

# 2022 CU Operation Report

*[Pan American Taekwondo Union]*



## *Highlights of 2022*

PATU achieved its primary goal of offering transparency, fairness, and openness for all administrations. The number of events in the region increased substantially, as did the quality of customer service and problem-solving.

Great projects were successfully developed and delivered, such as the first International Taekwondo Tournament in La Havana, Cuba, with a joint effort of many sports institutions, WT and PATU included.

Also, the door for the Headquarters' office in Aguascalientes City was opened. PATU has been operating from 3 focal points in North and South America. Dallas, Aguascalientes, and Santiago have been the places to find the strong roots of a newly recreated organization.

At the end of the year, PATU launched the first Continental Union Gala Dinner right before the World Championships in Guadalajara. And received the Best Continental Union award at the WT Gala Dinner in Riyadh.

2022 has been a year of challenging endless work shifts and countless projects, but only the first of many more to come.



## List of CU-Promoted Championships

### Championships that took place in 2022

Pan American Senior Championships.

Pan American Poomsae Championships.

WT President's Cup (PATU Region)

Pan American Cadet and Junior Championships

Pan American Open Championships

Pan American Children Championships

Pan Am Series I – III

Pan American Para Taekwondo Championships.

Pan American Children Open Championships \*\* (TEST EVENT)





## List of Major CU Meetings and Outcomes

1. 5 PATU Administration Meetings
2. 4 PATU Executive Council Meetings
3. 4 PATU Council Meetings
4. 1 Ordinary General Assembly
5. Active Committees and functional proposals (Education, Development, Juridical, Games, Integrity, Referee, Finance. Para Taekwondo, Medical, Athletes, Technical and more PATU Committee Meetings.
6. MNA Technical work meetings with High Performance Representatives for all nations.

The mayor impacts teamwork achieves among different groups that conform PATU are:

- Adjustment to PATU statutes.
- Planification on yearly activities
- Set clear goals for athletes and countries development and Olympic Qualification
- PATU12 project



## Para Taekwondo Activities

In regards to Para Taekwondo, President Juan Manuel Lopez has been very careful and respectful in the steps to follow. Mexico and Brazil already developing to its full potential, he has aimed to bring other developing countries to an even level where they can face any adversity.

Actions were taken like:

1. Appointment of the Chair and members of the Para Taekwondo Committee.
2. Development of the ParaTaekwondo Championships as a stand-alone competition, but also merging national teams involved.
3. Open information and help for countries to start finding new athletes and developing their own national classifiers.



## *Development & Social Contributions*

The mayor Social Contribution of PATU to the world is the creation of THF Pan America, together with the support programs for the Cuban Taekwondo Federation.

PATU has made a big step by investing and overseeing the development of logistics for the Havana Open. We faced trouble as lack of paper, food, antibiotics. still, the committed team was always ready to help the Cuban Taekwondo Federation in any possible way. Even the Medical Team for the event donated all the remaining material for Cuban athletes in their recovery paths.

On the other hand, THF Pan America, working since the month of November has already helped communities in displaced condition and refugees. Focusing mainly in Tijuana and Saltillo, the population of athletes in displaced conditions has surprised the expectations of the instructors working within the facilities. Just the first project in the border between USA and Mexico from all the many more to come.



## Challenges

With 45 members, PATU has reached an incredible development since the start of the period for this administration. Nevertheless, the most challenging aspects of such a big family have been:

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- First and foremost, to create an administrative model that makes all the MNAs feel they are treated with fairness, concern, transparency, and trustworthiness.
- Complexity for traveling from one end to the other of the Continent.
- Disparity of the currencies in the region.
- Calendarization of activities that depend on a final call by the City or Govern call.
- Sustain flawless communication between the President Office and all PATU members.
- Requirements and costs of International Events.
- Injection of bigger budget to the Office to grow the staff and better work stipends for all the people that works Monday-Sunday without stepping back on Time Zones or needs from others.
- Having registration and developing systems that are not native English speakers.
- Complexity of calendarization for the year ahead.
- The processes for paperwork and other institutional matters are very slow, demising our eagerness to start new events and opportunities.





## ***Major Projects in 2023***

The major projects of PATU with all its challenges will be to give continuity to the endeavors started in 2022. Great ideas traduced into projects and projects brought to reality like the Havana Open, PATU Summit.

Sports goals to proof the international scenario that Taekwondo is here to stay by adding the Team Kyorugui event to Pan American Games aiming to qualify as many athletes' as possible to the 2024 Paris Olympic Games through ranking.

Continue to develop PATU12 and parallel initiatives.

2023 will be a very busy year for the Continental Union by hosting new types of championships for the region, testing events that give the same opportunity to all the athletes and launching the first Pan-American Ranking for Pre-cadets, Cadets and Junior athletes. President Juan Manuel Lopez's vision for the Continent is far from being achieved yet. Excellence is not an option, but a way to live and serve.