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**FOR TAEKWONDO COMPETITION AT OLYMPIC GAMES**

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**Article 1:**

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**Purpose**

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The purpose of this Standing Procedure, hereinafter known as the “Procedure,” is to manage fairly and smoothly all matters pertaining to the taekwondo competition at the Olympic Games, in accordance with the Statutes of the World Taekwondo Federation, hereinafter known as “WTF Statutes,” and the Competition Rules of the WTF, hereinafter known as the “WTF Competition Rules.”

Organizing Committees of the Olympic Games (“OCOGs”) should refer to the most up-to-date WTF Rules and WTF Competition Rules for more detailed explanation of the Articles stated in the Procedure.

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**Article 2:**

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**Competition Area**

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The Competition Area (one court) for the Olympic Games shall be installed on a platform 0.6m - 1m high from the base and the outer part of the Boundary Line shall be over 2m wide. The outer part of the platform shall be inclined at a gradient of less than 30 degrees for the safety of the contestants.

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**Article 3:**

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**Weight Divisions**

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Weight divisions at the Olympic Games are divided as follows:

<b>MALE DIVISION</b>		<b>FEMALE DIVISION</b>	
<i>Under 58kg</i>	Not exceeding 58kg	<i>Under 49 kg</i>	Not exceeding 49kg
<i>Under 68kg</i>	Over 58kg & not exceeding 68kg	<i>Under 57kg</i>	Over 49kg & not exceeding 57kg
<i>Under 80kg</i>	Over 68kg & not exceeding 80kg	<i>Under 67kg</i>	Over 57kg & not exceeding 67kg
<i>Over 80kg</i>	Over 80kg	<i>Over 67kg</i>	Over 67kg



Article 4:

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Head of Team Meeting and Drawing of Lots

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- 4.1 Head of team meeting and drawing of lots shall be conducted under the joint control of the Technical Delegate of the WTF and the OCOGs two (2) days prior to the first competition day.
- 4.2 Based on the WTF World Ranking as of July 1, 2016, top eight (8) athletes will be seeded in the order of their ranks, while the rest of the athletes will be drawn randomly.
- 4.3 There shall be no redraw even if two athletes are all disqualified in same bracket.
- 4.4 The seeded athletes of each weight division will be announced on WTF website at the earliest on July 10, 2016 after completion of entry submission process. In principle, 50% of the contestants shall be seeded. However, this number may be decreased to seven (7) for the weight division in which the host NOC chooses to participate. If the athlete from the host nation has not been seeded within the 4<sup>th</sup> places based on his/her World Ranking, he/she will be seed at the position of the 4<sup>th</sup>.
- The Olympic Games host nation's national federation shall receive four (4) automatic qualified athletes' places. All the four athletes shall be seeded in fourth place or higher if they individually hold a World ranking of 1 to 3 on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016. The host nation can choose **not** to accept the 4<sup>th</sup> place automatic seeding but this will apply to the whole of the host nation's team not just to certain individuals. The host nation's national federation must confirm its position no later than 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016.
- 4.5 After the announcement of seeded athletes, there shall be, in principle, no change of seeding order. In the case that the seeded athletes cannot compete due to some reasons, the next highest seeded athlete will take up the position, and so forth. Once the list of seeded athletes is handed over to the LOCOG at the latest 1 hour before the draw, there shall be no further change of seeded athletes.



Article 5:

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Competition Method

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- 5.1 Taekwondo competition at the Olympic Games shall be conducted in a single elimination tournament system with repêchage for the bronze medal contest. The winner of the final contest will receive the gold medal and the loser will receive the silver medal.

The repêchage shall be conducted among all contestants who lost to the two finalists in the elimination phase. In the repêchage, the losers of the semifinals during the elimination phase will be seeded directly to each of the repêchage finals, but on the opposite sides of the bracket. Other losers will advance to the repêchage unseeded, at the same side of the bracket in which they contested during the elimination phase.

The two winners of the repêchage finals (Bronze medal contests) will each receive a bronze medal.

The contestants who have been disqualified from the tournament based on disciplinary decision from Competition Supervisory Board cannot advance to Repechage.

- 5.2 In the event of a tied score, a 4<sup>th</sup> round of two minutes, also known as the sudden death round, will be conducted after a minute of rest following the 3<sup>rd</sup> round. Any points, be it *Gam-jeom* or *Kyong-go*, from the previous three rounds shall not be taken into consideration in the sudden death round.

When a contestant scores the first point in the sudden death round, he or she shall be declared the winner. When a contestant receives a *Gam-jeom* in the sudden death round, the opponent shall be declared as the winner.

In the event of a tied score after the end of the sudden death round, the winner shall be decided based on a decision of superiority by all refereeing officials for the initiatives shown in the sudden death round.

- 5.3 Official standing of each division shall be as follows:
- 1<sup>st</sup> place (Gold medalist): winner of the final contest



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- 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Silver medalist): loser of the final contest
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place (Bronze medalists): winners of the finals of repechage (bronze medal contest)
- 5<sup>th</sup> place: losers to the bronze medalists at the repechage final (bronze medal contest)
- 7<sup>th</sup> place: losers to the 5<sup>th</sup> placed contestant at the repechage
- 9<sup>th</sup> place: quarterfinalists who fail to advance either to semi-finals or repechage
- 11<sup>th</sup> place: contestants who lost at the preliminary phase and fail to advance to repechage
- Next position after 11<sup>th</sup> places athletes: Contestants who have not passed weigh-in or have been disqualified from the tournament.

