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Presidents and Secretaries General,
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ONLINE 2021 WORLD TAEKWONDO POOMSAE OPEN CHALLENGE I (OUTLINE, INVITATION)

Dear Taekwondo family,

I wish everyone a great start to the New Year, and hope that the global Taekwondo community will have a brighter and safer year.

Last year when the pandemic started, sports activities around the world were severely impacted, including World Taekwondo events. We decided to reset and organised the first-ever Online World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships in November 2020. It was also the first time that we opened our events to the grassroots through the Open Category.

The results were overwhelming, with the participation of more than 1,560 people from 98 countries. In particular, we were encouraged by the participation of families, which is one of the key missions of World Taekwondo in promoting healthy lifestyle through sport.

Due to the stunning results, we have decided to continue with this new virtual format. Starting from this year, we will be organising the **Online World Taekwondo Poomsae Open Challenge**. The event will be held every quarterly (i.e. March, June, September, December). The event will have an Official Category for national team athletes, and an Open Category for families to participate in pairs and teams.

In this regard, the event will be held in the following formats:

- **Open Challenge I in March:** Family (Pairs and Team), Junior categories
- **Open Challenge II in June:** Family (Pairs and Team), Cadet, Refugee categories
- **Open Challenge III in September:** Family (Pairs and Team), Senior, Para Taekwondo categories
- **Open Challenge Grand Final in December:** Invitation to top 8 participants of each previous edition (March, June, and September)

We encourage families to participate and live healthy lifestyles. Together stronger, as the global community look to sports to overcome the challenges posed by the pandemic.

Thank you and I look forward to your active participation in the Online 2021 World Taekwondo Poomsae Open Challenge I this coming March.

Sincerely yours,


Chungwon Choue
President

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Online 2021 World Taekwondo Poomsae Open Challenge I

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2 Date: March 28-April 28, 2021

* Head of Team Meeting: March 27, 2021

3 Online platform Supplier: Taekwonsoft

* Recognized WT Poomsae Scoring System Company

4 Competition Methods

1) National Team Category

a. Individual

- Recognized Poomsae / Free Style Poomsae
- Open to only National Team Members
- Junior (15-17)
- Pre-recorded formats will be used

2) Open Category

a. Individual

- Recognized Poomsae
- Open to All
- Junior (15-17)
- Pre-recorded formats will be used

b. Pair & Team

- Recognized Poomsae
- Open to All
- All age groups among family members
- Family Pair (6 divisions)
: Sibling / Couple / Father + Son / Father + Daughter / Mother + Son / Mother + Daughter
- Family Team A (3 Family members, 2 Generations)
- Family Team B (3 Family members, 3 Generations)
- Pre-recorded formats will be used

5 Qualifications of contestants:

1) National Team Category (Only Junior)

In accordance with Article 4: Qualification of Contestant of the WT Poomsae Competition Rules, The contestant must meet all following requirements:

- 5.1 Holder of nationality of the participating team
- 5.2 Recommended by the national taekwondo association of the WT
- 5.3 Holder of the Kukkiwon Poom or Dan certificate
- 5.4 Holder of WT Global Athlete License (GAL). Any questions on the WT GAL please contact your assigned WT GMS Manager
- 5.5 Athlete aged 15-17 (Born between 1 January 2004 and 31 December 2006)

** Poomsae competition uniform: All contestants must wear WT-approved Poomsae competition uniform in accordance with the Article 4.2 of the WT Poomsae Competition Rules. The latest version of WT-recognized manufacturers' list is available at the website of WT (<http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/wtf-partners/recognized/>)*

2) Open Category

Open to all for Junior, Family Pair & Team. The contestant must meet all following requirements:

- 5.6 For Junior
 - Holder of the Kukkiwon Poom or Dan certificate
 - Junior: 15-17 (Born between 1 January 2004 and 31 December 2006)
- 5.7 For Family Pair: Family Members Only
 - : Sibling / Couple
 - ➔ All belt: At least one player must be 4th geup or higher belt holder
 - ➔ Must be composed of family member regardless of gender
 - : Father + Son / Father + Daughter / Mother + Son / Mother + Daughter
 - ➔ All belt: At least one player must be 4th geup or higher belt holder
 - ➔ Must be composed of two generations of direct family member regardless of gender
- 5.8 For Family Team A: 3 Family Members of 2 generations
 - ➔ All belt: at least one player must be 4th geup or higher belt holder
 - ➔ Must be composed of at least two generations of direct family regardless of gender
- 5.9 For Family Team B: Family Members of 3 generations
 - ➔ All belt: at least one player must be 4th geup or higher belt holder
 - ➔ Must be composed of three generations of direct family regardless of gender

** The age limits for Junior division are based on the year, not on the date, when the Online Championships are held. Contestants shall be between 15 and 17 years old. In this regard, contestants born between 1 January 2004 and 31 December 2006 are eligible to participate in this division.*

** Poomsae competition uniform: All contestants may wear WT-approved Poomsae competition uniform. If contestants don't have WT-approved Poomsae competition uniform, contestants are able to wear any white colored uniform with the logo covered. (* allow the Dojang or Club logo)*

6 Classification of Competition

1) National Team

Recognized Poomsae Competition (2)	Free Style Poomsae Competition (2)
Junior Male & Female's Individual	Junior Male & Female's Individual

2) Open

Recognized Poomsae Competition (10)	Free Style Poomsae Competition
Junior Male & Female's Individual Family Pair (6 divisions) * Sibling * Couple * Father + Son * Father + Daughter * Mother + Son * Mother + Daughter Family Team A (3 Family Members, 2 Generations) Family Team B (3 Family Members, 3 Generations)	None

7 Competition Rules:

- 1) WT Poomsae Competition Rules in force as of May 14, 2019 shall apply.
- 2) Applied Online Scoring Criteria
 - ➔ Regarding the deduction criteria, please refer to the guideline of Online 2021 World Taekwondo Poomsae Open Challenge I in WT website.
 - ➔ Any video editing will be disqualified.
 - ➔ Any violation of the guidelines on recording and procedures provided by the WT will result in disqualification.
 - ➔ The recorded videos should be recorded separately 1st Poomsae and 2nd Poomsae. Each recorded Poomsae video must be uploaded on the WT competition official platform (<http://www.onlinepoomsae.com/>) to match the 1st Poomsae and 2nd Poomsae.

8 Duration of Contest

8.1 Recognized Poomsae

: Individual, Pair, and Team competitions up to 90 seconds.

: The recorded videos should be recorded separately 1st Poomsae and 2nd Poomsae.

8.2 Free Style Poomsae

: Individual competitions from 90 seconds to 100 seconds.

9 Method of Competition:

1) National Team

Recognized Poomsae Competition

- Two (2) Poomsae from designated Compulsory Poomsae will be decided by TD for each division must be performed for all competitions.

- In the preliminaries, semi-final and final, the referee will judge the uploaded video of the player and stream the **pre-recorded video** according to schedule.

Cut-off system:

1) **Preliminaries:** In case twenty (20) or more contestants are participating, the competition shall start from preliminary round with division of groups. After uploading two (2) assigned Compulsory Poomsae, the top half of each group shall advance to semi-final based on the points.

- Contestants' Poomsae video clip must be uploaded during from March 28 to April 1

2) **Semi-final:** In case nine (9) to nineteen (19) contestants are participating, competition shall start from semi-final. Contestants shall upload two (2) assigned Compulsory Poomsae and top eight (8) of them shall advance to final based on the points.

- Contestants' Poomsae video clip must be uploaded during from April 10 to 14

3) **Final:** When eight (8) or less contestants are participating, competition shall start from final round. Contestants shall be performed two (2) assigned Compulsory and top four (4) contestants shall be awarded based on the points. Bronze medals shall be given to the 3rd and the 4th contestants.

- Contestants' Poomsae video clip must be uploaded during from April 22 to 25

Free Style Poomsae Competition

- One (1) Free Style Poomsae will be performed with following guidelines:

- Yeon-mu line shall choice of contestant

- Performed techniques must be within boundary of taekwondo.

- The definition of taekwondo techniques shall be determined by WT Poomsae Committee, when contestant submits performance plan of Free Style Poomsae.

