TO ALL NATIONAL WRESTLING FEDERATIONS
TO THE BUREAU MEMBERS

Subject: 2021 Provisional Calendar

Dear President, dear Secretary General,

I hope that this circular finds you well. This year was not the one we expected but I hope that you are still confident that we will stay strong and that wrestling will resume as we use to know it.

The Individual World Cup just ended and we are proud to announce that this event was successful. We had the opportunity to work on our sanitary procedure to be ready for the upcoming year and the Qualifications for the Olympic Games.

With this circular we would like to provide you with updated information about the Calendar for 2021.

The Bureau met today and took decisions based on the Technical Commission proposals. By defining the calendar ruling the international competitions until Tokyo, we have been guided by specific conditions on all continents (for example, obtaining visas for African countries in order to have sufficient time for the World qualifiers in Sofia, for Asian countries to facilitate their trip to Sofia and avoid a quarantine by returning home after the Asian qualifier, to ensure sufficient time for anti-doping tests results to be reported between the last continental qualifier and the World qualifier, assistance in refereeing in different continental qualifying tournaments, establishing the sanitary protocols and teams who work on it, etc).

First of all, we noticed that the number of entries for the first Ranking Series Matteo Pellicone was not high enough to keep this event at these dates. Therefore, it was decided to postpone this event for the first week of March. This will allow each team to be prepared for this first event.

Concerning the Continental Qualifiers and the Continental Championships, it has been decided to try to host both of them at the same place in order to reduce the risk of infection by traveling twice but also to save some costs for each National Federation.

Therefore, it was decided to combine the African & Oceania Continental Qualifier with the Senior, Junior, Cadet, African Championships in El Jadida (MAR). The same decision was taken for the Asian Qualifier and the Senior Asian Championships. Both of them will be held in Almaty (KAZ).

For Europe, because the high number of expected participants and much easier and affordable travels, it was preferred to keep two events, in Hungary and in Poland.

This tentative calendar can be modified according to the evolution of the pandemic during the next months (hopefully this will not happen).

The updated events for 2021 are:

- 1st Ranking Series Matteo Pellicone - ITA 04-07.03.2021
- European Qualifier - HUN 18-21.03.2021
- African and Oceania Qualifier - MAR 02-04.04.2021
- African Championships - MAR 06-11.04.2021
- Asian Qualifier - KAZ 09-11.04.2021
- Asian Championships - KAZ 12-17.04.2021
- European Championships - POL 19-25.04.2021
- World Qualifier - BUL 06-09.05.2021
- Pan-American Championships - BRA 27-30.05.2021
- 2nd Ranking Series Poland Open - POL 08-13.06.2021
In addition to this circular letter, you will receive soon a reminder summarizing the Ranking Series principles for 2021, the seeds for the Olympic Games and the seeds for Oslo.

The calendar on the website will be updated in the following hours.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about this important topic.

I take this opportunity to wish you great holidays and a happy New Year.

Sincerely Yours,

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