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# World Para Taekwondo Grand Prix

## Standing Procedures

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## Article 1

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### Purpose

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1. The purpose of the Standing Procedures for Para Taekwondo Grand Prix (hereinafter referred to as the “Procedures”) is to manage fairly, safely and smoothly all matters pertaining to the Para Taekwondo Grand Prix (hereinafter referred to as the “Para GP”)
2. The Para GP shall be held in accordance with the World Taekwondo Statutes (hereinafter referred to as “WT Statutes”) and the WT Para Taekwondo Competition Rules (hereinafter referred to as “Para Competition Rules”). The Organizing Committee (OC) should refer to the most up-to-date WT Statutes and Para Competition Rules for more detailed explanation of the Articles stated in the Procedures.

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## Article 2

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### GP Series and Final

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1. The Para GP shall be comprised of “Series” events and a “Final”.
2. Series shall take place between one (1) to three (3) times each year; the Final shall take place once a year at the end of the year. In general, the expected frequencies of the Series and Finals are as follows
  - 2.1 The year of the Paralympic Games one (1) Para GP Final (held after the Paralympic Games)
  - 2.2 Except the year of the Paralympic Games up to three (3) Para GP Series and one (1) Para GP Final
  - 2.3 The frequency of the Para GP Series and Final will follow the Grand Prix Series and Final for able-bodied athletes as the events shall be held in the same location before, after or combined with the able-bodied Grand Prix Series and Final.
3. The World Para Taekwondo Ranking Bylaw outlines the event grade for the Para GP Series and Final.
4. Details shall be set out in the outline of the pertinent Para GP Series and Final.

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## Article 3

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### Venue

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1. Regulations on venue shall be based on the Para Competition Rules. However, the specifications may be adjusted in consultation with WT. All setup 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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### Sport Class and Weight Categories

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1. The Sport Class/classes that has been confirmed for the Paralympic Games will be eligible for the Para GP Series and Final.
  - 1.1 Athletes' Sport Class Status must be confirmed "C" or Fixed Review Date "FRD" for the year after the pertinent Para GP Series or Para GP Final
  - 1.2 Athletes who do not have a Confirmed "C" or Fixed Review Date "FRD" Sport Class Status with a "FRD" for the year after the pertinent Para GP Series or Para GP Final at the time of the pre-registration invitation, shall not be eligible to register for the pertinent Para GP Series or Final.
  
2. Weight Categories at the Para GP consist of five (5) men's and five (5) women's categories as follows:

MEN'S CATEGORIES		WOMEN'S CATEGORIES	
-58 kg	Not exceeding 58 kg	-47 kg	Not exceeding 47 kg
-63 kg	Over 58 kg & not exceeding 63 kg	-52 kg	Over 47 kg & not exceeding 52 kg
-70 kg	Over 63 kg & not exceeding 70 kg	-57 kg	Over 52 kg & not exceeding 57 kg
-80 kg	Over 70 kg & not exceeding 80 kg	-65 kg	Over 57 kg & not exceeding 65 kg
+80 kg	Over 80 kg	+65 kg	Over 65 kg

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## Article 5

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### Qualification and seeding of athletes

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1. Para GP Series
  - 1.1 Para GP Series event, a total of 11 athletes for both men and women per each sport class and weight category are selected based on their ranks under the World Para Taekwondo Ranking among who pre-register themselves. WT shall announce on which month of the World Para Taekwondo Ranking that will be in effect for selection of each Para GP.
  - 1.2 The online pre-registration shall be open for top 40 athletes per each sport class and weight category. The period and opening/closing date of pre-registration shall be set out in the outline of the pertinent Para 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 WT.
    - 1.2.1 Athletes who does not have the correct Sport Class Status permitted in article 4.1.1 at the time of the pre-registration invitation will not be able to pre-register.
  - 1.3 An MNA, on behalf of its pertinent NPC, may send a maximum of two (2) athletes per sport class and weight category among those athletes selected by WT.
  - 1.4 One (1) athlete in each sport class and weight category from the host country shall also be invited in addition to the athletes selected through World Para Taekwondo Ranking. If the host country does not use its allotted invitation place, World Para Taekwondo can invite any other ranked athlete in his/her place.
  - 1.5 If a confirmed athlete does not participate in the pertinent Para GP Series, he/she will not be invited for the next GP Series regardless of their World Para Taekwondo Rank.
  - 1.6 To register an athlete is required to be in the proper physical condition to compete in Para GP Series. Any athlete who withdraws after weigh-in will be subject to an investigation as to whether 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 six (6) months, and the athlete and members of the athlete's entourage may be subject to further investigation.

