



Minutes

WT Extraordinary Council Meeting (via conference call)

15h00-17h00 | June 17, 2021 (local time Korea)

AGENDA

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- 3. Approval of the Minutes**
 - Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting via Video Conference on April 20, 2021
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 - a. WTPA Reform Committee
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 - c. New Resolution for LLO office signatory rights
 - d. Remove Suspension of Malta Taekwondo Association
 - e. Guidance to Statutes Article 8.4.4: Membership requirements on Incorporation of Para Taekwondo
- 8. Other Matters**
 - a. Q&A for Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020
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- 10. Closing of Meeting**

Appendix 1: Minutes of the Council Meeting via video conference on April 20, 2021

Appendix 2: Amendment and Enactment Proposals

1. Establish Quorum: Call Meeting to Order

1. The meeting was called to order by the **CHAIR** of the Meeting, Dr. Chungwon Choue, WT President.

The **CHAIR** welcomed Council Members for joining the third Council meeting of 2021. He invited **Mr. Jeongkang Seo**, Senior Director of Member Relations and Development department to manage roll call as an exercise for the General Assembly in October.

(Roll Call was completed)

2. **Mr. Hoss Rafaty**, Secretary General, announced that twenty-eight (28) Council Members and two (2) Auditors were present, thereby establishing a quorum in accordance with Article 8.6 of the WT Statutes. He mentioned that the video conference will be recorded
3. The **CHAIR** noted that the following members are absent with prior notice:
 - **Mr. Kamaladdin Heydarov**, Vice President
 - **Mr. Athanasios Pragalos**, Vice President (Mr. Antonio Barbarino is present at the meeting on behalf of Mr. Pragalos)
 - **Mr. Kook Hyung Jung**, Council Member

2. President Report

7. The **CHAIR** remarked that this is the most likely the last Council meeting before the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Tokyo.
8. He informed that the IOC has announced the Refugee Olympic Team for the Tokyo Olympic Games, and Taekwondo has three refugee athletes, making WT the third-most represented sport. He hopes that Taekwondo will be the first Olympic sport with a refugee athlete standing on the victory podium. He also informed that 130 athletes from 61 countries and the Refugee Olympic Team will compete for the glory.
9. He addressed that Para Taekwondo will make its debut at the Paralympic Games this September with 72 athletes from 37 countries. He added that WT will also most likely have one refugee athlete for the Refugee Paralympic Team.
10. He added that the IOC informed all IFs a week ago that the initial sport programme for the Los Angeles 2028 Games will be decided at the IOC Session in Beijing next February, when the IOC convenes for the Winter Olympics in China.
11. He stated that WT is confident that Taekwondo will stay in the sports programme for 2028, as Taekwondo is one of the fairest and most transparent sports in the Olympic programme thanks to innovative technology like PSS and instant video replay. He added that over the years, WT has also contributed a lot to social and humanitarian development through sport, together with the IOC, the Olympic Refuge Foundation, and other IFs, and this coincides with the objectives of the Olympic Movement. He highlighted that the mission is to make the best objective judgment and eliminate human error. He stressed that the athletes have waited an extra year for this opportunity to compete again.
12. He then talked about the Statute alignment process with CUs. He said that it has caused some uneasiness with the CUs, but this is the way it has to be as part of World Taekwondo. He stressed that WT has to demonstrate to the IOC and ASOIF that good governance is not

just achieved in the sport or the headquarters, but across all levels of the organization. He ensured that the 210 MNAs will also be aligned with the principles and practices of good governance that is being enforced by WT after successful alignment with the CUs.

13. He noted that the CUs are trying to align with the timelines, but WT also needs the full cooperation of every CU to achieve this target by June or at the latest early July to organize flawless election.
14. He asked in advance the members from Pan America to leave the meeting room when the sensitive issues are discussed later in the meeting related to the governance issue of World Taekwondo Pan America.
15. He informed that WT received a letter from the Mayor of the Wuxi government yesterday that they cannot host the World Taekwondo Championships scheduled this October due to the current pandemic situation. He added that it will be difficult to ask participants to go through 3-week in quarantine. He, therefore, added that the Council would need to make a decision on accepting the postponement of the World Championships.
16. He said that the elections will be held as planned in a virtual format. He stated that WT will use Lumi system for the elections of World Taekwondo and Continental Unions, if requested, as this is a reliable system that the IOC, ASOIF, and other IFs have used over the past year.
17. He concluded his report by suggesting that given the complexity of the virtual election mechanism, especially under the new Statutes, all CUs organize their election using same system as WT with technical assistance from WT to ensure flawless elections.
18. Before moving next item, video of WT Demonstration Team at America's Got Talent was played.

