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### **EXTRAORDINARY WTF COUNCIL MEETING**

**Holiday Inn Resort / Santa Cruz, Aruba**

**November 22, 2012**

#### **1. Roll Call & Meeting called to order**

WTF Secretary General Jean-Marie Ayer reported that a total of 18 Council members and 1 Auditor were present at the meeting and that in accordance with article 8.6 of the WTF Statutes, a quorum for the meeting was constituted.

#### **List of Attending WTF Council Members and Auditors:**

Dr. Chungwon Choue, President  
Gen. Ahmed Fouly, Vice President  
Mr. Sun Jae Park, Vice President

Dr. Jean-Marie Ayer, Secretary General

Mr. Tae Eun Lee, Treasurer

Mrs. Maria Rosario Borello Castillo, Member  
Mr. Jesus Castellanos Pueblas, Member  
Mr. Driss El-Hilali, Member  
Ms. Aicha Garad Ali, Member  
Mr. Milan Kwee, Member  
Mr. Mario Mandel Vaisman, Member  
Mr. Dai Won Moon, Member  
Mr. Roger Piarulli, Member  
Mr. Seyed Mohammad Pouladgar, Member  
Mr. Metin Sahin, Member  
Ms. Myriam Baverel, Member  
Mr. Athanasios Pragalos, Member  
Mr. Ji Ho Choi, Member

Mr. Ali Sagirkaya, Auditor

## **2. President's welcome speech**

Dr. Chungwon Choue, WTF President and Chairman for the Extraordinary WTF Council meeting called for a moment of silence for Mr. Coleman Lee, WTF Council Member from Chinese Taipei.

The Chairman delivered his welcome speech:

*Friends and colleagues,*

*It is a great pleasure to meet with you here in Aruba on the occasion of the 2012 WTF World Cup Taekwondo Team Championships.*

*Just a few months ago, we witnessed one of the greatest moments in taekwondo history with the successful conclusion of the Olympic Games. To this day we continue to hear what a performance taekwondo, how fair and transparent the event was, about the historic Olympic moments during the competitions, and that taekwondo has finally found its place in the Olympics. These are all wonderful things to hear. I am certain these comments make you as proud as they make me, but we cannot continue to look back.*

*Taekwondo is being shown a great deal of support around the world. I was recently in Macau for the General Assembly of the Olympic Council of Asia. While there we received news that several members of the OCA expressed their public support for taekwondo to stay on the Olympic Program. I find comfort that we have so many friends in the Olympic family, but this does not mean that we can rest. We must use this support to push ahead and continue to develop our sport, our organization, and our events.*

*Today's Extraordinary WTF Council meeting is about the future. We need to build up on the success of London and pave our way forward to an even brighter tomorrow. A new era for our sport has arrived and we must be ready to meet it head on.*

*Taekwondo is continuing to grow. From the day that first taekwondo masters left Korea to spread our sport, the spirit has captured the hearts of each it has touched. Today we have a sport that has tens of millions of practitioners around the world in 204*

*member nations. And there are still many athletes from other taekwondo groups around the world that are looking to join the WTF family. We have always had an open door policy to any that wanted to join us. We must do what we can to welcome them in. They are expected to follow our rules inside the competition area and out, but still they must be welcomed in.*

*There are great people in this world looking to us, reaching out to us, and accepting our invitations to join our sport and our organization. As you can see, we have a new member who has graciously accepted a position on our Council. Later, I will officially introduce Ms. Aicha Garad Ali, IOC Member as our newest Council Member, but please give her a warm welcome now.*

*In today's meeting and after today's meeting, we must continue to look to the future. We have shown how fair and transparent we are. Now we must show the exciting, dynamic nature of our sport, as well. We must keep moving forward with open minds, open hearts, and open arms.*

*Thank you.*

### **3. Approval of the minutes of the Extraordinary WTF Council Meeting held in Suzhou, China on June 9, 2012**

The Chairman motioned that the minutes of the Extraordinary WTF Council Meeting held in Suzhou, China on June 9, 2012 on the occasion of the Olympic Training Camp be approved by the Council.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council.

