



Minutes

WT Extraordinary Council Meeting (Hybrid – Goyang and via Zoom)

20h00-21h30 | April 20, 2022 (local time Korea)

AGENDA

1. Establish Quorum: Call Meeting to Order

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Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held via Video Conference on March 3, 2022

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- a. World Para Taekwondo Standing Procedures for Paralympic Regional Games

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- a. New Membership – Maldives
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- a. Associate Membership
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Appendix 1: Minutes of the Council Meeting via Video Conference on March 3, 2022

1. Establish Quorum: Call Meeting to Order

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 quorums.
2. **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** announced that twenty-seven (27) Council Members and one (1) Auditor were present, thereby establishing a quorum in accordance with Article 8.6 of the WT Statutes.
3. The **CHAIR** noted that the following members are absent with prior notice:
 - **Mr. Athanasios Pragalos**, Vice President (By the request of Mr. Pragalos, Mr. Antonio Barbarino is present on behalf of Mr. Pragalos)
 - **Mr. Issaka Ide**, Vice President (By the request of Mr. Issaka, Mr. Balla DIEYE is present on behalf of Mr. Ide)
 - **Mr. Angelo Cito**, Council Member
4. He added that the following members are absent without prior notice:
 - **Mr. Yangwoo Park**, Vice President
 - **Ms. Samira Asghari**, Council Member

2. Update on situation in Ukraine

5. The **CHAIR** was delighted to hold the Council meeting on the occasion of the World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships. He mentioned that this Poomsae Championships is the first World Taekwondo promoted event for 2022 after last year's Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games, and the first-ever Women's Open Championships.
6. He stated that it has been four years since the last World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships in Taoyuan in 2018, and WT could not organise in Denmark in 2020 due to the pandemic.
7. He said that despite the pandemic and travel uncertainties, the World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships in Goyang is the largest ever with the participation of more than 60 countries and a thousand athletes and officials.
8. He informed that over the year, WT has been proactively expanding the number of disciplines and events to give more opportunities for MNAs to earn medals and to promote Taekwondo more widely around the world – more weight categories, team and mixed team events, and Para Taekwondo.
9. He added that WT should now turn attention to Poomsae, and its goal should be to have Poomsae included in all the major multi-sport events around the world. He said that this is already done in the All African Games, Asian Games, and Pan American Games, WT is still lacking in the European Games and the Pacific Games. He mentioned that it is needed to work harder to achieve this goal by the 50th founding anniversary next year.
10. *[Playing the video of Hope and Dreams Taekwondo Championships]* He thanked **Mr. Maher Magableh**, Council Member, for the organization of the first-ever Hope and Dreams Taekwondo Championships, and thanked to **Ms. Nadin Dawani**, Council Member, and Taekwondo community in Jordan. He noted that this is a very impressive achievement which was very well accepted by the IOC, Olympic Refugee Foundation, and UNHCR.
11. He stressed that during his recent visit to Paris and Brussels, where he had the pleasure to

meet some of Council Members, he had positive discussions with the Mayor of Brussels to organise a Grand Prix next year, and Brussels also committed to becoming an Ambassador City of THF.

12. He addressed that WT have also been working closely with the IOC, ORF and the city of Paris in organising projects for refugees in France.
13. *[While playing the video of Virtual Taekwondo]* He informed that WT is also making significant progress in Virtual Taekwondo, and at the end of this month, IOC President Thomas Bach will visit Singapore where the Esports developers will present Virtual Taekwondo to President Bach. He noted that Virtual Taekwondo will also be showcased at the Commonwealth Games in early August, which hopefully will help Taekwondo be included in the sport programme of the Commonwealth Games in the near future.
14. He said that WT also intends to include Virtual Taekwondo in the World Taekwondo Championships this November; and he will speak to the Sport Minister of Mexico when he sees her this Saturday. He continued that finally on Virtual Taekwondo, WT is discussing with the IOC to include it in the second Olympic Virtual Series and also as a medal event in the Olympic Games, in line with Recommendation 9 of Olympic Agenda 2020+5. He noted that it will also be featured in the second Global Esports Games in Istanbul this coming December.
15. He stated that despite the success, WT is reminded that WT cannot be complacent, and needs to have to look out for the sport and organisation. He noted that for instance last week, Cambodia which is the host country of the 2023 South East Asian Games, decided to include ITF Taekwondo as a medal event under the name of 'Martial Arts Korea'.
16. He then mentioned that this does not make sense and the only reason is that Cambodia has a world champion in ITF Taekwondo, and WT strongly objected to this decision and has support from the Asian Taekwondo Union and almost all of our MNAs in South East Asia.
17. He concluded his report by mentioning that WT will continue to engage with the SEA Games Federation and MNAs, and report to the Council for the decision at the Extraordinary Council Meeting in Lausanne on May 12th.

