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Hereby details regarding grappling for urgent attention and action. Please ensure all athletes received the newsletter.

[International tournaments](#)

(copied from fila-grappling.com)

2010: FILA Grappling World Championship

2010 will be the year of reinforcement and further development of the fast growing sport of grappling among long-time established martial arts and within the international sport community. The first major meeting of the year will be the 3rd World Championship held in Cracow (POL) on 26-27 March 2010. The event will also serve as qualifier for the SportAccord Combat Games that will take place in Beijing (CHN) on 03-04 September 2010. The first eight grapplers in the following weight classes will be automatically qualified: No-Gi Men 70-80-90kg and No-Gi Women 60kg. The qualified athletes and referees will have their expenses (travel and accommodation) covered by the organizing committee and will be able to enjoy participating in this unprecedented martial art event that will take place in the 2008 Beijing Olympic wrestling venue.

Another important event will be the first Cadet and Junior World Championship and second Veteran World Championship that will be organized in Dakovo (CRO) on 20-22 August 2010. At the same time and place, an international tournament for novice and schoolboys will be held. After the SportAccord Combat Games, the second edition of the European Championship will take place in Gorlice (POL) on 23-26 September 2010.

Please note the changes in the weight categories:

In order to unify the rules and participation in Grappling, Pankration and Combat Grappling competitions, FILA has adopted new weight categories for these three styles. Compared to last year's grappling categories, one weight class has been added for men and women to provide smaller weight differences in the lighter categories. The new categories are as follows and come into effect immediately:

Men: 60-65-70-75-80-90-110kg and Absolute

Women: 50-55-60-65-75kg and Absolute

Participation Quota

Starting in 2010, the participation in senior World Championships will be limited to 1 competitor per country and per category. For Continental Championships, the participation will be limited to 2 competitors per country and per category. This measure has been taken in order to increase the fairness towards countries with unequal economic resources.

The grapplers who qualify for the World Championship will have to bear their own expenses.

Local tournaments

The qualification tournament for the World Championship will be the Alberton Challenge on the 6th of February. We will use the FILA pairing methodology for all grappling tournaments in future.

Other tournaments:

Date	Hosted by	Tournament	Location
27 February 2010	Tuks	Tuks Challenge NO-Gi competition only	LC de Villiers Hall, Pretoria
TBA	Central Gauteng	Winter Open	Johannesburg
26 June 2010	Gauteng East	Sarel Bester Championships	Benoni
7 August 2010	Gauteng North	Johnny Reitz Championships	Pretoria
4 September 2010	SA Wrestling Federation	SA Senior Championships Winner will get national colors	Alberton

Please note:-

- Grapplers should be registered as soon as possible. Grapplers that are not registered cannot take part in any of the tournaments.
- Registration fees:-
 - R80 for first and second wrestler in same family, and thereafter free of charge.
 - Disadvantage wrestlers R10 (proof must accompany registration)
 - Registration cards R10 (only for first year, thereafter same card will be used)
- Registration spreadsheet must be completed and send to annaa@telkomsa.net or fax to 011 916 1121
- Registration fees paid to **South African Wrestling Federation (SAWF)**
ABSA Alberton Branch No 632005 Acc Number 480149882
- Indemnity form must be completed for each grappler and faxed to 011 916 1121.

Wrestling Greetings

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