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Article 1 - Scope of application

The Recognition Guidelines ("**Guidelines**") apply to the recognition of competitions in wrestling by the United World Wrestling ("**UWW**") on a worldwide territory ("**UWW Territory**"), which are neither organized by UWW nor an affiliated or associated National Federation ("**National Federation**" in accordance with article 6 of the UWW Constitution) nor an organizer or co-organizer recognized by the latter (so-called "**Third-Party Events**"). The Guidelines apply to any such Third-Party Event, disregarding of the duration, location and/or organizational structure.

Article 2 - Objective

Based on generally applicable, clear, objective, transparent and non-discriminatory criteria the Guidelines set the minimum requirements for the organization and staging of Third-Party Events within the UWW Territory. The Guidelines are premised on the consideration that Third-Party Events require recognition in order to achieve the UWW's substantial association goals and can only be recognized if the organization and staging is respecting the integrity and ethical values of wrestling sport, ensuring smooth and fair sporting competition and, last but not least, maintaining the safety and health of the Participants.

On this basis, but not limited to the aforementioned considerations, it is the National Federations' responsibility to recognize any Third-Party Event under these Guidelines or to refuse to recognize the organization and staging of any such event if the minimum requirements are not met. UWW shall ultimately recognize the National Federations' decision.

These Guidelines shall serve as minimum requirements that must be implemented by each National Federation at national level, the latter having the possibility of further adding thereto.

Article 3 - Definitions

- 3.1 *Third-Party Event*: Third-party event means any competition in wrestling sport which is not organized and realized by the UWW, the National Federations, or an organizer or co-organizer recognized by the UWW or National Federations.
- 3.2 *Wrestling*: Wrestling sport means all disciplines listed by the UWW, namely Freestyle Wrestling, Women's Wrestling, Greek-Roman Wrestling and all other traditional and historical types of wrestling, including, but not limited to, Pankration, Belt Wrestling, Grappling, Gambian Wrestling and Beach Wrestling. Furthermore, wrestling sports in the sense of these Guidelines include all other disciplines and sorts of wrestling, which are basic elements of the enumerated disciplines and which are athletically comparable.
- 3.3 *Organizer*: Organizer means a natural or legal person which organizes and realizes a Third-Party Event for own account itself or through third parties.
- 3.4 *Participants*: Participants means all athletes, coaches, trainers, timekeepers, scorekeepers, team captains, referees or functionaries that are involved in the Third-Party Event.
- 3.5 *Single Event*: Single Event means a competition in wrestling that is not scheduled to take place on a recurring basis.
- 3.6 *Series of Events*: Series of Events mean a competition in wrestling composed of individual, recurring events (for instance yearly or half-yearly) that relate to a long-term period and do not represent a league competition.
- 3.7 *League Competition*: League Competition means a competition in wrestling which takes place on a continuous basis in successive consecutive single events, is generally held in an annual cycle with a predetermined competition schedule and the scores of which result in a league table with the ranking of the participating teams.
- 3.8 *Net Profit*: Net Profit means the net revenue from the Third-Party Event in wrestling after deduction of costs. If a Third-Party Event is organized by an association of several clubs or

companies, net profit in the sense of this Guideline is the cumulated net profit of all associations and clubs or their legal entities in connection with the Third-Party Event.

- 3.9 *Turnover*: Turnover are revenues in connection with the Third-Party Event in wrestling sports. If a Third-Party Event is organized by an association of several clubs, turnover in the sense of these Guidelines is the cumulated net profit of all associations and clubs or their legal entities in connection with the Third-Party Event.