### **4. Introduction of New Council member**

The Chairman introduced Ms. Aicha Garad Ali of Djibouti as a new member of the WTF Council. Ms. Garad Ali is an IOC member and president of the Djibouti National Olympic Committee.

Ms. Garad Ali was presented with a letter of Appointment.

### **5. Report of the London 2012 Olympic Games**

The Chairman introduced Mr. Jeongkang Seo, Director of Sport, to deliver a report on the London 2012 Olympic Games.

Mr. Seo delivered his presentation.

The Chairman proceeded to introduce Dr. Paul Viscogliosi, WTF Medical Committee Chairman for a medical report of the London Olympic Games.

Dr. Viscogliosi delivered his report. (Enclosed in the minutes)

Mr. Ji-Ho Choi and Mrs. Maria Borello Castillo, WTF Council members, requested that the report be sent to Referee and Technical Committee as well as all MNAs.

Secretary General Ayer informed that all data will be compiled and published.

Mr. Phillip Bouedo, Chairman of Games Committee, proposed that a term, such as “Hanpan” be adopted instead of knock out. The term knock out is a very rare event in Taekwondo and has a very negative connotation to describe the common situation of a match interruption.

Mr. Bouedo further informed of his experience from Korea Open and the Octagonal mats used there. The positive aspects where, that only taekwondo uses this shape of mats, it improves judges’ field of vision and the reduced space creates a more active game.

Mr. Ji-Ho Choi suggested that the WTF logo be put in the center of the mat for all WTF competitions.

The Chairman instructed Mr. Seo, Director of Sport, to instruct the Puebla Organizing Committee that a WTF logo be put in the center of the mat for the 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships.

## **6. WTF Strategic Plan**

The Chairman gave the floor to Secretary General Ayer for a report of the WTF Strategic Plan.

Secretary General Ayer delivered his report on the Strategic Plan.

The Chairman thanked Secretary General Ayer and moved on to the next point on the Agenda.

## **7. Report from the Expansion Committee**

Mr. Hoss Rafaty, Chairman of the WTF Expansion Committee delivered a report on the findings of the meetings of the Expansion Committee held on November 21, 2012 in Aruba.

Mr. Rafaty reported on the findings of the Expansion Committee meetings and especially pointed out the following recommendations:

- The WTF should make a roadmap for inclusion in the Paralympic Games in cooperation with Master Sirota as soon as possible.
- Efforts should be made to educate MNAs during Championships and other significant gatherings on how to comply with MNA ranking criteria.
- Creation of a Continental Union Ranking System

With these recommendations Mr. Rafaty concluded his presentation.

## **8. Development Program**

The Chairman stated that in line with the policies of the Olympic movement the WTF is trying to make the best use of our resources. Accordingly, the WTF has developed a program to receive and evaluate ideas from our members and to fund the best of those proposals. The hope of the WTF is to offer opportunities for expansion of the sport of taekwondo, improvement of technology and to provide our athletes and members a full range of services.

Mr. Corbin Min was given the floor to give an explanation of the program for allocation of funds in a Development Program.

Mr. Min gave a presentation on the Development Program.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Min and moved on the next point on the Agenda.

## **9. Proposed amendment to the WTF Statutes**

The Chairman explained that the proposed amendments to the WTF Statutes are to improve transparency of the elections process and to create a framework to expand WTF-promoted events in line with the WTF Strategic plan.

For a further explanation on the amendments the Chairman gave the floor to Mr. Corbin Min.

Mr. Min presented the proposed amendments and the rationale to the Council.

Following Mr. Min's presentation the Chairman moved that the proposed amendments be approved by the Council.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council. The Chairman announced that the final decision would be taken by the General Assembly in an e-vote to be conducted in December 2012.

