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Message from the WKF Athletes' Commission Chair upon rescheduling of the Olympic Games to 2021

Dear Athletes,

As we are all well aware, the coronavirus pandemic has widely spread over the world and is currently affecting a great number of people, impacting on all kinds of activities, certainly including sporting activities, from daily training to competitions.

Since the outbreak of the Covid-19 crisis, the WKF in connection with the WKF Athletes' Commission has therefore been in close contact with all stakeholders to evaluate the impact of Covid-19 on all levels. The developments of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, as well as the corresponding qualification pathway have been constantly monitored. The necessary contact has been maintained amongst others with the IOC and TOCOG, but regular WKF meetings are also taking place in order to proceed with the adjustments necessary.

Only beginning of this week (Monday 30th March) the new dates for the Tokyo Olympic Games have been released, rescheduling the Games for next summer 2021. Additionally, the IOC has also established the revised qualification principles for all sports as of yesterday (Wednesday 1st April), which need to be taken into consideration for evaluation of the current situation and ongoing steps.

Considering the above, we would like to ask you to hold on until the appropriate adjustments have been made with the required formal approvals. This will allow the WKF to then duly communicate to all its stakeholders, including the athletes through their National Federations, informing you of the next steps for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and reviews derived from the postponement of the Olympic Games to the summer 2021, due to the Covid-19 outbreak.

Stay safe!

Davide Benetello
WKF Athletes' Commission Chair

