



## Minutes

WT Extraordinary Council Meeting  
Via Conference Call  
21h00-22h00 | 10 August 2020 (local time Korea)

## AGENDA

1. Establish Quorum: Call Meeting to Order
2. President Report
3. Approval of the Minutes
  - Approval of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting via Video Conference on May12, 2020
4. Enactment Proposal
  - a. Regulation on the Administration of the WT Technical Delegates
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## **1. Establish Quorum: Call Meeting to Order**

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At 20h00, Secretary General Hoss Rafaty makes a roll call and announces that twenty-five (25) Council Members and two (2) Auditors are present, thereby establishing a quorum in accordance with Article 8.6 of the WT Statutes.

The Chair notes that the following members are absent with prior notice:

1. Gen. Ahmed Mohamed Fouly, Vice President
2. Mr. Kamaladdin Heydarov, Vice President
3. Mr. Athanasios Pragalos, Vice President
4. Mr. Issaka Ide, Member
5. Mr. Angelo Cito, Member

Hoss Rafaty makes housekeeping announcement for smooth meeting and gives the floor to the Chair.

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## **2. President Report**

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The Chair welcomes the council members and extends his best wishes to General Ahmed Fouly, who is currently in a critical condition.

The Chair mentions that Issaka Ide is also unable to attend the meeting due to health issue, and Kamaladdin Heydarov cannot join because his father passed away recently. The Chair sends the best wishes to all of them.

The Chair continues to say that the pandemic remains serious in many parts of the world, and yesterday was supposed to be the Closing Ceremony of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. He notes that even with the Tokyo Games being postponed till next summer, everything is uncertain at this stage. The number of new cases every day in Japan and other countries are still on the rise; but last week, the Tokyo organising committee president Muto said that the Games will be held despite the pandemic situation with COVID-19.

The Chair adds that there was good news since the last Council Meeting. Aicha Garad Ali was re-elected as an IOC member for eight more years. He congratulates Aicha and wishes continued cooperation for WT and THF projects. He also notes that Pimol Srivikorn was re-elected as president of the Taekwondo Association of Thailand, and the Chair expects his continued support for WT.

The Chair comments that the past couple of months, WT has used the time to reset ourselves, and has been reviewing internal operations and organised virtual meetings with various Committees, and also achieved outstanding news. He announces that on June 16<sup>th</sup>, ASOIF announced its governance evaluation results, and World Taekwondo has gone from C rank to B rank and now, WT is in the A2 rank. He mentions that it is a great result within four years since the first evaluation,

The Chair discusses that WT's target is to maintain A2 and aim for A1 rank within the next two governance evaluation cycles, and in order to be in the A1 rank, WT needs to improve certain areas that makes WT on par with the IFs in this rank. He notes that from the ASOIF evaluation, some of WT's weaker points are aligning the CU and MNA governance rules and practices with WT's, reaching at least 40% gender balance in decision-making bodies if WT is to receive full score, strengthening term limits for elected officials, and lastly monitoring or auditing the use of distributed funds

The Chair explains that WT is working on a new restatement of the Statutes based on ASOIF good governance guidance, and such changes do not apply to the Council and Committees only, but across all levels including at the Continental Union level. He, therefore, announces that WT is working closely with the CUs on the implementation of model CU statutes to align with WT Statutes as a baseline, and improve the evaluation process and distribution system for the development fund. He adds that such model statutes and evaluation process for development programs will be implemented across the MNA level as well.

The Chair notes that WT discussed internally with the departments and are consulting with external experts on the areas in which WT can improve on, and therefore WT will provide an update at a later time, possibly at one of the upcoming Council meetings this year or early next year. He adds that one of the areas he emphasizes on is active participation of the Council when it comes to e-voting.

The Chair comments that there were three amendment proposals that went through the e-votes recently, and a total of 26 Council members participated and approved the amendments as well as the Hall of Fame Inductees. He thanks Council for their active participation. He also asks the members who have not voted for active participation next time.

The Chair mentions that WT is actively organising online education courses conducting a total of 11 Coach Courses with participation of 534 coaches. He then adds that online certification programs are sustainable and cost-saving for everyone, thus WT wishes to continue Level I courses via online even after the pandemic is over.

The Chair also remarks that TD certification course will be implemented soon with approval of the regulation from this Council Meeting, and also online Referee courses begins very soon. He additionally says that MNA Education Programs are under development to assist MNAs for better governance and administration, and WT is discussing with the IOC on how WT could collaborate together on the online education courses, such as having the Olympic values education as part of the curriculum.

The Chair adds that WT concluded 2020 MNA Survey, which aims to find needs and status of MNAs ultimately to support MNAs in governance and operations. He acknowledges the excellent support of GMS team while collecting 185 replies. He concludes that WT is analyzing the results and it will be shared at the Council Meeting and General Assembly in October.

