

# NEWSLETTER



**APRIL**  
**2020**

*Leaders don't force people to follow,  
They invite them on a journey*

*We are given the privilege to lead, it is  
how we lead following our election  
defines you.*



# WAKO CALENDAR - CORRECTIONS

WAKO Class	Date From	Date to	Name	
     				
<b>April</b>				
Cancelled	2	05-gen	International Turkish Open Kickboxing European Cup	Turkey
Cancelled	17	18	ASVO Junior Challenge (only Youth)	Austria
Cancelled	21	26	African Championship 2020 (Full contact and Low Kick)	Cameroun
Cancelled	24	26	The Austrian Classics 2020 (WAKO World Cup) (Official WAKO Referee Worlds/Europeans)	Austria
<b>May</b>				
Cancelled	7	10	Hungarian Open 2020 (WAKO World Cup) (Official WAKO Referee Worlds/Europeans)	Hungary
C	15	17	3rd Silver Griffin Cup 2020	Latvia
Cancelled	16	16	7. KBH Masters Internationales kickboxing tournament	Austria
Postponed	22	24	Oceania Championship 2020	Australia
<b>June</b>				
C	4	8	2nd International Jordan Open Kickboxing Tournament (K-1, FC, PF, LC) and Referee Seminar	Jordan
Cancelled	11	14	25th Bestfighter 2020 (WAKO World Cup ) (Official WAKO Referee Worlds/Europeans)	Italy
C	13	13	Balkan Open 2020	Bosnia and Herzegovina
C	12	14	International Championship Silvengrad 2020 (LK, LC, KL)	Bulgaria
<b>July</b>				
Cancelled	21	25	5th European Universities Games 2020	Serbia

<b>August</b>				
<b>September</b>				
WAKO AFRICA	TBC	TBC	African Championship 2020 (K-1 and Tatami Sports)	South Africa
B	4	6	AmeriKick Internationals	USA
C	11	12	Scandinavian Open 2020	Norway
B	12	13	Flanders International Kickboxing Cup 2020	Belgium
WAKO World Cup	14	19	Russian Open 2020 (World Cup) (Official WAKO Referee Worlds/Europeans)	Russia
<b>October</b>				
WAKO ASIA	TBC	TBC	Asian Championships 2020	South Korea
WAKO EUROPE	10	18	WAKO Senior&Master European Championships (All disciplines)	Turkey
C	30	31	Czech-Open for Tatami Sports	Czech Rep.
<b>November</b>				
C	6	7	37th SLOVENIA OPEN	
B	11	14	WAKO K1 World Grand Prix	
Postponed	TBC	TBC	11 <sup>th</sup> Pan American Championship	
WAKO IF	13	22	WAKO Cadets & Juniors World Championships (All disciplines)	
C	19	22	Spain International Open	
<b>December</b>				
WAKO IF	5	5	World Games - test event (USA Vs World)	
C	5	6	Heroes of Hamburg	
WAKO ASIA	8	13	Bangabandhu Asian Kickboxing Confederation Cup 2020	
C	12	13	WAKO European Clubs K-1 Cup	

## CONFIRMED TOURNAMENTS 2020

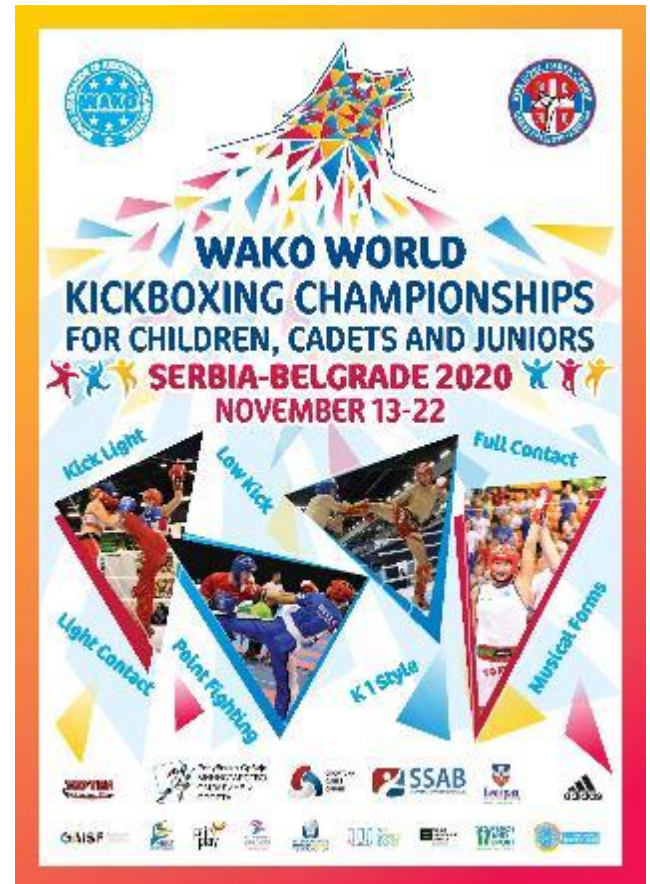


**2020**  
**WAKO EUROPEAN KICKBOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**ALL STYLE**  
**SENIORS & VETERANS**

**K1 Rules • Low Kick • Full Contact • Light Contact**  
**Kick Light • Point Fighting • Musical Forms**

**10 - 18 October 2020**  
**Antalya Sport Hall, Antalya - TÜRKIYE**

Logos: WAKO, AISF, SPOR TOTO, and various national federations.



**WAKO WORLD KICKBOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**FOR CHILDREN, CADETS AND JUNIORS**  
**SERBIA-BELGRADE 2020**  
**NOVEMBER 13-22**

**Kick Light • Low Kick • Full Contact**  
**Light Contact • Point Fighting • K1 style • Musical Forms**

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## WAKO WORLD SERIES 2021



**WAKO WORLD SERIES**  
**FOR 2020-2021**

**ATHENS CHALLENGE 5-7 FEBRUARY 2021**  
**IRISH OPEN 4-7 MARCH 2021**  
**YDO 26-28 MARCH 2021**  
**TURKISH OPEN 8-11 APRIL 2021**  
**HUNGARIAN OPEN MAY 2021**  
**AUSTRIAN CLASSICS 15-18 APRIL 2021**  
**BESTFIGHTER WAKO WORLD CUP 10-13 JUNE 2021**  
**FLANDERS CUP 26-27 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Logos: WAKO, Athens Challenge, Irish Open, YOKOSO, Turkish Open, Hungarian Open, Austrian Classics, Bestfighter, and various national federations.

## CONFIRMED TOURNAMENTS 2021

22 <sup>nd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2021:	<b>GOLDEN GLOVE (WAKO European Cup)</b> , Mareno di Piave, Italy
3 <sup>rd</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2021:	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> INDIAN OPEN INTERNATIONAL CUP</b> , New Delhi, India
5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2021:	<b>ATHENS CHALLENGE</b> , Athens, Greece
12 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2021:	<b>KARLOVAC OPEN 2021 (WAKO European Cup)</b> , Karlovac, Croatia
4 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2021:	<b>IRISH OPEN (WAKO World Cup)</b> , Dublin, Ireland
19 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2021:	<b>SERBIAN OPEN 2021 (WAKO European Cup)</b> , Belgrade Serbia
27 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2021:	<b>YOKOSO DUTCH OPEN</b> , Amsterdam, The Netherlands
8 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2021:	<b>6<sup>th</sup> TURKISH OPEN (WAKO European Cup)</b> , Antalya, Turkey
15 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2021:	<b>THE AUSTRIAN CLASSICS (WAKO World Cup)</b> , Innsbruck, Austria
24 <sup>th</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2021:	<b>POINT FIGHTING CUP</b> , Castellanza, Italy
3 <sup>rd</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2021:	<b>WORLD COMBAT GAMES</b> , Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan <b>(TO BE CONFIRMED)</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2021:	<b>HUNGARIAN WORLD CUP (WAKO World Cup)</b> , Budapest, Hungary
10 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2021:	<b>BESTFIGHTER (WAKO World Cup)</b> , Rimini, Italy
14 <sup>th</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2021:	<b>EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY GAMES</b> , Belgrade, Serbia
20 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> August 2021:	<b>5<sup>th</sup> ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY GAMES</b> , Konya, Turkey
26 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2021:	<b>FLANDERS INSTERNATIONAL KICKBOXING CUP</b> , Beveren, Belgium
<b>(TBD)</b> October 2021:	<b>WAKO CADETS &amp; JUNIORS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS</b> , Budapest, Hun
5 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2021:	<b>WAKO SENIOR &amp; MASTER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS</b> , Moscow, Russia



