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The situation generated by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the IOC decision to postpone the Tokyo Olympic Games to 2021, requires the draft of a new project for the 2021 WKF calendar adjusted as much as possible to the present reality.

The draft calendar detailed below considers some facts and conditions that are currently present and / or can be present in the next future, apart from the own sporting criteria required by the different global international events already scheduled for 2021.

As facts other than the sport related ones, we can highlight the following ones:

- Limitation to international travel
- Conditions for the entry of foreigners in the countries hosting international sports events
- Resources and financial conditions of the NFs that are hosting international sports events
- Likely shortage in the economic resources of NFs and clubs
- Likely reduction in the athletes' participation

Based on the above considerations, we have divided the 2021 calendar in Priority 1 and Priority 2 events, taking as well into consideration other factors that increase or reduce by themselves the importance of the event.

In the priority 1 events, we underline the official commitments of the WKF (Olympic Games), the importance of the event itself and the media and sponsorship agreements formalized by the WKF.

In the priority 2 events, we consider mainly the sporting factor, as element for the preparation of the priority 1 events, as well as the balanced continuity of the own WKF activity, in order to gradually recover the activity existing before the pandemic.



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Priority 1 events:

- Tokyo Olympic Games (July / August 2021)
- Qualification event for Tokyo (June 2021)
- Rabat Premier League (scoring for the Tokyo Olympic Standing, April 2021)
- Gothenburg European Senior Championships (scoring for the Tokyo Olympic Standing, May 2021)

Priority 2 events:

- 2 PL events (1st Semester 2021)
- 2 PL events (2nd Semester 2021)
- Youth League events

In this group we do not consider Series A events, which would be postponed for subsequent years.

At this point in time, we should reconsider the existing registration format of Premier League events, keeping the two first phases as they are now, however extending the third “free registration phase” to the 200 first in the ranking, until there are 64 athletes per category.

As a result, that would mean that the registration phases will be:

1. Phase 1: Limited to the NFs, TWO competitors per category and country, ranked among the position no 1 and no 50 (included) of the WKF ranking, regardless of double positions
2. Phase 2: If any of the TWO registrations of the Phase 1 have not been completed by the NFs, free registration of athletes, ranked among the position no 1 and no 50 (included) of the WKF ranking, regardless of double positions (always keeping the limit of TWO per country)
3. Phase 3: Free registration, limited to 64 athletes per category, **ranked among the position no 1 and no 200 (included) of the WKF ranking**, regardless of double positions.