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**FOR GRAND SLAM CHAMPIONS
SERIES**

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Article 1 Purpose of the Event

- 1.1 Based on Resolutions of the World Taekwondo Council Meeting in Muju, 22nd of June, 2017, the World Taekwondo promotes 『The World Taekwondo Grand Slam Champions Series』 (below Grand Slam Champions Series, or Grand Slam Series) in order to facilitate development of WT championship events as a popular and commercially valuable sports content in world wide.
- 1.2 The World Taekwondo expects to develop a proper model of Taekwondo championships more suitable to media and audience through operation of The Grand Slam Champions Series. To realize the purpose of the event the WT may utilize various resources and ideas including modification of the Competition Rules, equipment, and operational procedure.

Article 2 Ad-hoc Committee for Grand Slam Champions Series

- 2.1 To manage the Grand Slam Champions Series effectively the WT Council Meeting decided to form 『the Ad-hoc committee for the World Taekwondo Grand Slam Champions Series』 .
- 2.2 The Ad-hoc Committee shall have a chair and three vice chair and no more than 8 members.
- 2.3 The ad-hoc Committee shall have three sub-committees; technical – games committee, operational committee, TV and commercial committee. Each committee shall have a chair, two vice chairs, and no more than seven members.
- 2.4 The President of the WT shall appoint chair, vice chairs and all members of Ad-hoc Committee, and appoint all chairs of sub-committees. Chair of sub-committee may recommend vice chair and members to the President.
- 2.5 The Ad-hoc Committee may research and explore various ideas and methods to develop the best format of the Grand Slam Champions Series, and report to the president to implement the results.
- 2.6 The Ad-hoc committee consults and supervises the Organizing Committee for the preparation process. And the Ad-hoc committee manages the operation of the series.
- 2.7 The Ad-hoc Committee shall report the results and evaluation of the Series to the president and the Council at the end of the year's events.

Article 3 Organizing Committee and Grand Slam Series Partner

- 3.1 To operate the Series successfully the World Taekwondo contracted with the World Taekwondo-Jijin Sport Culture Co. LTD.(WTJJ) as the Partner of the Grand Slam Series. WTJJ with TKDW, a sub-contractor of the WTJJ as the Partners of the WT Grand Slam Series shall be responsible for financial resource and budget for the Series over all.
- 3.2 The Local Organizing Committee shall be formed in cooperation with WTJJ, TKDW, Wuxi city, and the Jiangsu Provincial Sports Bureau. The Organizing Committee is responsible for preparation of the event including personal and material resource, and arrangement of transportation and accommodation. The Organizing Committee shall comply and cooperate with the Ad-hoc Committee in preparation and operation of the events.
- 3.3 The Partner, WTJJ and TKDW and the Organizing Committee shall report the results and related statistics of the Series to the Ad-hoc Committee at the end of the year's series.

Article 4 Formation of the Series

- 4.1 **Weight Category:** The Grand Slam Series shall consist of 4 categories in each male and female equivalent to the Olympic weight category. The weight category of the world Championships shall be consolidated as male -54kg and -58kg into -58kg, male -63kg and -68kg into -68kg, male -74kg and -80kg into -80kg, -87kg and +87kg into +80kg, and for female; -46kg and 49kg into -49kg, -53kg and -57kg into -57kg, -62kg and -67kg into -67kg, and -73kg and +73kg into +73kg. If a competitor cannot be the consolidated category, he/she shall lose the qualification status.
- 4.2 **Method of Competition:** Method of competition shall be the single elimination tournament. There shall be a bronze medal contest.
- 4.3 **Qualification of competitors and seeding rules**
 - 4.3.1 The numbers of competitors in each weight category shall be 12 competitors.
 - 4.3.2 The eight (8) competitors who shall be qualified in annual Grand Slam Champions Series are quarter-finalists from pertinent year's qualification tournament.
 - 4.3.3 The four (4) competitors who shall be qualified in annual Grand Slam Champions Series are three (3) recommended athletes from WT Technical Commission and one (1) recommended athlete from host country.
 - 4.3.4 The seeding shall be based on merit points standing of WT Grand Slam Champions Series.