## FUTURE ACTIVITIES

<b>2022</b>	Cadets & Juniors WC (All disciplines) in Hungary;
<b>2022</b>	Senior EC (All disciplines) in Athens, Greece;
<b>2023</b>	Cadets & Juniors EC (All Disciplines) in Turkey;
<b>2023</b>	Senior WC (All Disciplines) in Ireland

7<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> July 2022:

WORLD GAMES, Birmingham (Alabama), USA



WORLD ASSOCIATION  
OF KICKBOXING ORGANIZATIONS

TO All WAKO Members

To the kind attention of:  
President

BY E-MAIL

Monza, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

**RE: THE WORLD GAMES IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, POSTPONED TO JULY 2022**

Dear Presidents,

By the present please be informed that today the International World Games Association (IWGA) and Birmingham Organising Committee (BOC) have officially announced the decision to postpone the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of The World Games until 7<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

In fact The Games had originally been planned to take place from 15<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021, but after the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) recent decision to move the Tokyo Olympic Games to July 2021 IWGA and BOC decided unanimously to postpone of one year The World Games in Birmingham, Alabama, to avoid any risk of reducing public and media interest.

For your information following this important decision the WAKO (IF) Board of Directors during its next meeting to be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> will review the qualification criteria for The World Games 2022 and immediately after an official communication will be published and sent out to all national Federation members.

These are extraordinary times we live in, and Kickboxing needs to flex with the changes and adapt to the ever increasing challenges facing us as a community and as a sport in the IOC Family of sports. Please stay safe, stay healthy and isolate until its safe to do otherwise.

Best regards,

Roy Baker  
WAKO President

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In these difficult times because of the Covid-19 pandemic, when our clubs are closed, our members in their civilian lives are on the front lines of fighting a pandemic - as doctors, nurses, firefighters, policemen, volunteers. They are our champions; they are our heroes. Meet them and congratulate them on their selfless and courageous struggle.

**ADRIAN DURMA (Poland) – kickboxer / firefighter**



**DUYGU TURAN (Turkey) – kickboxer / nurse**



**JANUSZ WIELGOSZ (Poland) – referee / volunteer**





**LUCA PADOAN** (Italy) – kickboxer / medical technician



**ROBBIE MCMENAMY** (Ireland) – kickboxer / firefighter



**ENIS PUPOVIC** (Montenegro) – coach / special force policeman



**KARL WILSON** (Ireland) – chief referee / firefighter, paramedic



**ANASTASIA SHIYANOVA** (Russia) – kickboxer / nurse



**ANDREAS LODRUP** (Norway) – kickboxer / doctor



**DUBLIN FIRE BRIGADE** – Karl Wilson, Dany Slevin, Robbie McMenemy



**DEA PREDRIJEVAC (Croatia)**

Referee / nurse



**EVELYN NEYENS (Belgium)**

kickboxer / police inspector



**CHARLOTTE BERG ANDERSE (Norway)** – kickboxer / biomedical scientist



**HENRIK MATIC (Croatia)** – referee / psycho therapist



**ROBERT PAULSBYEN** (Norway) – kickboxer / firefighter



**SEHERAD ZULIC** (Bosnia and Herzegovina) – kickboxer / doctor



**MARIKA TORRI** (Italy) – kickboxer / nurse



**ANDREAS GILL** (Guatemala) – kickboxer / national team doctor /



**AMANDA ZBILSKI (USA) – national team member / volunteer**



**ANDREAS AGGELOPOULOS (Greece) – kickboxer, coach / doctor, surgeon**



**DAMIEN GORMLEY (Ireland) – coach, official / police officer**



**DE-REECE WILLIAMS** (Great Britain) – kickboxer / nurse



**MARIJANA PELEVIC** (Serbia) – WAKO media officer / volunteer



**EFY KOKKINO** (Greece) – kickboxing referee / caregiver



**DANNY SLEVIN** (Ireland) – WAKO Organizing Committee member / fireman



**DANILO ANDJELKOVIC** (Serbia) – kickboxer / nurse



**CHRISTIAN KVARTNINGEN** (Norway) – kickboxer / fireman



**FARIGAT KASYMOV (Russia) – referee / volunteer**



**Kickboxing Club of South Ural State Agrarian University in Chelyabinsk (Russia)**  
Coach Farigat Kasimov and kickboxers: Sergey Bogdan Ilnaz Sayfullin, Bakhtiyar Mukhamedzyanov, Daniil Borozdin, Viktor Mikhailov, Tamerlan Kasymov.





**PAOLO REBECCHI & GIUSEPPE MANFREDA (Italy)**  
Bestfighter World Cup medical team



**DANIELLE NITEROI RIBEIRO (Brasil)**  
- Brazilian federation official doctor



**ILIJA ZIVKOVIC (Serbia)**  
- kickboxer / nurse at hospital



**RUTE CARRAGETA (Portugal) – kickboxer / nurse**  
**VITOR BILRO (Portugal) – coach / policeman**



**EIRIK GUNDERSEN** (Norway) – kickboxer / paramedic



**FERNANDO FAJARDO** (Portugal) – coach / ambulance driver



**DORJANO ARMAN** (Croatia) – coach / civil protection volunteer



**KICKBOXING CLUB "NIS"** (Serbia) – kickboxers / volunteers



**SAID MAGOMEDOV (Russia) – kickboxer / nurse**



**MARKO DESA (Croatia) – kickboxer, referee, coach / rescuer**



**CHRISTINE FELBER (Switzerland) – kickboxer / policewoman**



**GIULIA GIACOMELLI (Italia) – kickboxer / nurse**



**JESÚS EGUÍA (Spain) – WAKO Spain president / civil protection officer**



**MOUMITA PRAMANICK (India)**  
- kickboxer / nurse



**NINA HETMAR (Denmark)**  
- kickboxer / nurse



**PAULA MOREIRA** (Portugal) – kickboxer, coach / volunteer, firefighter, paramedic



**RAFAL WITKOWSKI** (Poland) – TV Fight Chanel Producer / volunteer



**MASSIMILIANO BIANCO** (Italy)  
WAKO Medical Committee Chairman



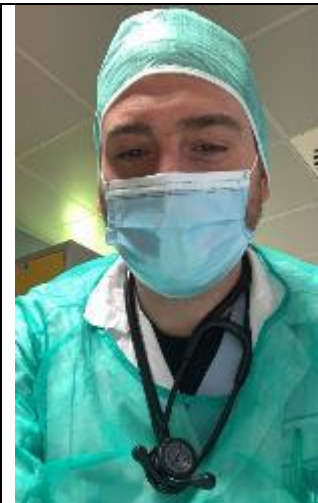
**MAURA GRUMMEL** (Ireland)  
Irish Open Chief Doctor