The Chair notes that there are remarkable points he wishes to share with Council. He mentions that Taekwondo is adopted in the programs of elementary school, middle schools, high schools, universities, army and police in 141 countries which clearly demonstrates that Taekwondo is the most popular and efficient martial art sport in the world. He also says that WT has so far supported 103 MNAs, which is almost 50% of the respondents through funding and value-in-kind programs.

He notes that the MNA Survey will serve as governance indicators, and WT is planning to publish MNA

Ranking based on the performance of governance as earliest as in 2022. He comments that WT is also preparing for the first WT online Poomsae championships scheduled in November this year, and it is a great initiative to reach out to the grassroots.

He adds that WT is developing a new programme – WT Super Talent Show, which is a great way for the general public to showcase not just their Taekwondo abilities, but also other talents that they have. He also announces that WT demonstration team to be traveled to France within this month to participate in the France's Got Talent show.

The Chair announces the inaugural WT Hall of Fame inductees who are the late Dr. Kim Unyong for Lifetime Contribution Award, the late Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch for Lifetime Contribution Award, Mr. Lee Daisoon for Officials Category, Ms. Chen Zhong for Athletes Category, and Mr. Jung Kookhyun for Athletes Category. He thanks the Hall of Fame Committee for hard works and Council Members for active participation in voting.

He asks the Council to give a round of applause to these outstanding individuals. He also notes that this year marks 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Olympic Taekwondo since Sydney 2000, and WT was planning to organize a big scale celebration but due to the pandemic, the official ceremony has been cancelled.

In addition, the Chair mentions that WT will organize activities in the headquarters for Taekwondo Day on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September, with selected ambassadors from previous and current Olympic and Youth Olympic host countries based in Korea. He encourages CUs and MNAs to jointly celebrating Taekwondo day ideally at the same time so that WT could livestream the activities and interviews.

The Chair concludes his report by acknowledging the efforts of the Taekwondo Federation of Iran who will be organising their first international Taekwondo seminar, and the Chair says that last year's Taekwondo Day celebrations in Iran with more than 20,000 people in one venue was wonderful. He believes that this year's Taekwondo Day will be memorable to people even without being able to physically see each other.

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### **3. Approval of the Minutes**

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The Chair informs that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on May 12 were distributed for the review, and WT did not receive any comments from the Council members. He asks the Council to approve the meeting minutes.

This is seconded and unanimously approved by the Council.

He declares that the Council has approved the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held virtually on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

***Decision: Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held virtually May 12<sup>th</sup> is approved by the Council.***

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#### 4. Enactment Proposal

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a. Regulation on the Administration of the WT Technical Delegates

The Chair informs that Taekwondo competitions have been evolving fast and therefore the role of Technical Delegate has become more important than ever, as TD is responsible for overseeing the management and operation of the competition strictly complying with the rules and regulations and protecting safety of athletes.

He continues to mention that in order to ensure WT Promoted and Recognized competitions are managed at a high and consistent level, WT is proposing to enact Regulation on the Administration of the WT Technical Delegates to efficiently administer, and also WT Technical Commission, Games Committee, Referee Committee and Education Committee supported by the responsible directors have had a series of meetings to come up with the regulation and curriculum.

Then, he adds that there is one change in the proposed regulations, which is the Article 10 states that the only those officials who hold relevant WT TD certificates shall be appointed as a TD of WT promoted and recognized competition. The Chair says that there will be not many competitions scheduled for the time being, thus it is fair and reasonable to make TD certificate mandatory from 2022, rather than 2021.

The Chair requests for proceeding to vote for the enactment of Regulation on Administration of the WT Technical Delegate. He gives a floor to Jeongkang Seo, Senior Director of Member Relations & Development Department.

Jeongkang Seo explains the WT voting process, Zoom polling system and proceeds with the test vote followed by the actual vote. The voting results are shown on the screen.

The Chair declares that the Council approved the enactment of the regulation on administration of the WT Technical Delegates.

***Decision: Enactment of the regulation on administration of the WT Technical Delegates is approved by the Council***

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#### 5. Discussion

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a. Coach License Validation Period

The Chair mentions that the online WT International Coach Certification Courses have been organised successfully, and the current regulation states that the validation of the WT International Coach certificate begins upon issuance of the certificate and is validated for 2 years.

He adds that due to ongoing pandemic of COVID-19, there were no competitions taking place and therefore the coaches who attained the certificate had no chance to use the certificate. Under this unexpected situation, and using the authority of President, the Chair mention that he

has taken emergency measure that the certificate attained by the coaches in 2019 and 2020 will be validated from Jan 1, 2021 for two years for the interest of the coaches.

