

TO ALL WORLD GRAPPLING & PANKRATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO ALL NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

Subject: Senior World Championship in Belgrade

Dear Colleagues,

I thank you for having respected the final entry deadline for the Senior World Championship in Belgrade, making FILA's and the organizing committee's work much easier. After having granted an exception to one case, I am bound to give the same opportunity to all other European countries. It has therefore been decided:

- The European countries are allowed to enter an unlimited number of participants provided that they participated in the Senior European Championship in Yuzhny. The European countries that did not compete in Yuzhny are not allowed to enter the World Championship at all.
- The National Federations that officially formed their National Grappling & Pankration Committee in between the two Championships are allowed to enter the World Championship, provided that all proofs have been submitted to FILA in due time (updated Constitution, legitimate composition of the National Committee's board, organisation of a national qualifying tournament). The two countries under discussion at the moment are Montenegro and Georgia.

Please note that the exception is only granted this year to compensate with the lack of organisation of Continental Championships in the four other continents. As per 2012, the participation rule between the Continental and World Championships will be strictly implemented. The Continents that would not hold Continental Championships in 2012 will be denied access to the World Championship, first qualification phase for the 2013 World Combat Games.

All European countries wishing to add participants to their delegation are requested to send their names by **09 September 2011** so that hotel rooms can be booked by the organizing committee. The additional names must be sent to both info@fila-grappling.com and SRB@fila-wrestling.com.

It is also reminded that all delegations with more than 3 athletes are requested to enter a referee or they will receive a CHF 500 penalty at the end of the year. All participating referees must attend the theoretical course held on 27-28 September 2011 and officiate during the entire competition to be considered.

The organizing committee has changed one hotel and the time of opening ceremony. I enclosed the updated proclamation.

All National Federations are kindly requested to send their travel details to info@fila-grappling.com and SRB@fila-wrestling.com by 09 September 2011 so that transport from the airport can be arranged.

I thank you in advance for your kind attention and wish you plenty of success at the World Championship.

Sincerely yours,

Raphaël Martinetti FILA President