3. Approval of the Minutes

a. *Approval of the minutes of the Council Meeting held on March 3, 2022*

18. 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.
19. The **CHAIR** declared that the minutes were approved by the Council.
 - ***Decision: Minutes of Council Meeting held on March 3, 2022 are approved by the Council.***

4. Amendments

a. *WT Statutes*

20. The **CHAIR** called upon **Mr. Corbin Min**, Legal Counsel, to present changes to the Statutes.
21. **Mr. Corbin Min** addressed Article 6.1/Addendum I(7): Updating Integrity and Ethics Committee name, Article 6.8/Addendum I(8): Removing requirement for Auditor to be Vice Chair of Finance

Committee, and Article 16.1/16.2: Limiting direct appeal of member disciplinary decisions to WT except under special circumstances.

22. The **CHAIR** asked Council to approve the amendment to the Statutes. This is approved by the Council.
23. He declared that the Amendment to WT Statutes is approved.

- Decision: The Amendment to WT Statutes is approved by the Council.

b. WT Disciplinary Actions and Appeals Code

24. The **CHAIR** called upon **Mr. Corbin Min**, to present changes to the Disciplinary Actions and Appeals Code.
25. **Mr. Corbin Min** mentioned that the amendment is for removing redundant/repetitive articles, parallel changes to Statutes, narrowing conflict of interest challenges to Panel Members, and adding procedural details in terms of hearing guidelines.
26. The **CHAIR** asked Council to approve the amendment to the WT Disciplinary Actions and Appeals Code. This is approved by the Council.
27. He declared that the Amendment to WT Disciplinary Actions and Appeals Code is approved.

- Decision: The Amendment to WT Disciplinary Actions and Appeals Code is approved by the Council.

c. WT Finance Rules

28. The **CHAIR** called upon **Mr. Jerry Ling**, Senior Director of Planning & Finance Department, to present changes to the Finance Rules.
29. **Mr. Jerry Ling** addressed that the purpose of first proposed amendment is to provide more financial support for Council members and the purpose of second proposed amendment is to ensure that guests invited to certain events receive travel support.
30. The **CHAIR** asked Council to approve the amendment to the Finance Rule. This is approved by the Council.
31. He declared that the Amendments to the Finance Rules is approved.

- Decision: The Amendments to Finance Rules are approved by the Council.

d. WT Competition Rules & Interpretation

32. The **CHAIR** called upon **Mr. Jay Lee**, Senior Director of Sport & Event Management Department, to present changes to the Competition Rules and Interpretation.
33. **Mr. Jay Lee** presented Article 4: Contestant, Article 5: Weight category, Article 7: Duration of Contest, Article 9: Weigh-in, Article 14: Prohibited acts and Penalties, Article 15: Golden Points and Decision of Superiority and Article 21: Instant Video Replay.

34. **Mr. Pimol Srivikorn**, Council Member, concerned that it might be rushing to change the five seconds inactive to three seconds.
35. **Mr. Jay Lee** answered that it will be only first trial in upcoming Roma Grand-Prix, and if it doesn't work it can be changed.
36. The **CHAIR** asked Council to approve the amendment to the Competition Rules and Interpretation. This is approved by the Council.
37. He declared that the Amendments to the Competition Rules and Interpretation are approved.