**JAIME SANTOS DE SOUZA** (Brazil) – kickboxer / paramedic



**VIRGILIO DI LEGGE, VITALE MONTE, GIOVANNI AIELO (Italy)**  
FIKBMS – Italian federation medical team



**SRDJAN RADULOVIC (Serbia) – coach / volunteer**



**OGUZ AND ONUR SAHIN (Turkey) – Turkish federation official doctors**



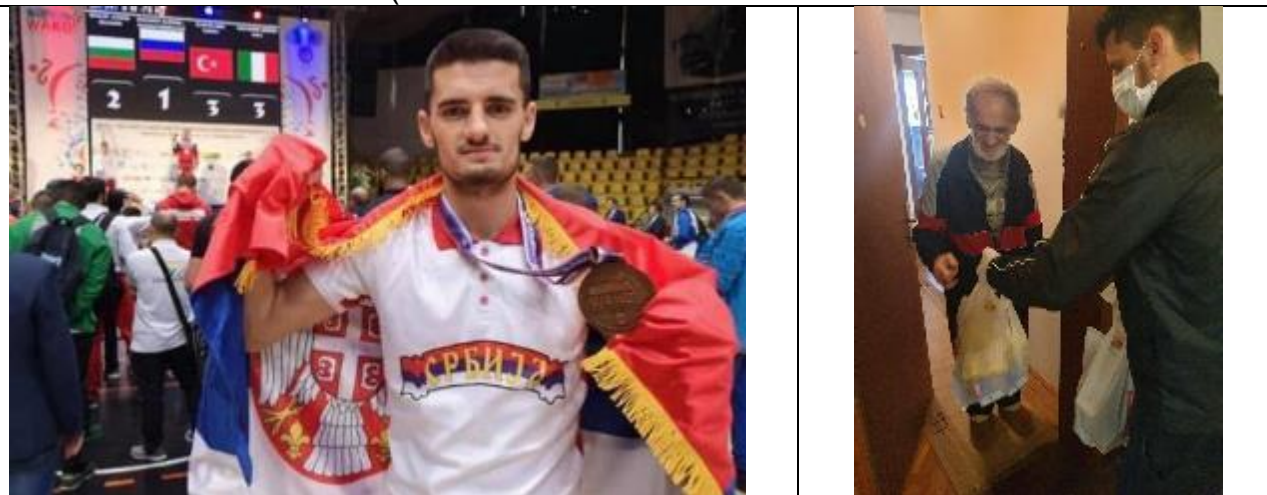
**MARIJAN BOLHAR** (Slovenia) – kickboxer / fireman, rescuer



**MARIN ROSO** (Croatia) – kickboxer / UN Safety Guard Officer



**NOVAK RADULOVIC** (Serbia) – kickboxer / volunteer



**PATRICIA RODRIGEZ** (Spain) – kickboxer / paramedic



**PIOTOR ODWAZNY (Poland) – kickboxer / policeman**



**BIRGIT REITAN ØKSNES (Norway)  
- kickboxer / nurse**



**SHAY OFIR (Israel)  
– referee / policeman**

**KATA SARE (Croatia) – kickboxer / policewoman**



**DENISE DAMIANO (Italia)  
Italian medical committee / doctor**



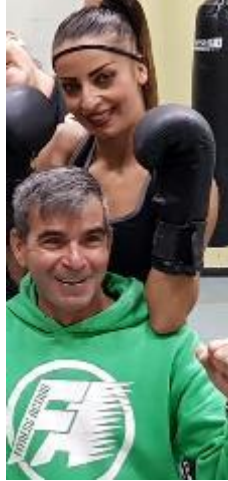
**BRIGITE GOMES (Portugal)  
- kickboxer / nurse**



**MUHAMED SABANOVIC (B&H) – federation secretary, coach / volunteer**



**MAURIZIO CUCCU (Italy) – kickboxer, coach / paramedic**



**ANDREAS GJESTVANG BERG (Norway)  
- kickboxer / nurse**



**BOJAN TELETINA (B&H)  
- referee / policeman**



**DANIELA WEBEROVA (Slovakia)  
- referee / nurse**



**MARINA DJEKIC (Serbia)  
- kickboxer / Red Cross volunteer**



**MARTA ZDZIARSKA (Poland) – referee / nurse**



**LARAH SCHMEISSE (Germany) – kickboxer / firefighter-volunteer**



**LEXI LEE (Australia) – kickboxer / nurse**



**ROMAN GUGERLI (Switzerland) – referee / policeman**



**UZIEL RAMOS GARCÍA (Mexico) - kickboxer / doctor**



**HARIS VOJNIKOVIC (Croatia)**  
- coach / rescuer

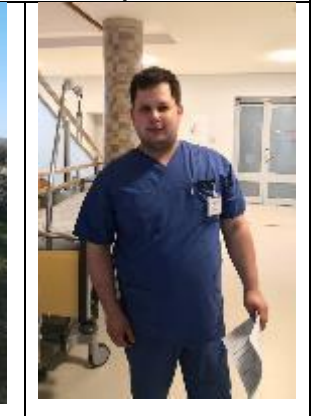


**JOJO STAGEN (USA)**  
- coach / policeman

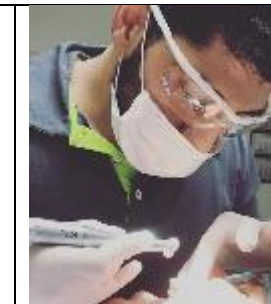
**VALENTINA FILATOVA (Russia)**  
- kickboxer / volunteer



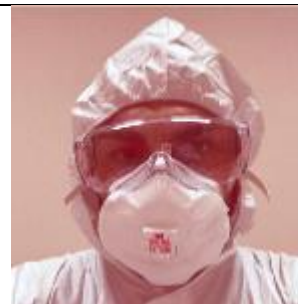
**JONAS MICHLE (Germany)**  
- assistant coach / paramedic



**MOHAMMAD ALZAIBAK (Germany)**  
- kickboxer / dentist



**LEONARDO LAMEDICA (Italy)**  
- kickboxer / nurse



**HELEN J. MILNE** (Great Britain) – kickboxer / doctor



**IGOR RUSNJAK** (Croatia)  
- kickboxer, coach, referee / policeman



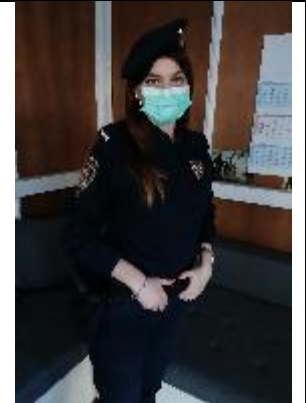
**RENATA CASTRO** (Brazil)  
- kickboxer / doctor



**LUBOMIR BODOR** (Slovakia)  
- kickboxer / solder



**LUCIJA CICVARA** (Croatia)  
- kickboxer / security guard



**CHRISTINE BLOWER** (GB)  
- club supporter / nurse



**ASLAM MOHAMED** (South Africa)  
- coach, board member / doctor



**BRUNO DA COSTA SANTOS (Portugal)**

- kickboxer / volunteer firefighter - healthy department



**FAISAL REHMAN (Canada) - WAKO Canada Medical Committee / doctor**



**GIANLORENZO DANIELE (Italy) - WAKO anti doping officer / doctor**



**HELMUTH DURLACHER (Austria) – referee / ambulance driver**



**WAKO Ukraine regional Kickboxing Federation of Chernomorsk (Ukraine)**  
 - Mkrtyan Artyom Valentinovich – kickboxers, coaches / vulunteers



**ANA CASTELLÓ MUÑOZ (Por/Esp)**  
 - kickboxer / doctor

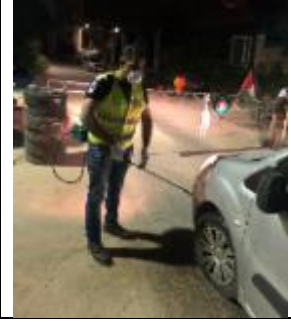
**ROBERT KATUSIC (Croatia)**  
 - Coach / policeman



**JENNY PFUND (Austria) – kickboxer / policewoman**



**MOHMAMED ASAWYE (Palestine) – national coach / emergency unit**



**LOW YONG MING (Singapore) – kickboxer / lab.researcher**

**JAI SHANKER (Singapore) – coach / driver**



**ZAYED IBRAHIM HAMMAD (Jordan) – referee / doctor, humanitarian**



**AYMAN SATER (Palestine) – kickboxer / fire commander**



**UKRAINE - WAKO Kickboxing Federation in the Luhansk region - Leonid Berezinsky (hon.president), Igor Panov (President), Konstantin Garbuznyak (Head Coach)**



**SANTOSH K. AGRAWAL – WAKO India president / humanitarian**

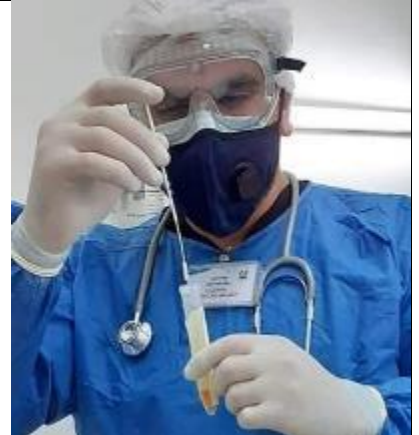


**HIDAYAT BIN JASNI (Singapore)**  
– kickboxer / policeman

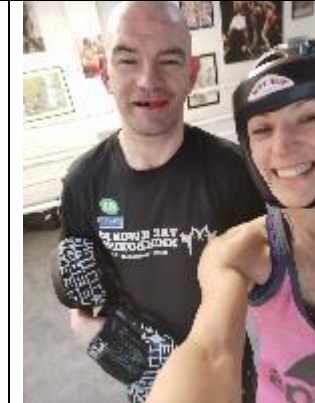
**DMITRIY BELOUS (Russia)**  
- referee / volunteer



**AHMAD KHATATBEH (Jordan) – kickboxer / emergency doctor**



**FRANK BLASCO (Great Britain) – coach / policeman**





**PETER GEORG ZAAR** (Germany)  
- kickboxer / police commissioner



**LENA GRIEBEL** (Germany)  
- kickboxer / intensive care nurse



## SLOVENIA

Every day training at 6 pm. [Tomaz Barada](#) and his daughter [Tyra Barada](#) together and other coaches on LIVE FB streaming. BK-tv and Sportcenter Barada!

