

REGULATIONS, SPECIFIC INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES OF THE 2003 CHAMPIONSHIPS

For the first time, the FILA is reuniting in one single document all the information concerning Continental and World Championships in all age categories and in all styles which will be organised in 2003.

This information is divided into three sections:

- A main part which contains the general Regulations which are applicable to each Championship and which include all the information pertaining to the FILA Constitution and Rules.
- A second part which contains all the specific information about each Championship, notably about hotels, accreditation, the competition hall, etc.
- A provisional timetable in which the competition periods can be slightly modified depending of the number of competitors finally entered in each weight category.

The FILA hopes that this document will become an indispensable tool for all Federations and will constitute an element for promoting and developing wrestling.

I would ask the National Federations to contact their national television broadcasters so that they obtain images of the Championships which can then be broadcast in their country and thereby promote wrestling.

I wish you all a good Championship.

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2003 WORLD AND CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR ALL THE COMPETITIONS

The rules hereunder are to be followed *scrupulously*. The FILA reserves the right to modify these Regulations.

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1.1. The FILA confers a National Federation with the organisation of a Championship.
- 1.2. The Championship must take place according to the FILA Rules.
- 1.3. The Championship can be prepared and organised by an "Organising Committee" which is under the aegis of the National Federation.

2. INFORMATION, INVITATIONS AND INTERNET

- 2.1. The host National Federation is responsible for sending all the FILA National Federations or the National Federations on the continent concerned the entry forms which are needed for obtaining visas at the latest five months before the Championship. Regular information bulletins containing reminders of important information must also be sent out. An internet site with a link on the FILA site must be set up for each Championship. This site must be kept up to date.

3. PARTICIPATION

- 3.1. All National Federation affiliated to the FILA can participate in a Championship as long as they have fulfilled all their financial obligations to the FILA according to the Constitution. The same applies to the Organising Committee for accreditation rights.
- 3.2. Each National Federation can enter a maximum of one wrestler per weight category.
- 3.3. Each wrestler must have a valid FILA licence for the year and have a valid personal passport.
- 3.4. Each competitor must be of the appropriate age for the competition according to the Wrestling Rules. Age and nationality will be checked using the passport at the weigh-in.
- 3.5. Preliminary entries for all the wrestlers and the accompanying delegation members must be sent to the host National Federation within the time frame set up (two months before the Championship).
- 3.6. Entries by name must be sent to the host National Federation within the time frame set up (one month before the Championship).
- 3.7. The final list of wrestlers entered for the Championship must be presented to the competition secretariat before midday on the day of the weigh-in.
- 3.8. The above conditions **MUST** be respected by National Federations wishing to attend a Championship in order for accommodation to be booked according to our Regulations.
- 3.9. The structure of the official delegation is laid down by the FILA as follows for each wrestling style:

Wrestlers	1-3	4-5	6-10
Leaders	1	1	1
Coaches	1	2	3
Referees	-	1	1
Doctors	1	1	1
Masseurs	-	-	1
Total	3	5	8

If the competition comprises two or three styles, this composition is valid for each style.

The number of referees stipulated above is the minimum. The participating Federations can present up to one referee per mat in the category for that competition. All the referees who are authorised to work will be accredited with the same conditions as the participants.

4. **TECHNICAL CONDITIONS**

- 4.1. The competition will take place according to the FILA Regulations.
- 4.2. The competition will take place with the weight categories laid down in the wrestling rules for the age category for that competition. No tolerance is allowed.
- 4.3. the competition will take place on FILA approved mats.
- 4.4. Each wrestler must undergo a medical examination in his country three days before leaving for the competition. The results of this examination will be noted in his licence book.
- 4.5. Each wrestler must have a medical check one hour before the official weigh-in.
- 4.6. The organising committee is responsible for the first aid costs during the competition. The annual FILA stamp covers medical assistance to the wrestler in the event of an accident, apart from wrestlers in the veterans category. If the person insured wishes to have a medical examination or receive treatment which is not linked to an accident which happened during the competition, either he or his National Federation must bear the cost of this examination or treatment. These costs cannot be reimbursed by the insurance company.
- 4.7. The positive points obtained during the individual competition will determine the team classification. The wrestlers placed 1st to 10th will receive between ten and one point. If there is a draw of positive points for the final classification, the gold, silver and bronze medals will be taken into consideration in order to determine the winner.
- 4.8. The National Federation will organise, under the FILA's authority, anti-doping tests as laid down in the FILA's Regulations. The laboratory used to analyse these tests must be IOC approved. The procedure for undertaking the tests and transporting the samples to the laboratory is laid down in the FILA Regulations and in the IOC's and the WADA's anti-doping code. Without being informed in advance, the FILA will not accept any foreign interference in the FILA Anti-Doping Commission, which is the only body which may undertake anti-doping tests and samples during Championships. Obligatory anti-doping tests will only take place in the senior age category. For the other age categories, the FILA will accept them if the national legislation recommends or requires them.