Article 4 - Need for recognition and recognition procedure

- 4.1 Every Third-Party Event according to Art. 3.1 requires recognition by the respective National Federation. The competence to proceed on applications in connection with these Guidelines or the respective accordant national Guidelines will be on the concerned National Federation regardless of the international or national dimension of the respective Third-Party Event. In case the Third-Party Event is intended to be staged in more than one national territory, those National Federations shall be obliged to appoint one National Federation as responsible for the aforementioned recognition procedure.
- 4.2 The application for the staging of a Third-Party Event must be submitted in writing to National Federations no later than 6 months before the planned start of the Third-Party Event. A belated application cannot be considered and will lead to the non-recognition of the planned Third-Party Event, unless the Organizer is able to present important reasons showing that a timely application could not be submitted. In such case it will be duly assessed, whether or not the delayed application may be considered.
- 4.3 The application in particular contains the following information on the Organizer and the Third-Party Event:
- a) an application letter signed by the Organizer;
 - b) all names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of the Organizer and co-organizers, if any. In case of legal entities as Organizer in addition: seat, commercial register number, tax number, names and functions of the representatives;
 - c) detailed description of the planned competition (format) in accordance with the specifications of the application form, which has to contain a clear, understandable and transparent description of the format of competition;
 - d) experiences of the Organizer regarding the organization and staging of competitions in wrestling sport;
 - e) address of the venue and premises of the Third-Party Event;
 - f) period of the Third-Party Event;
 - g) provisional list of Participants planned to be invited to the Third-Party Event;
 - h) the expected net profit (Art 3.8) or turnover (Art 3.9) of the Third-Party event and the amount of the prize money and/or entry fee for the Third-Party Event;
 - i) draft announcement for the Third-Party Event;
 - j) the planned media reporting (e.g. Host Broadcaster, copyright holders in the respective broadcast areas) and the preliminary broadcast schedule of each broadcast area intended.
- 4.4 The application must be supported by appropriate documents which prove the fulfilment and compliance with the recognition requirements according to Art. 5 for the planned Third-Party Event. National Federations may provide forms concerning Art. 4.3 lit. a) and lit. i).

- 4.5 Provided the application is submitted in due form and time, National Federations shall decide by written decision at least 4 months prior to the planned start of the Third-Party Event, in case of a Series of Events or a League Competition prior to the first single event.
- 4.6 National Federations shall decide at their due discretion whether or not the recognition requirements pursuant to Art. 5 have been complied with. They will notify UWW for their final authorization. If, in an actual individual case, a prerequisite for recognition pursuant to Art. 5 is not met, however, the objectives pursuant to Art. 2 are not jeopardized and the regulations of these Guidelines are not precluding such decision, National Federations may refrain from complying with individual recognition requirements.
- 4.7 If the recognition requirements for the Third-Party Event are not complied with, National Federations shall notify the Organizer and UWW of the non-recognition, stating the reasons. Within fourteen (14) days after notification of the non-recognition, the Organizer may explain in writing why recognition of the Third-Party Event must be granted and, furthermore, may improve or supplement documents ("**rectification procedure**"). In case of a rectification procedure National Federations shall reconsider the Organizer's improved or supplemented presentation and decide by written notice within further fourteen (14) days if the planned Third-Party Event may be recognized or not. If the Organizer decides not to make use of the rectification procedure in due time, the third event shall be deemed not recognized.
- 4.8 In case of recognition the Organizer shall provide the National Federations no later than one (1) month before the start of the Third-Party Event with the complete final list of the Participants pursuant to Art. 3.4. The National Federation will provide UWW with such final list accordingly.
- 4.9 If the recognition of a league competition, which does not only cover a single competition season, is requested, the requestor has to verify compliance to the recognition requirements (Art. 5) also for the competition season which follows the season in which the Third-Party Event was acknowledged for the first time (further recognition). For the proceeding concerning further recognition the determinations concerning the recognition for the first time apply accordingly, as far as these Guidelines or the meaning of a single regulation or the application form for further recognition do not contain different regulations. The regulations of Art. 14 of these Guidelines remain unaffected.
- 4.10 National Federations are authorized to charge a fee for administration concerning the verification of the request on the execution of a Third-Party Event, as far as its height has been appointed and acquainted previous to the application.

Article 5 - Recognition Requirements

The Third-Party Event can only be recognized by National Federations, and ultimately by UWW, if the Organizer proves compliance with the:

- 5.1 Organizer's guarantees (Art. 6);
- 5.2 Legal and statutory requirements (Art. 7);
- 5.3 Technical and organizational requirements (Art. 8);
- 5.4 Medical requirements (Art. 9);
- 5.5 Requirements for doping controls (Art. 10);
- 5.6 Obligation to pay the solidarity contribution (Art. 11); and
- 5.7 Assumption of liability for the Third-Party Event (Art. 12).

Article 6 - Organizer's Guarantees

6.1 The Organizer must provide the following guarantees regarding the intended Third-Party Event:

- a) Ensuring coherence of rules for the wrestling sport, to safeguard that international wrestling competitions receive worldwide recognition and wrestling sport competitions are transparently, uniformly and fairly regulated. However, development opportunities for competition innovations shall not be unreasonably restricted.
- b) Ensuring that merely such athletes are allowed to participate in a Third-Party Event whose health status permits a participation in wrestling sport ("**medical fitness**"). The Organizer has particularly to make sure that athletes showing visible or prominent skin change are obliged to provide a medical certificate (specialist for dermatology) before the start of a Third-Party Event (in case of a series of events or a league competition before the first single event) indicating that the investigated skin disease or change is not infectious and insofar not presenting any risk to the other Participants. The medical certificate must not be older than ten (10) days.

