



UNITED WORLD WRESTLING

TO ALL NATIONAL WRESTLING FEDERATIONS
TO THE BUREAU MEMBERS

Subject: Bureau Decisions following the Technical Commission Meeting

Dear Mr. President,

As you might know the Technical Commission Meeting was organized last January in Belgrade (SRB). All Members were there for this extremely important meeting.

During the meeting, many points were discussed and proposals for the next Olympic Cycle were shared to the Bureau Members in order to get their approval.

The main discussions concerned:

- The increase of the number of the Senior weight categories
- The changes of the weight categories in all age categories
- The team and individual rankings - creation of top seeds
- The competition format
- Doping violation
- The equipment used in our Championships

As mentioned above the United World Wrestling Bureau Members had to vote and give their comments about all the points underlined by the Technical Commission.

I have therefore the pleasure to announce you the decisions taken for the next years.

1. Seniors, U23, Junior, Cadet and Schoolboys weight categories

It was decided to increase from 8 to 10 the number of the Senior weight categories. As this change won't be effective before the 1st of January 2018 it was decided that the final weight categories will be fixed during the Bureau meeting that will be held before the Senior World Championships in Paris.

Moreover, discussions will be done to know if the Junior weight categories should be the same as the Senior weight categories.

Some Technical Commission Members also remarked that the cadet and schoolboys weight categories didn't reflect the true weight of the youths. Other weight categories were therefore proposed and approved.

All the exact weight categories will be sent to you right after the 2017 Senior World Championships.

2. Individual and Team Ranking

The Bureau Members also add to vote for a new allocation of points for the team ranking during our Championships. This proposal was made because the current ranking is not fair (the big delegation have more chance than another one with less wrestlers but better ranked).



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I would like to underline that these changes will come into effect from the 1st of January 2018. You will find the new team ranking points for our Championships below:

TEAM RANKING DURING A CHAMPIONSHIP	
1 st place	25 points
2 nd place	20 points
3 rd place	15 points
3 rd place	15 points
5 th place	10 points
5 th place	10 points
7 th place	08 points
8 th place	06 points
9 th place	04 points
10 th place	02 points

In case of a tie between teams, we will take into account the number of first places, then the second places and then the third places.

The individual ranking was also part of the discussions. This new ranking will be based on the performance of the athletes during one year in the selected competitions. This new system was also approved by the Bureau Members. We will send you as soon as possible to detailed explanations of this new system but you can already find below the points allocated to each type of event:

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP - OLYMPIC GAMES		CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHPS		SELECTED INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS	
1 st place	25 points	1 st place	12 points	1 st place	08 points
2 nd place	20 points	2 nd place	10 points	2 nd place	06 points
3 rd place	15 points	3 rd place	08 points	3 rd place	04 points
3 rd place	15 points	3 rd place	08 points	3 rd place	04 points
5 th place	10 points	5 th place	06 points	5 th place	02 points
5 th place	10 points	5 th place	06 points	5 th place	02 points
7 th place	08 points	7 th place	04 points		
8 th place	06 points	8 th place	02 points		
9 th place	04 points				
10 th place	02 points				

I kindly remind you that this system will become effective next year.

3. Top Seed Athletes

Following the proposal of the Technical Commission and the approval of the Bureau, we will have 4 top seeded athletes during the 2017 Senior World Championships in Paris.

These top seeded athletes will be selected following their results at the:

- 2016 Olympic Games
- 2016 Senior World Championships of non-Olympic weight categories
- 2017 Senior Continental Championships

The calculations will be the same as the one for the individual ranking mentioned above

4. New competition format

During the Technical Commission Meeting it was also proposed to organize the competition in two days for each weight category and to organize the weigh-in each morning of the competition. Two kilos tolerance will be allowed for the second morning weigh-in for the athletes who will compete at the repechage and final.



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This proposal was approved by the Bureau and will be tested during the 2017 Cadet European and 2017 Cadet World Championships.

This proposal was submitted in order to protect the health of the athletes. With this new system, the athletes won't be able to lose a lot of weight before the competitions. Moreover, we will be able to promote the finals that will happen the second day. A last positive comment with this new system is the organization of the repechages. There will be organized the second day during the same session than the qualification rounds of the next weight categories. Therefore, we won't have any break between bouts and empty mats. The spectators will be also there to see these repechages.

The schedule of these two Championships will be published on our website in the following weeks. If the tests are positive, this new competition format will start the 1st of January 2018.

5. Wrestling Rules

During the Technical Commission Meeting, a big part of the day was dedicated to the Wrestling Rules. It is clear that the Greco-Roman Wrestling Rules must be revised to be more attractive. The main problem underlined by the Commission is the passivity of the wrestlers.

The referees will have to be much stricter with the passive wrestlers and encourage the active wrestlers. You will find therefore attached the Wrestling Rules approved. These Rules will come into effect at the Under 23 European Championships, the 28th of March 2017.

They also spoke a lot about the ordered parterre position. It was decided that we will apply the new Wrestling Rules without the ordered parterre. The new Wrestling Rules with the ordered parterre will be tested during the Dan Kolov & Nikola Petro Tournament (08-09.04.2017) and during another International Tournament that needs to be fixed. Greco-Roman Wrestling Experts will be on site to see if the ordered parterre is useful or if the new Rules are already good to bring back more attractivity to this style.

Right after these two test events, the Technical Commission and all the people involved in this process will meet and discuss about the outcomes of these changes in order to see if there are positive and if we should maintain these new Rules for the next Olympic Cycle.

6. Miscellaneous

It was also discussed about the athletes who are doped during a team event (ex. World Cup). The majority of the Bureau Members approved the proposal of the Technical Commission to eliminate the whole team if one athlete is positively controlled for doping. This Rule will come into effect from the 1st of January 2018.

The competition format for a weight category that count 6 or 7 participating athletes will be also modified. At the moment, it is possible that a wrestler who lose his first bout still receive a bronze medal. We will organize the competition with two groups where all athletes of each group compete against each other. You will find the explanation in the minutes of the Technical Commission Meeting but also in the Wrestling Rules that will be published for the 1st of January 2018.

A request to have additional cameras for the challenges was asked and approved by the Bureau Members. During our major events, we will have several cameras that will let us the opportunity to view the challenge in different angles.

As you can see, many changes were approved and we would like to underline that for most of them, there will come into effect from the 1st of January 2018.

We are at your disposal if you need additional information or if you have any questions about these topics.

Sincerely Yours,


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