- Decision: The Amendments to Competition Rules and Interpretation are approved by the Council.

e. World Para Taekwondo Competition Rules

38. The **CHAIR** called upon **Mr. Chakir Chelbat**, Chair of the Para Taekwondo Committee, to present changes to World Para Taekwondo Competition Rules.
39. **Mr. Chakir Chelbat** mentioned key changes of World Para Taekwondo Competition Rules: Contest area, Position of judges, Training area, three round duration of contest, Prohibited acts and penalties, and Golden round.
40. The **CHAIR** asked Council to approve the amendment to the World Para Taekwondo Competition Rules. This is approved by the Council.
41. He declared that the Amendments to the World Para Taekwondo Competition Rules are approved.

- Decision: The Amendments to World Para Taekwondo Competition Rules are approved by the Council.

f. World Para Taekwondo Ranking Bylaw

42. The **CHAIR** called upon **Mr. Chakir Chelbat**, to present changes to World Para Taekwondo Ranking Bylaw.
43. **Mr. Chakir Chelbat** addressed key changes of World Para Taekwondo Ranking Bylaw: Clarification on when ranking points are awarded, and addition of World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Ranking for Regional Games.
44. The **CHAIR** asked Council to approve the amendment to the World Para Taekwondo Ranking Bylaw. This is approved by the Council.
45. He declared that the Amendments to the World Para Taekwondo Ranking Bylaw are approved.

- Decision: The Amendments to World Para Taekwondo Ranking Bylaw are approved by the Council.

g. World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Standing Procedures

46. The **CHAIR** called upon again **Mr. Chakir Chelbat**, to present changes to World Para

Taekwondo Paralympic Standing Procedures.

47. **Mr. Chakir Chelbat** mentioned key change of World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Standing Procedures: Clarification on when Paralympic Ranking is used.
48. The **CHAIR** asked Council to approve the amendment to the World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Standing Procedures. This is approved by the Council.
49. He declared that the Amendment to the World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Standing Procedures is approved.

- Decision: The Amendment to World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Standing Procedures is approved by the Council.

h. World Para Taekwondo Regulations on Administration of International Classifiers

50. **Mr. Chakir Chelbat**, continued to present changes to World Para Taekwondo Regulations on Administration of International Classifiers.
51. **Mr. Chakir Chelbat** informed key changes of WT Regulations on Administration of International Classifiers: New pathway to become WT Classifiers, and Change of WT Classifier Levels through new courses (online and physical).
52. The **CHAIR** asked Council to approve the amendment to the World Para Taekwondo Regulations on Administration of International Classifiers. This is approved by the Council.
53. He declared that the Amendments to the World Para Taekwondo Regulations on Administration of International Classifiers are approved.

- Decision: The Amendments to World Para Taekwondo Regulations on Administration of International Classifiers are approved by the Council.

i. Regulations on the Administration of the WT Educators

54. The **CHAIR** called upon **Mr. Philippe Bouedo**, Technical Director of WT Education, to present the Administration of the WT Educators.
55. **Mr. Philippe Bouedo** addressed key change: Remove Classification of Class & Promotion for WT Educators.
56. The **CHAIR** asked council to approve the amendment to the Regulations on the Administration of the WT Educators. This is approved by the Council.
57. He declared that the Regulations on the Administration of the WT Educators.

- Decision: The Amendment to the Regulations on the Administration of the WT Educators is approved by the Council.

j. Regulations on the Administration of the WT Coaches

58. The **CHAIR** called upon **Mr. Philippe Bouedo** to present the Administration of the WT Coaches.

59. **Mr. Philippe Bouedo** addressed key changes: Change the article number, Qualification for application for Level 1 Coach Course, and Coach Certificate is mandatory to attend WT competitions.

60. The **CHAIR** asked council to approve the amendment to the Regulations on the Administration of the WT Coaches. This is approved by the Council.

