



World Para Taekwondo Newsletter

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Africa Wins at First All-African Championships



Host Niger Wins 5 Medals

All nine African nations that travelled to Niger for the 5th African championships managed to medal in the largest All-African Para Taekwondo tournament ever. Ghana topped the medal table with two golds and a bronze, while host Niger won the most medals with five of its 10 athletes managing to reach the podium.

There were medallists from all nine participating nations: Cameroon, Central African Republic, Egypt, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Niger, Nigeria, and Senegal.

Paralympic Silver Medalist Leads Egypt to 2nd Place

Egypt's **Mohammed El-Sayed** proved he's still the one to beat in Africa by edging Niger's **Ide Oumarou Djabirou** 35-29 in the -58 kg final, while teammate **Ahmed Badawy Shabaan Mahmoud** claimed his first African title in the -80 kg category to help Egypt to a second-place finish.

Host Niger won five medals, led by **Mounkaila Karimou**'s dominant run to the -63 kg title. Karimou outscored his opponents 54-19 on the way to becoming Niger's first-ever African champion.

Ghana, Cameroon Also Crowned African Champions

Ghana is host of next year's first-ever African Para Games and if this year's African championships are an indicator – they look to be tough to beat.

All three Ghanaian competitors managed to medal in Niger, including first-time titles for **Emmanuel Kofi Turkson** in -70 kg and for **Patricia Kyeremaa** in +65 kg. Teammate **Adizatu Shaban** added a bronze to lead Ghana to its first-place finish.

Cameroon also crowned its first-ever African champion after **Marie-Antoinette Dassi** stormed to the -65 kg title with a convincing 32-9 win over Kenya's **Lena Muthoni Gitonga**. Gitonga's silver was the best of four medals from the 7-person strong Kenyan team.

Held in Niamey, Niger, the 2022 African Open Championships are the first time the tournament has featured a field of African-only fighters, meaning every fighter earned world ranking points at the G4 level.

For event videos and highlights, check out the event page [HERE](#).



Paralympic Stars Back in Action





Asia's Turn to Take Centre Stage



President's Cup - Asia Last Chance to Gain Ranking Points to Directly Qualify for the Asian Para Games

After tournaments to start the year in Africa and Europe, it's Asia's turn to take centre stage. The President's Cup – Asia takes place in March – the last chance for Asian athletes to gain ranking points to automatically qualify for Para Taekwondo's debut at the Asian Para Games.

President's Cup - Asia



Hangzhou 2022

Asian Para Games

Ghana to Host African Para Games



First African Para Games to Be Held in 2023

Ghana has been selected to host the inaugural African Para Games in 2023.

The first African Para Games slated for Morocco in 2020 were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Para Taekwondo was set to be part of that event due to it being one of the world's seven-most practiced Para sports.

Para Taekwondo is not yet confirmed for the 2023 African Para Games as the host country was only confirmed in January.

“I’m here for the development of Paralympic sports in Ghana and Africa”, IPC President Andrew Parsons said on a visit to Ghana in January.

“We do believe that Ghana can be the driver for growth of Paralympic sport on the continent, especially with Ghana having the opportunity to host the Africa Games.”

New Stadium Being Built for Event

Ghana will host the able-bodied African Games in three cities – Accra, Cape Coast, and Kumasi – at some point in 2023. The country is constructing a \$145 million multipurpose sports venue for the event. There is no word yet on whether all three cities would host the African Para Games.

It is expected that more than 50 countries will compete at the African Para Games.

At last month’s African Para Taekwondo Championships, Ghana won three medals: **Emmanuel Kofi Turkson** and **Patricia Kyeremaa** won gold in -70 kg and +65 kg, while teammate **Adizatu Shaban** secured bronze in the +65 kg category after falling to Kyeremaa in the semi-final.



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Calendar



- 2022 WT President’s Cup Asia (G2) - March 14 - Iran

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