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CANCELLATION OF EUROPEAN U21, U23 AND SENIORS SUMO CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020 AND EUROPEAN YOUNGER CADETS, CADETS AND JUNIORS SUMO CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020

Dear Presidents,

Regarding the European U21, U23 and Seniors Sumo Championships 2020, Baku, Azerbaijan and European Younger Cadets, Cadets and Juniors Sumo Championships 2020, Bukarest, Romania, European Sumo Federation decided to cancelled it. So this event will not be held this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

JUSTIFICATION

Number of daily cases of illness in various countries remain a cause for concern. Some of the countries, according to the information provided by the media, are already dealing with the so-called the second wave of the epidemic. Our beloved sumo discipline is a contact sport. The competitors touch the opponent's body in every fight, which gives a very large and easy possibility of virus transmission. We should not endanger the health, and maybe even the life of athletes and accompanying persons, as well as their family members and other people with whom they will meet after returning from tournaments.

We should put safety first and not take risk on our shoulders. The epidemiological situation will not improve suddenly from week to week. Different countries have to comply with different restrictions. For example, not all national teams have permission from sports ministries to travel abroad. And the situation in which not all members of the ESF have equal access to participate in competitions is against the principles we adhere to. Fair play applies to us both on the dohyo and in all other matters.

We must believe that the world will deal with this invisible enemy and that we will be able to organize the European Sumo Championships next year. We will keep you updated on any future decisions related to 2021.

With best regards,

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