



## 34. Mr. WARWICK Richard Jay

- Current Position: WT Council Member • Gender: Male
- Date of Birth: September 14, 1957 • Nationality: USA
- Language: English

### A. Qualification & Experience in Taekwondo

I have had the opportunity to see Taekwondo from a wide perspective including as a Taekwondo student to a Dojang owner to a National Team Member and international competitor. I also earned my WT international referee certificate as well as coached my country's national team internationally for 8 years. I served on my MNA's executive board for 14 years and worked as the CEO for 5 years. Finally, I worked as a senior executive for the U.S. Olympic Committee as a Director in the Sport Division where I over saw 12 US National Sport Federations.

#### Administration

- 1989-1996, US Taekwondo Chairman AAC
- 1989, WT International Referee Certification
- 1983-1997, US Taekwondo Executive Committee
- 1996-1997, US Taekwondo Junior Olympic Committee Chairman
- 1998-2002, US Taekwondo CEO
- 1999-2003, WT Vice-Chairman Junior Olympic Committee
- 2018-Current, USA Taekwondo, Secretary General
- 2021-Current, WT Council Member
- 2021-Current, PATU Council Member
- 2023-Current, WT Finance Committee Vice-Chair
- 2024-2025, WT Rules Reform Committee Chair
- 2025, WT Governance Reform Committee
- 2023, Pan American Games CSB
- 2023, WT Grand Prix Final CSB
- 2024, Paris Olympic Games CSB

#### Coach

- 1989-1997, US National Team Coach
- 1991, Pan American Games Coach
- 1993, 1995, World Championships Coach
- 1993, US Taekwondo Coach of the Year
- 1996, US Olympic Committee TKD Coach of the Year

#### Athlete

- 1977-1988, 8-Times National Champion
- 1980-1988, National Team Captain

- 1983, USTU Ken Min U.S Best Player Award
- 1983/1985/1987, World Championships Bronze Medal
- 1985, World Games Silver Medal
- 1986, US Olympic Festival Gold Medal
- 1987, Pan Am Games Bronze Medal
- 1980, 1986, Pan Am TKD Championships Gold Medal
- 1988, Olympic Games Bronze Medal

## **B. Experience in Other Areas (Other Sports, Business or Professional)**

In addition to my Taekwondo background, I have also worked as a senior executive staff member of the US Olympic Committee. I served as a Director of Sport Partnerships for 7 years where I oversaw the operations of 12 US national sport federations. In this role I was the lead liaison for the US Olympic Committee on all sport, operational and business issues for these 12 National Governing Bodies.

1985-1992, US Olympic Committee Athlete's Advisor Committee

1998-2002, US Olympic Committee Audit Committee

2003-2009, US Olympic Committee Director of Sport Partnerships

From 2010 through 2018 I developed a restaurant franchise in Colorado opening 6 restaurants and eventually merging my restaurants with the Franchisor and became a business partner in the National Franchise. I managed all aspects of chain operations from legal, finance and real estate negotiations until I left day-to-day operations in 2018.

## **C. Education**

Masters Degree, Sport Business Administration  
University of Northern Colorado

Bachelor of Science, Physical Education  
Montana State University

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## **D. Vision for WT in next 4-years**

The WT Mission is to “develop and grow Taekwondo throughout the world.” Taekwondo’s status as a core Olympic sport is the most important element necessary to achieve this objective. The Olympic Games represents the pinnacle of amateur sport in the world, and is the best platform to promote our sport worldwide. According to Sports Pro, the Paris 2024 Olympic Games enjoyed a significant increase in viewership compared with the Tokyo Games with a 25% rise to 28.7 billion hours watched globally. The Games also generated 412 billion engagements from 270 million social media posts. These are staggering numbers.

In order to preserve this critical position on the Olympic programme as a core sport, it is important

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that WT continues to renew our sport to make it even more exciting and approachable for the non-Taekwondo viewer. This past quadrennial I served on the “Rules Reform Committee for the LA 2028 Olympic Games” that reviewed the current rules and competition structure. Many other sports are reluctant to change and therefore jeopardize their future in the games. I believe our open mindedness, humility and willingness to change and evolve is important to maintaining our relevance in future Olympic Games.

I also believe it is important for us, World Taekwondo, to continue to advance our work in integrity, sustainability and governance. These important areas enable World Taekwondo to continue to be a top performing Olympic International Federation as well as enabling us to best serve our membership. Finally, I believe we should continue to grow and expand our efforts in the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation, Taekwondo Cares and the Hope and Dreams Sport Festival. Advancing these humanitarian initiatives places WT in a leadership position in the sports world. Ghandi quote says it best “Be the change you want to see in the world.”

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