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**TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE WORLD GRAPPLING & PANKRATION COMMITTEE
TO ALL NATIONAL FEDERATIONS MANAGING GRAPPLING & PANKRATION**

Subject: Approved equipment for the senior World Championship in Belgrade

Dear Colleagues,

As the world governing body for Wrestling, Grappling, Pankration, and Mixed Martial Arts, FILA has a moral responsibility to support any improvement in training and competition equipment in order to encourage innovation in the fighting industry and ensure maximum safety, performance, and equity during its events.

Positive steps have been taken during the course of this year to implement an Approval and Licensing Programme with the aim of certifying the uniforms and protective gear to be used during all FILA sanctioned events and making them available to the National Federations at competitive prices.

The wrestling events being already compliant with the FILA and IOC requirements, the focus was first put on the non-Olympic styles whose competition uniforms have been lacking strictness and consistency. Two partner brands were first identified, namely Pit Bull West Coast and Dragon Sports, both from Poland, and they produced custom-made collections for FILA. The products can be consulted and purchased on the new portal launched by FILA:

www.fila-approved.com

In order to encourage and support the FILA members, the Approval and Licensing Programme includes some preferential conditions, such as 30-40% discounts to all grouped orders placed by the National Federations and the possibility to name official retailers that will be in charge of supplying the national market. Such commercial opportunities will be offered in an attempt to grow the Federations' financial resources so they can be reinvested in the development of the sport and participation in international events.

As per the beginning of next year, a full range of approved products from various world-leading brands will be made available to the National Federations after having successfully passed independent laboratory testing to ensure superior quality and durability. The manufacturers in agreement with FILA will also be bound to sponsoring actions with regards to events and national teams. The National Federations will be informed in due course of the programme developments.

Concerning this year's senior World Championship in Belgrade, it will NOT be mandatory for the National Federations to supply their athletes with approved equipment, provided that they comply with the basic requirements listed hereafter:

No-Gi Grappling:

- First called:
Red tight-fitting rashguard (long sleeves or short sleeves) with country code on the back.
Black or matching red shorts or leggings. Shorts may not have any pockets.
- Second called:
Blue tight-fitting rashguard (long sleeves or short sleeves) with country code on the back.
Black or matching blue shorts or leggings. Shorts may not have any pockets.

Gi Grappling:

- First called: Full white jiu jitsu gi of proper size with country code on the back of the jacket.
- Second called: Full color jiu jitsu gi of proper size with country code on the back of the jacket.
- Grapplers may wear their own belts.



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Pankration:

- First called:
Full white endyma or jiu jitsu gi of proper size with country code on the back of the jacket.
6oz white amateur MMA gloves with open palm, thumb protector and gel lining.
Sock type white shin/instep guards (no kickboxing shin guards allowed).
- Second called:
Full blue endyma or jiu jitsu gi of proper size with country code on the back of the jacket.
6oz blue amateur MMA gloves with open palm, thumb protector and gel lining.
Sock type blue shin/instep guards (no kickboxing shin guards allowed)

Combat Grappling:

- First called:
Optional red rasguard with country code on the back.
Black or red shorts with country code on the leg if rashguards are not used.
Red head guard with secure fastening.
6oz red amateur MMA gloves with open palm, thumb protector and gel lining.
Sock type red shin/instep guards (no kickboxing shin guards allowed).
- Second called:
Optional blue rasguard with country code on the back.
Black or blue shorts with country code on the back if rashguards are not used.
Blue head guard with secure fastening.
6oz blue amateur MMA gloves with open palm, thumb protector and gel lining.
Sock type blue shin/instep guards (no kickboxing shin guards allowed)

The National Federations planning to supply their national teams with gear of their choice (may it be uniforms or protections) are kindly requested to send product pictures and specifications to FILA in order to get written confirmation that the gear will be accepted. The National Federations that fail to do so accept the risk to see their gear being refused by the refereeing body and the obligation to buy compliant new gear on the spot.

FILA will arrange a stand with approved gear to sell at the time of registration and during the competition. National Federations wishing to buy important quantities are kindly requested to send their order to FILA by 14 September 2011 so that proper amounts and sizes can be shipped to Serbia.

I thank you in advance for your attention and do not hesitate to contact the FILA secretariat in case of questions or concerns regarding the above.

Sincerely yours,

Raphaël Martinetti
FILA President

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