



**TO ALL NATIONAL WRESTLING FEDERATIONS
TO THE BUREAU MEMBERS**

Subject: Top Seeds for the 2017 Senior World Championship in Paris (FRA)

Following the last Circular sent to you about the changes that will happened soon, we are writing to you to specify the procedure that will be used to establish the top seeds athletes for the Senior World Championship in Paris.

As you might know, it was approved by the Bureau Members to have 4 top seeds per weight category during this main event.

The calculation will be done following the results of:

- 2016 Olympic Games in Rio (BRA)
- 2016 Senior World Championship in Budapest (HUN)
- 2017 Senior Continental Championships

The points will be awarded as follows:

OLYMPIC GAMES WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP		CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHPS*	
1 st place	25 points	1 st place	12 points
2 nd place	20 points	2 nd place	10 points
3 rd place	15 points	3 rd place	08 points
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5 th place	10 points	5 th place	06 points
5 th place	10 points	5 th place	06 points
7 th place	08 points	7 th place	04 points
8 th place	06 points	8 th place	02 points
9 th place	04 points		
10 th place	02 points		

**If a weight category only has one bronze medal (by example Nordic System), the athlete ranked in the fourth place will get 7 points.*

Please note that the Technical Commission and the Bureau Members approved to include the number of participants for each event in the points calculation. For instance, if at 70 kg, we had 40 participants at the World Championships, the world champion will receive 25 + 40 pts = 65 points. This way, competitions with a lot of participants will award more points than the ones with less participants.

For Continental Championships to which it is still possible for a country to register more than one athlete per weight category (Oceania), we will take into account the number of country to calculate the number of participants per weight category. If we only have one participant in a weight category, no additional point will be allocated.

It is also clear that the awarded points go to the athlete, in the category in which he participated. What we mean is that if the athlete changed his weight category between the Olympic Games, World Championship and the Continental Championship, the points will be awarded to the category in which the athlete competed.

I also remind you that the top seeds statute is linked to the athlete. If the National Wrestling Federation replaces the concerned athlete, they will lose this position and the conventional drawing-of-lots shall be administered.



Position of the top seed athletes in the bracket

- N° 1: He/She will be paired at the first position of the bracket (top of the upper part)
- N° 2: He/She will be paired at the last position of the bracket (bottom of the lower part)
- N° 3: He/She will be paired at the top of the lower part of the bracket
- N° 4: He/She will be paired at the bottom of the upper part of the bracket

If there is a qualification round, the top seed athletes will be paired the last. If the number of athletes oblige the top seeds to participate in the qualification round, the top seed N° 4 will be paired first. Then we will pair the top seed N° 3 and at the end the top seed N° 2. If we have to also pair the top seed N° 1, it will be only with a perfect number of athletes (08-16-32).

Example of a bracket with 17 to 32 athletes:

If the number of registered athletes is between 17 and 28, the top seeds athletes won't have a qualification round. The bouts of the qualification round will be paired from the bottom to the top of the bracket by avoiding the top seeds.

If 29 athletes are registered, the top seed N° 4 will participate in the qualification round.
If 30 athletes are registered, the top seed N° 4 and N° 3 will participate in the qualification round.
If 31 athletes are registered, the top seeds N° 4, N° 3 and N° 2 will participate in the qualification round.
If 32 athletes are registered, we will have the perfect number and the competition will start from the 1/16 of finals for all the athletes.

This system will be also followed for the bracket with 9 to 16 athletes.

If one or several top seeds athlete(s) is not entered (replaced or not registered), the next top seed will take his place. No other athlete will be able to replace a top seed.

Example of a bracket without a top seed:

If the N° 1 seed withdraws, the N° 2 seed will take his position. Then the N° 3 seed will take the position of the N° 2 seed and the N° 4 seed will take the position of the N° 3 seed. No other athlete will take the place of the N° 4 seed. To summarize, if a top seed is not registered, the next top seeds will be move up. If the N° 4 seed is not there, his place will be free and will be draw.

Pairing:

Wrestlers shall be paired off in the order of the numbers they drew.

For your information, you will find attached the current ranking for the Senior World Championship in Paris after the results of the 2016 Olympic Games, the 2016 World Championship in Budapest and the 2017 Oceania Championship.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any question about this matter.

I already thank you for your kind collaboration and I wish you all the best for the next events.

Sincerely Yours


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