In case of athletes with chronic skin disease (psoriasis, acne, etc.) it will be sufficient if the medical certificate is indicating that there is actually no risk of infection. The medical certificate shall include the diagnosis, the localization of the skin changes and the recommended treatment. The medical certificate must not be older than one (1) year at the beginning of the Third-Party Event (in case of a series of events or a league competition the first single event).

The Organizer explicitly guarantees that athletes not complying with the aforementioned requirements will not participate in the Third-Party Event.

- c) Enforcing the ethical values of wrestling sport, in particular:
 - to protect wrestling sport from illegal sports betting and other conduct that could lead to the manipulation of (international) wrestling competitions;
 - to prevent any political influence on wrestling sport;
 - to prevent harassment and abuse of athletes;
 - to protect the neutrality, independence and compliance of referees and thus the entire sporting competition.
- d) Applying and enforcing anti-doping rules as well as specific rules that protect the health and safety of athletes and are in the interest of fair competition.
- e) Supporting the voluntary structures in wrestling sport and its promotion at all levels through development and solidarity programs.

6.2 The Organizer has to guarantee sufficient economic capacity for the proper execution of the event (above all concerning the fulfilment of the requirements on safety and healthiness of the Participants). The Organizer's economic capacity has to be verified by the presentation of a business plan on request of the National Federation.

6.3 In actual individual cases, some guarantees may be waived (this does generally not apply with regard to Art. 6.1 b), c) and d)), if the Organizer cannot reasonably be expected to comply with the guarantee or legitimate interests of the Organizer are conflicting the compliance and the integrity of the wrestling sport is not impaired. The Organizer has to demonstrate the unreasonableness, the legitimate interests as well as the non-impairment of the integrity of the wrestling sport in the context of the application.

Article 7 - Legal and Statutory Requirements

7.1 The Organizer must commit to respecting the following legal and statutory requirements pertaining to the organization and staging of the Third-Party Event:

- a) Observing the laws, regulations and other provisions, especially those related to the organization and staging of a sporting event.
- b) Obtaining of all necessary approvals under private and public law.
- c) Implementing and adhering of the defining characteristics and values of Olympic wrestling (e.g. fair play) as well as the rules for the other types of wrestling in their entirety.
- d) Guaranteeing that all referees have necessary skills and knowledge for applying and enforcing the relevant wrestling rules and for ensuring neutral and independent arbitration. For this purpose, the referees shall obtain a valid license from National Federations. The prerequisite of necessary skills and knowledge will also be deemed satisfactory if an equivalent qualification with a comparable scope of training and further education may be evidenced.

7.2 In actual individual cases individual requirements pursuant to Art. 7.1 may be waived, if the Organizer cannot reasonably be expected to comply with the requirements, legitimate interests of the Organizer are conflicting the compliance and the staging of a smooth and fair sporting competition is not impaired. The Organizer has to demonstrate the unreasonableness, the legitimate interests and the non-impairment of the staging of a smooth and fair sporting competition in the context of the application.

Article 8 - Technical and Organizational Requirements

8.1 The Organizer must commit to respecting the following technical and organizational requirements pertaining to the organization and staging of the Third-Party Event:

- a) Providing and applying for all technical requirements necessary for the proper conduct of a wrestling competition (competition secretariat, awarding of points, timing, weighing, pairing, video equipment for challenges).
- b) Provisioning of sufficiently large competition halls in order to safely fit the requisite number of competition mats (including warm-up mats) in relation to the number of Participants and the format of the competition respectively. In addition to a warm-up room the Organizer must make available a sufficient number of changing rooms with showers and toilets (separate for men and women).
- c) Provisioning of assessed and authorized competition mats.
- d) Using of distinctive names or titles for the Third-Party Event. The name of a Third-Party Event as well as the title for the victory of the announced competition shall in particular be clearly distinguishable from the names of National Federations and UWW and their competitions and internationally acknowledged titles awarded by UWW and/or National Federations.
- e) Timing of the Third-Party Event in coordination with the official respective national competition calendar and the international *UWW Events Calendar* in each case with the aim of allowing the Participants to participate in these events without constraints. In particular, Third-Party Events shall not take place parallelly to the competition season of the UWW and/or National Federations (above all the international championships) in order to prevent or limit the collision of competitions. Athletes, officials and other wrestling Participants as well as spectators shall be able to participate in as many wrestling competitions as possible. In the context of timing Third-Party Events adequate consideration shall be given to squad actions or planning by UWW. If in the respective territory two or more Third-Party Events are announced at the same time, the single Organizers shall come to an agreement to avoid scheduling conflicts.

