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MODIFICATION TO THE SYSTEM OF EDUCATION, CLASSIFICATION, SELECTION AND PARTICIPATION IN THE FILA COMPETITIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL JUDGES-REFEREES

The FILA Congress having adopted a certain number of measures to change the image of wrestling by modifying the Rules and competition system, it was also necessary to change a major element of our sport which is the officiating body.

In Athens, the FILA Bureau decided the following changes to the working method of the international officiating body and which are an integrant part of the Officiating Regulations.

A. Strict application of the age of judges-referees and instructors

The Regulations for the international officiating body is clear and stipulates that a **60 year old** referee can no longer work on the international level. This provision must be strictly applied.

National Federations are responsible for indicating in the provisional lists the judges-referees who have reached the age limit. FILA will check that this provision is strictly complied with.

B. Suppression of the E category

The FILA referees' categories are reduced to categories III, II and I. All referees who are currently in the E category will be placed in category I.

At Continental Championships, only category I referees will be allowed to work, with a maximum of 3 referees per mat and per country.

C. Modification to the team of instructors

Although the instructors are also judges-referees, the age limit for instructors will be 65 years. However, instructors can no longer work on the international level as mat chairman, referee or judge.

The instructors mentioned hereunder are appointed for a period of 2 years and there are maximum 2 instructors per continent.

After each Congress and if necessary the team of instructors will be modified by the FILA Bureau.

The following instructors have been appointed for the period 2004-2006 :

❖ Buyukersen Ender	Turkey
❖ Bouazis Kamel	Tunisia
❖ Kim Ik Jong	Korea
❖ Khaledi Mehdi	Iran
❖ Molina Oreste	Cuba
❖ Nobs Marianne	Switzerland
❖ Tucci Rick	USA

Modification to the composition and role of the Officiating Department

The Officiating Department is formed as follows :

❖ Saletnig Mario	President
❖ Adel Moustafa	Vice President
❖ Albanese Aldo	Secretary
❖ Buyukersen Ender	Member
❖ Bouazis Kamel	Member
❖ Kim Ik Jong	Member
❖ Khaledi Mehdi	Member
❖ Molina Oreste	Member
❖ Nobs Marianne	Member
❖ Tucci Rick	Member

National Federations have the obligation to cover the costs incurred for 2 meetings per year and for their representative, except if the person concerned is a member of the Bureau.

1. Role of the Department

Apart from the education of judges-referees which is the responsibility of the instructors and Department President, according to the new system put into place for the courses, the Officiating Department must submit to the FILA Bureau, after the senior, junior and cadet Continental Championships, the list of category I referees who are eligible to work at the senior and junior World Championships, as well as at the World Cups, taking into account the following quota and with maximum 6 referees per country :

AFRICA	8
AMERICA	18
ASIA	18
EUROPE	36
OCEANIA	5

At the end of each year, the Department shall propose the list of referees to the FILA Bureau with their respective category, I, II or III, for the following year, based upon the work they have done during the whole year.

Two members of the Department will be assigned to the various Continental Championships to ensure the selection, control and direction of the judges-referees.

2. Participation of judges-referees in senior and junior World Championships, as well as in World Cups

For senior and junior World Championships, as well as for World Cups, each country must select from the list drawn up by FILA the referee(s), that is maximum 1 per mat, who will work at these World Championships and Cups.

Each country must cover the travel, hotel and food expenses for its judges-referees taking part in these events.

The country which has one or several referees in the list must also respect the Regulations which stipulate the quota of judges-referees based on the number of wrestlers who participate in the Championships.

The country which do not send any referees to a Championship will be fined according to the FILA Regulations.

D. New system of education and courses for referees

1) Courses for new candidates (participation fee CHF 100.-)

Maximum 1 course per continent will be organised and consist automatically in 3 days of theoretical courses with the practical part on the occasion of a tournament organised right after. This tournament can be international or national, but its duration must be minimum 2 days.

2) Upgrading courses (participation fee CHF 100.-)

Maximum 1 course for upgrading to category II or I will be organised per continent and consist automatically in 2 days of theoretical courses and 2 days of practice during the tournament organised right after and of a duration of minimum 2 days.

3) Selection courses (participation fee CHF 100.-)

These courses are organised at each senior, junior and cadet Continental Championship and consist in 1 day of theoretical courses with practice during the competition, which will determine the selection of judges-referees for the World Championships and World Cups.

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- ✓ Category II referees have the obligation to participate in 1 international tournament per year, otherwise they will be downgraded to a lower category.
- ✓ Category I referees must be controlled at 2 international tournaments or at 1 Continental Championship.

E. Modification to the working method of the Officiating body during the matches

Video monitoring during the matches allowed us to suppress the protests and to have a fair result of the matches. This system will be further improved by placing, at all Continental and World Championships, a control display near the judge, in addition to the one placed near the mat chairman. The officiating body assigned to a match will be the only body allowed to decide the result of the said match and no other person will be allowed to interfere.

When the decision is taken, it cannot be subject to any appeal.

If the FILA President or his substitute or the person responsible for the officiating of the competition establishes that an obvious mistake has been committed, a jury of appeal will be formed to penalise the officiating body, who is fully responsible for the match.

The result of a match shall under no circumstances be changed.

The adopted measures must allow a renewing of the officiating team and a better education of the judges-referees.

This new system will come into force on 1 January 2005.



Raphaël Martinetti
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