



WORLD ASSOCIATION OF KICKBOXING ORGANIZATIONS

To: All WAKO National Presidents and General Secretaries

13th July 2020

Re: Cancellation - WAKO Children, Cadets and Juniors World Kickboxing Championship 2020

Dear President/General Secretary,

The upcoming scheduled Children, Cadets and Juniors World Championship was to be held in November 2020. The World Association of Kickboxing Organisations has **decided to cancel** the biggest event of the sport due to the uncertain situation caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

After much consideration, intense discussion and analysis, the executive committee of the WAKO approved on Saturday 11th July the cancellation of the next Kickboxing World Championships. The main reason for the Board was the fact of the second wave entering Europe and other continents, and the fact that the well-being and safety of competitors and fans could not be ensured amid the ongoing ever-changing epidemic of COVID-19.

It has not been an easy decision, but an event of this magnitude with over 4,000 participants and the relevance of our Children, Cadets and Juniors World Championship could not be celebrated with enough guarantees as scheduled, due to current circumstances and with our children who are our very future at risk. It is the first time in nearly 50 years of history of our World Championships, that we will not celebrate one edition of our biggest event in its running year. We understand this is difficult for our athletes, coaches and national federations, but we must put the overall health of our members first and continue to act as a global sport and member of the Olympic family of sports for the common health of our respective countries.

The situation in regard to the **Continental Championships** will be discussed and agreed at the next scheduled board meeting on the 22nd of August. At present the Senior European Championship continues to be scheduled. The other events have yet to be confirmed.

Respectfully yours,

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