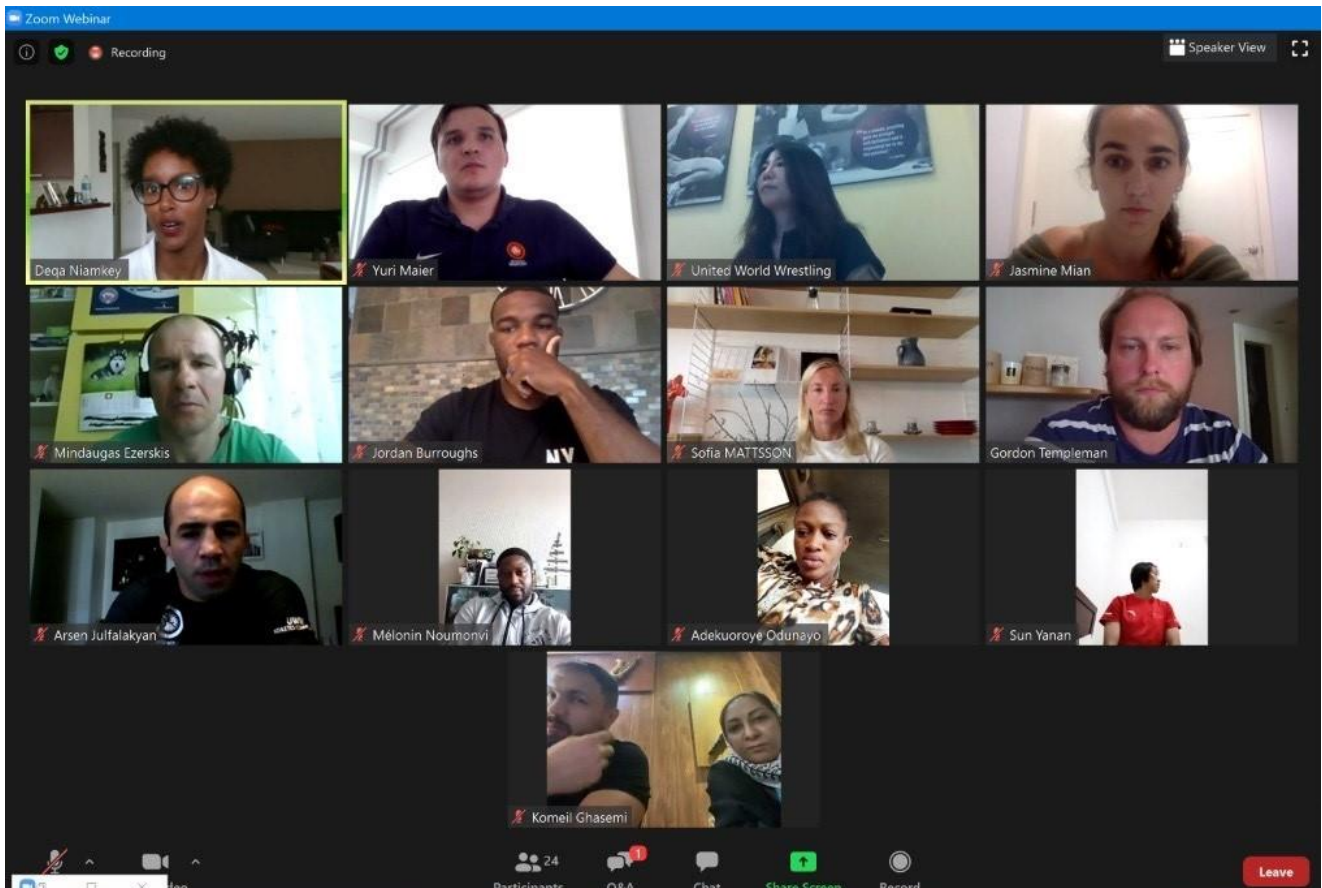




**UWW Athletes Commission Online Conference II
United World Wrestling, Corsier-sur-Vevey (SUI)
Monday, 1st July 2020 - 14.00 - 15:30 (Zurich time)**



Attendance

Athletes Commission:

- Jordan Burroughs (USA), Athletes Commission Chair
- Arsen Julfalakyan (ARM), Athletes Commission Member
- Yanan Sun (CHN), Athletes Commission Member
- Komeil Ghasemi (IRI), Athletes Commission Member
- Odunayo Folasade Adekuoroye (NGR), Athletes Commission Member
- Sofia MATTSSON (SWE), Athletes Commission Member
- Mélonin Noumonvi (FRA), Athletes Commission Member
- Mindaugas Ezerskis (LTU), Athletes Commission Member
- Jasmine MIAN (CAN), Athletes Commission Member



UWW Staff:

Deqa Niamkey, UWW Development Director

Yuri Maier, UWW Sports & Development Officer

Lei Liang, UWW Development Manager

Gordon Templeman, UWW Commercial Operations & Communications Director

Online participants:

70 participants signed up and attended this online conference.