#### **10. Establishment of WTF Taekwondo Grand Prix Series**

In order to have top taekwondo athletes compete against each other on a regular basis for increased media and TV exposure and to develop a strong platform for marketing taekwondo a proposal to found a Taekwondo Grand Prix Series has been put together, the Chairman informed.

To further explain the concept the Chairman gave the floor to Secretary General Ayer.

Secretary General Ayer presented a proposal for a taekwondo Grand Prix Series.

The Chairman added that further study on the Grand Prix Series is required.

#### **11. Proposal for amendment to the Competition Rules**

The Chairman introduced Mr. Daiwon Moon, WTF Council Member and Technical and Development Committee Chairman, for a presentation on the proposed amendments to the WTF Competition Rules.

Mr. Moon delivered his presentation.

The Chairman moved that the amendments to the WTF Competition Rules be approved by the Council.

The motion was seconded and approved and the Chairman announced that the amendments would be put forth to the General Assembly in an e-vote in December.

## **12. Proposed amendment to the WTF Poomsae Competition Rules**

Mr. Moon continued to present the proposed amendments to the Poomsae Competition Rules explaining that the amendments were to further define the divisions for competition.

The Chairman moved that the amendments to the WTF Poomsae Competition Rules be approved by the Council.

The motion was seconded and approved and the Chairman announced that the amendments would be put forth to the General Assembly in an e-vote in December.

## **13. Proposed Amendment to the Rules on Organization and Operation of International Taekwondo Championships**

Mr. Philip Bouedo, Games Committee Chairman, was introduced to explain the amendments to the Rules on Organization and Operation of International Taekwondo Championships.

Mr. Bouedo explained that the proposed amendments were additions of the World Grand Prix Series and World Cadet Championships to the Rules on Organization and Operation of International Taekwondo Championships.

The Chairman moved to approve the amendments.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council. The Chairman informed that the amendments would be put forth to the General Assembly in an e-vote in December.

#### **14. Enactment of MNA Ranking Bylaw**

Mr. Corbin Min explained that the aim of the MNA Ranking Bylaw is to enhance coordination among the WTF members and to improve their understanding of the WTF's missions and objectives.

Mrs. Maria Rosario Borello Castillo, WTF Council Member, asked if the criteria for the highest ranking can be achieved by developing countries.

Mr. Min clarified that the “comply or explain” basis of the MNA ranking criteria will make it possible for any MNA to achieve the highest class of ranking, but they must show both the willingness and effort.

The Chairman moved that the MNA Ranking Bylaw be enacted by the WTF Council.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Council.

#### **15. Enactment of Election Bylaws**

Mr. Corbin Min explained that in order to ensure that the upcoming elections will be fair and transparent the WTF Election Bylaws have been drafted for the enactment of the WTF Council. The proposed Election Bylaws are modeled after the IOC rules together with previous practices. Also a candidate code-of-conduct has been included in the Election Bylaw.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Min for his presentation and moved that the Election Bylaws be enacted by the Council.

The motion was unanimously approved by the Council.

## **16. Selection of the host site and dates for the 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships**

Indonesia Taekwondo Association presented their bid to host the 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships in Bali, Indonesia.

The Council unanimously approved to grant Indonesia Taekwondo Association and Bali the right to host the 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships.

## **17. Progress report on the 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships**

Ms. Sandra Ximena Mata Zenteno, Director General of Instituto Municipal del Deporte de Puebla, delivered a presentation on the preparations for the Championships. The preparation is well under way and no critical issues are mentioned.

## **18. Membership**

The Chairman informed that Netherlands Antilles Taekwondo Bond has been dissolved following an IOC decision to revoke recognition from Netherlands Antilles NOC. Netherlands Antilles was dissolved into Curacao, Sint Maarten and three special municipalities. Curacao and Sint Maarten are eligible to apply for associate membership to the WTF.

Curacao and South Sudan have gone through all the administrative procedures for associate membership while Sierra Leone has gone through the administrative procedures for full membership for approval of the Council and General Assembly.

The Chairman moved that Curacao and South Sudan be accepted as associate members and that Sierra Leone be accepted as a full member.

