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INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATED WRESTLING STYLES

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## TO ALL NATIONAL FEDERATIONS TO ALL BUREAU MEMBERS

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Dear President,  
Dear colleagues,

After review of the main proposals made by the FILA Technical Commission which has worked with the Medical Commission, Scientific Commission, Refereeing Commission and the Athletes Commission, and after consideration of a number of suggestions received by the federations, a proposal for the weight categories and the wrestling rules has been submitted to the vote of the FILA Bureau on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013.

The proposals that have obtained the majority of votes by the FILA Bureau have been adopted and the drafting of the wrestling rules will be amended soon.

In the meantime you will find hereunder the adopted amendments. They complete the amendments that were adopted by the Bureau during its meeting in May 2013 in Moscow.

### I. Olympic Weight Categories:

**Freestyle Wrestling** 57 kg – 65 kg – 74 kg – 86 kg – 97 kg – 125 kg

**Greco Roman Wrestling** 59 kg - 66 kg - 75 kg - 85 kg - 98 kg - 130 kg

**Female Wrestling** 48 kg - 53 kg - 58 kg – 63 kg – 69 kg – 75 kg

**Entry in force:** 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014

These new categories will be applied at the Senior Continental and World Championships, the Senior World Cups and the Golden Grand Prix.

#### Remarks :

- The weight categories for Junior and Cadets are not modified and remain as currently.

### II. Olympic and non-Olympic Weight Categories for the FILA World and Continental championships:

Two non-Olympic categories per style have been added and will be used in all official FILA competitions (world and continental championships, world cups, golden grand prix):

Freestyle Wrestling 57 kg – **61 kg** - 65 kg – **70 kg** - 74 kg – 86 kg – 97 kg – 125 kg

Greco Roman Wrestling 59 kg - 66 kg – **71 kg** - 75 kg – **80 kg** - 85 kg - 98 kg - 130 kg

Female Wrestling 48 kg - 53 kg – **55 kg** - 58 kg – **60 kg** - 63 kg – 69 kg – 75 kg



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### III. Competition format

- The competitions in each category will still take place over one (1) day until further notice but will start at 10 am for the first session of the day and at 4 pm for the second session.
- A minimum 30 minutes break between each bout must be obligatorily followed.

### IV. Wrestling Rules

The following wrestling rules amendments have been adopted provisionally. These new rules may be amended by the Bureau in case they are not satisfying or if other modifications are necessary:

#### Technical superiority

- 10 points for Freestyle Wrestling
- 8 points for Greco-Roman Wrestling

#### Throws

**Freestyle Wrestling:** 4 points for all throws

#### **Greco-Roman Wrestling:**

- 4 points for throws (must be followed and controlled)
- 5 points grand amplitude throws (must be followed and controlled)

#### End of match

All disciplines: elimination of 2 X 3 points and 1 X 5 points resulting in a victory.

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- Elimination of the 5 second count for the 1 additional back point exposure
- Any penalty imposed for a false start will receive 1 point (not 2 points as currently practiced)

#### Greco-Roman Wrestling

#### **Passivity**

- 1<sup>st</sup> warning – the bout is not stopped to give warning
- Match ending 0-0: the last wrestler warned loses.

#### Takedown

From the standing or neutral position: whenever a wrestler secures control of his/her opponent and brings him down without a back-exposure, 2 points are awarded. This may occur as either an offensive or defensive maneuver



## Challenge procedure

- The Appeal Jury renders its decision solely in all challenges requested, without consulting the refereeing body.
- If the Appeal Jury overturns the decision of the refereeing body, the members who rendered the incorrect score will be warned. A second warning will result in the suspension for the remainder of the competition and the referees will be relegated. The decision of the Appeal Jury is final (no appeal).
- No challenge authorized in case of penalties for passivity

## Criteria to decide between two tied teams in number of victory during World Cups

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> criteria: | Total of classification points after 6 matches between two teams      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> criteria: | Most victories by falls, injury, default, forfeit or disqualification |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> criteria: | Most match victories by technical superiority                         |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> criteria: | Most technical points obtained in all matches                         |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> criteria: | Fewest technical points given in all matches                          |

## V. Repechage

It has been voted that the repechage are extended to include the losers to the semi-finalists instead of the finalists. In order to prevent that two wrestlers meet twice, the losers in the semi-finals will compete against the winner of the repechage from the other bracket.

The wrestler losing in the semi-finals in the upper bracket, for example, will wrestle the winner of the repechage in the lower bracket, and vice versa for the loser in lower bracket semi-finals.

However, taking into account the difficulties in relation with the lengthening of the competitions' duration and the schedule (as well as television issues), this proposal of extending the repechage to include the losers to the semi-finalists will be discussed again by the FILA Bureau at its next meeting.

Until further notice, the repechage bouts will take place as currently, without any change.

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I thank you for your attention in this matter and remain

Yours sincerely,

Nenad Lalovic  
FILA President