Be ready be there. [#stayhome](#)



During April, Barada Sportcenter's coaches:

**Tomaž Barada,  
Ales Zemljic,  
Gregor Stracanek,  
Nejc Gazvoda,  
Urska Gazvoda and  
Bianca Barada**

had around 225.000 people watching FREE ONLINE LIVE TV (bk-tv) trainings every day over FACEBOOK.

They had around 1.300 LIKES and around 400 comments on our trainings.

And still keep going on!!!



Sportdata has introduced a new way of online sport competitions called "eTournament". eTournaments completely transform the way of competing in Martial Arts Tournaments. Unlike traditional tournaments, eTournaments makes competing simpler, easier, and cost effective. Join from any place on this planet, without travel and accommodation costs.

The tournament is held from April 22<sup>nd</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup> in musical and creative forms.

335 competitors from 50 clubs from 20 nations



## RUSSIA

**DENIS GAVRILOV,**  
On line training

There were 43 athletes present at training session, from various sports clubs, from 5 cities in Russia.

Participants trained basic techniques, punches and kicks.

**Monika Markowska** was live. ...  
10 Apr at 18:36 ·



Watch together with friends or with a group

27  9 comments  5 shares  217 Views

## GREAT BRITAIN

**MONIKA MARKOWSKA,**  
On line training

During April, every evening at 6:30 pm live training with **Monila Markowska** and her coach **Frank Blasco**.

Every training Monika has 150 to 500 watchers and more than 50 people who joining every training, from all over the world

## UKRAINA



Stay Home, Train Home

## LOCK&LOAD TRAINING 11/04 15:00

Instagram: @zamyatin48

Training with **Pavlo Zamyatin** at 8:40 in the club Instagram account @lock\_n\_load\_fight! )) 20 minutes now daily! - [#stayathome](#)

During April were two types of online trainings. On Instagram page and on ZOOM. About 100 athletes from all over Ukraine participated in ZOOM.

Lots of common people (300-350 in total), join lessons in Instagram.

Another project is working online with sport psychologist so everyone can ask questions. It's very popular activity.

Mr. Zamyatin also recorded two courses: basic combat & pro combat which contains 10 lessons each. So, everyone can do the training at any convenient time.

## CROATIA



### MIRSAD DENJALIC

On line training on FB

Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 9 am.

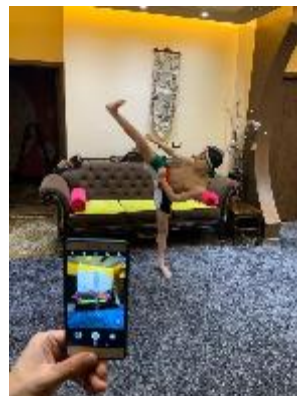
During April, 1293 followers ...

and continue at May.

## POLAND



On line training with **Rafał Mazurowski**



## STAY AT HOME CHAMPIONSHIP – SHADOW KICKBOXING -

A Creative idea to encourage athletes for competing from their homes

In light of the health conditions the world is witnessing with the spread of the Corona virus and the preventive measures taken by the all governments to declare a state of emergency, among these measures is the closure of schools, universities and gyms, which means a long period of discontinuation of organized training for our athletes.

In light of the responsibility of the **Palestinian kickboxing federation** to maintain the safety of their athletes and encourage them to adhere to home reservations, the president of the Palestinian Federation, Master **Samir Athamna**, launched the idea of organizing a shadow fight championship under the hashtag “Stay at home” and participated with us through a short video and the goal was to motivate athletes to continue with home training and as a kind of entertainment for them as well, especially since the Shadow Kick Boxing is directly related to the actual Kickboxing training.

In order to make this idea successful and serious, the Federation has put in place a suitable rules and conditions deprived from WAKO IF Kata Forms rules, as well as prepared an electronic judging online program prepared by the Palestinian engineer Tariq Dawood, where the referees were able to set points for the competitors through their presence in their homes, and do not forget the important and pivotal role of the technical director of the tournament **Dr. Nizar Taleb**, Vice President of the Palestinian Federation, who made out of this idea a big event and take it far than being for entertainment at home.

Many athletes and their families interacted with this idea, and the number of athletes participating in the championship reached **more than 210 athletes** of both genders and all age groups **from the West Bank, Gaza and the Diaspora - the Lebanese arena and Palestinian communities in US and Europe**. Palestinian sports media and the Palestinian Olympic Committee media praised this creative idea that achieved many goals. The President of the Arab Federation, **Dr. Basil AISHaer** was among the first fans of the idea, who immediately initiated the Arab Federation of the first Arab Championship for the Shadow Kickboxing to popularize the idea within the Arab world.

## GUATEMALA



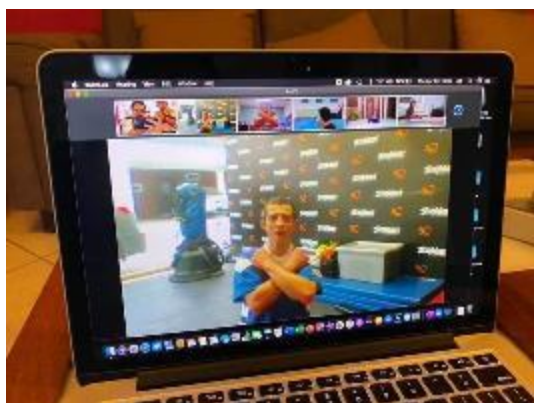
WAKO Guatemala had first one, seminar was given by **Oscar Guzman**, member of Wako Guatemala Team

In his seminar was attend 200 Athletes from 7 countries of America (Guatemala, Venezuela, Usa, Ecuador, Argentina, Mexico, Colombia).



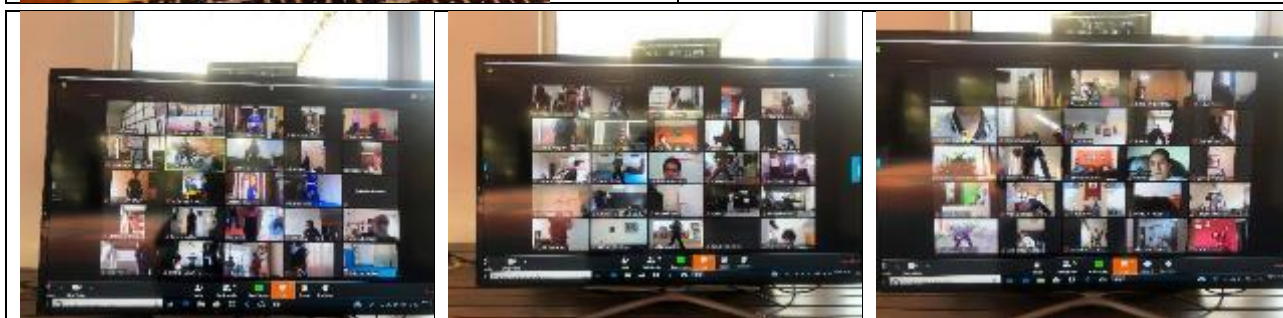
WAKO Guatemala had a seminar for referees from all over WAKO Panam, there, given by **Marlon Rios**, he is member of the referees committee IF. They were 48 referees from 14 countries, even Gina Engelhardt was on it.

