



Protocol N°004

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Object: **SUSPEND the WKSF World Championship scheduled in Spain between 11 and 14 June 2020.**

Dear athletes, trainers, organizers and Kettlebell Sport enthusiasts from all over the world,

In recent weeks I have followed with great attention and apprehension the developments of the Covid-19 pandemic in Italy. As you all know, our country was among the first outside China, and the first in the western part of the world, to face an emergency health situation with such a high number of infected, sick and deceased.

In compliance with the regulations, always putting the health of our athletes and all of you first, we have already decided in recent weeks to suspend the Italian FIKS 2020 Championship, postponing it to a date to be defined.

We hoped this situation would turn to a positive ending quickly, but in the circumstances in which we find ourselves today, well aware of the efforts of our athletes to prepare themselves for the World Championship, the trip, the tension and all that follows, in close contact and agreement with the Organizing Committee of the WKSF World Championship and its responsible Enrique Quesada Sanchez, as President of the WKSF, and ultimately responsible for the safety of each event organized by the Federation, I hereby announce to everyone the decision **to SUSPEND the WKSF World Championship scheduled in Spain between 11 and 14 June 2020**. The coronavirus pandemic is in fact spreading to Europe and the Spanish government is also starting to adopt targeted restrictive measures to maximize the containment of the outbreak.

Our hope is to be able to organize the Championship in the first weekend of December 2020.

Obviously, since it is impossible to predict the development of events to date, we could only provide reliable information about this possibility when the health situation in the world will be stabilized.

I am sure you all understand the difficulty but above all the importance of this decision. United in this difficult moment, we will emerge even stronger than ever.

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