3. Approval of the Minutes

19. The minutes were approved by the Council.
 - ***Decision: Minutes of Council Meeting held on April 20, 2021 are approved by the Council.***

4. Amendment Proposal

- a. WT Statutes
 20. The **CHAIR** stated that the proposed amendment proposal was circulated in advance and asked Council if there are any comments. There were none. He asked the Council to approve the WT Statutes. This is seconded and approved by the Council.
 - ***Decision: Amendment Proposal to the WT Statutes is approved by the Council and will be presented to General Assembly for its ratification.***
- b. Poomsae Ranking Bylaw
 21. The **CHAIR** asked Council if there are any questions or comments. There were none. The **CHAIR** asked Council to approve the Poomsae Ranking Bylaw. This is seconded and approved by the Council.
 - ***Decision: Amendment Proposal to the Poomsae Ranking Bylaw is approved by the***

Council and will be presented to General Assembly for its ratification.

c. World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Competition Rules

22. The **CHAIR** asked Council if there are any questions or comments. There were none. The **CHAIR** asked the Council to approve the World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Competition Rules. This is seconded and approved by the Council.

- **Decision: Amendment Proposal to the World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Competition Rules is approved by the Council and will be presented to General Assembly for its ratification.**

5. Enactment Proposal

a. World Para Taekwondo Administration Regulations Para Taekwondo Instructors

23. The **CHAIR** asked Council if there are any questions or comments. There were none. The **CHAIR** asked Council to approve the enactment proposal for World Para Taekwondo Administration Regulations Para Taekwondo Instructors. This is seconded and approved by the Council.

- **Decision: Enactment Proposal to the World Para Taekwondo Administration Regulations Para Taekwondo Instructors is approved by the Council.**

b. World Para Taekwondo Administration Regulations Para Taekwondo Athletes Education

24. The **CHAIR** asked Council if there are any questions or comments. There were none. The **CHAIR** asked Council to approve the enactment proposal for World Para Taekwondo Administration Regulations Para Taekwondo Education. This is seconded and approved by the Council.

- **Decision: Enactment Proposal to the World Para Taekwondo Administration Regulations Para Taekwondo Athletes Education is approved by the Council.**

6. Report

a. Update on Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics

25. The **CHAIR** gave the floor to **Mr. Jay Lee**, Senior Director of Sport and Event Management Department, to present the report. Mr. Jay Lee reported on venue, accommodation, and travel protocol at Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics. He addressed that there are several new things are introduced at the Tokyo Games such as 4D replay system, show case mixed gender team competition, refugee athletes (W-49, W-57, W-68), 60cm boundary line, removal of Kyong-go, new competition uniform, and winning criteria for golden round.

26. **Mr. Dalibor Krpan**, Auditor, asked whether people, who already got vaccinated, need to have PCR test when traveling Tokyo. **Mr. Jay Lee** answered that IOC and Tokyo Olympic Organizing Committee still require that PCR test is necessary. As there is no further comment, the **CHAIR** moved on next report.

b. Wuxi World Championships

27. The **CHAIR** notes that the Council needs to decide whether or not to accept the Wuxi government's request to postpone the World Taekwondo Championships to 2022. He mentioned that the Wuxi government still has strong commitment to hosting best World Championships ever. He adds that the new dates will be further discussed once the decision

to postpone is accepted.

28. He asked the Council to approve the postponement of the World Taekwondo Championships in Wuxi. This is approved by the Council.

- ***Decision: The postponement of the World Taekwondo Championships to be held in Wuxi in October 2021 is approved by the Council.***

c. World Children Championships

29. The **CHAIR** addressed that there is a proposal to create World Children Championships which targets athletes below Cadet. He gave the floor to **Mr. Usman Dildar**, Member of Member Relations and Development Commission to present the proposal. Mr. Usman Dildar reported overview of World Children Championships and highlighted that the mission is to develop Taekwondo from grassroots to elite level as well as the benefits given to Community, Club, MNA, CU and WT. He also emphasized that the safety measures are already in consideration.

30. **Mr. Jinbang Yang**, Council Member, commented that it needs to be carefully considered to put the young age competition in world level event. He added that it can be a burden to MNAs.

d. Grand Prix Challenge

31. The **CHAIR** asked **Mr. Jay Lee** to present the implementation plan of Grand Prix Challenge. Mr. Jay Lee presented that Grand Prix Challenge will be held on November 4-6, 2021 in Muju, Korea with participation of 16 athletes per Olympic weight category among the athletes who were not selected in previous GP series. He said that top 2 athletes in each category shall be invited to 1st GP series in 2022.

