



## Minutes

WT Council Meeting (Grand Hotel Millennium Sofia, Sofia, Bulgaria)

09h00-12h00 GMT+3 | August 1, 2022 (local time in Bulgaria)

## AGENDA

- 1. Establish Quorum: Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. President Report**
- 3. Approval**
  - a. *Approval of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting on May 12, 2022 at the Olympic House, Lausanne, Switzerland*
  - b. *Agenda of the 2022 General Assembly on August 1, 2022*
- 4. 2021-2022 Reports**
  - a. *Approval of Operation Report*
  - b. *Approval of Finance Report*
    - i. *Treasurer's Report on 2021 Financial Statement*
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- 5. E-Vote Result**
  - a. *Amendment*
    - i. *WT Competition Rules & Interpretation*
    - ii. *Standing Procedures for GP Series*
    - iii. *Regulations on the Administration of the International Kyorugi Referees*
    - iv. *Regulations on the Administration of the International Poomsae Referees*
    - v. *Regulations on the Administration of the WT Educators*
    - vi. *Regulations on the Administration of the International Coaches*
    - vii. *World Para Taekwondo GP Standing Procedures*
- 6. Other Matters**
- 7. Next Meeting**
- 8. Closing of Meeting**

Appendix 1: Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting on May 12, 2022 in Olympic House, Lausanne, Switzerland

Appendix 2: Agenda and Documents for the 2022 General Assembly on August 1, 2022

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## 1. Establish Quorum: Call Meeting to Order

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1. The meeting was called to order by the **CHAIR** of the Meeting, **Dr. Chungwon Choue**, WT President. The **CHAIR** asked **Mr. Jeongkang Seo**, Director General, to announce the quorum.
2. **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** announced that twenty-four (24) Council Members and an Auditor were present on-site and five (5) Council Members via online, thereby establishing a quorum in accordance with Article 8.6 of the WT Statutes.
3. The **CHAIR** noted that the following members are absent without prior notice.
  - Ms. Anna Panka, Member
  - Ms. Samira Asghari, Member
4. Before the report, the **CHAIR** acknowledged the contributions of **Mr. Hoss Rafaty**, former WT Secretary General, who served with distinction and passion from 2015 to 2021. An appreciation plaque was given to Mr. Hoss.
5. **Mr. Hoss Rafaty** addressed the Council expressing his gratitude for all the years serving, working, and prospering together with WT.

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## 2. President Report

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6. The **CHAIR** was delighted to hold the Council meeting on the occasion of the World Taekwondo Cadet and Junior Championships in Sofia.
7. Participation numbers in Sofia were impressive, and more than 1,050 athletes and officials from 76 countries for Cadet, and more than 1,250 participants from 90 countries plus Refugee Team for the Junior championships despite ongoing pandemic. He confirmed that the Sofia World Cadet Championships marked the biggest ever in terms of the number of participants.
8. The **CHAIR** announced the results of the fourth governance review of the ASOIF, published one and a half months ago, where World Taekwondo again achieved the A2 rank which he highlighted as a great result. He also mentioned that it is getting harder to maintain A2 and significant improvements need to be made to reach the top. He mentioned that the details of the results can be found in the Agenda and Documents book for the General Assembly which was already distributed.
9. Taekwondo has the second-most number of Olympic Solidarity Scholarship holders for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. He congratulated the seven scholarship holders, including Wael who is the only one from a refugee camp. He pointed out that there is an ongoing discussion with the IOC and the Olympic Refuge Foundation to include more athletes from Taekwondo.
10. He also congratulated **Mr. Sakis Pragalos**, Vice President, and the European Taekwondo Union, as well as Great Britain for organizing an inclusive European Taekwondo Championships in May this year. Having Olympic and Para Taekwondo athletes compete at the same venue and same time was very well received and should be used as a model for other continental unions to follow.
11. In the end, Virtual Taekwondo could be added to the future Grand Prix in addition to Olympic and Paralympic Taekwondo.
12. Virtual Taekwondo will be a showcase at the Commonwealth Esports Championships on August 6th to 7th. He also mentioned that World Taekwondo has applied for Virtual Taekwondo to be included in the IOC Olympic Virtual Series that will take place in Singapore in March 2023.

In addition, IOC has decided to add virtual sports in Los Angeles Olympic Games in which Taekwondo has a high chance to be in the program.