And on April 23rd WAKO Guatemala organized a second point fighting seminar, given by our Wako Guatemalan Team member **Jose Santiago**.



This seminar was a entire success, we had aprox. 200 persons from 11 countries of America: Guatemala, Mexico, El Salvador, Venezuela, Colombia, Paraguay, Brasil, Honduras, Puerto Rico, Panama and Ecuador.

And then on May 5<sup>th</sup> Its going to be turn of **Andrés García Gándara** to teach a seminar of kick light.





Live CBKB offers content and interaction for athletes from different countries on its YouTube channel.

**The Brazilian Kickboxing Confederation (CBKB)** initiated its new communication project, aimed at its affiliates and martial arts lovers, with live broadcasts through its official YouTube channel. The “CBKB Lives” started this Saturday (18th), with a great technical arbitration seminar held by the National Arbitration Director, **Tiago Peixoto**, presenting the theme “Rules of Point Fight”.

The live had participation of hundreds of athletes, referees and lovers of Kickboxing, both from Brazil, as well as from other countries such as Paraguay, Argentina, Chile and Bolivia. The interaction between the participants and the detailed content were the highlights of this Live, fully achieving its goal of offering a quality content and the possibility of online exchange between athletes from the various participating countries.

A new Live held by CBKB has taken place at Saturday 25th, on CBKB's YouTube channel, with the president of the São Paulo State on Medical Commission, **Dr. Danielle Niterói**, who presented the following theme “Sports medicine, COVID-19 and its necessary care”

## INDIA



April 28<sup>th</sup>, successfully concluded the WAKO India State / UT Association's Virtual meeting about future activities.

WAKO India Organizing '1st WAKO India E-Tournament (Musical Forms) 2020' to be held from 29 April to 2nd May 2020 with the support of SportData



## AUSTRALIA

### WAKO Australia

organized 2 on line events

One solo juniors shadow boxing skills 54 competitors and another one parent/child work out 35 competitors Bringing youth, families together through martial arts.

Free event with sponsor equipment prizes and medals for winners to promote staying healthy at home

**Shadow boxing challenge**

WAKO AUSTRALIA

Include in title  
Your name  
Your club  
Your age  
Your style

Go to WAKO Australia Facebook page  
Select album with your Matching age  
Upload

Medal for winner  
Posted  
Certificate email for all runner ups

Submit a 45sec max video of your best combos and win

April 4-6 winner announced  
April 7

Ayrs and up

**SHADOW BOXING SKILLS TOURNAMENT**

45 SECOND VIDEO MAXIMUM TIME

Step 1: Click on "Posts"

Step 2: Click "Create Post"

Step 3: Click "Take Video"

Step 4: Record it

Step 5: Click "Post"

Step 6: Share it with the video album

EVENT OPEN  
APRIL 4 - 6

Results April 7

WINNER GETS MEDAL!

All participants receive Certificate

**PARENT PAD HOLDING TOURNAMENT**

45 SECOND VIDEO MAXIMUM TIME

Step 1: Click on "Posts"

Step 2: Click "Create Post"

Step 3: Click "Take Video"

Step 4: Record it

Step 5: Click "Post"

Step 6: Share it with the video album

EVENT OPEN  
APRIL 11-13

Results April 14

WINNER GETS MEDAL!  
(and left over soccer egg privileges)

All participants receive Certificate





## PARAGUAY

### ESPERANZA DEPORTIVA - All Together!

The Paraguay Federation of Kickboxing, is supporting the campaign promoted by the National Secretary of Sports and the Paraguayan Olympic Committee in aid to those who are part of contact sports in Paraguay: All Together.

After the efforts from it Federation leadership form Mr. **Hugo Lobo**, we were able to get help to the various gyms and teams that are part of it Institution.



## IRAN

WAKO IRAN Kickboxing Association (WAKO IRAN) launches Fight against Corona Cup with collaboration of Asian Kickboxing Confederation (WAKO ASIA) in Musical Forms one of the most popular Kickboxing styles among the society.

The competition will be held during two full days on 23 and 24 April 2020 in four styles of Musical Forms in all age divisions.

The tournament will be managed by **Mr. Reza Dinarvand**, the Chairman of Competition Committee and **Mr. Mohammadreza Ramzani**, the Chairman of Referee Committee for Tatami Sport and member of WAKO ASIA Referee Committee for Tatami Sport.

The event will be under direct supervision of **Mr. Nasser Nassiri**, President of WAKO IRAN and President of WAKO ASIA.



## GERMANY

April 27<sup>th</sup> first international Zoom live Training with **Toli Kuschmir** and **Morten Spissøy**. It was fantastic to see that over 35 people all around the world from 12 countries took part.



So far **WAKO Canada** has held two **Virtual TOWN HALL sessions**. One for Club Owners and one we are scheduling for Sunday April 19th for any young person that wants to engage in a virtual discussion on the impacts of COVID.

WAKO Canada has so many youth that have registered for this session. It is mean to be an inspirational session with speakers that are working in the health care field but also a couple of youth that are also volunteering to help the most vulnerable



### Dr.Faisal Rehman

He is a nephrologist at Western University hospital in London Canada. He is also Director of Medical Issues on the Board of WAKO Canada.

He has been incredibly busy at two hospitals taking care of COVID patients as well as being an instructor of residents.

Despite his busy schedule he was able to spend time on an important online session with WAKO Canada clubs giving them advice and inspiration in dealing with this pandemic.

Dr. Rehman regularly helps federation with major tournaments but also supports our National athletes and WAKO Canada PROs. He is a wonderful advocate for WAKO kickboxing in Canada and is in the frontline caring for the most vulnerable.





The Ukrainian kickboxing refereeing academy has adapted to the current conditions and conducts distance learning of the WAKO rules.

Initiative and support for the development of the Academy of Referee are provided by President of the National Federation of Ukraine **Olga Pavlenko**, Chief referee of Ukraine **Yuriy Zubov** together with the international class referees **Roman Krol** and **Stanislav Kovtunenکو**.

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, the second webinar on-line was attended nearly 50 judges from Ukraine.

Quarantine with benefits.

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, third webinar WAKO Rules – ring style, with over 30 referees.



## WAKO PAN American Federation

First Online Training of WAKO Panam for National Directors of the Continent.

With the **participation of 14 countries**, and as part of the strategies developed by WAKO Panam in its firm intention to serve our members and accompany them in these difficult days that we live as humanity; The first **Online meeting of National Arbitration Directors** of the countries of the region was held last **Saturday, April 11**, among which were present: Argentina; Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador; Panama, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Guatemala and Venezuela also as guests Spain and the Netherlands.

The training by Sensei Marlon from WAKO Guatemala was mainly focused on updates to the WAKO IF regulation specifically on Creative Forms with weapons and without weapons, Musical Forms with weapons and without weapons, as well as aspects of the General Rules of Tatami.

