CU Annual Report for 2024

Panamerican Taekwondo Union



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1. Highlights of 2024

Pan American Taekwondo Union (PATU) in accordance with the principles of World Taekwondo (WT) is committed to establishing and implementing policies that enable participants in the Taekwondo Movement to practice in a safe and respectful environment. As stated in the WT Bylaws, this includes an environment free of harassment and discrimination.

We are extremely proud and committed to the protection and support of our community.

PATU reiterates its commitment to support the integrity of sport and fight against the manipulation of competitions by approving the Code for the Prevention of Competition Manipulation.

The year 2024 marked a transcendental year for Poomsae in the Pan American area, with outstanding results through teamwork and perseverance as a whole. The growth of sport in the region is not only the result of the talent of the athletes, but of the constant effort of the coaches, methodologists, psychologists and National Federations, becoming a synergy towards the Panamerican Taekwondo Union which has worked relentlessly for the development of each of the elements, through seminars, courses, workshops and high-level congresses in Panamerica.



"Brazil's two-time world championship is a testament to the effort, dedication and teamwork. This result reflects the steady rise of the Pan American level in Taekwondo and the quality of our athletes," highlighted the president of the Pan American Taekwondo Union (PATU), Juan Manuel Lopez Delgado. "It is a source of pride to see our countries achieve such important accomplishments on international stages."



The 2024 edition of the Gala Dinner was witnessed as a magical and unforgettable night. Originally established by L.A.E. Juan Manuel Lopéz Delgado as a tradition to recognize excellence in taekwondo in the Panamerican area, it has been a success year after year and is now also adopted by WT as an emblematic event. Gathering athletes, coaches, referees, leaders and presidents of the MNA's of the continent in an evening of recognition, celebration and brotherhood.



The Pan American Taekwondo Union (PATU) has proudly celebrated a historic achievement at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. With the conquest of four bronze medals, Pan American taekwondo has displayed significant progress on the international scene, doubling the number of medals won compared to the Tokyo 2020 Games.



2. List of CU-Promoted Championships





3. List of Major CU Meetings and Outcomes

The president of the Pan American Taekwondo Union (PATU), Juan Manuel Lopez, held a key meeting with Kukkiwon executives, Jeongsu Kim, Kug Hwan Kim and Jun Sik Kim, to discuss issues of great relevance for the development of Taekwondo in the American continent. During the meeting, which was significant for its focus on future planning, several important objectives were outlined that will seek strengthen cooperation between Kukkiwon, PATU and the national federations of the region.

WT Council Meeting: as it is well known our continental union represented by our president LAE. Juan Manuel Lopez Delgado attends the call of the different activities Council Member Meeting and WT assemblies where important topics such as amendments, regulations and reports are among other parts of the topics in which the welfare of the different members of the taekwondo community was the key.



PATU Council meetings were also successfully held in person and online this year 2024 where the approval of amendments, regulations and policies that have as main objective a transparent governance as well as the care and welfare of our athletes, coaches, referees and other members of our continental union.



Different modalities, both face-to-face and online, are part of the efforts made so PATU board members, MNAs and committees are called to the different meetings in order to meet the objectives set by the current PATU administration, among the following:

- Online Meetings with the different committees
- Online meetings with Executive Council.
- In person meeting in Queretaro, November 2024.

4. Para Taekwondo Activities

This year, for reasons of the Panamerican Union with the authorization of the WT, no Para Taekwondo event was held in the continent, however this did not affect the participation and results of the American Para Taekwondo athletes in the different international events they participated in, such as the Open, World and Para Olympic Games.





5. Development & Social Contributions

Working as a team and in synergy with WT through its humanitarian foundation in Mexico in the states of Coahuila and Baja California Norte, we assist vulnerable migrants and refugees through the teaching and practice of our martial art and Olympic sport.

One of the main objectives of this administration led by President Juan Manuel Lopez Delgado has been increase the knowledge in different areas of Taekwondo, this 2024 it was held with great success workshops, seminars and courses for both Poomsae and Kyorugi. Where athletes, coaches and referees could make the most of the opportunity to learn with the best speakers in their field hoping that the competitive and regulatory level of the region is getting better every day, among some are:















6. Challenges To be able to take events and training to the different countries always in search of improvement, face some difficulties besides those of economic resources, as we know that it is required a significant investment to carry out events. We also have a migration issue that causes difficulties for some countries in the region; the issue of visas for entry and exit is complex and that is why PATU will continue working hard to bring trainers to countries strategically to continue supporting the training and development of the technical and competitive level and Continue to support and enforce safeguard policies to ensure a healthy environment, free of harassment and discrimination for our community.

7. Major Projects in 2024

The Pan American Taekwondo Union (PATU) announces an exciting and innovative step in the evolution of the sport by organizing the first Pan American Taekwondo Championship in Virtual Reality. This event, which will take place in April next year in Queretaro, Mexico, marks a before and after in sports competitions by moving Taekwondo to an immersive digital environment. PATU follows in the footsteps of World Taekwondo, which will hold the first World Taekwondo Championship in Virtual Reality in Singapore on November 16 and 17, reflecting the growing global interest in this type of experience.

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The first Olympic workshop for athletes and coaches took place, which had the opportunity to learn and live with Pan American Olympic coaches and athletes of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, an unforgettable experience.