- In the preliminaries and semi-final and final, the referee will judge the uploaded video of the player and stream the **pre-recorded video** according to schedule.

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2) Open

Recognized Poomsae Competition

- Contestants for Pair and Teams shall select 2 Compulsory Poomsae between Taegeuk 1 and Hansu.
- Contestants for Junior shall be designated Two (2) Poomsae decided by TD for each division.

- In the Preliminaries, Semi-final and final, the referee will judge the uploaded video of the player and stream the **pre-recorded video** according to schedule.

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3) Final: When eight (8) or less contestants for individual (or pairs/teams) are participating, competition shall start from final round. Contestants shall upload two (2) assigned Compulsory Poomsae videos and top four (4) contestants/pairs/teams shall be awarded based on the points. Bronze medals shall be given to the 3rd and the 4th contestants.

*- Contestants' Poomsae video clip must be uploaded during **from April 22 to 25***

10 Entry

1) National Team

10.1 Team Entry: No. of officials (Not mandatory for registration) and No. of contestants

Officials	Members		Remarks
	Max. No. of Members Male	Max. No. of Members Female	
Head of Team	1		
Coach	1	1	

Athletes		Junior (15-17)	Total
Recognized Poomsae	Individual Male	1	1
	Individual Female	1	1
Athletes		Junior (15-17)	Total
Free Style Poomsae	Individual Male	1	1
	Individual Female	1	1
Total		4	

2) Open

10.2 Team Entry: No. of contestants

Division	Gender	Ages	Composition	Poomsae
Individual (1)	Male	Junior	Junior (15-17) * No limit number of participants by MNA	Two (2) assigned Compulsory Poomsae
	Female	Junior		
Family pair (6)	Sibling Couple Father+Son Father+Daughter Mother+Son Mother+Daughter	All ages	- Two (2) family members (Sibling and Couple) - Two (2) generations of direct family members regardless of gender	Selects two (2) Poomsaes - Taegeuk 1,2,3,4,5,6, 7,8 Jang, - Koryo, Keumgang, Taeback Pyongwon - Shipjin, Jitae, Chonkwon, Hansu
Team (2)	Family Team A	All ages	- Three (3) Family members and - Two (2) generations of direct family members regardless of gender and - Any combination of Grand Father or Grand Mother or Father or Mother or Son or Daughter or Grand Son or Grand Daughter	
	Family Team B	All ages	- Three (3) Family members and - Three (3) generations of direct family members regardless of gender and - Any three generation of combination of Grand Father or Grand Mother or Father or Mother or Son or Daughter or Grand Son or Grand Daughter	
Total			10	

10.3 WT Global License & Online Registration

Contestants and Team officials participating in the National Team must first be registered with a WT Global Athlete License (GAL) or Global Official License (GOL).

National Team Entry will only be accepted through the WT online registration system (<https://worldtkd.simplycompete.com>) and registration is only possible with a valid WT Global License. National Team GMS admins will be notified via email once online registration is open.

For **contestants participating in the Open** will not be required to register WT Global Athlete License (GAL) temporarily in an online competition.

Open Entry will only be accepted through the <http://www.onlinepoomsae.com/>

Please check the detailed event information as below GMS events site. All of participants are able to check through GMS for detailed information on how to register:
<https://worldtkd.simplycompete.com/events>

10.4 ENTRY FEES

Entry fee shall be various according to the timing and situation of the submission of entry. Please read carefully the following guidelines.

Registration period will begin on 5th March, 2021, 17:00 Local Swiss Time

Registration period will end on 24th March 2021, 17:00 Local Swiss Time

*** Entry deadline: 24 March 2021, 17:00 Local Swiss Time**

For National Team – REGISTRATION FEES: <https://worldtkd.simplycompete.com/events>

- Individual Male/Female - US\$50 per athlete

For Open - REGISTRATION FEES: <http://www.onlinepoomsae.com/>

- Junior – US \$30 per athlete
- Family Pair – US\$40 per pair
- Family Team – US\$50 per team

Entry fee can only be paid through the online payment system provided by the WT, not allowed by bank account transfer.

