



WORLD ASSOCIATION OF KICKBOXING ORGANIZATIONS

TO All WAKO Member Federations

To the kind attention of:
President

BY E-MAIL

Monza, March 26th, 2020

RE: WAKO Cadet and Junior World Championships Date Change

Firstly, I hope you and your family are safe and healthy. For all of us, there are serious challenges ahead. We are dealing with changes in the way we live and how we interact with each other. Some of these challenges, the battle for life itself is indeed more important than our multiple event postponement, at national and international level.

So, the first thing I say to you is to please to respect the advice of the WHO and your governmental departments on Covid-19. Stay at home as much as you can, practice safe-distancing, wash your hands, self-isolate if you have any fears that you may have encounter coronavirus. Work with the medical experts. And keep an eye on your own mental health and of those around you at this challenging time.

I am contacting you today to inform you that we have **changed the dates for the Cadet and Junior World Championships** to enable you and your federation recover and understand the long term impact of CV 19 to the sport we love. **The new date is 13th -22nd November 2020**, remaining in the host city of Belgrade. The official invitation will go out within the next 10 days.

I would like to thank the Serbian Kickboxing Federation and its leader Srdjan Bugarcic for his efforts in accommodating my request at such short notice and in giving our members time to adjust and reset themselves and their federations, clubs and athletes. It again shows, that, when the need arises, we come together as a team and to function in the interest of our athletes and sport and the WAKO Family, is now in fact more important than ever.

Please remember to help the aged and fragile in our community. Look out for our neighbours who may be living in isolation, ask if you can help, offer the hand of friendship, have a conversation (with social distance) connection is now more important than it has ever been, isolation is a very debilitating stigma for anybody to endure.

To our coaches, I say carry on working with your athletes. You don't have to meet them face to face to let them know that you care for their welfare and their well-being. Encourage them to keep fit, inspire them to work for their community, advise them as best you can. Please stay positive, stay healthy and stay safe, we will come through this together and will be stronger and more resilient and appreciative of what we have in this wonderful world we live in.

Best regards,

Roy Baker
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