

**August 25, 2019**

**TO: SOUTHERN PLAINS COACHES & STATE LEADERS**  
**FR: RUSTY DAVIDSON**  
**RE: NATIONAL COACHES COUNCIL**

Coaches and Leaders,

As we make the transition back to school, we have lots to celebrate. Over the last month, we've had several Americans do well, internationally. Our Seniors have turned in stand-out performances in some quality events. Our Cadets tore it up, in Sofia, at the Cadet Worlds. We produced our first Beach World Champion, in Odessa. Our Juniors competed well, in Talinn. Congratulations, if you have a connection to any of that success! Celebrate!

We got to see Dieringer and Dake. It's sad, for us, that the Southern Plains did not prevail. But, I have to give credit: Dake looked way better than good. He stays in great position, does not make mistakes, and can be explosive on demand. Can you imagine some of the scraps we will witness, next spring? Celebrate!

Next week, we get to solve the Yianni v Retherford dilemma. This will have a happy ending, no matter who wins. Both are capable of being on the podium. As for all the negativity we've had to live with, over the last two months, I have my usual simpleton's view.

We've all grown to appreciate video review. Using a fresh set of eyes gives us one more chance to "get it right". USA Wrestling takes full advantage of the USOPC's policies and procedures, offering arbitration as a next avenue of appeal. This gives us one more set of fresh eyes and one more chance to "get it right".

In addition to the fact that our organization does a great job protecting our athletes, we all have to admit to ourselves just how badly we want to see Zane and Yianni go again. This is one of those totally enthralling match-ups, that's got the entire wrestling world mesmerized. Celebrate!

We completed the State Leaders' Summit, last week. I'm happy to report that no earth-shattering issues appeared. The adjustments that were made, were solid. I'm even happier to report that all the working parts of the organization are in sync. The input of our Coaches, nationwide, is being responsibly recognized and incorporated by our age group, style-specific and leadership groups. Celebrate!

Rather than bore you with redundancy, reporting the accepted changes, I have added a separate attachment. This is the summary, exactly as reported by State Services. Thanks go to Tony Black and his staff, for quickly and accurately recording and reporting.

So, here we go... Off to Nur Sultan! This World Championship, leading to Tokyo, guarantees to offer us some of the finest wrestling in the history of wrestling. We are fortunate to be one of those nations, loaded with talent and able to maximize it with Coaching and resources. GO USA! Celebrate!

Rusty