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**TO ALL FILA BUREAU MEMBERS
TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE WORLD GRAPPLING & PANKRATION COMMITTEE
TO ALL NATIONAL FEDERATIONS AND COMMITTEES**

Subject: Nomination of the Athletes of the Year & World Ranking

Dear Colleagues,

Similarly to Olympic wrestling, FILA would like to award the best athletes of the year for grappling, pankration, and combat grappling. Such nomination aims at acknowledging outstanding athletes for their performance throughout the calendar year. It should be well advertised among the National Federations and Committees in order to become a source of motivation for the athletes and coaches.

The 2010 ranking was done on the basis of the results obtained at the World Championship, Continental Championship, and World Combat Games according to the following point system:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	3 rd	5 th	5 th	7 th	8 th
World Championship	20	18	16	16	14	14	12	11
Continental Championship	17	16	15	15	13	13	11	10
World Combat Games (Nordic system)	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8

It seemed important to give higher points to the World and Continental Championships in order to offer athletes whose category was not represented at the World Combat Games a chance to be competitive in the world ranking. Besides, the absolute category being optional and open only to 3 competitors per country, it was excluded from the ranking.

According to point system above, the best athletes for 2010 are:

- No-Gi Grappling Men: **Maciej Polok** in 70kg from Poland (52 points), Gold at the World Championship, Gold at the European Championship, and Gold at the World Combat Games.
- No-Gi Grappling Women: **Océane Talvard** in 55kg from France (48 points), Silver at the World Championship, Gold at the European Championship, and Bronze at the World Combat Games.
- Gi Grappling Men: **Grzegorz Kloc** in 75kg from Poland (37 points), Gold at the World Championship and Gold at the European Championship.
- Gi Grappling Women: **Karolina Zawodnik** in 75kg from Poland (37 points), Gold at the World Championship, Gold at the European Championship.
- Pankration Men: **Oleksandr Vysotskyi** in 70kg from Ukraine (52 points), Gold at the World Championship, Gold at the European Championship, and Gold at the World Combat Games.
- Pankration Women: **Galyna Mateichuk** in 75kg from Ukraine (33 points), Bronze medal at the World Championship and Gold medal at the European Championship.

The Combat Grappling ranking was not established for 2010, since only the European Championship was held. All 2010 laureates being from Europe, the award ceremony will take place on the occasion of the 2011 European Championship in Yuzhny.



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The 2010 laureates will receive a diploma and a special trophy mentioning their name, country, and discipline.

Implementation of a world ranking from 2011

As per 2011, the point system mentioned above will be used to implement a systematic world ranking of athletes. The ranking will be published on the FILA website and all athletes competing at the FILA events will see their score going up or down according to their results. It will be a very powerful tool to use by National Federations and athletes for their approaches to the media and sponsors. In that regard, it will be crucial for all continents to host annual Continental Championship in order to avoid the world ranking being biased in favour of European athletes.

In order to encourage the participation in international tournaments and to avoid ties in points, 4 additional tournaments – called FILA Grand Prix – will be included in the world ranking according to the following point system:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	3 rd	5 th	5 th	7 th	8 th
World Championships	20	18	16	16	14	14	12	11
Continental Championships	17	16	15	15	13	13	11	10
World Combat Games (nordic system)	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
FILA Grand Prix	5	4	3	3	1	1	-	-

All National Federations and Committees can apply for a FILA Grand Prix. The 4 tournaments for 2011 will be selected by the World Grappling & Pankration Committee according to the criteria established in the Regulations for the Nomination of the Athletes of the Year in Grappling, Pankration, and Combat Grappling (see attached).

Cash prizes being a great source of motivation for the athletes, FILA decided to put together an annual fund that will be split among the 8 Athletes of the Year upon their nomination. In addition to the diplomas and trophies, the Athletes of the Year will start receiving money from 2011 onward.

FILA encourages the National Federations and Committees from America, Asia, Africa, and Oceania to apply for 2011 Continental Championships and the organizers of international tournaments to apply for FILA Grand Prix. All information can be obtained from the FILA secretariat.

I congratulate all Athletes of the Year 2010 and I wish you a successful and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Raphaël Martinetti
FILA President