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Dear 2020 Pan Am Grand Slam Athletes and Coaches:

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to disrupt daily life for each one of us, World Taekwondo Pan America (WTPA) wish to extend our positive thoughts to our WTPA family.

As of March 16, 2020, State of Oregon Governor Kate Brown has elevated the social gathering restriction to no more than 25 people in the next four weeks; as well, Oregon Convention Center, at which the 2020 Pan Am Grand Slam was scheduled to take place, has announced its closure until April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Based on the aforementioned restrictions, WTPA has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Pan Am Grand Slam Championships, to be held in Portland, Oregon, on April 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>.

WTPA apologize profusely for the inconveniences that have resulted from the cancellation of the 2020 Pan Am Grand Slam Championships. As you may be aware, most airlines are waiving change and cancellation fees for domestic or international travel ticketing; we highly encourage you to take advantage of the flexible change terms to secure flight credit for future travel.

In an effort to foster individual development and growth within the sport of Taekwondo during this time of uncertainties, WTPA will offer support to Athletes and Coaches through the following unconventional modified event registration terms due to the cancellation of the 2020 Pan Am Grand Slam:

- **Black and Red Belt Registration:** WTPA will issue Wild Card Invitations to all red belt and black belt Youth, Cadet, Junior, and Ultra competitors who are currently registered for the 2020 Pan Am Grand Slam Championships. Wild Card holders will be eligible to compete at the 2020 and/or 2021 Pan Am Youth, Cadet & Ultra Poomsae & Kyorugi Championships (locations and dates to be announced), or the 2021 Pan Am Junior Poomsae & Kyorugi Championships (location and date to be announced). ***Wild Card Invitations will be sent to the e-mail address based on your ConstantContact registration record. If you do not receive your Wild Card Invitations by April 15, 2020, please e-mail PATUchanges@gmail.com for assistance. Senior (18-32 years) registrants may contact PATUchanges@gmail.com for refund requests.***
- **Color Belt Registration:** Color Belt registrants (for non-Wild Card divisions) can choose to have event registration transferred to the 2020 WT President's Cup Festival without paying a fee difference (location and date to be announced), or receive a full refund of the original registration fee. Please note that red belts who are registered under "Color Belt Registration" will not be entitled to Wild Card Invitations. ***Please e-mail PATUchanges@gmail.com with your name, date of birth, and an attachment of your Event Confirmation for refund processing.***
- **Coach Registration:** ALL coaches who are currently registered for the 2020 Pan Am Grand Slam will receive coach pass fee waiver at the 2020 or 2021 Pan Am Youth, Cadet & Ultra Championships without having to pay the differences in Coach Pass fees. ***Paid Coach Registration will automatically be transferred to the 2020 Pan Am Youth, Cadet & Ultra Championships. Should you decide to utilize your Coach Pass for the 2021 Pan Am Youth, Cadet & Ultra Championships instead, please e-mail PATUchanges@gmail.com for assistance.***

WTPA wish to express our sincerely gratitude for your ongoing support, particularly during this period of rapid changes. At WTAP, we are fully committed to minimizing the potential impact for Athletes and Coaches in achieving their Taekwondo goals while we treat participants' health and safety as our utmost priority. We wish you strength and great health during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick W. Shin".

Rick W. Shin  
Secretary General  
World Taekwondo Pan America