13. Virtual Taekwondo can be fully launched in the Grand Prix Series having its own events, Taekwondo will truly be recognized as one of the most innovative and inclusive sports in the world.
14. The **CHAIR** revealed World Taekwondo's golden jubilee logo and theme: "Peace in Mind, Taekwondo at Heart" to be announced at the General Assembly. He requested the Council to actively promote the 50th founding anniversary using that theme.
15. He emphasized that Taekwondo should also be included in all remaining multi-sport Games, starting with the Commonwealth Games and the World Beach Games next year. He stressed that that the decision on Taekwondo in the Commonwealth Games in 2026 will come soon, so he thanked **Mr. Hassan Iskandar**, **Mr. John Kotsifas**, **Mr. Maher Magableh**, and the rest of the Commonwealth Taekwondo Management Board for their hard work in the coming weeks.
16. The **CHAIR** honored the inaugural class of the World Taekwondo Hall of Fame recognizing the contributions of those exemplary individuals, including **Mr. Kook-hyun Jung**, present at the Council meeting, **Mr. Dai-soon Lee**, former Vice President and president of Asia Taekwondo Union; **Ms. Zhong Chen**, Chinese female taekwondo athlete that for the first time won two consecutive Olympic gold medals; **the late Juan Antonio Samaranch**, former IOC President; and the late **Un-yong Kim**, founding President of World Taekwondo. They will be honored as a gesture of gratitude. He added that one more Hall of Fame award will be granted to the late **Ahmed Fouly** for his contributions as a former African Taekwondo Union President and WT Council member.

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### 3. Approval

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a. *Approval of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting on May 12, 2022 in Olympic House, Lausanne, Switzerland*

17. The **CHAIR** asked the Council to approve the minutes, noting that there were no comments when the minutes were distributed in advance. This was seconded and approved by the Council.
18. The **CHAIR** declared that the minutes were approved by the Council.
  - ***Decision: Minutes of Council Meeting held on May 12, 2022 in Lausanne are approved by the Council.***

b. *Agenda of the 2022 General Assembly on August 1, 2022*

19. The **CHAIR** asked the Council to approve the agenda for the 2022 General Assembly. There were no comments from the Council and the agenda was approved.
20. The **CHAIR** declared that the agenda of the 2022 General Assembly was approved by the Council.
  - ***Decision: Agenda of the 2022 General Assembly on August 1, 2022 is approved by the Council.***

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### 4. 2021-2022 Reports

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a. *Approval of Operation Report*

21. The **CHAIR** called upon **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** to deliver the Operation Report for 2021 to 2022.
22. **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** asked the Council for any questions or comments about the Operation Report that was previously distributed and that will be presented at the General Assembly. There was none.
23. The **CHAIR** asked the Council to approve the Operation Report. It was seconded and approved by the Council.
24. The **CHAIR** declared that the Operation Report was approved by the Council.
  - ***Decision: The Operation Report is approved by the Council.***
  - b. *Approval of Finance Report*
25. The **CHAIR** called upon **Mr. Pimol Srivikorn**, Treasurer, to present the Finance Report via Zoom.
  - i. *Treasurer's Report on 2021 Financial Statement*
26. **Mr. Pimol Srivikorn** briefly described the main points of the financial report in rounded. In total the operating and non-operating revenue of 2021 reached US\$ 7.9 million compared to US\$ 7.6 million from the previous year, having a slight increase. About the non-operating expenses of 2021, it was reduced to US\$ 384 thousand with 45% reduction compared to the previous year when it reached US\$ 719 thousand. He took the opportunity to thank the management team for this outcome. The total comprehensive income came to close US\$ 500 thousand in 2021 against only US\$ 31 thousand in 2020.
27. He summarized that on the balance sheet there were no significant negative changes and that there is a positive change since over US\$ 10 million were received from the IOC because of the Olympic year. He concluded that WT cashflow is in a good position and the financials are in a good standing.
  - ii. *Auditor's Report on 2021 Account Statutes*
28. The **CHAIR** remarks that the Auditor's letter can be found in the Agenda and Documents book. He asked the Council to approve the Financial Report and having no comments from them, it was approved.
29. The **CHAIR** declared that the Financial Report was approved by the Council.
  - ***Decision: The Financial Report is approved by the Council.***
30. The **CHAIR** said that the pandemic has been challenging but it has also given the opportunity to reset, restart, and revitalize WT structure.
31. He highlighted that WT is ready to discuss new initiatives, such as organizing regional Grand Prix Challenges and friendly organization events like Ibero-American, Francophone, Commonwealth, Eurasian, and so on.
32. He suggested the CU SG meetings with WT for discussing those initiatives and any other ideas that CU wants WT to delegate to them for effective operations. WT will then consider and report to the Council in future meetings. He mentioned that the next CU SG meeting with WT is expected to take place in the coming weeks.