The motion was unanimously approved by the Council.

The Chairman announced that the final ratification would be made at the next General Assembly.

Further, with the help of the newest member of the WTF Council, Ms. Aicha Garad Ali, the WTF hopes to welcome a member national association representing Djibouti in the near future.

The Chairman also informed that the countries of Mauritania and Maldives are also going through formalities for affiliation.

The Chairman moved that the membership fee tiers for the new MNAs should be approved as listed in the Agenda.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council.

## **19. Other matters**

### **A. Ad Hoc Development Committee for Rio 2016 Olympic Games**

The Chairman informed that the Ad-Hoc Development Committee for Rio 2016 Olympic Games would be formed and announced soon.

### **B. Ad Hoc Committee for WTF Grand Prix Series**

The Chairman informed that the Ad-Hoc Committee for WTF Grand Prix Series would be formed and announced soon.

### **C. Presentation of SK Taekwondo Application**

Mr. Seokjae Kang, Deputy Secretary General of WTF PR Division, delivered a presentation on the taekwondo mobile phone application by SK and the WTF Mobile Website.

### **D. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations of the WTF**

The Chairman referred to the enclosed material.

## E. Recommendations

The Chairman opened up the floor for recommendations.

Mr. Corbin Min suggested that the members for the WTF Athletes Committee be elected to their positions following the practice of the IOC.

Mr. Ji Ho Choi moved that Mr. Min's suggestion be passed by the Council.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council.

## F. Croatian Taekwondo Movie

Mr. Franjo Prot, President of the Croatian Taekwondo Federation, informed the Council of a taekwondo movie made in Croatia following the rise in popularity of the sport. Mr. Prot also promised that a copy of the movie be distributed to all participants in the upcoming World Championships in Puebla.

## **20. Next WTF Council meeting**

The Chairman announced that the next WTF Council Meeting will be held in Lausanne, Switzerland on June 7, 2013 on the occasion of the 2013 Swiss Open.

## **21. Closing of the meeting**

The Chairman delivered his closing remarks.



**WORLD TAEKWONDO FEDERATION**

## **2012 MEDICAL REPORT**



### **Dr. Paul Viscogliosi**

Chairman, World Taekwondo Federation Medical Committee  
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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1. Objectives

The primary objectives of the World Taekwondo Federation's [WTF] 2012 Medical Report are twofold:

- Assess the frequency and severity of injuries suffered by taekwondo athletes, from elite international level through to local/regional standard.
- Ascertain whether the new rules introduced by the WTF in 2010 have impacted the injury rate among taekwondo athletes.

