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## **Invitation to Union of Kettlebell Lifting of Ukraine to WKSF World Championship 2022**

Dear UKLU,

The WKSF is promoting our sport all over the World. Our Vision, Values, Mission and all hard work is making our community to grow and united every year, with more than 60 official members until nowadays.

Our Vision: embrace all cultures, genders, nations, religions and together bring our sport to a higher level inside all international sport organizations and receive the support and recognition of International Olympic Committee.

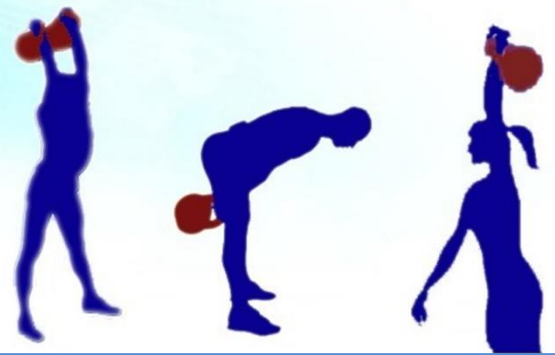
Our Values: the respect of all human beings, the respect of all identities, have a sport "From All & To All" and make all our members proud of a "Fair-Play" sport between all.

Our Mission: A tough and hard work every day. Merging our Vision and Values, the Mission is very clear. A Sport with international recognition, where all community and enthusiastic of Kettlebell Lifting can be proud of a fresh, clean and respectable sport.

Since our foundation, the WKSF is working hard to make our sport recognized all over the World and a fresh atmosphere to all participants. All our work and identify has been recognized by international organizations as SportRecognized, ISNO and TAFISA. From TAFISA, we received the official member recognition in Tokyo (2019) and also the confirmation to be partner at TAFISA WORLD GAMES 2020 to be host in Lisbon, Portugal with our Europeans Championship 2020 together with TAFISA. Unfortunately, with all Global Pandemic situation it was impossible to bring it alive and the collaboration with TAFISA was Virtual. However, we still participating in all possible TAFISA events and we already received the chance to organize future events together.

The international recognition is a long journey and WKSF since 2018 started working with GAISF to receive the international recognition of our federation. In 2021 the WKSF already started the candidature to become a GAISF Member and we hope to receive the Observer Status during 2022.

Also, after 2021 and the possibility to receive the WADA recognition, the WKSF already had a meeting with WADA to accept the WKSF signature to have the WADA certificated. For WKSF is very important and a main goal to receive the WADA signature during 2022/2023 and bring more responsibility to all organization. During this process, the WKSF is working hard with achieve all criteria and requests to receive the WADA certificate. To follow the World Anti-Doping Code is a



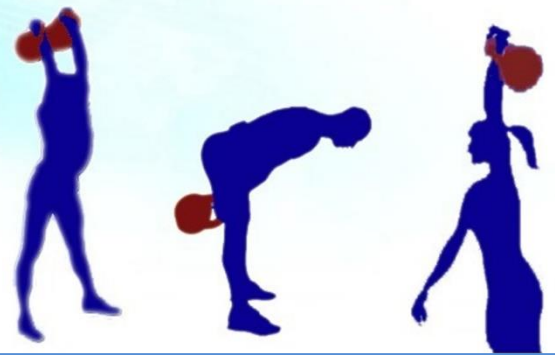
priority and (as all can check at WKSF Website) it's a compromise of our Direction for next months. However, the WKSF is following the World Anti-Doping Code in partnership with private laboratories to have 100% guaranteed Doping Tests at our events. As example, at next World Championship the WKSF is going to have 30 Anti-Doping tests at our event.

For WKSF and since our foundation, all our Vision, Values and Mission are shared with all our community of Kettlebell Sport. Not only our events are extremely well organized, a fresh atmosphere, with special staff, with strict disciplinary commission with micro-cameras for every platform, livestreaming to all over the world, a very efficient communication with all participants, a really high standards, not only at event but also of all team. This is a work of all community of WKSF, since our Commissions, Executive Committee and Direction. With the compromise of all, it was possible to WKSF bring a new goal to each athlete, as recognition of World Records with special awards, the creation of new regulations to Muslim, Disabled and also a support to Refugees that want to compete under WKSF Regulations. To help all our members and the unit of all is one of our goals and we have several examples of persons achieving the national recognition with WKSF support, as Iran, India and Greece or the unification of sport between national organizations in several countries.

The WKSF Direction Board and Executive Committee follow the actual Europe situation and did several statements against Russian invasion. Also, several Members did official statements published on our social media as well. WKSF condemn and take several hard decisions. Following the IOC guidelines and recommendations, the WKSF started applying the 2<sup>nd</sup> recommendation of IOC forbidden Russian and Belarus athletes competing at WKSF with any symbol, national reference, flag and anthem. However, after the continue invasion and Bucha massacre, by the hands of WKSF President and Secretary General, all athletes, judges and WKSF from Russia and Belarus are temporary forbidden to compete, work or have any influence inside WKSF.

Also, the WKSF with World Series League (WSL) a partner promoting the Pair Teams Competition, decided to donate several percent of recipe of WSL Online Edition 2 and WSL World Team Pairs Championship 2022. This recipe will support Ukrainian People and Refugees.

With all respect, humble, consideration and with open arms, the WKSF would like to invite all Union of Kettlebell Lifting of Ukraine by hands of Mr. Valentyn Berbenychuk to participate, with Ukraine Team, at next WKSF World Championship 2022 to be host in Maia city, Portugal and during 2<sup>nd</sup> of June until 5<sup>th</sup> of June of 2022.



This invitation of WKSF to all Ukraine Team is supported with our Portuguese Official Member and host of WKSF World Championship with a **free pass** entry to all Ukraine Team that wants to register and participate (as documented at 1<sup>st</sup> Statement of WKSF). We believe it's the best way to WKSF support Ukraine People, Refugees and all Ukraine athletes that are suffering with all situation. Also, we believe it's also a way to WKSF say "NO TO INVASION" and "NO TO WAR".

With all our heart we would like very much to have the union of Ukraine and with that also give the opportunity to all world be with Ukraine in this difficult moment.

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