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## WORLD TAEKWONDO FEDERATION

### STANDING PROCEDURES FOR WTF WORLD GRAND-PRIX SERIES

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Standing Procedures:

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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 WTF World Taekwondo Grand Prix Series (hereinafter known as the "GP").
- 1.2 The GP shall be held in accordance with the Statutes of the World Taekwondo Federation (hereinafter known as "WTF Statutes") and the Competition Rules of the WTF (hereinafter known as the "WTF Competition Rules"). The Organizing Committee (OC) should refer to the most up-to-date WTF Statutes and WTF Competition Rules for more detailed explanation of the Articles stated in the Procedure.

Article 2:

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GP Series and GP Final

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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: 3 GP Series + 1 GP Final.
  - 2.2.3 The tentative frequency of the GP Series until the year of 2020 is as follows.
    - a) Year 2017: 3 GP Series, 1 GP Final
    - b) Year 2018: 3 GP Series, 1 GP Final
    - c) Year 2019: 3 GP Series, 1 GP Final
    - d) Year 2020: 1 GP Final
- 2.3 Ranking Grades for the GP Series and Final shall be in accordance with the WTF Ranking Bylaw.
- 2.4 Details shall be set out in the outline of pertinent GP Series and Final.



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Article 3:

Venue

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Regulations on venue shall be based on the WTF Competition Rules. However, the specifications may be adjusted in consultation with the WTF. 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:

Weight Divisions

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Weight divisions at the GP are divided as follows:

MALE DIVISION		FEMALE 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:

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 are invited based on their ranks under the WTF Olympic Ranking. The WTF shall announce on which date of the WTF Olympic Ranking will be used for invitation.
- 5.1.2 Invitations shall be extended to the MNAs to which the athletes belong.
- 5.1.3 An MNA, on behalf of its pertinent NOC, may send maximum two (2) athletes per weight division among those athletes invited by the WTF.
- 5.1.4 One (1) athlete from the host country shall also be invited in addition to the athletes invited 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 be



invited.

- 5.1.5 Each MNA is requested to confirm the participation of its athlete(s) within 2 weeks from the date of receipt of the invitation. Once the MNA confirms participation, it cannot change the athlete.
- 5.1.6 If an athlete withdraws from a GP Series and communicates this to the WTF 14 days or longer before the event, he/she will be replaced by the next highest ranked athlete of the WTF Olympic Ranking, and not necessarily by an athlete with the same nationality.
- 5.1.7 If an athlete withdraws from the GP Series and communicates this to the WTF less than 14 days from the scheduled GP Series, his/her place will be cancelled and will not be replaced.
- 5.1.8 If registered athlete does not compete in GP Series without prior notice to the WTF sport department (14 days from the scheduled GP Series) he or she won't be invited for next GP series regardless of their WTF Olympic ranking
- 5.1.9 To register an athlete is required to be in the proper physical condition to compete in GP Series. 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 athlete's 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 divisions are invited based on their ranks under the WTF Olympic Ranking.
- 5.2.2 An MNA, on behalf of its pertinent NOC, may send maximum two (2) athletes per weight division among those athletes invited by the WTF.
- 5.2.3 If an athlete withdraws from a GP Final and communicates this to the WTF 14 days or longer before the scheduled GP Final, he/she will be replaced by the next highest ranked athlete of the WTF Olympic Ranking, and not necessarily by an athlete with the same nationality.
- 5.2.4 If an athlete withdraws from a GP Final and communicates this to the WTF less than 14 days from the scheduled GP Final, his/her place will be cancelled and will not be



replaced.

- 5.2.5 If registered athlete does not compete in GP Final without prior notice to the WTF sport department (14 days from the scheduled GP Final) he or she won't be invited for next GP Series One & GP Final regardless of their WTF Olympic ranking
- 5.2.6 To register an athlete is required to be in the proper physical condition to compete in GP Final. 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 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 WTF Olympic Ranking shall be seeded.
- 5.3.2 For the GP Series, if athlete from the host country has not been seeded within the 9th place, he/she will be seeded at the 9th place.
- 5.3.3 At THE GP Final, all sixteen (16) athletes shall be seeded based on the WTF Olympic Ranking. One (1) athlete from the host country shall be invited in weight division(s) where host country athlete was not invited through WTF 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 WTF 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 division 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 division 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

6.3 Ranking points shall be awarded to athletes those who competed at the both GP Series and GP Final.

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## Article 7:

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### Technical Officials

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WTF 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 International Referees including review jury

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## Article 8:

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### Doping Test

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The WTF 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, mandatory doping tests will be conducted on the top four (4) ranked contestants of each weight category. Any contestant proven to have violated the Anti-Doping



Codes shall be removed from the final standings. There will no additional changes to the final standings.

- 8.2 At the GP Final, mandatory doping tests will be conducted on the top three (3) ranked contestants of each weight category. 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 WTF by the designated deadline.
- 9.2 Selection of organizer shall be made by the WTF 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 WTF 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 WTF Statutes, WTF Competition Rules, Event Operation Rules, and a resolution of the WTF 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 WTF Council.