UNITED WORLD **WRESTLING**

TO ALL NATIONAL FEDERATIONS QUALIFIED FOR THE YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

Corsier-sur-Vevey, 30th of October 2026 /Jdr

Subject: Brackets at the Youth Olympic Games – Dakar 2026

Dear President,

Let me first of all congratulate you for having an athlete(s) qualified for the upcoming Youth Olympic Games (YOG).

As the competition will start very soon, we would like to inform you about one adjustment of the Rules for these Games.

The Competition Format of the YOG was established based on 12 athletes competing in each weight category. Therefore, we would have 3 groups of 4 athletes and the best of them will move to the elimination round.

It was agreed with the IOC that we will only have that competition format for Beach Wrestling in Dakar. Therefore, a specific rule was put in place for these Games.

If one or more wrestlers do not attend, or fail the Medical Control and Weigh-in, the number of participants for the weight category will not be changed. The concerned athlete(s) will be assigned the last draw number(s) in their weight category. Their opponent will win their match by forfeit (2-0) in all scheduled matches. This (These) athlete(s) will be placed last, without rank.

I thank you therefore in advance to share this information to your coaches that will be in charge of your athletes in Dakar.

Don't hesitate to contact the UWW Sports Department if you have any question regarding this topic.

Sincerely Yours,

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