



# World Taekwondo Athletes' Committee Election Guideline

## 1. Composition of the Committee

- a. The committee is composed of six members who are elected by peers.
- b. To be eligible for the committee, a candidate must meet the following criteria:
  - The candidate must be at least 21 years of age, and have never received any sanction in relation of any violation of the Olympic Charter, World Anti-Doping Code or WT Competition Rules & Interpretation and WT Ethics Code.
  - The candidate must be either an active athlete who, at the time of the election, is participating at international level (G-4 and above events), or has done so within the previous four years.
  - The candidate must be able to communicate in English fluently.
- c. Both genders must be represented within the committee.
- d. In order to ensure a balanced representation, no more than one athlete per country may be elected.
- e. The committee has two chairpersons (one male and one female), who will be elected among the members of WT Athletes Committee. Two co-chairs shall sit as ex-officio members of the WT Council.

## 2. The Election Procedure

- a. The election shall be held during the Baku 2023 World Taekwondo Championships (hereinafter "2023 WTC"), from May 28 to June 3. There shall be a designated space for voting and details will be announced by the WT.
- b. Any athletes intending to run as a candidate must submit the following documents to WT Sport & Event Management department ([ac.election@worldtaekwondo.org](mailto:ac.election@worldtaekwondo.org)) by March 31, 2023 17:00 Swiss Local Time:
  - The candidature form duly signed by the candidate;
  - A duly completed vision statement, typewritten in English, explaining the



- reasons for his or her candidature (max. 200 words);
- The candidacy certification duly signed by the candidate;
  - A recent portrait photo and an action photo of the candidate practicing taekwondo
- c. The WT will publish the list of all validated candidatures on April 10, 2022. After the release, candidates as well as any other persons or entities acting in their favour can promote his or her candidacy as follows:
- All acts of promotion or campaigning in favour of any candidature must be carried out with dignity and respect towards all other candidates as well as all other athletes
  - Candidates using social media to promote their candidatures must fully comply with these regulations and any other relevant regulations or rules which may apply, including but not limited to, the WT Statutes and the WT Election Bylaws
  - Candidates shall refrain from taking part in press or media conferences and interviews related to their campaigns
  - Candidates shall refrain from giving gifts or other conveniences related to their campaigns
  - The use of any form of incentive or inducement, whether financial or otherwise, to vote for a candidate is prohibited
- d. All registered athletes for the 2023 WTC are entitled to four votes each (one vote for a candidate of each gender).
- e. Two candidates having obtained the highest number of valid votes per gender will be elected as members of the committee and be declared on the last day of the 2023 WTC.
- f. The term of office for the committee is four years and re-election is possible. According to the WT Statutes, a year means the period between two successive Ordinary General Assemblies.

**Any matters not prescribed in this guideline will be dealt with in accordance with the WT Statutes and the WT Election Bylaws.**