



TO ALL NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

Corsier-sur-Vevey, 20th January 2017

Subject: Amendments to the General Regulations for the World Championships Veteran & introduction an injury clock (all styles and categories)

Dear President, dear colleagues,

During its last meeting in December 2016 in Budapest, the UWW Bureau approved amendments to the General Regulations for the World Championships Veteran with regard to weight categories and age divisions as well as amendments to the International Wrestling Rules in order to introduce a clock for bleeding injuries.

I. General Regulations for the World Championships Veteran

In view of the low participation noticed in certain weight classes during the World Championship Veteran these last years, the UWW Bureau approved a modification of these classes. The new weight categories in force for the Veterans are the following:

NEW CATEGORIES IN FORCE

1. 55-62 kg
2. 70 kg
3. 78 kg
4. 88 kg
5. 100 kg
6. 100 - 130 kg

(FORMER CATEGORIES)

1. 55 - 58 kg
2. 63 kg
3. 69 kg
4. 76 kg
5. 85 kg
6. 97 kg
7. 97- 130 kg

An age limit of 60 years for the participation in this competition has also been approved by the Bureau, taking into account the recommendations made by the UWW Medical Commission and for the sake of injuries prevention. In addition, the conditions for the pre-competition medical examinations have been review and completed. These modification are the following¹ :

Age divisions (unchanged):

- Division " A " 35 - 40 ans
- Division " B " 41 - 45 ans
- Division " C " 46 - 50 ans
- Division " D " 51 - 55 ans
- Division " E " 56 - 60 ans

*The following categories are **withdrawn** :*

- ~~Division " F " 61 - 65 ans~~
- ~~Division " G " 66 - 70 ans~~

Article 5 - Medical

- 5.1. Each wrestler has to pass a medical examination in his own country one week before the competition start date. A UWW Veteran Medical Certificate should be filled and signed by an

¹ The amended General Regulations for the World Championships Veteran is published on the UWW website: <https://unitedworldwrestling.org/governance/regulation/olympic>



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official medical doctor appointed by the National Federation. This form must be delivered to the UWW doctor of the competition at the pre-weighing medical examination².

- 5.2. Each wrestler will undergo a medical examination, carried out by or under supervision of an appointed UWW Doctor, one hour before the weigh-in.
- 5.3. Final confirmation of the UWW Doctor is necessary for each wrestler to proceed to the weigh-in.

II. Clock for bleeding injuries

The UWW Bureau also approved the introduction of a limited time of four (4) minutes for the treatment of bleeding injuries.

The following principles have been adopted:

- A total of 4 minutes for the treatment of bleeding injuries is allocated over the whole duration of the bout to each wrestler. After four (4) minutes (cumulated over the whole match) and if the bleeding continues, the match shall be stopped and the injured wrestler will lose the match for injury.
- The counting starts when the doctor steps on the mat
- The clock shall be displayed on the scoreboard (in red or blue)

Articles 28 and 57 of the International Wrestling Rules as well as the Medical Regulations have been amended to reflect these principles. We invite you to read them carefully³.

We thank you for your attention and for forwarding this information to all persons concerned.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michel Dusson'.

Michel Dusson
Secretary General

Copy : UWW Bureau; Refereeing Commission; Medical & Anti-doping Commission

² The obligation to produce an annual medical certificate when purchasing the UWW license remains

³ The amended International Wrestling Rules and the Medical Regulations are published on UWW website:
<https://unitedworldwrestling.org/governance/regulation/olympic>