Article 5 Competition Rules and Equipment

- 5.1 Competition Rules: The World Taekwondo Competition Rules and Interpretation shall be applied for the WT Grand Slam Champions Series. However, for the purpose of the Grand Slam Champions Series the Ad-hoc Committee may modify parts of the WT Competition Rules and Interpretation. The Ad-hoc committee shall obtain approval of the modification by the WT Technical Committee before the announcement of the modification of the Competition Rules and Interpretations.
- 5.2 To realize the purpose of the Grand Slam Champions Series, modified and/or new design of uniform and/or equipment may be adopted for the Competition. Adoption of modified or new uniform and/or equipment shall be approved by the WT technical Committee before the announcement.

Article 6 Qualification for the Olympic Games

- 6.1 The top ranked athlete in each weight category on merit points standing of WT Grand Slam Champions Series after the Grand Slam Champions Series in January of Olympic year will qualify one (1) quota place each for their NOC for the Olympic Games.
- 6.2 The qualification of the Olympic Games shall be subjected by the Qualification System – which set by the IOC and WT.
- 6.3 To determine the best player of the Series the rules of awarding “Points of Merit” are set as follows;

6.3.1 Merit Points for Qualification Tournament

Rank	Qualification Tournament	After 25% deduction	After 50% deduction	After 75% deduction
1 st placed contestant	120	90	60	30
2 nd placed contestant	72	54	36	18
3 rd placed contestant	43.2	32.4	21.6	10.8
4 th placed contestant	25.92	19.44	12.96	6.48

- In order to receive merit points, athlete must complete at least one (1) contest in Qualification Tournament.
- Up to two (2) decimal points will be counted in calculation of merit points.

6.3.2 Merit Points for Grand Slam Champions Series:

Rank	Grand Slam	After 25% deduction	After 50% deduction	After 75% deduction
1 st placed contestant	1000	750	500	250
2 nd placed contestant	600	450	300	150
3 rd placed contestant	360	270	180	90
4 th placed contestant	216	162	108	54
5 th placed contestants	151	113,25	75.5	37.75
9 th placed contestants	106	79.5	53	26.5

- In order to receive merit points, athlete must complete at least one (1) contest in Grand Slam.
- Up to two (2) decimal points will be counted in calculation of merit points.

- 6.4 There will not be any replacement quota for the Olympic Games from World Taekwondo Grand Slam Champions Series, when the first placed athlete of merit points standing is ranked within top five (5) of same weight category of WT Olympic ranking that reflected result until Grand Prix Final which held a year prior to the Olympic year.
- 6.5 In the case of tie accumulated merit points standing, the athlete who competed a greater number of World Taekwondo Grand Slam Champions Series including qualification tournament is higher ranked athlete.
- 6.6 There won't be any transfer of merit points when athlete changes in weight category of World Taekwondo Grand Slam Champions Series.
- 6.7 During cycle of World Taekwondo Grand Slam Champions Series, points will be deducted after each completed year by 25% of the initial points.
- 6.8 All merit points shall be reset as zero (0) in prior to next cycle of World Taekwondo Grand Slam Champions Series.

Article 7 Open Qualification Tournament

- 7.1 Open Qualification tournament for the World Taekwondo Grand Slam Champions Series shall be in the world Taekwondo Event Calendar. So, in general the event shall be governed by all the World Taekwondo rules and regulations.
- 7.2 However, the Ad-hoc committee may allow athletes from other federations and/or other types of martial arts and in the case the Committee may allow different protocol of registration to the event. The Committee shall publicize the registration process for the different federation(s) in the outline of the event.
- 7.3 The third place shall be determined through the match between two losers of semi-finals.

Article 8 Scheduling of Competition

The date of the competition shall be after the completion of the year's Grand Prix Final and detailed schedules of the competition shall be decided according to the OC and the Host Broadcasting Company. The competition should be completed no later than the end of January of the next year.

Article 9 Prize Money

- 9.1 All competitors shall be awarded prize money. The amount of the prize money shall be determined and announce in the outline of the Series in each year.
- 9.2 The prize money shall be apportioned to the competitor and to the coach, 70% to the competitor and 30% to the coach.

Article 10 Arbitration

- 10.1 Arbitration on all matter of the competition and technical issues shall be subjected to the decision of Competition Supervisory Board. The CSB shall consist of a chair and one vice chair and three members and all CSB members shall be appointed by the WT President.
- 10.2 Matters other than competition or technical issues shall be subject to the “World Taekwondo Dispute and by law”.