### 1.2. Context of Study

#### 1.2.1. Adjustment to rules governing the award of points

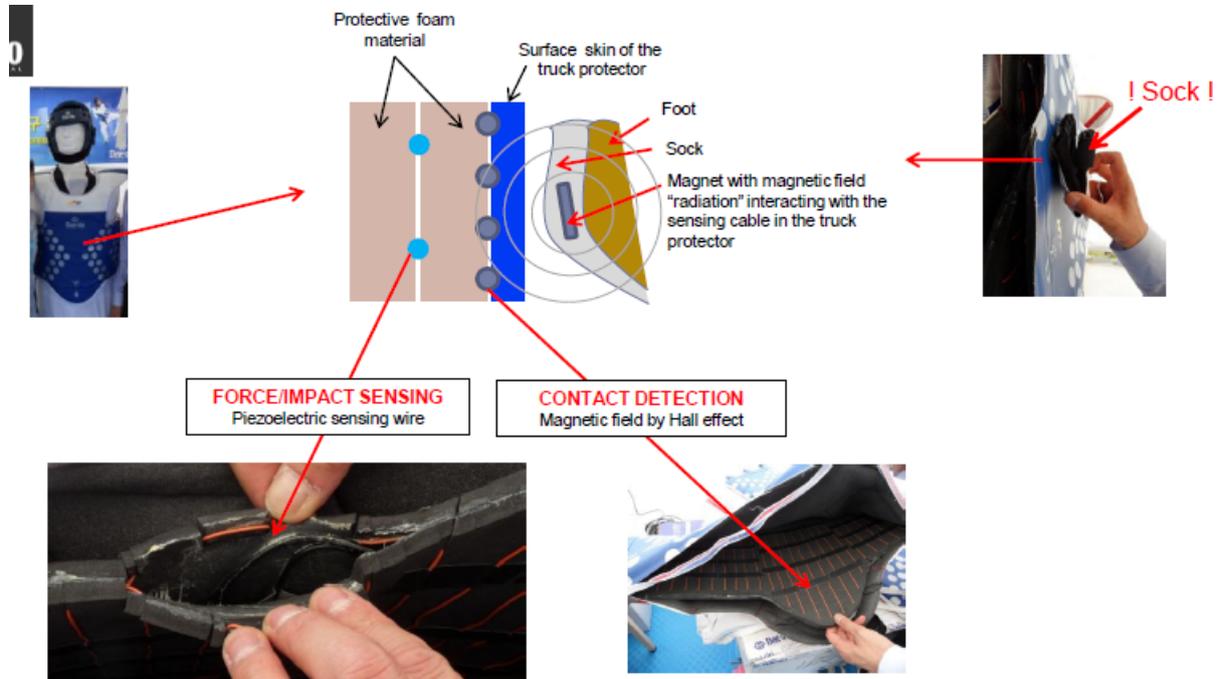
In 2010, the WTF adjusted the rules governing the award of points during competition. A summary of the adjustments is below:

2008 Points System	Points System from 2010
<p><i>Points awarded by judges if moves deemed to have sufficient force and accuracy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 point for fist to the body</li> <li>• 1 point for kick to the body</li> <li>• 2 points for kick to the head</li> </ul>	<p><i>Points awarded by judges if moves deemed to have sufficient force and accuracy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 point for fist to the body</li> </ul> <p><i>Points awarded automatically by PSS (see below)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 point for kick to the body</li> </ul> <p><i>Points awarded automatically by PSS (see below); additional technique point awarded by judges</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 points for turning kick to the body</li> </ul> <p><i>Points awarded by judges for any accurate touch of the foot to the headguard – no minimum force requirement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 points for kick to the head</li> <li>• 4 points for turning kick to the head</li> </ul>

These rules were intended to reward the use of more of technically advanced manoeuvres (i.e. turning kicks), thereby improving the sport experience for athletes and spectators.

### 1.2.2. The Protector Scoring System [PSS]

Also in 2010, the WTF introduced a sophisticated new Protector Scoring System [PSS]. The objective was to develop a transparent scoring system whilst keeping the sport safe and inclusive. Previously, the power of techniques was judged by the naked eye, and of course it could be subjective. The PSS all but eliminates human error with sensors that automatically calculate the power and accuracy of kicks.



All competitors now wear full-body protective clothing:

- Head guard
- PSS
- Groin protection
- Mouth guard
- Forearm protection
- Leg protection
- Gloves
- Socks with impact sensors

### 1.2.3. The Instant Video Replay [IVR]

The Instant Video Replay [IVR] was introduced in 2010 to support the use of the PSS. The IVR allows coaches three chances to appeal a judge's decision per bout. Six cameras monitor the bout from different angles.

## 2. CASE STUDY: FRENCH TAEKWONDO FEDERATION

### 2.1. Sources

The data was compiled from two sources:

#### ***Mutuelle des Sportifs* health insurance providers**

2-4 Rue Louis David  
75782 Paris Cedex 16  
France  
Tel: +33 1 53 04 86 20

#### **French Taekwondo Federation**

25 Rue Saint Antoine  
69003 Lyon  
France  
Tel: +33 4 37 56 14 14

The statistics cover a period of four taekwondo seasons, from the 2008-2009 season to the 2011-2012 season. The first two seasons were completed using the old rules; the rules had been adjusted for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 seasons.

