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Open letter to all Members

COVID-19 vs Competitions 2020/2021

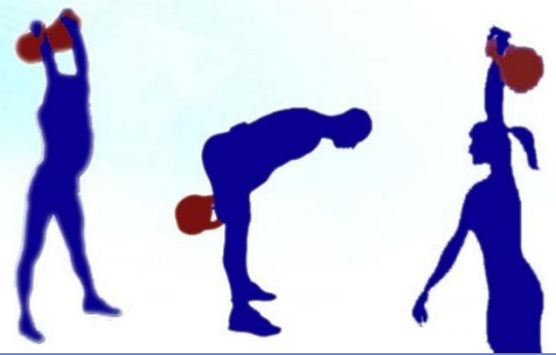
Dear Members,

The year of 2020 brought us a new form of living, to our lives and connecting each other. No one was expecting a Pandemic and a global Lockdown. We believe only some of us know what is a situation like this through voices of our fathers, mothers, grandmothers and grandfathers. However, we as Gireviks and our sport proved it is possible to keep training and bring emotion with new goals, even we need to do it online, as more than 200 athletes did on WKSF Online World Cup 2020.

All we know we need to have goals, be each other, talk each other, hug friends and see great lifters and see amazing performances alive. The atmosphere of our competitions, the high standards of WKSF, the friendship and some special friends is something that all miss.

WKSF brought the Online Competition to all of you, as you know is very difficult to athletes follow the guidelines for a good film, follow all steps to record a video. Very difficult to bring a special competition to all you and try to maintain the good standards in a very exigent organization as WKSF is. The WKSF Board and Executive Committee, in partnership with Spanish Representative by orders of Madrid City Hall and National Government postponed the World Championship 2020 to December 2020. However, following the news and guidelines in Spain we do not know if it will be possible to have the event available. Will be possible to have it, but perhaps impossible to have public, friends, bring some family and will be very difficult to our Spanish Representative to have the minimum conditions to organize a big event (with all difficulties and expensive to organize that) unknowing if all representatives will be able to travel to Spain and have enough athletes and registrations.

As you know, all our lives were postponed one year, all our projects, personal goals, personal projects, some of our jobs aren't available anymore and the future will be a challenge for all. Great events as Olympic Games in Japan were postponed, the European Football, the TAFISA WORLD GAMES 2020 also and many sports will have a different way to restart during end of 2020 and 2021. The WHO doesn't know and can't confirm if 2021 will bring a second wave of Covid-19 and we must keep going step by step, month by month and follow international, national and city guidelines. With that, we must wait a little more to have a final decision about Worlds 2020 in



Spain. Also, during next days will be decided and announced the decision of Asia Championship 2020 as WKSF Continental Cups (we believe will be all cancelled), even we have 4 months until there.

In 2021, the WKSF have on schedule the World Championship 2021 in Scotland, also the TAFISA Asia Games will hosted in 2021 (Malaysia) and WKSF have permission to be there. Unfortunately the TAFISA WORLD GAMES 2020 to be hosted by WKSF Portuguese Representative was postponed to 2021 and date of 18-24 of June.

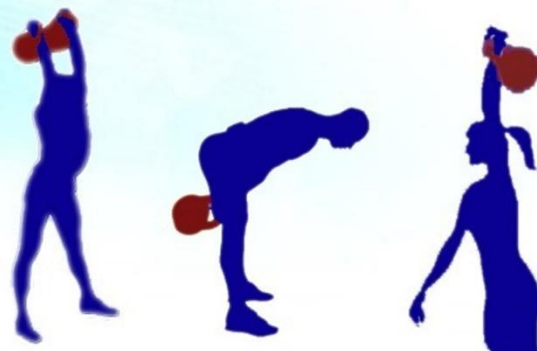
By WKSF regulations the Worlds must be organized during 15 May to 15 June, this situation brings a new challenge to WKSF host 2 big events so closed, help the WKSF Scotland Representative and host of Worlds and follow the demands of TAFISA and we compromise with both to have a big events in a short window of time. We also believe will be impossible to more that 50% of our representatives, athletes, coaches to be on both with so short time.

As WKSF doesn't have on schedule the Euro 2021, it was decide by WKSF Board after meeting/contact with Scotland Representative and by all unknown situation in Great Britain (and Scotland) for actual Pandemic and next year, to cancel the Worlds in Scotland and move the Worlds to Portugal in 2021 in partnership with TAFISA WORLD GAMES, during 18-24 June.

It was a difficult decision and situation for all, however will be very irresponsibility to WKSF to obligate or keep in schedule an event in actual situation and compromise the host of event with risk of having a lack of support of all, government decision of a future Lockdown, incapacity of travelling there, athletes, representatives, etc...With partnership with TAFISA and having help of this organization, national government, easy way to travel to Portugal to bring WKSF standard material, the low numbers at WHO of infection in Portugal, the great weather in June and Tourism in Portugal, the WKSF believes will be possible to offer to all a great event included with a huge event with more than 100 different sports and cultural activities at TAFISA WORLD GAMES 2021, in Portugal, Lisbon.

In Resume:

1. Worlds 2020 in December Madrid waiting official confirmation by WKSF during next weeks (do not by any ticket to Spain/Madrid).
2. All other Official Continental Cups and Asian Championship 2020 to be confirmed during next weeks (do not by any ticket to this events).
3. If Worlds 2020, in Madrid happens, the WKSF will schedule the European 2021.
4. The World's 2021 in Scotland is cancelled (do not by any ticket to this event).



5. The WKSF Worlds 2021 will be transferred to TAFISA WORLD GAMES 2021 in Portugal during 18-24 of June 2021 (do not buy any ticket to this event, wait until 100% confirmation by all organizations included on this event and green lights).

6. In case of cancellation of all events in 2020, the WKSF will bring you news to a special organization in each continent.

Thanks for all comprehension,



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