 36 "Values Assigned to the Actions and Holds").
6. Changes in the system of cautions issued by the referee for illegal actions (art. 37 "Classification Points" and art. 42 "Illegal Actions").

Additionally, due to the numerous FFT victories at the grappling championships, the UWW Sports Department has decided that the draw for the next grappling competitions will be conducted after the weigh-in. The corresponding changes have been incorporated into art. 8 "Competition System" and art. 11 "Weigh-in".

Attached to this circular, you will find the International Grappling Rules with the aforementioned modifications highlighted in green or red. This new version will come into force on February 1, 2024.

We thank you for your attention and collaboration in this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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Rizvan Bochkaev
World Grappling Committee President