### 2.2. Methodology

In France, all members of National Federations recognised by the Ministry of Sport and the National Olympic Committee are required to have health insurance. The insurance provider for the French Taekwondo Federation is *Mutuelle des Sportifs*.

The WTF Medical Committee requested a full breakdown of injury statistics from the *Mutuelle des Sportifs*, based on claims made for care and treatment by members of the French Taekwondo Federation. The policy holders were aged between five and 65 years old.

Injuries were grouped into the following eight categories:

- Genitourinary region
- Lower limb and pelvis
- Upper limb and scapular belt
- Spinal column and spinal cord
- Thorax/abdomen
- Head and face
- Miscellaneous abrasions
- Unidentified abrasions

### 2.3. Results: 2008-2009 season

*Total number of policy holders: 48,024*

	Number of injuries	Injury rate (injuries per 100 athletes, to 3dp)
Genitourinary region	1	0.002
Lower limb and pelvis	67	0.140
Upper limb and scapular belt	53	0.110
Spinal column and spinal cord	5	0.010
Thorax/abdomen	2	0.004
Head and face	24	0.050
Loss of consciousness	3	0.006
Miscellaneous abrasions	1	0.002
Unidentified abrasions	25	0.048
Total	181	0.377

## 2.4. Results: 2009-2010 season

Total number of policy holders: 48,458

	Number of injuries	Injury rate
Genitourinary region	1	0.002
Lower limb and pelvis	72	0.149
Upper limb and scapular belt	45	0.093
Spinal column and spinal cord	2	0.004
Thorax/abdomen	2	0.004
Head and face	32	0.066
Loss of consciousness	1	0.002
Miscellaneous abrasions	1	0.002
Unidentified abrasions	23	0.045
Total	179	0.369

## 2.5. Results: 2010-2011 season

Total number of policy holders: 51,464

	Number of injuries	Injury rate
Genitourinary region	1	0.002
Lower limb and pelvis	77	0.150
Upper limb and scapular belt	56	0.109
Spinal column and spinal cord	5	0.010
Thorax/abdomen	2	0.004
Head and face	23	0.045
Loss of consciousness	2	0.004
Miscellaneous abrasions	2	0.004
Unidentified abrasions	10	0.019
Total	178	0.346

