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WTF Poomsae World Ranking Bylaw:

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Article 1:

Fundamental Principles

- 1 Ranking system shall be applied to all WTF-promoted, sanctioned and recognized Poomsae championships and Multi-sport Games or to the event determined by the WTF, provided that the championships are organized in compliance with WTF Poomsae Competition Rules & Interpretation under supervision of the WTF Technical Delegate, on an individual basis in the five (5) individual divisions of Under 30, Under 40, Under 50, Under 60 and Over 60 Division that are defined in the WTF Poomsae Competition Rules & Interpretation.

- 1.1. When an athlete moves up to another division, 50% of the points he/she earned in the previous division will be transferred in the new division. The profile of the athlete's previous highest rank and date will remain in previous division/s.

- 2 WTF Poomsae Ranking is the ranking of five (5) individual divisions for male and female, respectively and shall be published in one document as follow:

Men's division	Women's division
Under 30 Division (18~30 years old)	Under 30 Division (18~30 years old)
Under 40 Division (31~40 years old)	Under 40 Division (31~40 years old)
Under 50 Division (41~50 years old)	Under 50 Division (41~50 years old)
Under 60 Division (51~60 years old)	Under 60 Division (51~60 years old)
Over 60 Division (61 years old or higher)	Over 60 Division (61 years old or higher)

- 2.1. When an athlete competes in WTF-Promoted and Sanctioned Poomsae Championships and Multi Sports Games, points earned by athletes are allocated to the WTF Poomsae Ranking Division in which he/she competes at the event. WTF will publish a ranking for each division. It is not possible for an athlete to be ranked in more than one division.
 - 2.2. For all G-ranked poomsae events regardless of competition system, the method of competition must be the single elimination tournament system.
 - 2.3. G-ranked poomsae competitions may have pair, team and freestyle divisions but these will not be covered by the World ranking. However, the WTF encourages hosts of G-ranked poomsae competitions to have these divisions on the program.
 - 2.4 Registrations for G-ranked poomsae competitions have to be managed through the WTF GMS.
- 3 If two or more athletes achieved the same points in same division, it shall be considered as tied in ranking. In the case of tie-ranks at the seeding, the athlete who won the points at the higher graded events shall be considered as the higher-ranked athlete. In the case that the athletes are still tied in terms of points, the higher-ranked athlete shall be decided by random drawing.

Article 2

Formula of ranking points

The points shall be awarded according to the following formula:

A: Points received according to the rank at the WTF-promoted or sanctioned championships

B: Grade of pertinent championships

$$A \times B = \text{Final Points}$$

Article 3

Allocated points per rank

- 1 The 1st ranked athlete shall receive 10 points;
- 2 The 2nd ranked athlete shall receive 60% of the points awarded to the 1st ranked athlete (i.e. 6 points);
- 3 The 3rd ranked athlete shall receive 60% of the points awarded to the 2nd ranked athlete (i.e. 3.6 points);
- 4 The 4th (5th in case of elimination tournament) ranked athlete shall receive 60% of the points awarded to the 3rd ranked athlete (i.e. 2.16);
- 5 The 5th (9th in case of elimination tournament) ranked athlete shall receive 70% of the points awarded to the 4th ranked athlete (i.e. 1.512). From this point on, an athlete shall receive 70% of the points awarded to the athlete ranked higher than him or her.
- 6 Points will be rounded-up to two (2) decimal places (e.g. 94.235 will be recorded as 94.24).
- 7 Ranking points shall be awarded to the certain ranked athletes as follows:

- G-1, G-2 G-4 & G-8: In accordance with Ranking Point Chart by Grade

[Ranking points per place and grade]

Rank	G-1	G-2	G-4	G-6*	G-8	G-10*
1 st placed contestant	10	20	40	60	80	100
2 nd placed contestant	6	12	24	36	48	60
3 rd placed contestants	3.60	7.20	14.40	21.6	28.80	36
5 th placed contestants	2.16	4.32	8.64	12.96	17.28	21.6
9 th placed contestants	1.51	3.02	6.05	9.07	12.10	15.12
17 th placed contestant	1.06	2.12	4.23	3.35	8.47	10.58
33 rd placed contestant	0.74	1.48	2.96	4.45	5.93	7.41
65 th placed contestant	0.52	1.04	2.07	3.11	4.15	5.19

**Only applies to para-taekwondo*

- 8 When the age division has less than eight (8) athletes, points shall be allocated as following:

1 st ranked	6 points
2 nd ranked	3.6 points
3 rd ranked	2.16 points
5 th ranked	1.51 points

- 9 In the case of change of division, the points will be calculated in accordance with article 1.1.

Article 4

Determination of ranks ('T' means 'tie'; more than one athlete)

- 1 WTF-promoted championships
- 1st : winner of final
 - 2nd: loser of final
 - T-3: Losers to finalists at semi-final
 - T-5: Losers of quarter-final
 - T-9: Losers at round of 16
 - T-17: Losers at round of 32 and so on

Article 5

Grade of events

- 1 Criteria of grading events are as follows.
- 1.1 Number of participants and countries, participating number of top-ranked athletes outside the host country
 - 1.2 Organizing Committee's abidance by WTF Competition Rules
 - 1.3 Overall operation of tournaments
 - 1.4 Venue facilities
 - 1.5 Number and quality of registered media
 - 1.6 TV broadcasting
 - 1.7 Number of spectators
 - 1.8 Anti-doping tests
 - 1.9 Logistic management (transportation, accommodation, etc)
 - 1.10 Successful submission of the report
 - 1.11 General comments of Technical Delegate
- 2 The grades of all WTF-promoted and sanctioned championships shall be published on the official WTF Web site at the beginning of each year.
- 3 The Technical Delegate assigned for the pertinent championship shall evaluate the championships in accordance with the evaluation criteria, and submit the report to the WTF Secretary General within one (1) week after the completion of the championship.

