



HEAD SPORT DIRECTOR REPORT

The IJF World Tour

During each four-year cycle the IJF organizes more than 60 top events - Grand Prix, Grand Slam, Masters and World Championships - which serve as the core for all our media and TV partners, generating more than 10 million USD for our athletes in prize money awards.

The number of participants in World Championships remains high (2014 Chelyabinsk saw 637 athletes whilst in 2015 Astana attracted 723 athletes) and this year for the first time all athletes will compete for a total of 1 million USD prize money.

A fully professional IJF team is engaged in planning, managing and preparing the strategy and operational aspects of all these events, working in partnership with the local organizing committees to ensure the highest standards of delivery.

The organization maintains as well established framework and program and the general level is increasing year by year. The Final Block and awarding Ceremonies have very high TV coverage and all involved act with a notably high degree of professionalism in coordination with the local organizer and Host Broadcaster.

The World Ranking for Cadets and Juniors has been in operation successfully for the past few years and the ranking events are already staged in all five (5) Continents. Currently we have 2.241 athletes in the Cadet and 2.259 athletes in the Junior World Ranking Lists.

Olympic Games and Youth Olympic Games

For the OG Rio 2016 the same Olympic Qualification was applied as for the previous OG 2012 and judo was once again the third sport in terms of the number of participating countries behind only athletics and swimming.

At the same time judo managed to set two new records:

- Number of countries : 136
- Number of countries winning medals : 26

The next Olympic Qualification period will see an important modification in accordance with the IOC requirement regarding the issue of gender equality. The best 18 women and 18 men in each category from the World Ranking List will be directly qualified via Direct Quota and 50 women and 50 men will qualify via Continental Quota. We can expect similar figures especially in terms of universality.

The IJF sent to the IOC the official questionnaire requesting a mixed team event for Tokyo 2020 with teams consisting of three women and three men in categories 57, 73, 70, 90, +70 and +90kg.

In the YOG Nanjing 2014 the IJF again presented a mixed team event with the same success and



format - four girls and four boys from different nations comprising the team. For the next YOG 2018 in Buenos Aires there will be a new qualification system based on the Cadet World Ranking List.

Seminars and rules amendment

Immediately after the Olympic Games 2016 all the Federations were invited to submit any proposals or comments regarding the current rules, competition systems or other issues aimed at improving our sport.

This initiative proved very useful for all sectors when adapting the new rules and regulations.

Each year the IJF organizes Referee and Coaches Seminars for all Federations in order to inform and revise the rules. All the best referees and coaches together with the IJF Referee, Education and Sports Commissions are working to create the best possible conditions for the highest level of performance and spectacular presentation of our sport as well as maintaining the reputation of fairness in terms of refereeing.

I would like to thank my Sport Commission colleagues as well as all the IJF Executive Committee members for their hard work and support.

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