

**Prot. N° 014**

**23rd november 2020**

**To:**

**American Kettlebell Alliance (AKA)**

**American Kettlebell Lifting Union (AKLU)**

Dear friends,

We hope all can be healthy as your friends and family!

We all have been massacred by the whole Pandemic situation. A virus that has shown the weaknesses of several health care systems, has been testing the resilience of Human Being and making each of us stronger every day.

Our sport, a unic sport, so different of all other sport, has been showing the greatness is to train with and lift Kettlebells. Our sport deserves all kindness, brave hearts and humility to go forward and we embrace the future with hope to achieve the recognition as a SPORT in each country.

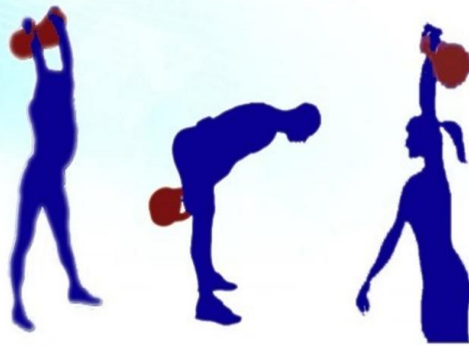
The actual situation made athlete goals being postponed, some clubs closed doors, some kettlebell coaches and professionals lost job and also brought to WKSF a new challenge for 2020/21. As you know and may followed on social media/website, with a global concern, respecting all WHO and National guidelines, the WKSF Direction decided to cancel all presential competitions. The WKSF do not need or will not do any step can put in risk athletes, delegations, cities, countries and global health. Now, it's time to all we be responsible and also is a great opportunity to think about and prepare the future.

As you may know, the WKSF has own regulations for competitions, specific protocols and guidelines for several situations and have also regulations to accept and work with each Member (Representative). On our Statutes, is possible to read what our Direction Board and Executive Committee follow and try to all understand each decision. You can find important items on Statutes, as:

**. ARTICLE 4 - APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**

- " Sports Organizations , such as sport Federations<sup>1</sup>, sport associations<sup>2</sup>, and sport clubs<sup>3</sup> may be member of federation....."

- " In case more requests are received from same States, the President will, after careful evaluation of the same, submite to Executive Committee, for ratification, the name of organization that he considers to fit to join the Federation"



## . ARTICLE 6 - DISQUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS

- "Voluntary dismissal"
- "overdue moratorium for more than 30 days from the expiration of the requirement of membership fee"
- " radiation deliberated by the majority of the members of the Executive Committee, pronounced against the member who commits actions deemed dishonorable within and outside the association, or which, by its conduct, constitutes an obstacle to the good partnership of the partnership.
- "dissolution of the federation".

The importance to achieve the International recognition of WKSF and Kettlebell Sport, the WKSF has always the preference as first "Choice Decision" for Member, organizations that are work inside National Sport Governmental, then National Federations, after and above, any Association, after Clubs and at last decision, if doesn't exist any other candidature, is accept an Individual Person during 1 year, on until WKSF receives a national organization to replace the Individual Person (importante to refer that any Individual Persons doesn't have any vote on WKSF General Meeting and can't make any decision go forward on Kettlebell Sport future).

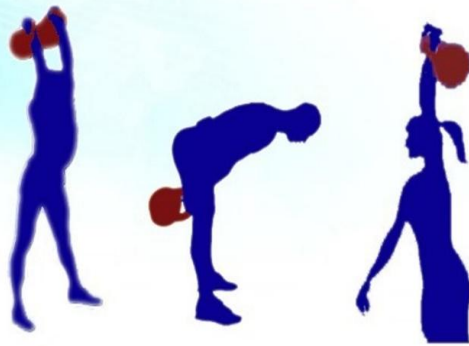
On United States of America, the WKSF did a choice to accept American Kettlebell Alliance as Official Member.

At 19th november of 2019, in Uzghorod - Ukraine at WKSF European Championships General Meeting, the President proposal to our Executive Committee was accepted, the Membership as representatives from 1 year to 3 years without annual renewal was accepted with 6 votes and unanimously.

About United States of America , the Board and EC received the representative, Mr. Yuri Petunovs on our General Meeting and with 6 votes "Yes" was official accepted AKA as USA Representative until 2022. However, we quote the last paragraphs of General Assembly Minute:

*"With unanimously of 6 votes, the Executive Committee voted to AKA continue as official Representative of USA during 3 years with condition of AKA stay under observation each year. It was deliberated as mandatory an extra effort of official representative of USA to contact AKLU and create the conditions to promote an union of all lifters and possibility to participate in competitions to find the best lifters to represent USA official Team."*

The WKSF Secretary received a candidature of AKLU organization to become USA Representative for next year (until 2022). The federation is very happy to see so many lifters inside borders and high activity to promote our sport and during 2020, the Secretary and Mr. President were following all activity in USA as well. Not only the feedbacks and all AKA activity as AKLU activities.

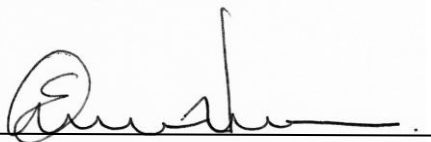


The WKSF is working very hard with each Representative and also with several Governmental Institutes to help several representatives, even if is an Individual Person to register a club as if is an Association to be accepted inside National Sport Institute. Our mission is to make all together, make things happen and always think on athletes, always on athletes that compete, participate, enjoy our effort and even with all actual situation competed on our Online Competitions.

The Secretary will ask you to create on Agenda (until end 2020) a date to have a Meeting between AKA and AKLU and with that achieve a good foundation for future. Perhaps create a US Sport Confederation and together represents USA on WKSF?

Please, it's very important to WKSF understand the Network capacity of each organization, what each organization are available to think on future and want to work with WKSF.

Milan, 23rd november 2020



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