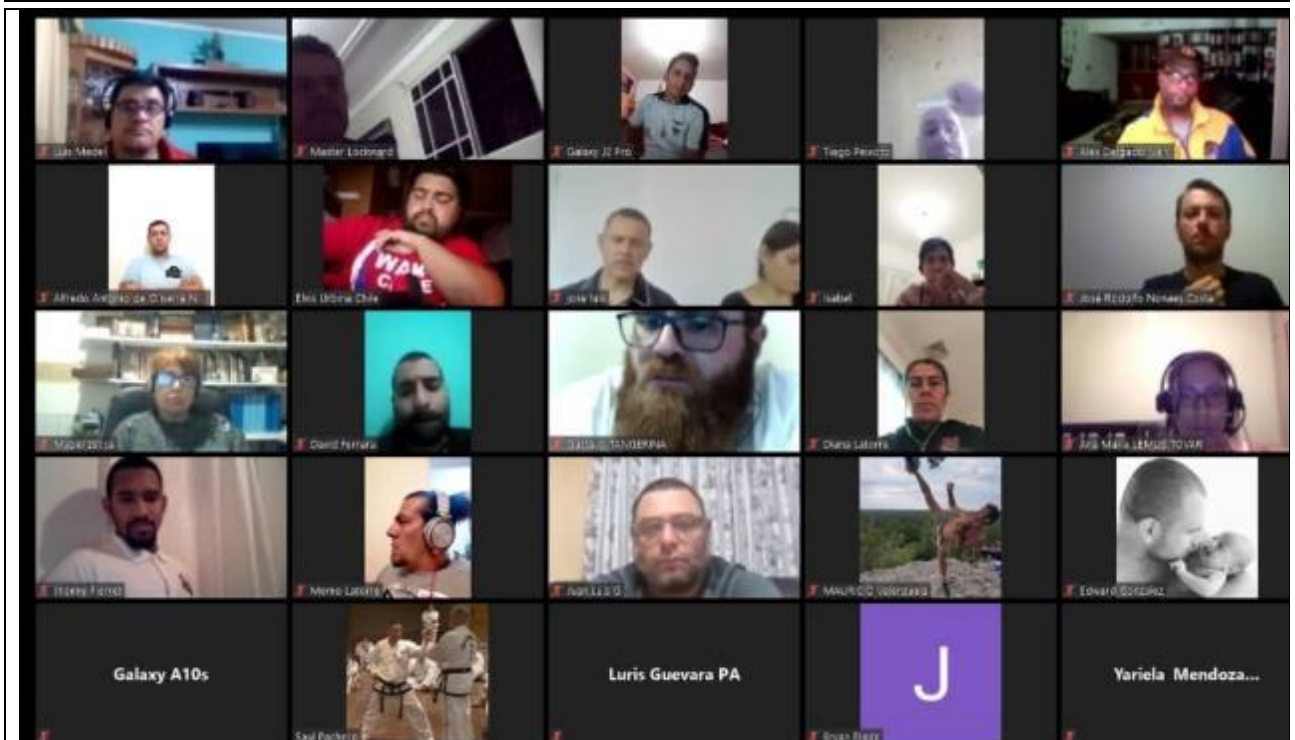
The activity with a duration of 4 hours was carried out taking advantage of the technological benefits through the Zoom application, so each Director from his home, respecting the global dispositions of staying at home, had the opportunity to enjoy this training that became more of a meeting from colleagues and friends in favour of kickboxing, and the development of the continental region.



Activities like these will continue to be scheduled and promoted in an effort to turn weaknesses into strengths and make the most of isolation to educate and motivate our WAKO members.

We will continue working, transforming every unfavourable situation into strengths as part of our Martial discipline.

Paulo Zorello, President - WAKO Panam



MAHARASTRA STATE  
KICKBOXING E-CHAMPIONSHIP 2020

Organized By: KICKBOXING ASSOCIATION MAHARASTRA  
Member: WAKO INDIA KICKBOXING FEDERATION  
Member: WORLD ASSOCIATION OF KICKBOXING ORGANIZATION

**MUSICAL FORM EVENT**

**FREE ENTRY**

28<sup>th</sup> To 29<sup>th</sup>  
April, 2020

SIMPLE STEPS TO PARTICIPATE  
(1) SHOOT YOUR VIDEO  
(2) SEND US

**Contact Us**  
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**WAKO INDIA NATIONAL E-TOURNAMENT 2020**

Organized by: WAKO India Kickboxing Federation  
Member of: World Association of Kickboxing Organizations (WAKO)

**MUSICAL FORM EVENT**  
29<sup>th</sup> APRIL - 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY

**SIMPLE STEPS TO PARTICIPATE**  
1. REGISTER ON SPORTDATA  
2. SHOOT YOUR VIDEO  
3. SEND US

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**FREE ENTRY**

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Онлайн тренировка с  
**МАКСИМОМ ПРОКОФЬЕВЫМ**

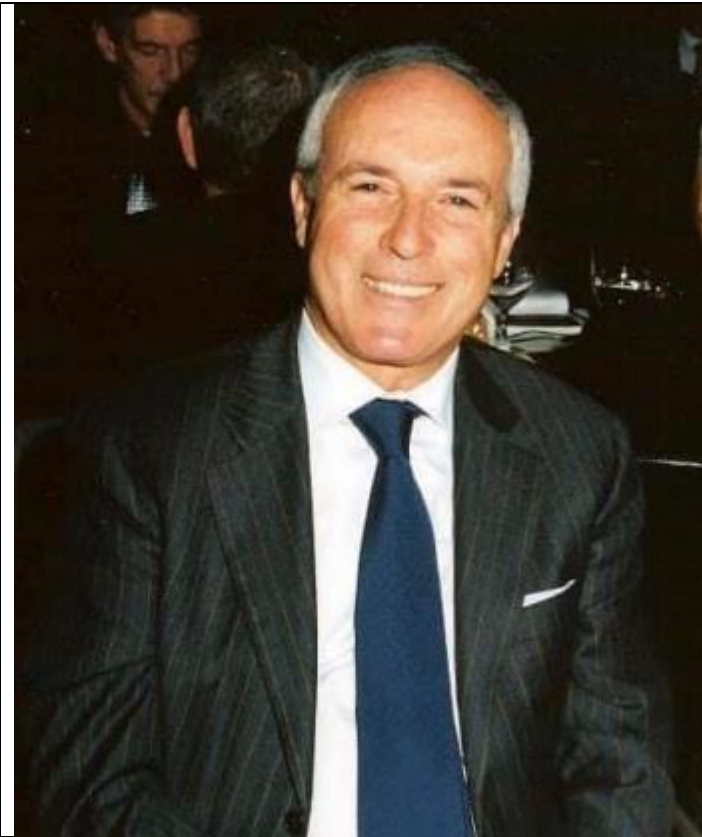
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**30 АПРЕЛЯ В 15:15\***

\*указано Московское время

- ◇Заслуженный мастер спорта России;
- ◇2-х кратный Чемпион мира;
- ◇Чемпион Европы;
- ◇2х кратный Обладатель Кубка мира;
- ◇5-ти кратный Чемпион России

## OTHER WAKO ACTIVITIES



April 4<sup>th</sup>

To honorary President of WAKO,

**Dr Ennio Falsoni,  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

You continue to guide us and inspire us.

Thank you for everything you have done and continue to do for the sport of kickboxing and the WAKO family.

A poster for the Fair Play Art Contest. At the top left is the 'fair play' logo. The text reads: 'CALL FOR FAIR PLAY ART CONTEST! Youth from all around the World are invited to submit their artwork to the Fair Play Art Contest! Get Children Involved: aged 0-5, 6-14 and 15-up'. It lists themes: 'What are You doing against COVID-19 pandemic?', 'What makes You Fair Player?', and 'What do You play recently?'. It says 'Express Yourself through Your drawings' and 'Artwork must be received 30 April 2020'. It provides contact info: 'Mail to: [communications@fairplayinternational.org](mailto:communications@fairplayinternational.org)' and '[Instagram.com/fairplayinaction](https://www.instagram.com/fairplayinaction)'. It includes a quote from Dr. Junji Kamui: 'We have a responsibility for each other! Take care of Yourself!' and a signature. At the bottom, it says 'By submitting, you agree that the drawing would be published!' and shows a row of colorful, abstract drawings.

Fair Play

WAKO joins  
**International Fair Play Committee**  
virtual drawing exhibition for children

The partner of WAKO, International Fair Play Committee, is calling children and youth around the World to participate in a virtual children's drawings exhibition. We are waiting for the artworks from the very young kids to the juniors that express prevention, attention to each other, play, and generally Fair Play.

The call is available on  
[www.fairplayinternational.org](http://www.fairplayinternational.org)!  
Follow the instructions how to join the contest!



1 April, 2020: The Indian Olympic Association is deeply grateful to its member National Sports Federations and State Olympic Associations and other federations/ bodies for extending their support and humble contributions towards the cause of our nation's fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

In these challenging times, the coming together of our Olympic family to support the nation's need, once again reinforces our belief that we shall always come out stronger to serve sports and make the nation proud.

The donations made to the IOA will be transferred to the PM Cares Fund.

