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# **MEMBER NATIONAL ASSOCIATION RANKING BYLAWS**

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## Article 1 Introduction

- 1 The World Taekwondo (WT) was founded to promote the development and practice of Taekwondo worldwide in a sustainable way, from a grass roots level all the way through to an elite level, to provide all with the opportunity to play, watch and enjoy the sport regardless of age, gender, religion, ethnicity, or ability. (Preamble to the WT Statutes in effect as of December 15, 2023).
- 2 WT is a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and has over 200 Member National Associations making it one of the most diverse international sport federations. (Preamble to the WT Statutes in effect as of December 15, 2023).
- 3 The objective of WT is to provide effective governance and administration of Taekwondo worldwide in accordance with the values and traditions of the martial art as well as the general and fundamental principles of good governance of the Olympic and Paralympic movements. (Article 2 of the WT Statutes in effect as of December 15, 2023).
- 4 Member National Associations (“MNAs”) enjoy the right to participate in WT-promoted events, the Olympic Games, and the Paralympic Games, as well as hosting WT events, and accessing WT Development Programs. MNAs' requirements, among others, include completing the MNA Survey, participating in WT-promoted Championships, appointing delegates to the General Assembly, implementing the Global Membership System (GMS), and incorporating Para Taekwondo. (Article 8.4 and 8.5 of the WT Statutes in effect as of December 15, 2023).
- 5 In consideration of the above, and to enhance the harmonization of MNA activities worldwide, as well as to elevate the level of governance and participation among MNAs globally, WT has enacted these Member National Association Ranking Bylaws (hereinafter "MNA Ranking Bylaws").

## Article 2 Ranking

- 1 WT shall establish a ranking system for MNAs based on predefined criteria (refer to Article 3 Criteria).
- 2 WT shall engage in an annual evaluation of all WT MNAs in accordance with the process set forth in these Bylaws.
- 3 MNAs shall be ranked numerically based on their overall scores. In the event of a tie, the following criteria shall be applied in this order to break the tie:
  - i. Higher Governance score
  - ii. Higher Participation score
  - iii. Higher Performance score
  - iv. Higher Events score
  - v. Higher Sustainability score
  - vi. If a tie persists after applying all the criteria, the MNAs shall share the same rank.
- 4 WT shall announce the overall results of the MNA Ranking and provide a list of all categorized MNAs every year during the Ordinary General Assembly (“OGA”).
- 5 The evaluation and ranking process shall be conducted by an Ad-Hoc Committee appointed by the WT President and overseen by the MRD Commission.
- 6 New MNAs shall be granted a one-year grace period regarding the ranking process.

### Article 3 Criteria for Point Allocation

- 1 MNAs will be evaluated based on the following criteria, with a maximum of 100 points available for assessment, allocated as follows:

Governance: 50 points  
Participation: 25 points  
Performance: 10 points  
Events: 10 points  
Sustainability: 5 points

- a. Governance

- i. Governance score, with a maximum of 50 points, is allocated through the biennial MNA Survey. The MNA Survey is an evidence-based assessment structured with a background section and 25 measurable indicators covering five principles: governance, transparency, integrity, democracy, and development. The 25 questions are scored on a 0-2 scale, with a maximum possible score of 50 points. Some of the questions require supporting evidence, such as file attachments or website links.
- ii. Following the collection of all responses, an independent moderation process is conducted to ensure fairness and consistency across all assessments. The Guidelines for MNA Survey shall serve as reference for detailed information about the scoring system.
- iii. The MNA Survey results are released every two years at the OGA. As the MNA Ranking is updated annually, the latest available results of the survey will determine point allocation in the governance category.

- b. Participation

- i. Participation score, with a maximum of 25 points, comprises two components: participation in World Taekwondo promoted events (with a maximum of 17 points) and attendance at OGAs (with a maximum of 8 points).
- ii. For WT promoted events, the maximum score of 17 points is allocated based on athletes' participation in the following events, with a specific point limit per event:

World Taekwondo Championships: 3 points maximum

World Taekwondo Junior Championships: 3 points maximum

World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships: 3 points maximum

World Taekwondo Cadet Championships: 3 points maximum

World Taekwondo Para Taekwondo Championships: 3 points maximum

World Taekwondo World Cup Team Championships Final: 2 points maximum

- iii. Participation points are determined as follows:

Mixed gender participation: 100% of the maximum points allocated for the event.

Single gender participation: 50% of the maximum points allocated for the event.

No participation: 0 points

In summary, if both genders participate, regardless of the number of athletes, the MNA earns full points (3 points for the listed events, except WT World Cup Team Championships Final which grants 2 points); if only one gender participates, they receive half the points (1.5 points for the listed events except WT World Cup Team Championships Final which grants 1 point).