61. He declared that the Regulations on the Administration of the WT Coaches.

- Decision: The Amendments to the Regulations on the Administration of the WT Coaches are approved by the Council.

k. Regulations on the Administration of the WT Technical Delegates

62. **Mr. Philippe Bouedo** continued to present the Administration of the W Technical Delegates.

63. **Mr. Philippe Bouedo** addressed key changes: Qualification for Applicants, and Eligibility for TD appointment.

64. The **CHAIR** asked council to approve the amendment to the Regulations on the Administration of the WT Technical Delegates. This is approved by the Council.

65. He declared that the Regulations on the Administration of the WT Technical Delegates.

- Decision: The Amendments to the Regulations on the Administration of the WT Technical Delegates are approved by the Council.

i. GMS Bylaws

66. The **CHAIR** called upon **Mr. Justin Tenbeth**, GMS Director, to present the amendments to the GMS Bylaws.

67. **Mr. Justin Tenbeth** proposed 3.9 of GMS bylaws stating that any individual may sign up for or renew an existing WT License subscription through any MNA as long as the individual meets all of the requirements of WT (waivers, documents, payment) as well as those of that MNA. He also mentioned the pricing changes of 7.1 and some GMS updates.

68. The **CHAIR** asked council to approve the amendment to the GMS Bylaws. This is approved by the Council.

69. He declared that the Amendments to the GMS Bylaws.

- Decision: The Amendments to the GMS Bylaws are approved by the Council.

5. Enactment

a. World Para Taekwondo Standing Procedures for Paralympic Regional Games.

70. The **CHAIR** called upon **Mr. Chakir Chelbat** to present the Para Taekwondo Standing Procedures for Paralympic Regional Games.

71. **Mr. Chakir Chelbat** stated that key points: Standardizing the competition and qualification system for Regional Paralympic Games, and this will be applied to the Games where Para Taekwondo is currently included.

72. The **CHAIR** asked council to approve the Enactment. This is approved by the Council.
73. He declared that the Enactment of the Para Taekwondo Standing Procedures for Paralympic Regional Games is approved.

- Decision: The Enactment of the Para Taekwondo Standing Procedures for Paralympic Regional Games is approved by the Council.

6. Approval

a. New Membership - Maldives.

74. The **CHAIR** informed that Maldives has submitted the necessary documents to become WT member. He stated that if the Council approves, Maldives will become the 212th MNA of World Taekwondo, and it will put WT as the four largest International Federation in the Olympic Movement. He called upon **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** to inform more information.
75. **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** stated that WT contacted the NOC of Maldives for affiliation of Maldives Taekwondo to WT with assistance of India Taekwondo, and the applying Maldives Taekwondo is headed by Mr. Ismail Rafeeq. He mentioned that if Council accepts, Maldives Taekwondo shall become a Provisional Member Until the General Assembly ratifies the membership. He added that after membership is approved by the General Assembly, Maldives Taekwondo shall become a Full Member in accordance with the WT Statutes Article 8.2.1.
76. The **CHAIR** asked council to approve the New Membership of Maldives. This is approved by the Council.
77. He declared that the New Membership of Maldives is approved.
78. He then invited **Mr. Ismail Rafeeq**, President of Maldives Taekwondo, for a few words.
79. **Mr. Ismail Rafeeq** mentioned that it is honored to be a part of WT members. He said that he will work hard to develop Taekwondo in Maldives, and look forward to closely work with WT.

- Decision: The New Membership of Maldives Taekwondo is approved by the Council.

b. Rescheduling on the selection of the host city

80. The **CHAIR** mentioned that originally WT received applications from Bulgaria and Russia to be host country of the 2023 World Taekwondo Championships. He stressed that as the Council decided to impose sanctions on the Russia Taekwondo Union, Russia cannot be considered for hosting the World Taekwondo Championships next year at this moment.
81. He asked **Mr. Jay Lee** to explain about the rescheduling on the selection of the host city.
82. **Mr. Jay Lee** addressed that WT opened the bid since Sofia, Bulgaria became sole bid city. He noted that currently three bidders applied; China, Azerbaijan and Bulgaria, and it will be decided by the Council during next Council meeting in Lausanne.
83. The **CHAIR** asked council to approve the Rescheduling on the selection of the host city. This is approved by the Council.
84. He declared that the Rescheduling on the selection of the host city is approved.

