



TO ALL NATIONAL FEDERATIONS
TO ALL BUREAU MEMBERS

About: Changes introduced as from 1st January 2018

Dear M. President,

As you know, several important decisions have been taken during the Bureau meeting in Paris.

We write to you today to clarify the issues we have tackled and approved during this meeting, so that you can prepare for the year to come in the best possible way.

For the sake of clarity, you will also find in this letter information that you have already received.

This document does not mention the modifications brought to the Greco-Roman Wrestling Rules. You will find those in the updated Wrestling Rules attached.

Weight Categories

The Bureau agreed to add 2 weight categories per style in the Senior division. What is more, the Junior weight categories will be the same as the Seniors.

SENIOR, U23 AND JUNIOR

Freestyle	Greco-Roman
1. 57 kg	1. 55 kg
2. 61 kg	2. 60 kg
3. 65 kg	3. 63 kg
4. 70 kg	4. 67 kg
5. 74 kg	5. 72 kg
6. 79 kg	6. 77 kg
7. 86 kg	7. 82 kg
8. 92 kg	8. 87 kg
9. 97 kg	9. 97 kg
10. 125 kg	10. 130 kg

OLYMPIC WEIGHT CATEGORIES*

Freestyle	Greco-Roman
1. 57 kg	1. 60 kg
2. 65 kg	2. 67 kg
3. 74 kg	3. 77 kg
4. 86 kg	4. 87 kg
5. 97 kg	5. 97 kg
6. 125 kg	6. 130 kg

* Olympic qualifiers included

SCHOOLBOYS

1. 34-38 kg
2. 41 kg
3. 44 kg
4. 48 kg
5. 52 kg
6. 57 kg
7. 62 kg
8. 68 kg
9. 75 kg
10. 85 kg

CADET

1. 41-45 kg
2. 48 kg
3. 51 kg
4. 55 kg
5. 60 kg
6. 65 kg
7. 71 kg
8. 80 kg
9. 92 kg
10. 110 kg



The weight categories for Women’s Wrestling are the following:

SENIOR, U23 AND JUNIOR

1. 50 kg
2. 53 kg
3. 55 kg
4. 57 kg
5. 59 kg
6. 62 kg
7. 65 kg
8. 68 kg
9. 72 kg
10. 76 kg

OLYMPIC WEIGHT CATEGORIES*

1. 50 kg
2. 53 kg
3. 57 kg
4. 62 kg
5. 68 kg
6. 76 kg

* Olympic qualifiers included

SCHOOLGIRLS

1. 29-33 kg
2. 36 kg
3. 39 kg
4. 42 kg
5. 46 kg
6. 50 kg
7. 54 kg
8. 58 kg
9. 62 kg
10. 66 kg

CADET

1. 36-40 kg
2. 43 kg
3. 46 kg
4. 49 kg
5. 53 kg
6. 57 kg
7. 61 kg
8. 65 kg
9. 69 kg
10. 73 kg

Competition format

The Bureau has also approved the new competition format. The competition will be organised over two days by weight categories, with the weigh-in and the medical examination each morning of the competition.

The draw will be organised the day before the competition. On the first morning of the competition, the medical examination and the weigh-in will be organised simultaneously. No weight tolerance will be accepted the first morning. The qualifying rounds and semi-finals will be organised the first day. The second day, athletes who qualified for repechage and for finals will be weighted again (a tolerance of 2 kg will be allowed for 2018 only). The repechage will be organised during the first session and the finals will be organised at the end of the day.

For competitions in which the number of participants per weight categories does not exceed 16 registered athletes, organisers may use the 1 day format, **but they have to organise the medical examination and the weigh in the morning of the competition.**

The 2018 Championships, World Championships (Senior - U23 - Junior - Cadet) and European Championships (Senior - U23 - Junior - Cadet) will be organised over two days by weight categories. All other championships will be organised in a single day, with the draw the day before and the medical examination and weigh in the morning of the competition. This came from the fact that except for Europe, we currently have less than 16 athletes in the other Continental events.

Categories with 6 or 7 wrestlers

May I also remind you that a two groups system will be used for weight categories in which only 6 or 7 wrestlers are registered. That way, we will not award medals to wrestlers who have not won.



Points awarded to teams during individual competitions

The Bureau Members also approved a new system for allocating points for team rankings. This change has been suggested because the old system did not award enough points to first places in comparison to other places. This system hence benefited teams with a big delegation rather than the teams with less wrestlers, but better ranked.

The new allocation of points for team rankings is the following:

TEAM RANKINGS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS	
1 st place	25 points
2 nd place	20 points
3 ^d place	15 points
3 ^d 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

If there is a 4th place in a weight category, the team will get 12 points. If an athlete is ranked in the 6th position, his team will get 9 points.

In case of a tie, the number of gold medals will determine the best team. If the number of gold medals is the same, the number of silver medals will be taken into account, and then, the number of bronze medals.

Scoreboards

It was also decided that the scoreboards will count down the time from 6 minutes to 0. We will use the same system for age divisions in which matches last 4 minutes. We will count down from 4 minutes to 0.

Nordic competition: criteria used in case of a tie

It was remarked that the criteria used in the Nordic competitions but also used in the event of a tie between two teams were complicated. In order to simplify these rules, direct confrontation is no longer taken into account IF more than two athletes (or teams) have the same number of victories.

The criteria used to determine the rankings are the following:

- The highest classification points between the ex-aequo athletes (or teams)
- The highest victories by « Fall » between the ex-aequo athletes (or teams)
- The highest match victories by superiority between the ex-aequo athletes (or teams)
- The highest technical points scored in the whole competition
- The fewest most technical points given in the whole competition
- The lowest draw number

Ranking system

A ranking system will be implemented in the years to come. In order to run concrete tests, it has been decided to select less international competitions in 2018 and to focus on the efficiency of that system.



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You will receive in the days to come a circular about this new project, but I already take this opportunity to encourage all National Federations to register as many athletes as possible to the chosen competitions.

As you can see, there will be a lot of changes next year. Should you have any questions regarding the issues discussed above, do not hesitate to contact us.

I also wish to remind you that all these changes have been added to the Wrestling Rules that you will find attached.

I am looking forward to seeing you again in 2018.

Sincerely Yours,



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President
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