

Even though we have all felt the negative impact of the current COVID-19 pandemic which has gravely affected and restricted the Sport of Muay and its athletes/coaches/trainers/officials for the past 18 months globally, a little bit of good news from other organizations has been announced in Tokyo-Japan on 20th of July 2021, during the 138th IOC Session. The W.M.F. board will like to congratulate the 6 International Federations (IF's) which have been accepted as full members of the IOC, namely:

- International Cheerleading Union (ICU)
- International Sambo Federation (FIAS)
- International Federation Icestocksport (IFI)
- International Federation of Muaythai Associations (IFMA)
- World Association of Kickboxing Organisations (WAKO)
- World Lacrosse (WL)

The W.M.F. (World Muay Federation) will like to extend its congratulations to Dr. Sakchye Tapsuan for his work on behalf of IFMA over the 2 decades as its President. As there are **NO News** related to the Muaythai as a sport/discipline to be included yet to the Olympic Games in the near future (2024 Paris Sports event programme has been already announced) and most probably a lot more work will be demanded from the federation over the next few years to find acceptance grounds for the sport as an demo Olympic Sport.

We are confident that our work here at World Muay Federation will continue to grow in all aspects, with the main focus being inclusion, fairness, respect and traditions. With a brand new expanded program for the young generation and young athletes, preparation and training of new Instructors/Trainers and coaches we believe that we will continue growing as an organization for the betterment of the Muay Sport and all of its fans/supporters worldwide.

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