8.2 National Federations are entitled to determine further specifications and to substantiate the technical and organizational requirements set forth in Art. 8.1. This shall particularly, but not exclusively, apply with regard to the timing of Third-Party Events planned to be staged as

League Competition, provided an overlap in time of such event with wrestling competitions of the UWW and/or National Federations (including squad actions) can be anticipated. National Federations may only decide on the recognition of a Third-Party Event taking consideration to any such substantiated requirement if the respective specifications are already published at the time of the application and in the same form as applied for these Guidelines.

- 8.3 In actual individual cases, individual requirements pursuant to Art. 8.1 may be waived, if the Organizer cannot reasonably be expected to comply with the requirements, legitimate interests of the Organizer are conflicting the compliance and no impairment of the competition caused by the time overlap is expected. The same shall apply if the safety of the athletes is not expected to be impaired by the time overlap, in particular if adequate regeneration of the athletes between the competitions is ensured. The Organizer has to demonstrate the unreasonableness, the legitimate interests, the non-impairment of the competition and the non-impairment of the safety of athletes in the context of the application.

Article 9 - Medical Requirements

- 9.1 The Organizer must commit to respecting the following medical requirements pertaining to the organization and staging of the Third-Party Event:
- a) Drawing up of an emergency plan before the start of the Third-Party Event in order to ensure effective initial care in case of injuries. In particular, the responsibility in the course of the medical emergency aid has to be clearly defined. Moreover, the nearest hospital or the hospital that can be reached most quickly has to be determined.
 - b) Provisioning of medical emergency assistance in the competition hall and in particular in close proximity to the competition mats for the entire duration of the Third-Party Event in order to treat injured athletes immediately and efficiently. This applies during the wrestling match as well as during the warm-up of the athletes.
 - c) Endowment of the medical aid with all necessary treatment facilities (in particular for resuscitation and open wounds). The Medical equipment (especially splints, bandages, syringes and sterile needles, etc.) must be available in sufficient quantity. All necessary medication for emergencies (especially resuscitation, hypersensitivity reaction, pain control and local anesthesia, etc.) must also be ensured.
 - d) Provisioning of a stretcher and guaranteeing for the availability of an ambulance in order to be able to promptly take seriously injured athletes to the nearest hospital or the hospital that can be reached most quickly.
 - e) Pursuing the pre-weighing medical examination by a licensed physician in an enclosed space that ensures the privacy of the athletes.
 - f) Providing sufficient insurance cover for all athletes participating in the competition of the Third-Party Event. The coverage must in particular include accidents or injuries suffered during the wrestling competition.
- 9.2 Concerning the medical requirements set forth in Art. 9.1 the provisions of Art. 8.2 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*. As far as the athletes named in the final list of Participants according to Art. 4.8 cannot be controlled permanently by the Organizer (e.g. because of residence in foreign countries) the medical fitness of the athletes can be verified by a licensed physician with residence at the athlete's residence or his usual place of practice (e.g. home club in foreign countries). The verification must not be older than six (6) month at the beginning of the Third-Party event (in case of a series of events or a league competition the first single event)
- 9.3 Wrestling is a combat sport and strengths event which may lead to serious injuries and even permanent damage to health. In order to guarantee the safety and health of the athletes, in particular young athletes, a deviation from the medical requirements set forth in Art. 9.1 shall generally not be possible.