## 2.6. Results: 2011-2012 season

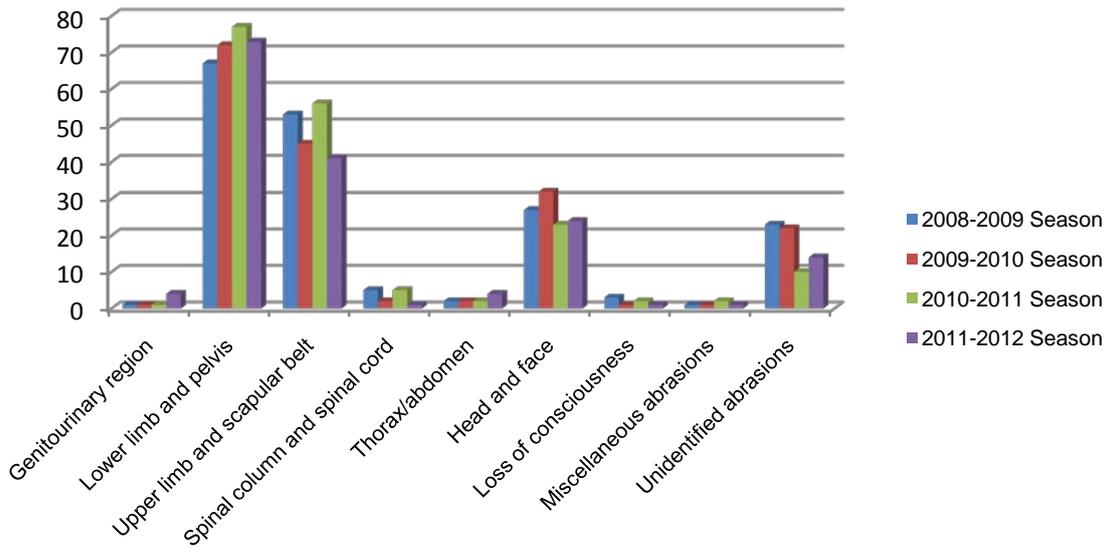
Total number of policy holders: 52,397

	Number of injuries	Injury rate
Genitourinary region	4	0.008
Lower limb and pelvis	73	0.139
Upper limb and scapular belt	41	0.078
Spinal column and spinal cord	1	0.002
Thorax/abdomen	4	0.008
Head and face	24	0.046
Loss of consciousness	1	0.002
Miscellaneous abrasions	1	0.002
Unidentified abrasions	14	0.027
Total	163	0.311

## 2.7. Results: Summary

	2008-2009 Season	2009-2010 Season	2010-2011 Season	2011-2012 Season
Genitourinary region	1	1	1	4
Lower limb and pelvis	67	72	77	73
Upper limb and scapular belt	53	45	56	41
Spinal column and spinal cord	5	2	5	1
Thorax/abdomen	2	2	2	4
Head and face	24	32	23	24
Loss of consciousness	3	1	2	1
Miscellaneous abrasions	1	1	2	1
Unidentified abrasions	23	22	10	14
Total	181	179	178	163
<b>Injury rate</b> (Injuries per 100 athletes)	<b>0.377</b>	<b>0.369</b>	<b>0.346</b>	<b>0.311</b>

