

TO OUR BUREAU MEMBERS TO OUR NATIONAL FEDERATIONS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE REFEREEING COMMISSION & TO UNITED WORLD WRESTLING REFEREES

Subject : compulsory licence for all 2017 UWW competitions

Dear Mr President, Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

Since the implementation of our new Athena platform, each cadet, junior, senior or veteran wrestler taking part in an international competition registered in the UWW calendar must have a licence previously delivered by UWW, and valid for the current year. Our Referees have to check each licence's validity at all of our competitions without exception.

This regulation has been approved by the United World Wrestling Bureau and Congress, and has been emphasized on the occasion of the last Bureau meeting in Budapest a few days ago.

Despite regulations and the numerous letters, guidelines and instructions sent these last months, some athletes came to our 2016 competitions without their license, and were allowed to participate by our Referees.

This is unacceptable and is totally against our rules.

For the last time, let me remind you that since 1 January 2017, wrestlers and Referees who do not follow the license rules will be immediately sanctioned.

For all 2017 competitions, whether it be tournaments, championships or cups, I will not authorise athletes to take part in the competition if his or her Federation has not bought a license beforehand. There will be no discussion on the matter and exceptional demands will not be considered.

I thank you for your understanding, and remain,

Sincerely yours

Nenad Lalovic United World Wrestling President

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