- iv. Only the most recent edition of the listed events, held and concluded before the OGA where the MNA Ranking is updated, will be considered for earning points.
- v. For OGAs, the remaining 8 points are earned by attending the two previous editions before the OGA where the MNA Ranking is updated:

Ordinary General Assembly A (one year before): 4 points

Ordinary General Assembly B (two years before): 4 points

For example, for the publication of the 2024 MNA Ranking, participation in the 2023 and 2022 OGAs will be assessed for obtaining ranking points, without counting the participation in the 2024 OGA.

c. Performance

- i. Performance score, with a maximum of 10 points, is allocated based on the top-20 ranked MNAs in one of the Men's Team Standing or Women's Team Standing in each of the following events, with a specific point limit per event:

World Taekwondo Championships: 3 points maximum

World Taekwondo Junior Championships: 2 points maximum

World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships: 2 points maximum

World Taekwondo Cadet Championships: 1 point maximum

World Taekwondo Para Taekwondo Championships: 1 point maximum

World Taekwondo World Cup Team Championships Final: 1 point maximum

- ii. Performance points are determined as follows:

Ranked in the top 10: 100% of the maximum points allocated for the event

Ranked 11-20: 50% of the maximum points allocated for the event

Not ranked in the top 20: 0 points

- iii. Performance points are not cumulative. The highest score among both men's and women's team standings in each event is considered for points allocation. For example, if an MNA is ranked top 10 in Men Team Standing and top 11-20 in Women Team Standing at WT Junior Championships, the MNA will receive 2 points for being ranked top 10 in Men Team Standing.
- iv. Only the most recent edition of the listed events, held and concluded before the OGA where the MNA Ranking is updated, will be considered for earning points.

d. Events

- i. Events score, with a maximum of 10 points, is allocated by hosting World Taekwondo promoted events outlined in Article 11 of the WT Statutes. Points allocation is as follows:

10 points for hosting:

World Taekwondo Championships

7.5 points for hosting:

- World Taekwondo Junior Championships
- World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships
- World Para Taekwondo Championships
- World Taekwondo Grand Prix Final

5 points for hosting:

- World Taekwondo World Cup Team Championships Final
- World Taekwondo Grand Slam Champions Series
- World Taekwondo Cadet Championships
- World Taekwondo Grand Prix Series
- World Taekwondo Grand Prix Challenge

2.5 points for hosting:

- World Taekwondo Deaf-Taekwondo Championships
- World Taekwondo Beach Championships
- World Taekwondo Urban Championships
- World Taekwondo Poomsae Open Challenge
- World Para Taekwondo Open Challenge
- World Taekwondo World Cup Team Championships Series
- World Taekwondo Club Championships
- World Taekwondo Demonstration Team Championships
- World Taekwondo Festival
- World Taekwondo Virtual Championships
- World Taekwondo Women's Open Championships
- World Taekwondo Children Championships

- ii. Points accumulate until reaching the 10-point maximum. For instance, hosting the WT Poomsae Open Challenge (2.5 points) and the WT Cadet Championships (5 points) grants 7.5 points. Hosting both a WT Grand Prix Final (7.5 points) and a WT Grand-Prix Series (5 points) earns the maximum of 10 points.
  - iii. If Para Taekwondo Grand Prix events are hosted by a different MNA from the one hosting the equivalent able-bodied events, the hosting MNA of the Para Taekwondo Grand Prix events earns points equivalent to those of the able-bodied events (i.e., 7.5 points for the Final and 5 points for the Series).
  - iv. Only the most recent edition of the listed events, held and concluded before the OGA where the MNA Ranking is updated, will be considered for earning points.
- e. Sustainability
- i. Sustainability score, with a maximum of 5 points, is allocated through the Sustainability Awards. Points are allocated as follows:
    - 1st Place: 5 points
    - 2nd Place: 3 points
    - 3rd Place: 1.5 points
    - 1 point for participation



- ii. The Sustainability Awards are held annually and recognize the first, second, and third places in three specific categories aligned with the focus areas of the WT Sustainability Strategy:

- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and Community

- Environmental Sustainability

- Health & Well-being

- For further details on the Sustainability Awards criteria, please refer to the "Applications" section on the WT website.

- iii. Only the most recent edition of the Sustainability Awards, held and concluded before the OGA where the MNA Ranking is updated, will be considered for earning points.

## Article 4 Benefits

- 1 MNAs may become eligible for specific benefits based on their overall scores and scores in each assessed area (governance, participation, performance, events, and sustainability) as determined by WT.
- 2 MNAs with the highest score in overall MNA Ranking and in each assessed area shall be recognized and awarded at the annual WT Gala Awards.
- 3 MNAs with low scores may be subject to certain limitations or consequences as determined by WT.

#### **Article 5 Validation of the Points**

The awarded points of an MNA will be valid for one year. For the purpose of this rule, a year means the period between two successive OGA.

#### **Article 6 Effectuation**

These amended Ranking Bylaws shall come into effect from September 30, 2024.

#### **Article 7 Update and Management of Ranking**

The MNA Ranking will be updated in the month prior to the OGA, and the new MNA Ranking will be valid and published in the month of the OGA.

#### **Article 8 Interpretation**

In case of divergence of interpretation, the decision of the MRD Commission shall prevail.

#### **Article 9 Amendment**

These Ranking Bylaws shall be amended by approval of the WT Council.