32. **Mr. Jinbang Yang** commented that the Korean government allowed the Korea Taekwondo Association to invite a maximum of 200 athletes from overseas due to current pandemic situation, which means that 16 athletes per category will be invited from overseas and it is possible to add 3 athletes from domestic, and other leftover numbers will go to referee and officials. He stated that Korea Taekwondo Association is discussing with the Korean government to exempt quarantine for the participants who got fully vaccinated.

e. Election Committee Update

The **CHAIR** informed the Council that he appointed three members of Ad-hoc Election Committee; the Chair Ms. Aicha Garad Ali and the member Mr. Jean-Marie Ayer and Mr. Jungheon Kim. The **CHAIR** gave the floor to **Ms. Aicha Garad Ali** for report. Ms. Ali stated that the Ad-hoc Election Committee has met several times so far to ensure the upcoming election in October is held flawlessly.

33. The **CHAIR** then gave the floor to **Mr. Jean-Marie AYER**, Member of Ad-hoc Election Committee. Mr. Ayer presented the regulations of the election, positions to be elected, age limit, voting quotas, timeline and candidate application process. He highlighted that any incomplete applications will be not processed.

34. The **Chair** thanks Ms. Ali and Mr. Ayer and invited **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** to present technical information on election. Mr. Seo explained that the election will be held completely virtually using two systems; Zoom webinar for the meeting and Lumi for the electronic voting. He notes that Lumi voting system is one of the most secure and reliable systems widely used by

IOC, ASOIF and many other International Federations. He explained that attendees will use two websites above and practical session for MNAs and Council members will be organized in September to ensure everyone is familiar with the system before the election.

35. **Mrs. Aicha Garad Ali** asked about plan B for election system against technical errors during the election. Mr. Jeongkang Seo answered that contingency plan will be prepared in case of technical error.

f. CU Model Statutes

36. The **CHAIR** gave the floor to **Mr. Corbin Min**, Director of Legal Affairs Office, to present the status of alignment of CU Statutes. Mr. Corbin Min reported the status and timeline of each CU's adoption of Model Statutes.

7. Approval

a. WTPA Reform Committee

The **CHAIR** addressed that WT has found serious governance issues in World Taekwondo Pan America (WTPA) and that he had to form Ad-hoc Reform Committee to come up with remedies. He asked **Mr. Corbin Min** to present the report from the WT Pan Am Ad-hoc Reform Committee. Before presenting, Mr. Corbin Min stated that the contents of the report should remain confidential due to sensitivity. He explained the background of this issues first and reported assessment and recommendations regarding finances, operations, governance and model statutes.

b. Recommendation of MRD Commission based on the report from the Juridical/Integrity Committee regarding WTPA

54. The **CHAIR** stated that WT found more serious issues in governance of WTPA which was not in compliance with the principle of good governance. He notes that WT has never looked into details of the accounts and legal status of CUs, as WT has been respecting autonomy of CUs in terms of daily operations. He mentioned that WT cannot overlook this anymore after having discovered such serious issues which might seriously damage WT and the entire Taekwondo community. He noted that WT engaged on the issues with the Juridical and Integrity committees' chairs and members of independent experts.

55. The **CHAIR** asked **Mr. Corbin Min** to continue presenting the joint report of the two committees. Mr. Corbin Min reported the key findings & recommendation of Integrity Committee, assessment of Juridical Committee. He also stated that MRD Commission unanimously concurs that it is appropriate for the WT Council to trigger WT's emergency oversight powers under the article 9.3.1 of WT Statutes.

56. After Mr. Corbin Min's report, the **CHAIR** asked the Council members from Pan America to leave the meeting to allow Council members to have discussion without involving any conflict of interest.

(The Council members from Pan America were taken to the waiting room.)

57. The **CHAIR** opened the floor to the Council members for any opinions. **Mr. Pimol Srivikorn**, Treasurer, asked if there was an auditor in WTPA. **Mr. Corbin Min** answered that audited reports were found without reference number.

58. The **CHAIR** remarked that the WT will immediately take action to resolve the issues once the

Council decides to adopt the recommendation from MRD Commission. He suggested voting to decide whether the Council approves or disapproves the recommendations.

59. He gave the floor to **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** to proceed with voting. Mr. Jeongkang Seo explained the Council on how to vote; the question is whether Council approves adopting the recommendations from MRD Commission regarding WTPA.

(The poll was conducted.)

*(Vote was closed and the **CHAIR** brought the Council members from Pan American back to the meeting.)*

60. The **CHAIR** announced that the Council has decided to adopt the recommendations of MRD Commission based on the reports of Juridical and Integrity Committee with immediate effect. He noted that the issues found in WTPA are too serious to be ignored, and this is the result of WT doing to ensure good governance across all levels. He asked for the understanding and support of the Council Members from Pan America to do what is right for WT.

