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**WORLD TAEKWONDO**

**STANDING PROCEDURES FOR GRAND PRIX**

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## Article 1:

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### Purpose

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- 1.1 The purpose of this Standing Procedure (hereinafter known as the "Procedure") is to manage fairly and smoothly all matters pertaining to the taekwondo competition at the World Taekwondo Grand Prix (hereinafter known as the "GP").
- 1.2 The GP shall be held in accordance with the Statutes of the World Taekwondo (hereinafter known as "WT Statutes") and the Competition Rules of the WT (hereinafter known as the "WT Competition Rules"). The Organizing Committee (OC) should refer to the most up-to-date WT Statutes and WT Competition Rules for more detailed explanation of the Articles stated in the Procedure.

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## Article 2:

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### GP Series and GP Final

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- 2.1 The GP shall be comprised of "Series" events and a "Final".
- 2.2 Series shall take place between 1 to 3 times each year; the Final shall take place once each year at the end of the year. In general, the expected frequencies of the Series and Finals are as follows.
  - 2.2.1 The year of the Olympic Games: 1 GP Final (after the Olympic Games).
  - 2.2.2 Except the year of the Olympic Games: Up to 3 GP Series+ 1 GP Final.
- 2.3 Ranking Grades for the GP Series and Final shall be in accordance with the WT Ranking Bylaw.
- 2.4 Details shall be set out in the outline of pertinent GP Series and Final.

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## Article 3:

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### Venue

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Regulations on venue shall be based on the WT Competition Rules. However, the specifications may be adjusted in consultation with the WT. All set up shall be completed at least two days before the start of the competition and shall be subject to the approval of the Technical Delegate.

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**Article 4:**

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**Weight categories**

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Weight categories at the GP are divided as follows:

MEN'S DIVISION		WOMEN'S DIVISION	
<i>Under 58kg</i>	Not exceeding 58kg	<i>Under 49 kg</i>	Not exceeding 49kg
<i>Under 68kg</i>	Over 58kg & not exceeding 68kg	<i>Under 57kg</i>	Over 49kg & not exceeding 57kg
<i>Under 80kg</i>	Over 68kg & not exceeding 80kg	<i>Under 67kg</i>	Over 57kg & not exceeding 67kg
<i>Over 80kg</i>	Over 80kg	<i>Over 67kg</i>	Over 67kg

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**Article 5:**

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**Qualification / Seeding of Athletes**

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**5.1 GP Series**

- 5.1.1 At a GP Series event, a total of 31 athletes for both men and women per each weight category are selected based on their ranks under the WT Olympic Ranking and result from a Grand Prix Challenge event among who pre-register themselves. The WT shall announce on which date of the WT Olympic Ranking will be used for selection.
- 5.1.2 The online pre-registration shall be open for top 70 athletes per each weight category. The period and opening/closing date of pre-registration shall be set out in the outline of pertinent GP Series. Pre-registration is considered as willingness of participation and athletes who pre-registered but not selected shall be moved to the wait list and be replaced automatically in case of higher ranked athlete's withdrawal. The result of selection shall be informed to all MNAs who pre-registered their athletes by the WT.
- 5.1.3 An MNA, on behalf of its pertinent NOC, may send maximum two (2) athletes per weight categories among those athletes selected by the WT. However, athletes qualified through a GP Challenge are not included in the maximum number of quota places per MNA.
- 5.1.4 One (1) athlete from the host country shall also be invited in addition to the athletes selected through ranking. If the host country does not use its allotted invitation place, the next highest ranked athlete whose MNA has not exceeded its maximum quotas shall take the place.
- 5.1.5 If a confirmed athlete does not participate in the pertinent GP Series, he or she won't be invited for next GP Series regardless of their WT Olympic ranking.
- 5.1.6 Any athlete who withdraws after weigh-in will be subject to an investigation as to whether or not the withdrawal was in bad faith. (Bad faith includes, but is not limited to, having a prior illness or injury such that it was unreasonable to expect the athlete to be able to compete at

the time of the weigh-in.) The burden will be on the athlete to demonstrate that withdraw was not in bad faith. If the investigation panel determines that the withdrawal was in bad faith the athlete will be suspended for up to 6 months, and the athlete and members of the athletes entourage may be subject to an additional Ethics investigation.