Agenda

- Welcome - Deqa Niamkey, UWW Development Director
- Welcome and updates - Jordan Burroughs, UWW Athletes Commission Chair
- IOC and Tokyo 2021 OG updates - Yuri Maier
- Campaign - Gordon Templeman
- Updates and Discussions - UWW Athletes Commission Members
- UWW Academy platform - Deqa Niamkey
- Q & A

Discussions

- I. Deqa Niamkey and Jordan Burroughs shared the bureau decision made in June concerning the UWW sanctioned events 2020/2021.
The situation and its development is very difficult to predict but Jordan has confidence in the leadership of the UWW.
- II. UWW Athletes Commission Members shared the situation of their respective countries



Welcome and updates - UWW Athletes Commission Members



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USA - the situation is starting to relax a little and small scale online events are being organized. Different places enforce different regulations, but currently most of the training facilities are closed and Team USA are not able to travel to the EU. The Olympic training center in Colorado Springs won't open till Jan 2021.

Different places in the USA face different situations.

Due to the lack of training opportunities, it will be difficult to reach pre/closure performance levels. The postponement of the Olympic Games eases the concerns of many athletes.

We need a plan to move forward. It is important to get wrestling back but it is even more important to keep our sport and athletes safe.

- CAN -provinces have their own regulations. Most provinces do not allow wrestling, a few have started to open. Universities are still closed and wrestling is tied to the universities. No childcare facilities mean parents cannot train. Citizens returning to Canada must self-quarantine for 2 weeks. Volunteers staff/coaches cannot take 3 weeks off to go for international tournaments including the quarantine period.
- IRI - the number of cases is still high and wrestling has not yet started training officially, but athletes are able to train in their local villages. The government is considering restoring normal life but at the moment it is still in discussion.
- LTU - in good situation and back to training. Junior and cadets teams have started wrestling for one month and a half. Nordic country coaches have started to plan training camps from September. Some events will be organized before the end of the year. In July there is the possibility of hosting the junior championships in Finland, a training camp for juniors will be organized in Poliaht(?), Finland, 5 or 6 countries will join including LTU.
- SWE - SWE is a small wrestling country, the athletes usually travel to other countries for training and sparring, but at the moment athletes are not encouraged to travel.
- NGR - the ban is not yet lifted, athletes are not allowed to train. Travelling restrictions are still enforced.
- ARM - the situation unfortunately is not so good. A few training centers are open but only accept large group bookings and short duration of stay. Travel restrictions will be carried out to mid-July. Plans to re-open training centers for all sports have been submitted to the minister of health. Female athletes are still training and competing in open air to ensure at least to keep them in minimum condition.



- CHN- the national team has started training in Yunan since 9th of June. There is a huge training facility accommodating the team. It is in an isolated location but the environment and the facility is very good. The team is more active compared to before. There will be national competitions organized in CHN.
- FRA - the situation is better, it is out of the 'stay at home' period. Since 22nd of June the French team started wrestling, with precautions taking into place, such as tests etc. This is only given to the National Team but not to the clubs. This summer the national team will be training in south France. The future looks positive, the FRA NF is looking into organizing national competitions towards fall.

III. Gordon Templeman introduced the Nike and UWW 'We Will Wrestle Again' campaign.

Bring positivity and hope, raise moral and help the wrestling community through these challenging times. Working with Nike wrestling under the umbrella 'we will play again', at an international perspective. Shirts for sale and a portion of the sales will be used for getting wrestling back to the mats.

The campaign will be launched in the next couple of weeks and the support of the athletes commission is important.

IV. Yuri Maier shared the latest news of the IOC on combating the pandemic. The presentation 'Connecting The World To Combat Coronavirus' is attached.

V. Deqa stated that the UWW Bureau decision on the competition calendar is on a forecast basis due to the uncertainty at this time.

Jordon appraised the UWW leaders on doing a great job in putting athletes safety as priority, and he trusts the decision of the UWW Bureau.

Yuri mentioned that the continental council has been given the authority to decide on the event calendar in this year. No countries in South America at the moment is willing to host any events this year.

Gordon mentioned that the 2020 Senior World Championships are open to bid, there is a potential possibility of hosting in end November/early December. He believes that planning is important, and the organization must consider different scenarios and all options, with the health of the athletes staying the upmost priority.

VI. Mental health is very important not only for athletes but for everyone, especially for the countries enforced strict lockdown rules.

VII. United World Wrestling Academy launch



The Wrestling Academy will be launched on Friday 3rd of July, It would be appreciated all members could check this platform out and provide us your feedback

<https://academy.unitedworldwrestling.org/>

Access to the full meeting recoding:

UWW Athletes Commission Video Conference II: <https://youtu.be/Pe9TBq8sC9k>