**Contributions made to IOA for PM Cares Fund.**

NATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS	
1) Indian Golf Union (IGU)	Rs. 10,00,000/-
2) Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI)	Rs. 5,00,000/-
3) Fencing Association of India (FAI)	Rs. 5,00,000/-
4) All India Tennis Association (AITA)	Rs. 2,50,000/-
5) Wushu Association of India (WAI)	Rs. 2,00,000/-
6) Handball Federation of India (HFI)	Rs. 1,50,000/-
7) Cycling Federation of India (CFI)	Rs. 1,00,000/-
8) Boxing Federation of India (BFI)	Rs. 1,00,000/-
9) Swimming Federation of India (SFI)	Rs. 51,000/-
STATE OLYMPIC ASSOCIATIONS	
10) Uttar Pradesh Olympic Association (UPOA)	Rs. 1,01,000/-
11) Assam Olympic Association (AOA)	Rs. 1,00,000/-
12) Himachal Pradesh Olympic Association (HPOA)	Rs. 1,00,000/-
13) Madhya Pradesh Olympic Association (MPOA)	Rs. 51,000/-
14) Tripura State Olympic Association (TSOA)	Rs. 50,000/-
15) Gujarat State Olympic Association (GSOA)	Rs. 25,000/-
NON MEMBERS/ APPLIED FOR/ OTHERS	
16) WAKO India Kickboxing Federation	Rs. 1,00,000/-
17) Maharashtra Fencing Association	Rs. 1,00,000/-
18) Himachal Pradesh Boxing Association	Rs. 51,000/-
19) Madhya Pradesh Handball Association	Rs. 25,000/-
<b>Total donation made to IOA</b>	<b>Rs. 35,54,001/-</b>

Donation of Indian Kickboxing Federation to Indian Olympic Association in fight against COVID-19 pandemic.

There would be many new challenges ahead in these uncertain times. Team India family is in this together and we shall come out stronger to serve sports and make the nation proud!



Ms Vicky Phelps with her certificate of Appreciation given to her by the management of PKATT SMA and Mr Abdul Majeed with his WAKO PANAM certificate of promotion to a B-class referee / judge awarded to him by WAKO Panam.



## TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

WAKO Trinidad and Tobago began their 2020 season on the 2nd February with the Central Open hosted at the Central regional Indoor Sport Arena.

This was the first of three qualifiers to select the National team to participate at the Americas Cup in Venezuela and the 10th WAKO Pan American Championship scheduled to be hosted in Brazil in November.

There were just over 100 competitors competing in point fighting and open forms in ages of under 6 years to adults in their thirties.

The athletes were quite enthusiastic and competed with fervour and commitment.

We thank them all and their coaches for making this event a success, and we are looking forward to the second leg of the series which is carded for the 8th March.

Martin Mc Clashie

## WAKO Committees

**WAKO Committees** Chairman's Zoom meeting and agreement about future activities.

During video meeting Chairmen informed Predisent about:

- i. Activity of last five months (what work undertaken and completed)
- ii. CV 19 impact on their future work and committee
- iii. Three focus points to be delivered by in year **BEFORE** November and why.

Many plans for the next months and full support of the President:

"I am the captain, you are the engineers", said the President Roy Baker.



## WAKO IF Board



The first online WAKO Board was held. All members of the Board discussed and decided on the following topics:

- heard and accepted the President's report
- implementation of the GDPR compliance update
- considered two versions of the 2020 budget
- consider and discuss a range of legal issues
- a new Arbitration Committee is elected – chairman **Robert Fox**
- new WAKO IF Ethical Committee Chairman Elected - **Kaan Özgür Kayıcı** (Turkey)
- new WAKO Rules and WAKO Medical Rules are under consideration by Board members by June 27
- the next online Board will be June 27.





## THE SAD NEWS

Yesterday, April 27<sup>th</sup> the long-time leader of the WAKO Bestfighter World Cup medical team - **Dr. Ubertino Tino Testa**, left us.

Dottore, thank you for all the help and interventions to many of our World Cup competitors.

Condolences to the family, to the Bestfighter medical team and to the Italian kickboxing federation.

Rest in peace dottore.



*Dr. Ubertino Tino Testa – Bestfighter medical team leader (first left)*

# PEACE AND SPORT – April 6<sup>th</sup>

**Peace and Sport White Card** day, a very important annual event for WAKO and the sport of Kickboxing. We have a unique role to play in this world in developing understanding, tolerance and empathy for each other.

Recently I had the privilege to be in South Africa as President of WAKO , where I was presented a VERY special gift by the Acting president of the National Olympic Committee of South Africa, it was a first mint gold coin of Nelson Mandela, signed by the past President of South Africa and the CEO, with Mr Mandella's speech on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013, which said. *“Sport has the power to change the world, It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand. Sport can create hope where once there was only despair. It is more powerful than government in breaking down racial barriers.*

MR MANDELLA GOT IT RIGHT AS ALWAYS.

[#WhiteCard](#) [#peaceandsport](#)

**Roy Baker – WAKO President**



**BEHIND EACH #WHITECARD, THERE IS A STORY** 








**WHITE CARD**

**SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLKIT**  
**#WHITECARD CAMPAIGN 2020**  
**MARCH 30TH - APRIL 10TH**

"Behind every #WhiteCard there is a story."  
 We invite a picture telling your #WhiteCard or to show one of the following stories on social media.