11 List of Poomsae to be performed:

- Designated Compulsory Poomsae

Two (2) Poomsae from designated Compulsory Poomsae decided for each division must be performed for all the preliminarily, semi-final and final rounds for all competitions except family pair & team division.

Compulsory Poomsae to be assigned for each division shall be decided at the time of drawing of lots by Technical Delegate in Head of Team Meeting and it will be uploaded in WT website.

Competition	Division	Compulsory Poomsae
Individual For National Team	Junior Division (15-17)	Taegeuk 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 Jang, Koryo, Keumgang, Taeback
Individual For Open	Junior Division (15-17)	Taegeuk 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 Jang, Koryo, Keumgang, Taeback
Family Pair	All ages	<p><u>Selects 2 Poomsae from below;</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Taegeuk 1,2,3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 Jang, - Koryo, Keumgang, Taeback Pyongwon - Shipjin, Jitae, Chonkwon, Hansu
Family Team (A, B)	All ages	

Competition	Division	Free Style Poomsae
Individual For National Team	Junior Division (15-17)	Athletes shall perform Free style Poomsae based on taekwondo techniques with composition of music and choreography. Performed techniques must be within the boundary of taekwondo. The definition of taekwondo techniques shall be determined by WT Poomsae Committee when contestants submit performance plan of free-style Poomsae.

12 Award presentation:

12.1 Online Medals & Certificates:

- 1st place: Gold medal(s) and certificate(s)
- 2nd place: Silver medal(s) and certificate(s)
- 3rd place and 4th place: Bronze medal(s) and certificate(s)
- 5th – 8th place: Certificate

12.2 Participation online certificate: all participants

13 International Referees:

13.1 The WT will appoint the required number of Poomsae International Referees.

13.2 Appointed referee should attend IR training and meeting for online competition in designated day.

14 WT-recognized Poomsae Competition uniform:

14.1 Participating contestants must wear the WT-recognized Poomsae Competition uniform.

***National Team: All contestants should wear WT-approved Poomsae competition uniform.**

***Open: All contestants may wear WT-approved Poomsae competition uniform. If contestants don't have WT-approved Poomsae competition uniform, contestants are able to wear any white color uniform with the logo covered in only WT Open Poomsae Championships (* allow the Dojang or Club logo).**

14.2 **Junior Division** (Ages 15-17): White top with dark blue pants for males; white top with light blue pants for females.



15 Head of Team Meeting and Drawing of Lots:

The Head of Team Meeting and the Drawing of Lots session shall be conducted on **March 27th, 2021**, in the presence of the Technical Delegate, WT officials and the representatives of the participating nations by online. WT will send the zoom invitation link for the Head of Team Meeting to each MNAs (National Team Category) and athletes (Open Category).

16 Others

Please refer to the detailed recording and deduction guideline as well as sample recording video clip in the WT official website (<http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/index.html>).

Online 2021 World Taekwondo Poomsae Open Challenge I March 28-April 28,2021

Event Schedule (Subject to Change)

Date & Time (Korean Standard GMT+9)	Event	Remarks
March 5 -March 24	Registration	
Mar. 27 21:00	Head of team meeting & Drawing of lots	
Mar 28 00:00–April 1 23:59	[Preliminary] Video Clips Upload	5 days
April 2 00:00–April 4 23:59	[Preliminary] Scoring by WT International Referees	3 days
April 6 21:00–April 9 21:00	[Preliminary] Competition Results & Online Streaming	4 days
April 10 00:00–April 14 23:59	[Semi-Final] Video Clips Upload	5 days
April 15 00:00–April 16 23:59	[Semi-Final] Scoring by WT International Referees	2 days
April 18 21:00-April 21 21:00	[Semi-Final] Competition Results & Online Streaming	4 days
April 22 00:00-April 25 23:59	[Final] Video Clips Upload	4 days
April 26 00:00-April 27 23:59	[Final] Scoring by WT International Referees	2 days
Apr. 28 21:00	[Final] Competition Results & Online Streaming	1 days

*Competition Results and Online Steaming will be uploaded in World Taekwondo Website (www.worldtaekwondo.org), YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/worldtaekwondo>) and World Taekwondo Competition Official Platform (www.onlinepoomsae.com).