Article 10 - Requirements for doping tests

- 10.1 The guaranteeing and conducting of doping tests by the Organizer is the substantial prerequisite for achieving the objectives set forth in Art. 2 as well as for the recognition of the Third-Party Event. Doping tests must be conducted and organized in sufficient numbers with respect to the number of Participants and the format of the competition. Moreover, doping tests must in general be organized and conducted in compliance with internationally acknowledged standards (see Art. 10.2) in order to guarantee the integrity and to protect the nature and the interest of sports competition.
- 10.2 As a minimum prerequisite for the recognition of a Third-Party Event the Organizer must provide evidence for a contractual commitment with the WADA and/or a national equivalent and recognized anti-doping organization. The submission of the application shall be sufficient if clear evidence for the contractual commitment is provided at the latest until expiry of the National Federation's deadline for deciding on the recognition of the Third-Party Event. A further minimum prerequisite is the guarantee of the Organizer that systematic doping testing, thus a permanent and integrity and health safeguarding control system will be implemented.
- 10.3 The Organizer of a Third-Party Event has to ensure and verify that the athletes who are named in the final list of Participants according to Art. 4.8 participate in systematic anti-doping controls.
- 10.4 As far as athletes are announced according to Art 4.4 lit. g) as planned Participants who are not exercising wrestling sports regularly or who are withdrawn from the permanent access by the Organizer or who can't be controlled regularly according to the chosen anti-doping system, the Organizer has to take all necessary and reasonable efforts to ensure in other ways, that athletes participating on Third-Party Events participate in comparable anti-doping controls (controls on competitions, but above all unannounced training controls) and that appropriate verifications can be furnished on request.
- 10.5 The Organizer of a Third-Party Event shall have own guidelines for anti-doping controls. In any case, it shall comply with the World Anti-doping Code and WADA's International Standards or the standards adopted on the respective national agency level. Samples shall be analyzed by a laboratory accredited by WADA.
- 10.6 In order not to endanger the health of athletes and to preserve the integrity of wrestling sport, no deviation from the minimum prerequisites set forth in Article 10.1 to 10.4 is possible.

Article 11 - Solidarity contribution

- 11.1 The Organizer undertakes to pay a solidarity contribution to the National Federations.
- 11.2 The specific amount of the solidarity contribution will be determined by the National Federations as integral part of their decision on the recognition of the Third-Party Event in accordance with Art. 4.6. The amount of the solidarity contribution shall depend on the number of Participants, the format and scope of the Third-Party Event as well as on the proportion of athletes, coaches and referees supported by National Federations' promotion and sports training programs. It also has to be considered the expected net profit of the Third-Party Event whereby an expected high net profit shall generally lead to a reduction of the percentage of the solidarity contribution.
- 11.3 The solidarity contribution shall amount to at least four (4) percent (4%) of the Net Profit and can increase in detail:
 - a) up to five percent (5%) for Single Events pursuant to Art. 3.5;
 - b) up to six percent (6%) for Serial Events pursuant to Art. 3.6; and
 - c) up to eight percent (8%) for League Competitions pursuant to Art. 3.7.

As far as no Net Profit is achieved in connection with a Third-Party Event the solidarity contribution amounts one percent (1%) of the Turnover in the sense of Art. 3.9.

In any case the solidarity contribution amount shall be transparent for all parties involved.

- 11.4 Part of the solidarity contribution shall be redistributed by the National Federation to UWW. The respective amount will be agreed upon in every single case. UWW and National Federations shall use the solidarity contribution exclusively for solidarity and development purposes in connection with youth development and education of coaches or referees.
- 11.5 The Organizer must report the achieved net profit or the turnover to the National Federation and pay the solidarity contribution at the latest three (3) months after the end of the Third-Party Event.
- 11.6 As regards Serial Events according to Art. 3.6 and League Competitions according to Art. 3.7, the regular (annual) financial report pertaining to the Serial Event or League Competition shall be deemed the end of the Third-Party Event.
- 11.7 Upon ending of the Third-Party Event the National Federations shall remain entitled to request audit of the Third-Party Event's books in order to be able to verify the assessment of the notified net profit and to properly report to UWW. If the Organizer is presenting a written confirmation by a tax consultant or auditor, from which the height of the Net Profit or Turnover pursuant to Art. 3.9 results, this shall be equivalent to a disclosure of the books.

Article 12 - Liability / Insurance

- 12.1 The Organizer shall be liable for the preparation of the entire Third-Party Event, its staging as well as for any infringement established during the Third-Party Event. The Organizer shall also be responsible for guaranteeing the safety of all Participants and spectators and maintaining order in the competition hall.
- 12.2 The Organizer must take out an insurance policy which guarantees his civil liability, including the days for the facilities set up before the competition and the days for the dismantling of the facilities after the competition.
- 12.3 If the event takes place, neither UWW nor National Federations shall be liable for any damage resulting from an infringement of national laws, regulations or other relevant provisions occurring before, during or after the competition.