## 2. Para GP Final

- 2.1 At a Para GP Final event, a total of seven (7) athletes for each sport class and weight category are selected based on their ranks under the World Para Taekwondo Ranking.
- 2.2 The online pre-registration shall be open for top 20 athletes per sport class and weight category. The period and opening/closing date of pre-registration shall be set out in the outline of pertinent Para 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 a higher ranked athlete's withdrawal. The result of selection shall be informed to all MNAs who pre-registered their athlete by WT.
  - 2.2.1 Athletes who does not have the correct Sport Class Status permitted in article 4.1.1 at the time of the pre-registration invitation will not be able to pre-register.
- 2.3 An MNA, on behalf of its pertinent NPC, may send a maximum of two (2) athletes per sport class and weight category among those athletes selected by WT.
- 2.4 One (1) athlete from the host country shall be invited in the sport class and weight category (or categories) where host country athlete was not qualified through World Para Taekwondo Ranking in month previously announced by WT. There is no host country seeding for Para GP Final. If the host country does not use its allocated invitation place, the next highest ranked athlete whose MNA has not exceeded its maximum quotas shall take the place.
- 2.5 If a confirmed athlete does not participate in the Para GP Final, he or she will not be invited for next Para GP Final regardless of their World Para Taekwondo Ranking.
- 2.6 To register, an athlete is required to be in the proper physical condition to compete in Para GP Final. Any athlete who withdraws after weigh-in will be subject to an investigation as to whether 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 six (6) months, and the athlete and members of the athlete's entourage may be subject to further investigation.

## 3. Seeding

- 3.1 For the Para GP Series, all ranked athletes based on their World Para Taekwondo Ranking shall be seeded.
- 3.2 For the Para GP Series, if an athlete from the host country has not been seeded 5<sup>th</sup> or higher, he/she will be seeded at 5<sup>th</sup> seed.
- 3.3 At the Para GP Final, all eight (8) athletes shall be seeded based on the World Para Taekwondo Ranking. There is no host country seeding for the Para GP Final



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## Article 6

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### Competition Method and Results

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1. The Para GP Series shall be conducted in a single elimination tournament in accordance with the Para Competition Rules. The winner of the final contest shall obtain the 1<sup>st</sup> place and the eliminated finalist will be awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The eliminated athletes in the semi-finals shall both be ranked as 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Accordingly, official standings for the Para GP Series shall be as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place (Gold Medalist): winner of final contest
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Silver Medalist): eliminated in final contest
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place (Bronze medalists): eliminated in semi-final contests
  - 5<sup>th</sup> place: athletes eliminated in the quarter-final contests
  - 9<sup>th</sup> place: athletes eliminated in the round of 16 contests
  
2. The Para GP Final shall also be conducted in a single elimination tournament in principle. However, a bronze medal contest will also take place to determine the 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Accordingly, official standings for the Para GP Final shall be as follows
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place (Gold Medalist): winner of final contest
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Silver Medalist): eliminated in final contest
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place (Bronze medalists): winner of the bronze medal contest
  - 4<sup>th</sup> place: eliminated in the bronze medal contest
  - 5<sup>th</sup> place: eliminated in the quarter-final contests
  
3. World Para Taekwondo Ranking points shall be awarded to athletes who competed in Para GP Series and Para GP Final.

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## Article 7

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### Technical Officials

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1. WT shall appoint the following technical officials to manage the Para GP Series and Para GP Final. The organizing committee shall be responsible for providing free room and board as well as a daily allowance of US\$100 per person.
  - 1.1 Technical Delegate
  - 1.2 Competition Supervisory Board
  - 1.3 Refereeing Officials

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## Article 8

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### Doping Test

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1. The WT Anti-Doping Rules shall apply to the Para GP Series and Final. Doping tests will be conducted at the Para GP Series and Final in accordance with WT Anti-Doping testing plan.
  - 1.1 Any contestant proven to have violated the Anti-Doping Rules shall be removed from the final standings along with any World Para Taekwondo Ranking points earned for the event. 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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1. The host country selection process is outlined in the WT Grand Prix Standing Procedures.
2. Host country applications shall be made for Grand Prix Series and Para Taekwondo Grand Prix Series combined
3. Host country applications shall be made for Grand Prix Final and Para Taekwondo Grand Prix Final combined

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## Article 10

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### Athlete Classification

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1. Athlete Classification will not be available during the Para GP Series and the Para GP Final, in general.
2. If a host country for the Para Grand Prix Series or Final would like to have athlete classification available at the event this will be handled on a case by case basis between the host country and World Para Taekwondo. The host nation's athletes are in this case exempted from Article 4.1.1.

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## Article 11

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### Other matters

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

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## Article 12

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### Amendment & Effectuation

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1. The World Para Taekwondo Grand Prix Standing Procedures shall be enacted and amended by the WT Council.
2. These rules shall come into effect following the Tokyo Paralympic Games