5. **OFFICIALS**

- 5.1. Only the FILA referees of the category specified in the Championship Regulations may work in the competition.
- 5.2. Each referee must present his valid licence for the year.
- 5.3. A FILA referees course will be organised according to the dates and times indicated in the Championship's programme.
- 5.4. Referees must wear the official FILA uniform.

6. **PRIZES**

- 6.1. The organising committee will give individual prizes for each weight category:
 - 1st place gold medal, certificate
 - 2nd place silver medal, certificate
 - 3rd place bronze medal, certificate
 - 4th –10th place certificates
 - special prizes may also be awarded to wrestlers
- 6.2. The first three teams receive a cup.

7. **OFFICIAL CEREMONIES**

- 7.1. Each participating team must be present at the opening ceremony of the Championship according to the organising committee's instructions.
- 7.2. The national flags of the countries whose wrestlers and teams which obtained 1st – 3rd place will be hoisted once the medals have been awarded.
- 7.3. The national anthem will be played for each individual and team champion.
- 7.4. The organisers must provide the flags and national anthems, however, the participants must bring their flag (100cm x 150cm) and a tape or CD of their national anthem if the organiser does not have the exact flag or anthem.

8. **FINANCIAL CONDITIONS**

- 8.1. According to the FILA Regulations, participation costs for all the delegations will be calculated per night and to a maximum of two days before the Championship and one day after, on the basis of Sfr. 120.- maximum per person. Depending on the conditions offered, this amount may be reduced. Referees who participate in a type 2 or 3 course benefit from the participants' rates for three days before the beginning of the Championship in order to be able to participate in the course which takes place over two days.
- 8.2. Each Federation's leaders must honour the organising committee's financial obligations as soon as they arrive.
- 8.3. The delegation's leader will settle his team's participation costs in one payment. No accreditation will take place without the participation costs being paid.

- 8.4. Delegations with more members than allowed in article 3.9 of these Regulations, as well as delegations which stay longer than the period allowed in article 8.1 must pay the costs as stated in the Championship specific information sheet.
- 8.5. FILA Commission members who are called to meet during the Championship will be accredited under the same conditions as the teams present.
- 8.6. In strict conformity with FILA instructions, each team which has been entered for the Championship but which does not turn up, or turns up with fewer wrestlers or accompanying members than originally planned will have to pay the organising committee the hotel costs for all the individuals previously entered. This requirement is followed by issuing settled invoices.
- 8.7. Delegation leaders will be responsible for any damage incurred by members of their delegation during their stay.

9. **ACCOMMODATION FOOD AND TRANSPORT**

- 9.1. The organising committee will provide transport for the teams from their arrival at the closest international airport or from the local railway station.
- 9.2. All the delegations must arrive a maximum of 48 hours before the competition and leave at the latest at noon on the day after the end of the Championship.
- 9.3. If a Championship has several styles, all the competitors may stay from the beginning to the end of the Championship according to the accreditation conditions laid down in point 9.2 of these Regulations.
- 9.4. Accommodation for all the competitors is provided in twin rooms with full sanitation provision.
- 9.5. Meals corresponding to a calorific value of the FILA Rules (5,000 cal/day) must be served to those accredited in the hotels where they are staying.
- 9.6. Shuttles will be organised to transport those accredited from the hotels to the competition hall or to the training areas.
- 9.7. Saunas must be made available in the hotels or training areas.
- 9.8. The organising committee is not responsible for people who are not on the list of entries by name, nor for people entered over and above the number allowed for in the Regulations unless this is agreed beforehand.

10. **JOURNALISTS – TELEVISION – VIDEO RECORDING**

- 10.1. Accreditation forms will be sent to each National Federation. These forms must be returned to the host Federation.
- 10.2. Journalists are responsible for their own accommodation. However, hotels can be suggested by the host Federation if asked for in advance.
- 10.3. A Press centre comprising all the necessary equipment will be made available to journalists the day before and one day after the Championship.
- 10.4. Countries must make their requests for video cameras to be used at the Championship at least one month before the Championship. A specific invoice will be issued to each country concerned.

10.5. Video recordings for educational purposes will be made following a contractual agreement with the FILA and with accreditation by the organisers. No numerical video cameras will be accepted in the competition hall without these requirements being followed.

10.6. Television companies which are not members of the UER must sign a contract with the FILA, be accredited and have paid the amount set out in the financial Regulations in order to receive a unilateral position or obtain images from the recording from the host broadcaster.

11. **ENTRIES**

11.1. In order to be considered as valid, entries must be sent to the National Federation of the host country on official forms within the time limit set out below:

- a) Preliminary entries two months before the beginning of the Championship
- b) Entries by name one month before the beginning of the Championship
- c) Final entries at noon on the day of the weigh-in of the category and style concerned

12. **MISCELLANEOUS**

12.1. Competitors who require visas to go to a Championship must contact the embassy or consular of the host country in their country of residence. The host Federation will send invitations individually to the participants if the embassy concerned asks for them.

12.2. Any correspondence concerning the Championship must be sent to the National Federation of the host country only.