Article 13 - Consequences of recognition / non-recognition of a Third-Party Event

- 13.1 If the Third-Party Event is recognized by the concerned National Federation and ultimately by UWW ("**Recognized Third-Party Event**"), Participants according to Art. 3.4 who are under National Federations' s and/or UWW's jurisdiction (i.e. holder of a UWW license) and who are on the list of Participants according to Art. 3.4, may participate in the Third-Party Event without any negative consequence.
- 13.2 The recognition of a Third-Party Event may be revoked in accordance with Art. 14.
- 13.3 The recognition of a Third-Party event does not constitute a legal claim for the recognition of further Third-Party events in wrestling sports by the same Organizer.
- 13.4 If the Third-Party Event is not recognized by the concerned National Federation and ultimately by UWW, all athletes being subject to the UWW and/or National Federations' jurisdiction must not participate in such Third-Party Event. UWW and/or National Federations are entitled to sanction Participants under their jurisdiction who nevertheless participate in such non-recognized Third-Party Event.
- 13.5 National Federations shall notify the Participants pursuant to Art. 3.4 in writing the intended sanction and, moreover, inform them about the reasons as well as the intended concrete sanction. The Participants concerned shall be given the opportunity to make known their views on the intended sanction in writing. Such writing shall be submitted to the National Federation within seven (7) days.

- 13.6 Disregarding of certain national disciplinary measures (e.g. bans or fines), the following sanctions may be imposed on persons being subject to UWW's jurisdiction:
- a) in the event of fraudulent participation, a fine of up to 5,000 euros and/or a ban of up to twelve (12) months for competitions organized by UWW and/or National Federations;
 - b) a fine of up to 5,000 euros for the first intentional participation; and
 - c) for any further intentional participation, a suspension from competitions organized by UWW for up to twenty-four (24) months.
- 13.7 When imposing sanctions, UWW and National Federations shall assess the concerned participant's comments and take appropriate account of whether the infringement was for the first time and to what extent the respective participation in the Third-Party Event has impaired the objectives pursuant to Art. 2.
- 13.8 Participants of non-recognized Third-Party Events who do not fall under the penal authority of UWW and/or National Federations are generally not eligible to participate in competitions organized by UWW or National Federations. If a request for participation to UWW or National Federations competitions has already been submitted, such request may be rejected. Art. 13.5 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.
- 13.9 UWW and National Federations will publicly inform about the recognition or non-recognition of the Third-Party Event. Furthermore, in the case of recognition of the Third-Party Event, the Organizer is entitled to term the recognized Third-Party Event in each correspondence or publicity as "event recognized by *respective National Federation and UWW*".

Article 14 - Revocation of recognition

- 14.1 The Recognition of a Third-Party Event may be revoked by a National Federation or UWW if:
- a) after the decision on recognition according to Art. 4.6, the circumstances change in such a way that the Recognition Requirements according to Art. 5 are no longer met;
 - b) the final list of Participants pursuant to Art. 4.8 is not submitted to the UWW or National Federations in due time; and
 - c) in the case of Serial Events pursuant to Art. 3.6 or League Competitions pursuant to Art. 3.7, one or more of the individual events or competitions respectively do not meet the Recognition Requirements pursuant to Art. 5.
- 14.2 The revocation of recognition has the consequence that the Third-Party Event is deemed not recognized within the meaning of Art. 13.4.

Article 15 - Complaint against non-recognition of the third event

- 15.1 The decision not to recognize a Third-Party Event may be appealed at National Federations in writing within twenty-one (21) days of the unsuccessful rectification procedure. The complaint must be supported by the reasons for which the appealing party considers that the Board made incorrect use of its discretion when assessing whether or not the requirements for recognition pursuant to Art. 5 have been met.
- 15.2 The respective appeal body shall review the decision for errors of appreciation and close the review procedure within twenty-one (21) days by written decision. In the context of the review and examination procedure only such documents shall be taken into consideration that have already been submitted with the initial application or within the course of the rectification procedure.

Article 16 - Applicable law and jurisdiction

- 16.1 All disputes arising out of or in connection with these Guidelines or their validity will be settled in accordance with UWW and/or National Federations regulations in this regard.
- 16.2 Details concerning the respective procedures must be regulated in the application form concerning the recognition of the Third-Party Event or the arbitration agreement, if applicable.

Article 17 - Final provisions

- 17.1 These Guidelines shall enter into force by their publication on 20 September 2019.
- 17.3 The Guidelines will be available at any time on the homepage of UWW at www.unitedworldwrestling.org. Amendments and supplements, including further specifications or substantiated requirements provided in accordance with these Guidelines, will be published and acquainted accordingly.

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