

FINNISH COMMUNIQUE: MAS-WRESTLING TO THE OLYMPIC PROGRAM!

We, the representatives of the national federations that are part of the International Mas-Wrestling Federation, on behalf of our members declare this to the COMMUNIQUE:

The 2021 marked the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the International Mas-Wrestling Federation. During this period, an extensive work was done on developing and popularizing the national sport, that historically originated in Yakutia (Russia), which has reached the level of a popular world sport, today in the ranks of the International Mas-Wrestling Federation more than 50 national federations from all five continents of the planet.

The dynamic development of this sport was based on the provisions of the Yakutsk Memorandum on the development of mas-wrestling in the world, adopted at the III Congress of the International Mas-Wrestling Federation on November 29, 2014 in Yakutsk, which assumed that mas-wrestling would be recognized throughout the world through taking the necessary collective efforts to popularize it in the international community, which will contribute to the development of intercultural communication, the expansion of humanitarian cooperation between people and organizations in different countries of the world. The Memorandum emphasized the desire to unite individuals and organizations interested in preserving the traditions of peoples in the field of physical culture and sports, disseminating fair principles of organizing mas-wrestling, expanding the opportunities for athletes to participate in competitions regardless of nationality, gender and religion, it was declared the intention to develop mas-wrestling as part of the cultural heritage of mankind has a positive impact on the development of physical and moral qualities of a person and it is recorded that the development of mas-wrestling involves the dissemination of information about the rules of competition and refereeing, available means and modern methods of sports training, and it was also noted that that in all areas of its activities the International Mas-Wrestling Federation will be guided by the Olympic ideals and principles and set itself the task of providing mas-wrestling for official recognition by the International the Olympic Committee for further development under its auspices.

Subsequently, in the Moscow Declaration, adopted at the Conference of the International Mas-Wrestling Federation, on December 16, 2017, in Moscow, strategic goals for the development of mas-wrestling were determined. It was noted that sport should promote the convergence of nations, respect and mutual understanding, recognition of the dignity of people, as well as fair competition, emphasizing the importance of cooperation between governmental and non-governmental organizations of different countries responsible for physical education and sport, peace and friendship between peoples, respecting the fundamental Olympic principles established by the Olympic Charter, the Olympic Code of Ethics, as well as recognizing the requirements of the World Anti-Doping Code, upholding the high Olympic ideals and spiritual values of the peoples of the world, as well as striving for the official recognition of mas-wrestling by the International Olympic Committee for further development under the auspices of The IOC, recognizing that the Russian national sport of mas-wrestling, which is gaining popularity in the world, is accessible and widespread, combining folk traditions and meeting modern sports standards, as well as representing the most valuable material I for the development of human potential proclaims the Moscow Declaration, with the aim of developing mas-wrestling in the name of the progress of mankind, promoting its development and encouraging governments and non-governmental organizations, sports functionaries and individuals to be guided by it, disseminate and apply it. It was written that in order to further develop mas-wrestling in various countries and in the world, achieve strategic cooperation and partnerships based on the principles of equality and trust, national federations will adopt action plans that will draw up a unified roadmap for the effective activity of the International Mas-Wrestling Federation.

We recognize that as we continue the progressive development of mas-wrestling, we need to enter a new orbit. In this regard, we need to take full-scale actions aimed at achieving the inclusion of mas-wrestling in the Olympic program. On February 19, 2013, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced that it was necessary to develop the national sports of the peoples of Russia and seek their inclusion in the Olympic program. We must consistently strengthen work to improve and expand the calendar of sports competitions at the national and international levels, seek better and wider information support, personnel, scientific and methodological support for the promotion of our sport. The basis for widespread popularization should be the World Mas-Wrestling Day, established on April 16, 2021 by the Presidium of the International Mas-Wrestling Federation, which will be celebrated annually, on the fourth Saturday of June, as a tribute to the Yakut people, who gave the world their national sport. At this time, the logo of the holiday and the anthem of the International Mas-Wrestling Federation are being developed in the Yakut, Russian and English languages.

On December 15, 2021, the Head of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) Aisen Nikolaev in his annual Address outlined the task of promoting mas-wrestling in the Olympic program. He noted that in June 2022 in the city of Yakutsk, the World Mas-Wrestling Championship is planned, which will be another step in promoting our national sport internationally. This year the XXI Spartakiad in national sports "Games of Manchaary" was attended by the Minister of Sports of the Russian Federation Oleg Matytsin and the President of the Russian Olympic Committee Stanislav Pozdnyakov. They confirmed the Olympic prospects of mas-wrestling. The implementation of this idea should become one of the priorities for the development of sports in Yakutia - we will give the Olympic movement a unique heritage of our ancestors!

It should be noted that new mechanisms and institutions are being worked out to promote mas-wrestling. So, this year the International Mas-Wrestling Academy was created, which will train high-level specialists, incl. coaches and managers, create new trends for the development of mas-wrestling. In addition, in the near future, an Agreement will be concluded with WADA on the observance of the World Anti-Doping Code, because we preach the principles of fair sports. Also, contacts will be established with the IOC in order to achieve the holding of presentation events in mas-wrestling in the framework of the Olympic Games in Paris 2024.

Mas-wrestling confidently walks around the world and we are grateful to all those who are in the global mas-wrestling family and we call on all our friends and associates to join the process of promoting mas-wrestling in the Olympic program!

Urai-Aikhal, to mas-wrestlers from all over the world!

See you at the World Mas-Wrestling World Cup in Yakutsk in June 2022!

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