- 4 The WTF President shall determine or may empower Secretary General to determine the grade of the championship upon the evaluation and recommendation of the Technical Delegate and the report submitted by Organizing Committee.
- 5 Grade of events is as follows:

Grade	Event
8	WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships
4	Continental Championships and Continental Multi-sport Games (4-year cycle)
2	Universiade, & WTF G2 tournaments
1	WTF G1 Tournaments, Multi-sport Games other than Continental multi-games with 4 year cycle

Article 6

Validation of the points

- 1 The awarded points shall only be valid for four (4) full years, starting from January 1, 2016 and will be reviewed every year. This process is continuous (rolling), i.e. new points awarded to an athlete will be subjected to its own four-year cycle. The official ranking can always be found in the WTF website, and the WTF will officially announce the Poomsae ranking every month.
- 2 During a four-year term, points will be deducted after each completed year by 25% of the initial points. The deduction will be made at the end of the month when the points were earned and the remaining points will be valid and count for the ranking from the first day of the following month.

ex) Points earned at XX Open on March 9, 2016 will be deducted by 25% on March 31, 2017. By March 31, 2020 the points earned at XX Open 2016 will be completely deducted and not counted on the World Poomsae Ranking as of April 1, 2020.
- 3 When an athlete moves from one age division to another, 50% of the points earned in the previous division will be transferred. These points will be deducted over a four (4) year period as explained in Article. 6.2.

ex) An athlete has 200 points. At the turn of the year the athlete moves up to the next age division. 100 points go with the athlete to the new age division. Over the next four (4) years the transferred points will be deducted to zero (0).

Article 7

Application of the points

- 1 The Organizing Committee shall submit tournament report (template provided by WTF) to WTF Secretary General within one week after completion of the pertinent tournament for reflection of the ranking points in the WTF Poomsae World Ranking.
- 2 Ranking points shall only be applied when the Organizing Committee successfully submits the official result within designated timeline.

Article 8

Seeding

- 1 In the following events, certain number of athletes shall be seeded on the basis of their ranking:
 - World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships
 - All WTF Promoted & Sanctioned Tournaments
 - All Multi-sport Games events
- 2 For every division, a certain number of athletes will be seeded for each G-grade of poomsae tournaments in accordance with article 5.
- 3 In the event that any of the seeded athletes is ineligible to participate (i.e. not registered in the entry list), the next highest ranked athlete(s) shall be seeded to make up the quota.
- 4 In the event that the registered athlete from the host nation has not been seeded within the 4th place, he/she will be seeded as one upper seed than G-grade seed quota.
- 5 The following seeding shall be used "based on the latest available World Poomsae ranking"

Seeded	G-1	G-2	G-4	G-8
No. of seeded athletes	4	6	8	16

Article 9

Para-Taekwondo Poomsae

Para-Taekwondo Poomsae World Ranking will follow the Rules outlined in this Bylaw with the following modifications;

1 Classes and divisions

Ranking in Para-Taekwondo Poomsae will be divided by Classification, as outlined in WTF Para-Taekwondo & Deaf-Taekwondo Classification Rules & Regulations and in the WTF Competition Rules

2 Point allocation

Ranking points will be given to all participants regardless of G-level of competition. Article 3.8 of this bylaw does not apply to para-taekwondo.

3 Grade of Events

The following Grade of events will apply;

Grade	Event
10	WTF World Para-Taekwondo Championships
8	Multisport events for Para-Athletes where para-taekwondo is a full medal event
4	Multisport event for Para-Athletes, INAS World Games, CPISRA World Games, IBSA World Games & Championships and Continental Para-Taekwondo Championships for pertinent continent
2	Continental Para-Taekwondo Championships for athletes from other continents and Continental Championships held on uneven years
1	WTF G1 Tournaments for Para-Taekwondo

4 Seeding

Seeding will be made as follows:

Seeded	G-1	G-2	G-4	G-8	G-10
No. of seeded athletes	4	6	8	12	16

5 Sport Classes

World Para-Taekwondo Poomsae Ranking will be made for sport classes P20 and P30.

6 Age divisions for World Para-Taekwondo Poomsae Ranking

Male	Under 30 (16-30)	Over 30 (31~)
Female	Under 30 (16-30)	Over 30 (31~)

Article 10

Effectuation

- 1 This bylaw shall come into effect as of January 1, 2016
- 2 Article 9 "Para-Taekwondo Poomsae" will come into effect as of January 1, 2017

Article 11

Update and management of Ranking

The WTF Poomsae World Ranking will be updated the last day of each month and the new ranking will be valid and published on the first day of the following month

Article 12

Amendment

This Bylaw shall be amended by approval of WTF Council.