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To All members of TWIF:

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee 'Mannheim 2024/DRTV Deutscher Rasenkraftsport- und Tauziehverband e.V.' and the Tug of War International Federation (TWIF), your Tug of War Association/Federation is hereby invited to participate in the 2024 TWIF World Outdoor Tug of War Championships, and the 2024 TWIF Open Clubs Competition in Mannheim, Germany.

The Closed Championships will take place on September 7 & 8, 2024 and the TWIF Open Clubs competition will take place on September 5 & 6, 2024.

All member associations in good standing are invited to send their national teams as well as club teams to the World Outdoor Championships and Open Clubs competition respectively. The closing date for national team entries is **August 1, 2024** and for the open club entries **August 25, 2024**.

The World Championships in Mannheim are the qualification event for the World Games 2025, to be held in Chengdu, China in the period from 7-17 August 2025. The qualification for the World Games will be in the Women 500, Men 640 and Senior Mix 580, the three weight classes we are competing in at the World Games. During Congress 2024 in Nottingham, England, there has been voted in favor for the proposal, forwarded by TWIF Exco, to get a fair spread from 3 continents overall in the weight classes during the World Games. This is an obligation of the International World Games Association (IWGA). The selection is as follows (the proposal is mentioned below):

Qualification procedure World Games 2025:

The qualification requires to meet two criteria laid down by the IWGA;

1. Each of the three weigh classes (M640, W500 and Mx580) must have two continents;
2. Across the three weight classes there must be three different continents.

The qualification event is the World Outdoor Championships 2024.

For the avoidance of doubt, there are NO wildcards.

- The top 6 countries will automatically qualify in each weight class if this gives two different continents. If two continents are not represented in the top 6, the 6th country will be replaced by the highest placed country from a different continent in that weight class.
- If having two continents in each weight class does not fulfil the requirement to have three continents overall, the following will apply;
- In the weight class with the highest placed third continent, the 6th placed country, in that weight class, will be replaced by the country from the third continent.

Please note for the World Championships Mannheim: If there are not at least 4 confirmed entries in any weight class or category, that weight or category will not be an official World Championship. The status of the different weigh classes will be confirmed in the beginning of August 2024.

Those participants needing personal or a special invitation for the purpose of obtaining Visa's should contact the Organizing Committee on the following email: info@tow24.de
Updates on the Championships will come on the website: www.tow2024.de

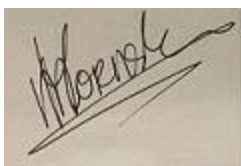
If you have any questions regarding the organization or the booking of your accommodation, please use the email address: info@tow24.de As soon as your Federation or teams book the accommodation, you/they will get informed in which hotel your team(s) will be accommodated.

Also remember that requests for late weigh-ins can only be asked by the TWIF representative to me by email and I will negotiate with the weighmaster how to take care of these requests.

The accreditation system for Mannheim will be opened after we have we have a confirmation on the updated pullers "**Acknowledgement, Agreement and Consent**" information, while this contents new requirements.

Good luck in the preparation for Mannheim! If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is cursive and appears to read 'Maaïke Hornstra'.

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