



32nd WT Taekwondo for All Committee Meeting (via conference call)
June 12, 2025 | 16h00-17h00 (KST)

SUMMARY

Attendees: Ms. Hadwah Moawad (Chair), Sister Linda Sim (Vice Chair), Ms. Dana Touran (Member), Mr. John Cullen (Member), Mr. Richard Barnor (Member), and Mr. Wooram Kim (Assistant Manager, MRD)

1. Establish Quorum

Five (5) members attended the meeting; thus, the quorum was established.

2. Approval of the Minutes

- *The minutes of the previous Committee meeting held on May 1, 2025, were approved by the Committee.*

3. Item

a. THF updates

- ***Mr. Richard Barnor** expressed his excitement about the continued growth and improvement of the program, noting that it has expanded each year. He mentioned that more sports federations, including basketball, are joining the initiative, making it even bigger and more impactful. While some internal changes are currently taking place within THF and are not yet official, he believes these developments will positively impact their future work. He also emphasized that the program is growing beyond Taekwondo, reaching more people across various communities.*
- *He shared reflections from his recent visits to refugee camps in Azraq and Zaatari. In Azraq, a turf has been installed, enabling multiple sports activities to take place simultaneously, with strong participation from children. In Zaatari, he highlighted a particularly memorable moment when the girls' Taekwondo team choreographed a dance to a popular song, creating a joyful and inspiring atmosphere.*
- ***Sister Linda Sim** mentioned a coach, who has been teaching Taekwondo in community clubs for over 20 years and is now considering retirement. She noted that the coach expressed a strong desire to join THF and support the refugee program in any capacity, even as a volunteer. Although he is not a former athlete, **Sister Linda Sim** plans to discuss with **Mr. Richard Barnor** how he might be involved and possibly support his wish to contribute meaningfully to the program.*

b. Review Athlete+ action plan

- ***Ms. Hadwah Moawad** reminded the group of the previously defined aims for athletes—find your answers, find your mentor, find your path—which are guiding steps in the program. She explained that the paths available to athletes have recently been expanded to include broadcasting and media. She emphasized two main areas of focus moving forward: first, developing the program materials and lectures, assigning topics to speakers so content can start taking shape; and second, planning the post-program placement process, similar to internships after university education. The goal is to provide practical opportunities aligned with each chosen path.*
- ***Mr. John Cullen** expressed interest in hearing Dana's perspective as a more recent athlete. He pointed out that many MNAs are not well-structured when it comes to the athlete-to-coach transition. The process is often political, slow, or involves hiring coaches from other countries.*



- *Ms. Dana Touran* supported for the idea, highlighting the value of offering a variety of program paths. She noted that athletes often aren't sure whether coaching is right for them, and participating in such a program could help them discover their strengths and potentially shift to other fields like entrepreneurship or education. She stated that she fully agrees with the approach.
- *Ms. Hadwah Moawad* continued presenting the athlete pathways and introduced eight key agendas: coach, event official, ambassador, broadcasting/media, sport administrator, entrepreneurship, educator, and leadership.
- *Members* then shared ideas on possible approaches for each pathway. For coaching, they suggested taking coaching development courses. For event officials, volunteering and attending CSB or TD courses were recommended. To become an ambassador, engaging in influencer roles and coach-related marketing was proposed. In the broadcasting/media area, working as a commentator or co-commentator was mentioned. For sport administrators, internships were considered an effective entry point. Regarding entrepreneurship, members discussed the need to identify suitable companies. For the educator path, training athletes to become educators was seen as essential. Finally, for leadership, participating as a committee member was recommended.
- *Ms. Hadwah Moawad* also reviewed the program consisting of three modules: Taekwondo Identity, Self Development, and Opportunities, with a total of 36 sessions—12 sessions allocated to each module. She noted that she will share the module list with the Members and asked Members to choose any agendas they are interested in developing.

4. Next Committee Meeting

- *The next meeting is scheduled for August 14 at 16:00 KST, the usual time.*

5. Closing of Meeting

- *The meeting was adjourned by the Chair.*