INFORMATION ABOUT WAKO PARTICIPATION IN WORLD GAMES 2017





Introduction



For the first time in history WAKO will participate in the World Games as an invitational sport. For the next edition in 2021 WAKO aims to participate as a full sport. As the President of WAKO, I am pleased to finally launch some practical information for you to put in mind. Please read the next pages of information carefully;

- The Games will take part in the city of Wroclaw in Poland and the dates for the Games are set to be 20-30 July 2017.
- WAKO competition will be divided into two days. First day quarter and semi finals and second day finals + awarding ceremony. Dates to be announced.
- WAKO will be represented by one discipline, K1 rules, in 8 male and 4 female weight classes. In each weight class 8 fighters representing 8 different countries will participate. Here are the 12 weight-classes with 8 fighters in each class:

INTERNATIONAL

Male: -63.5 kg, -67 kg, -71 kg, -75 kg, -81 kg, -86 kg, -91 kg, +91 kg Female: -52 kg, -56 kg, -60 kg, -65 kg

Borislav Pelevic WAKO President



Qualification system



Qualifications for IWGA World Games 2017 will be at the 2016 WAKO Continental Championships which will be held by each WAKO Continental Federation/Confederation during 2016:

- WAKO African Championships (During 2016, dates to be determined)
- WAKO Pan American Championships 27-30 October 2016
- WAKO European Championships 22-29 October 2016
- WAKO Asian Championships Final stage of qualification (During 2016, dates to be determined)

To ensure that all Continents will be represented by the best athletes in each weight class, athletes will be selected as follows:
From WAKO Europe - 4 athletes (first, second and two third places on WAKO European Championships in 2016)
From WAKO Pan America - 1 athlete (first place on WAKO Pan American Championships in 2016)
From WAKO Asia - 1 athlete (pending to the result of the final stage of qualification)

- From WAKO Africa - 1 athlete (first place on WAKO African Championships in 2016)

The remaining one place in each weight class will be split evenly to 6/6 as follows:

- 1. WAKO Asia 6 Weight classes (male: -63.5 kg, -67 kg, -75 kg, -81 kg; female: -52 kg, -56 kg;) (pending to the result of the qualification of WAKO Asia Athletes)
- 2. WAKO Pan America 6 Weight classes (male: -71 kg, -86 kg, -91 kg, +91 kg; female: -60 kg, -65 kg; second place on WAKO Pan American Championships in 2016)











Replacements procedure

In case of withdrawls/pull outs



If an athlete pulls out from one of the 12 categories due to injury, Anti-Doping violation, retirement or any other reason whatsoever, the following process will apply;

- 1. First priority given to Poland the Host Country (if no Polish fighter is already qualified in that weight category where the place becomes available).
- 2. Second priority is granted systematically to WAKO Asia with the responsibility to select an athlete among WAKO Asia athletes.

Note!

It is the responsibility of the WAKO Continental Presidents to keep WAKO Competition manager up to date at all times.













Practical



Quota:

• The total quota of the WAKO team (accreditations) and as decided by the Wroclaw Organizing Committee will be 172 persons.

Costs;

- Each WAKO national member team qualified must pay its own travel and accomodation expenses since there is no financial contribution from IWGA (like we had in the Combat Games). We will come back with necessary information about prizes/accomodation and a general schedule.
- WAKO (IF) will come back to specify financial contribution for our own Organizing Committee and for referees/judges selected.

Our main team;

• Mr. Srdjan Bugarcic has been appointed as Technical Delegate and Competition Manager for next World Games 2017, in cooperation with Mrs Kate Kocizewska, from WAKO Poland, as main contact persons for the daily operation to Wroclaw Organizing Committee.



Link to Promotion Video here.

See more information from World Games here.





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