# Message from FILA President and IOC Press Release

To the wrestling family around the world,

I send you today's press release announcing the IOC Executive Board's recommendation not to maintain wrestling on the program of the 2020 Olympic Games. It is only a recommendation and FILA will take the necessary steps to reverse it by making a strong presentation in front of the IOC Executive Board next May. The final decision will be made on the occasion of the IOC Session next September.

The FILA Bureau will meet on 16-17 February and will work on a global strategy. I will keep all National Federations informed of the actions to carry out in due course.

I ask for your continuous support and I have no doubt that our unity and solidarity will enable us to overcome this ordeal.

Sincerely yours,
**Raphaël Martinetti**
**FILA President**

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**IOC Executive Board recommends 25 core sports for 2020 Games**

The Executive Board (EB) of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) today agreed on the 25 sports it will propose to the 125th IOC Session for approval as the core sports for the 2020 Summer Olympic Games.

The 25 sports are: athletics, rowing, badminton, basketball, boxing, canoeing, cycling, equestrian, fencing, football, gymnastics, weightlifting, handball, hockey, judo, swimming, modern pentathlon, taekwondo, tennis, table tennis, shooting, archery, triathlon, sailing and volleyball.

The EB recommended that wrestling, governed by the International Federation of Associated Wrestling Styles (FILA), not be included on the list of core sports. Wrestling will now join the seven shortlisted sports – baseball/softball, karate, roller sports, sport climbing, squash, wakeboarding and wushu – vying for inclusion in the 2020 Olympic programme as an additional sport.

The eight sports are scheduled to make presentations to the Executive Board at its meeting in St Petersburg, Russia, in May. The EB will select which of the eight sports to recommend to the 125th IOC Session for inclusion as an additional sport on the 2020 programme.

In an effort to ensure the Olympic Games remain relevant to sports fans of all generations, the Olympic Programme Commission systematically reviews every sport following each edition of the Games.

Golf and rugby sevens were added in 2009 as additional sports to the 2016 Olympic programme.

The 125th IOC Session will take place from 7 to 10 September in Buenos Aires, Argentina.