TO ALL NATIONAL FEDERATIONS
TO BUREAU MEMBERS

Subject: Athlete’s eligibility for Tokyo Olympic Games 2020

Dear President,

The topic of the athletes’ eligibility for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games was discussed during our last session with the IOC. The Olympic Charter with regard to sport nationality applies.

A competitor who has represented one country in the Olympic Games, in continental or regional games or in world or regional championships recognised by UWW, and who has changed his nationality or acquired a new nationality, may participate in the Olympic Games to represent his new country provided that at least three years have passed since he last represented his former country in all competitions whatsoever, including UWW International Tournaments.

The rule equally applies to the 2nd AND 3rd PHASES OLYMPIC GAMES QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS.

This period may be reduced or even cancelled, with the agreement of the NOCs and UWW, by the IOC Executive Board, which takes into account the circumstances of each case.

For the World Championships in Astana (1st phase), UWW rules apply: a competitor who has represented one country in the Olympic Games, in continental or regional games or in world or regional championships recognized by UWW and who has changed his nationality or acquired a new nationality may participate in the World Championship in Astana to represent his new country if AT THE TIME OF THE TOKYO OLYMPIC GAMES, at least three years have passed since he last represented his former country in Olympic Games, in continental or regional games or in world or regional championships recognized by UWW. UWW Tournaments are herein not included. One must count down 36 months from the Olympic Games.

For the 1st, 2nd, 3rd phase Olympic Qualifying tournaments and for the Olympic Games
- the athlete must hold the passport of the country he wants to represent
- these rules apply in addition to the other conditions mentioned in the Olympic Games’ qualification system.

We thank you very much for your attention and remain,

Yours sincerely

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