**Stories**

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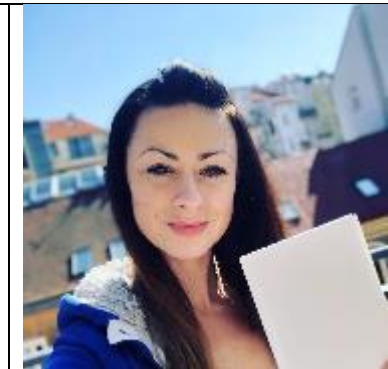
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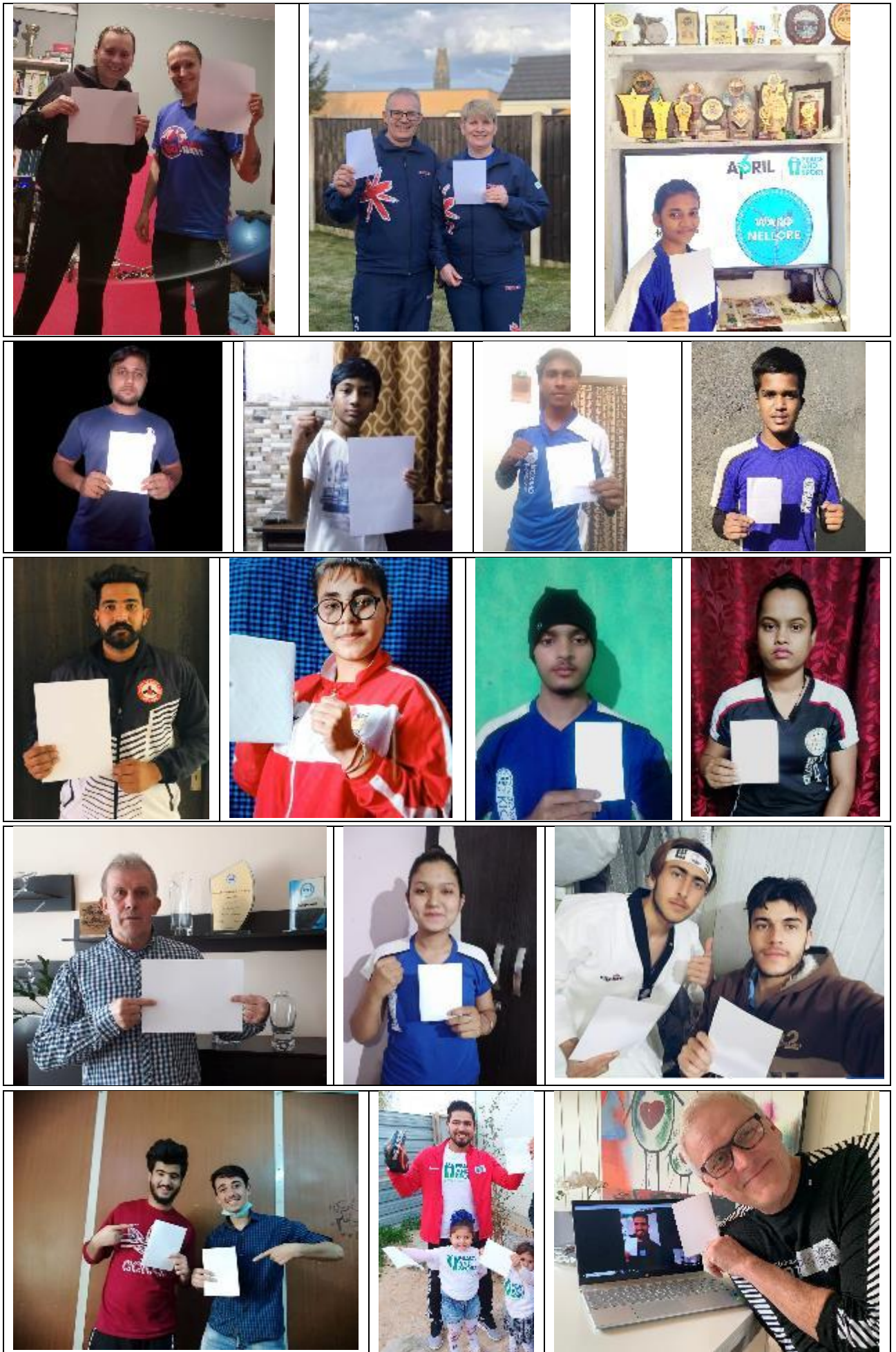
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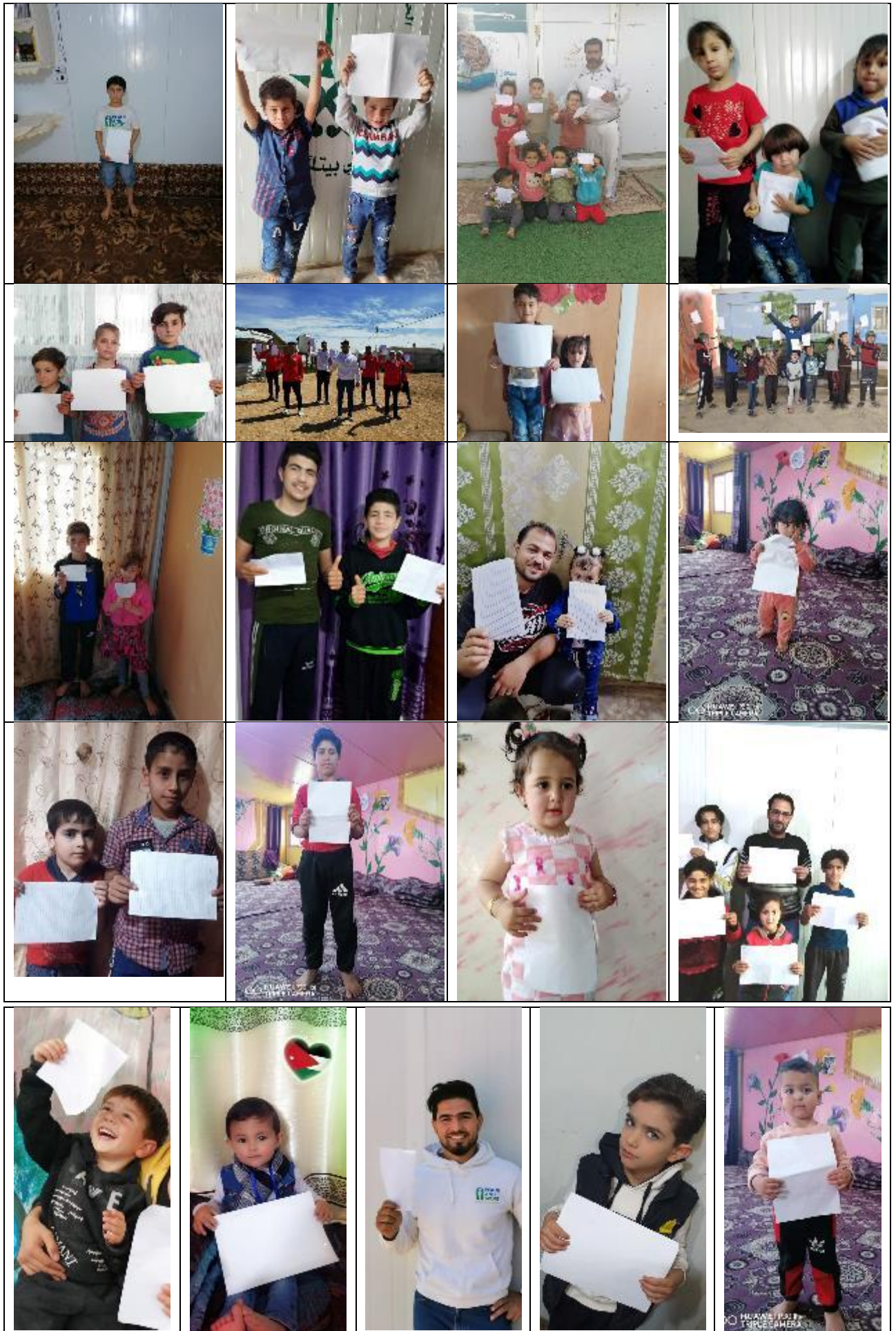




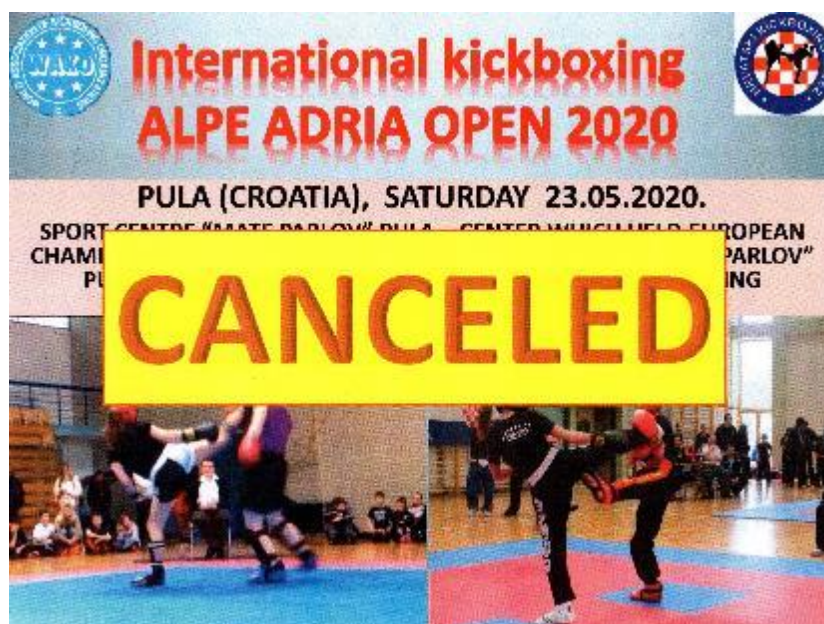
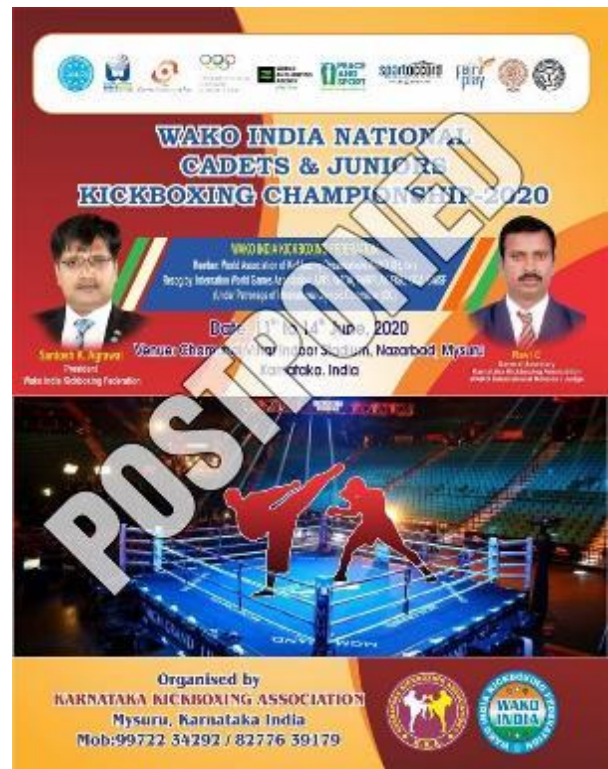


# PEACE & SPORT at the Za'atari Refugee Camp





# COMPETITIONS POSTPONED / CANCELED





**Follow the instructions of the experts and authorities and stay safe**

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