## 5.2 GP Final

- 5.2.1 At a GP Final event, a total 16 athletes for both men and women per weight category are selected based on their ranks under the WT Olympic Ranking.
- 5.2.2 The online pre-registration shall be open for top 30 athletes per each weight category. The period and opening/closing date of pre-registration shall be set out in the outline of pertinent GP Final. Pre-registration is considered as willingness of participation and athletes who pre-registered but not selected shall be moved to the wait list and be replaced automatically in case of higher ranked athlete's withdrawal. The result of selection shall be informed to all MNAs who pre-registered their athletes by the WT.
- 5.2.3 An MNA, on behalf of its pertinent NOC, may send maximum two (2) athletes per weight category among those athletes selected by the WT.
- 5.2.4 One(1) athlete from the host country shall be invited in weight category(or categories) where host country athlete was not qualified through WT Olympic ranking in month previously announced by WT. There is no host country seeding for GP Final. If the host country does not use its allotted invitation place, the next highest ranked athlete whose MNA has not exceeded its maximum quotas shall take the place.
- 5.2.5 If a confirmed athlete does not participate in the GP Final, he or she won't be invited for next GP Final regardless of their WT Olympic ranking.
- 5.2.6 Any athlete who withdraws after weigh-in will be subject to an investigation as to whether or not the withdrawal was in bad faith. (Bad faith includes, but is not limited to, having a prior illness or injury such that it was unreasonable to expect the athlete to be able to compete at the time of the weigh-in.) The burden will be on the athlete to demonstrate that withdrawal was not in bad faith. If the investigation panel determines that the withdrawal was in bad faith the athlete will be suspended for up to 6 months, and the athlete and members of the athlete's entourage may be subject to an additional Ethics investigation.

## 5.3 Seeding

- 5.3.1 For the GP Series, all ranked athletes based on their WT Olympic Ranking shall be seeded.
- 5.3.2 For the GP Series, the additionally invited host country quota athlete (not based on ranking)

will take No. 9 seed in case the host country has no athletes seeded between No. 1 and No. 8.

5.3.3 In the occasion that the host country does not use the host country place, the following applies:

- In case the host country has 2 athletes selected based on ranking: the host country has the right to choose which of them to be seeded No. 9.
- In case the host country has 1 athlete selected based on ranking: that athlete will be seeded No. 9.

5.3.4 At the GP Final, all sixteen (16) athletes shall be seeded based on the WT Olympic Ranking. There is no host country seeding for GP Final.

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## Article 6:

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### Competition Method

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6.1 The GP Series shall be conducted in a single elimination tournament in accordance with the WT Competition Rules. The winner of the final contest will obtain the 1<sup>st</sup> place and the loser of this contest will be awarded the 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The losers of the semifinals shall be both ranked at the 3<sup>rd</sup> places. Therefore, official standing of each category at the GP Series shall be as follows.

- 1<sup>st</sup> place (Gold medalist): winner of the final contest
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Silver medalist): loser of the final contest
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place (Bronze medalist): losers of the semi-final contests
- 5<sup>th</sup> place: losers of the quarterfinal contests.
- 9<sup>th</sup> place: losers at the round of 16

6.2 The GP Final shall also be conducted in a single elimination tournament in principle, but a bronze medal contest will also take place to determine the 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Therefore, official standing of each category at the GP Final shall be as follows.

- 1<sup>st</sup> place (Gold medalist): winner of the final contest
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Silver medalist): loser of the final contest
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place (Bronze medalist): winner of the bronze medal contest
- 4<sup>th</sup> place: loser at the bronze medal contest
- 5<sup>th</sup> place: losers to the semifinalists

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## Article 7:

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### Technical Officials

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WT shall appoint the following technical officials to manage the tournaments. The organizing committee shall be responsible for providing free room and board as well as daily allowances of US\$100 per person.

7.1 Technical Delegate

7.2 Competition Supervisory Board

7.3 Refereeing Officials

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## Article 8:

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### Doping Test

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The WT Anti-Doping Codes shall apply to the GP Series and Final. Doping tests will be conducted at the Series and Final.

8.1 At the GP Series, compulsory anti-doping tests will be carried out for all medalists as well as random selection basis. The WT and/or WADA may carry out random out-of-competition testing prior to the competition. Therefore, all participating contestants are required to submit their latest and most accurate Athlete Location (Whereabouts Info) Forms to the WT. Any contestant proven to have violated the Anti-Doping Codes shall be removed from the final standings. There will be no additional changes to the final standings.

8.2 At the GP Final, compulsory anti-doping tests will be carried out for all medalists as well as random selection basis. The WT and/or WADA may carry out random out-of-competition testing prior to the competition. Therefore, all participating contestants are required to submit their latest and most accurate Athlete Location (Whereabouts Info) Forms to the WT. Any contestant proven to have violated the Anti-doping Codes shall be removed from the final standings. There will be no additional changes to the final standings.

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## Article 9:

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### Host Country Selection

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9.1 Any organization wishing to host GP Series or Final shall submit a Grand Prix Bid Application form to the WT by the designated deadline.

9.2 Selection of organizer shall be made by the WT Council.

9.3 All procedures shall be in accordance with the Event Operation Rules.

9.4 The President may take emergency measures to select and/or replace the host country when deemed necessary, subject to subsequent approval by the WT Council.

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Article 10:

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Other Matters

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Those matters not prescribed in this Procedure will be dealt with in accordance with the WT Statutes, WT Competition Rules, Event Operation Rules, and a resolution of the WT Council, when necessary.

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Article 11:

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Amendment

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This Procedure shall be amended by the WT Council.