- **Decision: Recommendation of MRD Commission based on the report from Juridical/Integrity Committee regarding WTPA is approved by the Council.**

c. New Resolution for LLO office signatory rights

61. The **CHAIR** asked **Mr. Olof Hansson**, Director of the Lausanne Liaison Office, to present the resolution proposal. Mr. Olof Hansson mentioned that the item has previously been approved by the WT Council; however, the wording used in the resolution was not approved by Swiss authorities to make the necessary changes. He added that accordingly, the same resolution with updated wording is now presented to the WT Council.

62. The **CHAIR** asked Council to approve the new resolution for LLO office signatory rights. This is approved by the Council.

- **Decision: New Resolution for LLO office signatory rights is approved by the Council.**

d. Remove suspension of Malta Taekwondo Association

63. The **CHAIR** asked **Mr. Jeongkang Seo** to present the proposal. Mr. Jeongkang Seo mentioned that this item is for restoration of the membership of Malta Taekwondo Association in accordance with the article 8.6.5 of WT Statutes. Due to multiple governance issues, Malta Taekwondo Association was suspended by WT in early 2020 and interim board was formed by WT and Maltese Olympic Committee in close cooperation with World Taekwondo Europe. He added that February 25, 2021, the new constitution was approved by General Assembly of Malta Taekwondo Association and new leadership was duly elected.

64. He continued that based on the excellent and successful reform, restoration of the membership was recommended by World Taekwondo Europe, Integrity Committee, Juridical Committee and MRD Commission; therefore, WT is asking the Council to approve lifting suspension of Malta Taekwondo Association.

65. The **CHAIR** asked Council to approve removing suspension of Malta Taekwondo Association. This is approved by the Council.

- **Decision: Suspension of Malta Taekwondo Association is lifted and the status of membership will be changed to full member.**

66. The **CHAIR** thanked the Council, and mentioned that Malta Taekwondo Association will be reinstated as a Tier 1 member of WT.
- e. Guidance to Statutes Article 8.4.4: Membership requirements on Incorporation of Para Taekwondo
82. The **CHAIR** mentioned that he was reported that this item will be further discussed by MRD Commission before asking an approval from the Council; therefore, he moved to next item.

8. Other Matters

- a. Q&A for Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020
83. The **CHAIR** stated that WT has at least 22 Council members who will be going to the Olympic Games and around 12 Council members going to the Paralympic Games. He noted that some Council Members made late cancellation of their travel to Tokyo but the rooms are not refundable. He opened floor to Council Members for any questions regarding the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.
84. **Mr. Helder Navarro** asked more specific conclusion regarding the issue of WTPA as he needs to consider appealing to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland (CAS) even though he respects the decision. **Mr. Corbin Min** answered that the first appeal should be made to WT but what WT is first hoping to see is the cooperation from current leadership in order to put the reform in place as soon as possible.
85. The **CHAIR** informed the Council that he will be in Muju to attend the 1st Sport Taekwondo International Convergence Conference (June 18-20, 2021) together with the Council members in Korea. He stated that it will be a good platform to share experiences among different Taekwondo organisations and bring WT all closer to the roots. He encouraged Council members to join the conference virtually.
86. He also commented that June 20th is World Refugee Day and WT will organise the 1st THF-WT World Refugee Forum with UNHCR to share the information and experiences using sport as a tool to contribute to human society. He also noted that June 23rd is Olympic Day, and the IOC will promote WT's active esports initiatives on their social media, and WT will share the materials with the Council.
87. He shared meaningful story of two Nigerian female athletes with the Council that they travelled 7 days and more than 4,000 kilometers by bus to participate in the African Senior Taekwondo Championships held in Senegal. He stated that they had to travel more than 200 kilometers from their homes to Abuja, then they crossed Benin, Togo, Burkina Faso, and Mali before finally reaching Senegal. He added that they encountered terrorists and many challenges along the way, and WT paid for their airfares to fly back to Nigeria safely when WT heard about their situation after the event. He mentioned that even though they lost in the matches, they displayed incredible Taekwondo spirit and passion.

9. Next Council Meeting

88. The **CHAIR** mentioned that WT will be busy with the Olympics and Paralympics in the next three months, the next Council meeting is expected to take place on October 10, 2021 and the meeting will be either virtual or hybrid.

10. Closing of Meeting

89. The **CHAIR** concluded that it was a necessary step to overcome as WT forward into the next decade and that it is unfortunate that WT cannot have the World Taekwondo Championships this year, but this is the reality that WT has to face. He wishes all the best to the members.
90. The **CHAIR** adjourned the Extraordinary Council Meeting of World Taekwondo