The Chair asks the Council to approve the decision for the interest of coaches. It is seconded and unanimously approved by the Council.

***Decision: New Coach License Validation Period is approved by the Council***

b. 2021 G-1/G-2 Policy

The Chair informs that as WT could not organise events due to the pandemic, and ranking points are getting deducted but no new points are added. He notes that there is also an element of unfairness. He, therefore, says that the Technical Commission proposed to freeze ranking points from January 2020.

He adds that WT will adjust the G-2 quotas only for 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic. He also notes that MNAs that already received G-2 status but haven't been able to organise the events will remain with G-2 in 2021, but all other events will be G-1, including those that were G-2 this year and already hosted the events.

The Chair then moves on to the next item on the agenda.

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**6. Sofia 2020 World Taekwondo Junior Championships**

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The Chair remarks that today's main agenda is the Sofia 2020 World Taekwondo Championships and proposes to discuss whether to go ahead with organizing the World Juniors and meetings with the pandemic not slowing down.

He mentions that WT conducted a survey on the MNAs and received the results, and notes that WT received the professional opinions of the following Committees. The Chair adds that he had a call with the Continental Union presidents an hour before the meeting, and discussed this topic and had discussions with Slavi Binev, President of Bulgarian Taekwondo Federation about the situation in Sofia. He comments that all Continental Union Presidents and the Organizer of the event concluded that it is not safe to travel this time, but the Council needs to make a decision.

Ji Ho Choi mentions that having Junior Championships this year is impossible, even beginning of next year.

Pimol Srivikorn echoes with Ji Ho Choli to postpone or cancel Junior Championships this year for the sake of safety of athletes, and move to 2022.

Aicha Garad Ali notes that WT needs to consider the current situation of the outbreak of COVID-19. She also says that WT may host the event when the pandemic slows down.

Ali Sagirkaya adds that it is not safe to go to Bulgaria, and his idea is to postpone the event.

The Chair adds that Continental Olympic Qualification Tournament should be completed before next June, not necessarily has to be finished within this year.

Jinbang Yang asks whether this decision means that all the tournaments by WT will not be held within this year or only 2020 Junior Championships will be cancelled.

The Chair mentions that this decision is only about 2022 Junior Championships, and the other tournament supposed to be held this year such as Grand Prix Final and Grand Slam will be decided in next virtual Council Meeting.

The Chair asks the Council if there are any further comments. There are none.

The Chair calls for approval of cancellation of the Sofia 2020 World Taekwondo Junior Championships and subsequent organization of virtual General Assembly and change of host city of the 2022 World Taekwondo Junior Championships to Sofia. This is seconded and approved by the Council.

***Decision 1: Sofia 2020 World Taekwondo Junior Championships is cancelled. General Assembly will be held virtually.***

***Decision 2: Sofia is selected as the host city of 2022 World Taekwondo Junior Championships.***

The Chair thanks the Council and mentions that the decision will be officially shared with all stakeholders.

The Chair says that WT will organize the Council meeting and General Assembly virtually and will inform the Council and MNAs on the procedures later.

The Chair informs that WT postpones the Hall of Fame ceremony to 2021, and Grand Prix Final in Cancun is only slightly more than a month after the World Juniors, and the pandemic situation in Mexico remains serious, although WT read reports that Cancun has reopened tourism. He, therefore, proposes that the decision on whether organizing Grand Prix Final at the next Council meeting in October

For the Grand Slam in Wuxi, the Chair informs that WT is discussing with the Wuxi government, and Council will be informed in due course.

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## **7. Next Council Meeting**

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The Chair announces that the next virtual Council Meeting will be held on October 5<sup>th</sup> which is one day before the virtual General Assembly. He asks Council for any comments or objections.

There are none.

He confirms that WT will send the calling notice and agenda soon.

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## **8. Closing of the Meeting**

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The Chair informs the Council that WT is in discussions with Goyang city regarding the moving of WT headquarters in 2023. He adds that Goyang city is about 40-minute drive from Seoul and also within 40 minutes from the Incheon and Gimpo international airports.

He mentions that Goyang city promotes itself as a global sports city, organizing several international sport events and is located near the border with North Korea, meaning that Goyang city to be able to serve as an important location to serve as the joint training center for WT and ITF in the near future.

He notes that Goyang city Council approved the initial stage of discussions, and WT is waiting for the next stage regarding budget approval from central, state and city council. City Mayor is active to host WT headquarters offering the best location near Kintex which is the biggest convention center in Korea. He also adds that the Ministry of Culture, Sport and Tourism is fully supporting it as well.

He adds that he will keep the council updated when there is progress. Then, he asks for playing the promotion video of Goyang City.

The Chair opens the floor to the Council for any other matters of discussion.

There are no comments and opinions.

The Chair thanks Council and declares the meeting is closed.