

Mr Brijbushan Sharan Singh President Wrestling Federation of India ("WFI")

By email: IND@unitedworldwrestling.org

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## Grappling Federation of India

Dear President,

In 2015, UWW recognized the Grappling Federation of India ("GFI") as the sole official UWW Associated member responsible for the governance, organization, and development of *Grappling* in India. At that time, your federation, the *Wrestling Federation of India* did not express any interest in this discipline.

For a couple of weeks, UWW and its Associated Styles Office have been informed of an attempt by your federation to take *Grappling* under its umbrella to run the discipline with the creation of an entity called "All India Grappling Committee".

This attempt is made in total disrespect of United World Wrestling's decision to entrust GFI with the responsibility to develop this discipline in India.

This cannot be tolerated from any of our members, whether from affiliated or associated members.

During its last meeting on 29 April 2021, the UWW Bureau is firmly reaffirmed that the "Grappling Federation of India", managed by Mr Shiv K. Panchal, is the only organization recognized by United World Wrestling for the governance of Grappling in India. Among different arguments, it was also made clear the WFI did not want to take this discipline in 2015-

We trust that this letter clarifies United World Wrestling's position on this matter, and we hope that both organizations will be able to find a way together to solve this dispute and continue developing these two disciplines in India in the best possible conditions, for the sake of our disciplines and our athletes.

Yours Sincerely,

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