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**TO ALL NATIONAL FEDERATIONS
TO ALL BUREAU MEMBERS
TO ALL DEPARTMENT MEMBERS**

Subject: Greco-Roman Rules

Dear Colleagues,

Despite the wish to amend the Greco-Roman rules in order to improve the image of wrestling at the London Olympic Games, and after consultation with the coaches and Bureau members, it was decided to postpone these amendments to after the Games. This decision is in line with the Congress decision and will not disrupt the wrestlers' preparation for London.

The following decisions were nevertheless made to guarantee a good presentation of our sport:

1. The current rules must be strictly applied, in particular Article 47 – Par terre position during the bout, Article 48 – Red Zone, Article 49 – The ordered hold, and all Chapter 9.

All provisions of these articles must be strictly followed, as well as all other articles of the International Wrestling Rules.

2. The GR wrestlers must be in *chest to chest* position for the referee to whistle the beginning of the match. During the match, the referee must require the wrestlers to maintain contact at all times.
3. During the ordered hold, the top wrestler must have his hands on his opponent's shoulders for the referee to whistle.
4. The procedure to sanction faults must be strictly applied, that is:
 - a. 1st infraction – stop the match and warn the wrestler in a friendly manner (not his coach).
 - b. 2nd infraction – caution and points.
5. At the end of the minute and half, if the wrestler had scored one or several technical points, his opponent is no longer ordered to par terre position.

This decision aims at avoiding 30 seconds of negative wrestling to end the match.

6. The draw must be done with only 2 balls of each colour. Once picked, the balls must be removed from the box in order to increase pressure to wrestle on the competitors' shoulders.

FILA wishes that these small adjustments and above all the strict application of the rules will allow high-quality and spectator-friendly competitions in 2012.

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