- Decision: The Rescheduling on the selection of the host city is approved by the Council.

7. Other Matters

a. Associate Membership.

85. The **CHAIR** called upon **Mr. Corbin Min** to present matters for the Council's consideration.
86. **Mr. Corbin Min** addressed that Polynesia Taekwondo joined WT in 1974 and WT adopted Associate Members in 2006 for territories without IOC-recognized NOC, but maintains status for Polynesia Taekwondo. He informed that in march 2022, French MNA raised issue of the Polynesia Taekwondo's Level 1 Statutes. He noted the counter-position of Oceania Taekwondo that Polynesia Taekwondo is an Oceania National Olympic Committee and by default IOC recognized, and they are one of the most active contributors in the Oceania region.
87. He added MRD Commission's recommendation that while WT acknowledges the long history and contributions of Polynesia Taekwondo and, given that there is no right to be taken away from Polynesia Taekwondo except the right to vote, it is important that the Statutes should be strictly applied based on the interpretation provided by WT, and therefore Polynesia Taekwondo should be made an Associate Member, which should also apply to Macau Taekwondo Association.
88. **Mr. John Kotsifas**, Vice President, countered that Polynesia Taekwondo has long been in good standing as a Level I member since joined in 1974, and Polynesia Taekwondo as well as Macau Taekwondo Federation has exercised their voting right at the important places such as WT General Assembly. The Council Election in the past even though the "Associate Member" has been introduced since 16 years ago. He stressed that WT should not change the Statutes, and demoting them to Associate Member.
89. **Ms. Maria Borello**, Vice President, commented that there is always rule that WT needs to follow. She, however, noted the most important thing which is that Athletes should not be affected.
90. The **CHAIR** asked council whether to approve the recommendation of the MRD Commission and change the Status of Polynesia Taekwondo and Macau Taekwondo Association to Associate Member. The Council approved proposal to change the membership Status of Polynesia Taekwondo and Macau Taekwondo Association to Associate Member.
91. He declared that the membership Status of Polynesia Taekwondo and Macau Taekwondo Association has been changed to Associate Member.

- Decision: The membership Status of Polynesia Taekwondo and Macau Taekwondo Association has been changed to Associate Member.

b. WT Council Conflict of Interest Registry Survey

92. The **CHAIR** called upon **Mr. Corbin Min** to present the item.
93. **Mr. Corbin Min** addressed some points of WT Council Conflict of Interest Registry Survey according to the Conflict of Interest Policy 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 7 and 8.

c. G1/G2 Open Tournament Participation Guidance

94. **Mr. Corbin Min** continued to present last agenda of Other Matters.

95. **Mr. Corbin Min** informed MNA rules related to participation of individual in G1 and G2.

8. Next Council Meeting

96. The **CHAIR** mentioned that the next Extraordinary Council Meeting will take place in the Olympic House in Lausanne on May 12th, and at the meeting WT will listen to the bid cities of the 2023 World Taekwondo Championships and select the most suitable host city. He added that WT will also brainstorm ideas for the future of World Taekwondo, and President Bach will also host a luncheon for us at the Olympic House.

97. He noted that since all the Council members have confirmed to participate either in person or via Zoom, he looks forward to seeing all in Lausanne as WT presents World Taekwondo's ongoing achievements and commitment to good governance to IOC President Thomas Bach.

9. Closing of Meeting

98. The **CHAIR** thanked the Council for the solidarity as well as passionate support for WT. He stated that that WT must continually improve to be one of the best governed International Federation especially by our 50th founding anniversary next year. He concluded by wishing all participants every success at the Goyang 2022 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships.

99. He adjourned the Council Meeting.