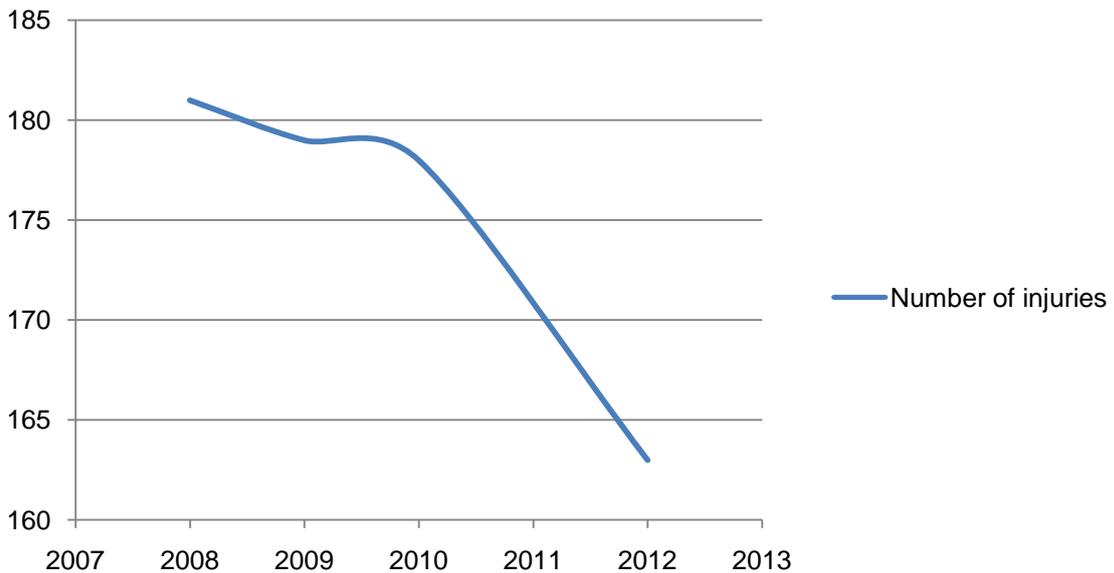
### 2.7.1. Injury Breakdown by Category

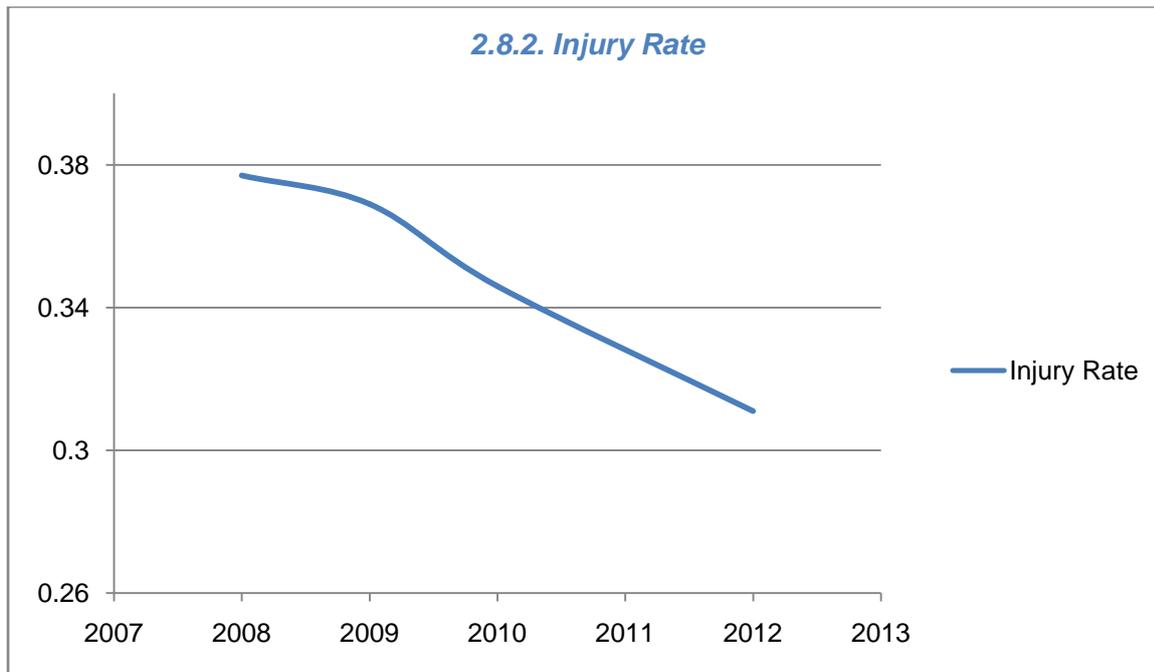


## 2.8. Analysis

- Total 18.4% reduction in injury rate for the period 2008-2009
- 16.2% reduction in injury rate since the amendments to the scoring system and the introduction of the PSS and IVR
- Just one reported knock-out among 52,397 registered taekwondo practitioners in the 2011-2012 season

### 2.8.1. Number of injuries





### 3. CONCLUSIONS

#### 3.1. Assess the frequency and severity of injuries suffered by practitioners of taekwondo, from elite international level through to local/regional standard.

Taekwondo has been classified a ‘mild risk’ sport by health insurers in France and elsewhere, and the results of this study fully corroborate that classification.

An injury rate of 0.31% places taekwondo among the safest Olympic contact sports.

The number of serious injuries was consistently low throughout the period of the study, with loss of consciousness among the rarest categories of injury in each of the four seasons.

#### 3.2. Ascertain whether the new rules introduced by the WTF in 2010 have impacted the injury rate among taekwondo athletes.

The injury rate among taekwondo practitioners dropped consistently year-on-year throughout the period of the study.

While the rate and severity of injuries was decreasing before 2010, the introduction of the new rules regarding scoring, along with the PSS and IVR, appears to have coincided with an acceleration of that trend. The injury rate dropped by 18.4% in four years, but the last two seasons alone have seen a decrease of 16.2%.

These statistics corroborate anecdotal evidence which points to a marked shift in fighting styles since the 2010 rule changes. Now that points can be scored with just a light touch to the head, athletes’ focus is primarily upon agility, accuracy and speed of movement, rather than generating maximum force. This in turn has resulted fewer impact-related injuries.

Therefore, it is possible to conclude that the WTF’s rule changes have helped to improve the welfare of taekwondo athletes.