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## 5. E-Vote Result

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33. The **CHAIR** requested **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** to report the e-vote results.
34. **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** reported that there was a Council e-voting from June 28 to July 4 with the participation of most of the Council members. The seven amendments were approved, and that *WT Competition Rules & Interpretation* will be reported at the General Assembly.

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## 6. Other Matters

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35. The **CHAIR** addressed the situation of the investigation over the former PATU leadership, as the Council suspended the PATU management in June and started a reform of PATU.
36. The investigation has been conducted and WT received a report on July 21, 2022 containing fact findings on gross negligence and mismanagement. WT is taking relevant measures to prevent such wrongdoings in the future.
37. The **CHAIR** addressed that there has been huge progress since the new leadership of PATU took over. He invited **Mr. Juan Manuel Lopez**, PATU President, to update the Council.
38. Mr. Juan Manuel played a video summarizing the recent development of PATU governance. The **CHAIR** commended **Mr. Juan Manuel Delgado** for his wonderful job restructuring PATU. He also thanked **Mr. Mario Mandel**, Secretary General of PATU, and **Ms. Maria Borello**, Vice President, for their join efforts.
39. The **CHAIR** opened floor to the Council for any other remarks.
40. **Mr. Pimol Srivikorn**, Treasurer, addressed that ITF medal events were adopted in the next SEA Games to be held in 2023 in Cambodia. He explained that the SEA Games consist of 11 countries, where the bylaws state that the host decides the inclusion of new events or sports.
41. **Mr. Mohamed Shaaban**, Member, expressed his concern, arguing that the inclusion of ITF in the SEA Games can set a precedent for its further inclusion in other games, such as continental games. That inclusion could even result in the request of spots from WT medal events, given the quota limitation.
42. **Ms. Maria Borello** agreed that it can cause confusion since both events have different rules. Also, she argued that having two international federations is not a good image for Taekwondo in front of the IOC.
43. **Mr. Mohamed Shaaban** said that even though WT cannot control the decision of the inclusion of ITF taekwondo in the SEA Games, it can have an official position about it.
44. **Mr. Athanasios Pragalos**, Vice President, proposed that WT should not recognize the competitions of the concerned SEA Games as a gesture of protest.
45. The **CHAIR** said that the situation will be examined internally, and proposed a zoom meeting among MNAs involved.
46. **Mr. Jinbang Yang**, Member, remarked that a new policy on PSS is needed to encourage more advanced technologies to be developed and adopted to increase the level of satisfaction over the system.
47. He also proposed to increase the number of G2 events per continent as there have been significant increase of G1 event.

48. The **CHAIR** agreed that it is necessary to restructure G1 and G2 systems reflecting the current situation. He suggested organizing an ad-hoc committee to deal with these two issues.
49. **Mr. Hassan Iskandar**, member, commented that PSS equipment is too expensive specially for developing MNAs; therefore, he suggested WT should create a set of standards (including technical requirements and specifications) for companies to be able to manufacture and compete against each other. He also highlighted that it needs to be something compatible therefore, companies should work together.
50. **Mr. Maher Magableh** stressed that a guideline is needed for hosting country of WT events such as the charges to the teams.
51. **Mr. Ali Sagirkaya**, Auditor, agreed to Mr. Maher Magableh's opinion, saying that WT, as the governing body of taekwondo, should consider every single detail of the operation of WT promoted event, especially when it comes to financial issues. He suggested that a contract specifically addressing financial details should be made clearly, so that it is not possible for the host to make changes, for the protection of the MNAs.

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## 7. Next Meeting

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52. The **CHAIR** announced that the next Council Meeting will take place in Baku, Azerbaijan on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
53. He added that the General Assembly will be held on the next day, May 28<sup>th</sup>, followed by the celebration event of the WT's 50<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary. Competitions will start from May 29<sup>th</sup> until June 4<sup>th</sup>.
54. CU President meeting will be held in Seoul, Korea on the occasion of Muju Forum early October.

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## 8. Closing of Meeting

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55. The **CHAIR** thanked the Council for an efficient meeting emphasizing the importance of unity, friendship, and the passion to instill good governance throughout the sport and organization.
56. He adjourned the Council Meeting.