5.4 In case that the both contestants are disqualified from the tournament, following measures shall be taken.

In the case that the above situation happens in one of the semifinals, the losers to the two disqualified semi-finalists in the round of 16 shall advance to repechage in same side of bracket to compete against each other. Additionally, both losers to the two disqualified semi-finalists at the quarterfinal round shall advance to the repechage in the opposite bracket to compete against each other. Consequently, the number of repechage matches including bronze medal contests may be subject to change based on the situation.

The winner of the other semifinal contest shall be automatically declared the winner of that particular weight division without further contest as no contestant from the match of the two disqualified contestants shall advance to the final. In this case, no 2<sup>nd</sup> place award shall be given. The contestant who lost to the advancing finalist in the (clean) semifinal will be awarded a “bye” and seeded directly to the bronze medal contest (repechage final) on the opposite side of the bracket. The losers in both the round of 16 and the quarter-final matches of the winner of the weight class shall advance to the repechage on same sides of the bracket.



Article 6:

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Technical Officials

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- 6.1 International Technical Officials (ITOs), to be appointed by the WTF, are divided into Technical Delegates (TD), Technical Controllers (TC), Competition Supervisory Board (CSB), Review Jury (RJ) and International Referees (IR), while National Technical Officials (NTOs) are appointed by the OCOG. The number of NTOs requires the approval of the WTF.
- 6.2 The roles of Technical Delegates (TD) are to ensure that the WTF Competition Rules are complied with and preside over the Head of Team Meeting and Drawing of Lots. Technical Delegates shall review and approve contingency plans developed by the OCOG, and make final decisions on such cases. TDs are also responsible for reviewing and approving the referee assignment.
- As per any situation which is not prescribed either in WTF Competition Rules or Standing Procedure, WTF Technical Delegate will make a decision and the decision shall be final.
- 6.3 The roles of Technical Controllers (TC) are to ensure the competition runs according to the schedule and cooperate with the stakeholders of the taekwondo competition such as ORIS, OCOG Technology, Sport Presentation and OBS in close communication with OCOG Competition Manager. TCs are also responsible to issue ‘Official Communication’ for the cases that shall be released. TCs are also responsible for overseeing and approving the equipment and the result of weigh-in.
- 6.4 The roles of the Competition Supervisory Board (CSB) are to evaluate the performances of referees, judges and review jury and take relevant disciplinary actions against them who make misjudgments. CSB shall serve as Extraordinary Sanctions Committee to take disciplinary actions to athletes and/or team officials who misbehaved and/or violate the rules of the WTF throughout the tournament including but not limited to disqualification from the Olympic Games Taekwondo Competition. In addition, CSB members are responsible for assisting Technical Delegate(s) in medical matters, competition, etc.
- 6.5 The roles of the Review Jury (RJ) are to operate instant video replay system (IVR) upon request for review from the coach and make decisions on whether to accept or reject the



request. RJ's decision is final and there shall be no further appeal from both coaches.

- 6.6 The roles of the International Referees (IR) are to officiate the competition. Roles of IRs are divided into Referee, Judge and Technical Assistants. In addition, IRs are responsible for conducting weigh-in and inspection with assistance of National Technical Officials.

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**Article 7:**

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**Appeal**

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- 7.1 Procedures on appeal shall be in accordance with the WTF Competition Rules.

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**Article 8:**

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**Test Event**

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The three main objectives of Test Events are to test the competition venue, in particular the Field of Play ("FOP") and all athlete facilities, train, coordinate and evaluate staff, contractor (if in place) and volunteer performance in an event environment and develop an effective integrated team structure and evaluate the performance of the technology systems and processes supporting all functional aspects of the venues and the overall Games environment. In principle, countries that have qualified for participation in the taekwondo competition at the Olympic Games are permitted to take part in the test event. Nonetheless, the WTF may select the participating countries, as the case may be.

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**Article 9:**

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**Criteria for Quota Allocation for the Olympic Games**

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- 9.1 Each NOC can enter only one contestant per weight category.
- 9.2 The hosting country for all continental Olympic qualification events shall be decided by the WTF council. These qualification events will be operated by the event organising committee of each hosting country in close collaboration with the WTF.
- 9.3 Any athlete positioned in the top 6 of the WTF Olympic ranking list following the 2015



Grand Prix Final shall automatically qualify a place for his/her representing NOC. Where more than one athlete from any country is positioned in the top 6 of the Olympic ranking list, the NOC shall choose one of these athlete and the places not chosen shall be reallocated to the next highest ranked athlete i.e. if a player is ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> and a player is ranked 6<sup>th</sup> from the same nation the 6<sup>th</sup> place position (If NOC chooses the 3<sup>rd</sup> place) will be handed to the athlete ranked in 7<sup>th</sup> position.

- 9.4 A NOC can qualify a maximum of 4 male and 4 female athlete places via the Olympic Ranking position. Any NOC who qualifies a minimum of 2 male and 2 female players via the Olympic ranking system will be deemed to have qualified its total quota of places and shall not be permitted to enter the continental qualification events however, if a nation has not qualified a minimum of 4 places they shall be allowed to compete for the additional places via the continental qualification events.
- 9.5 Allocation of the qualification place obtained through WTF Olympic Ranking:
- 9.5.1 In principle, the qualification place obtained through WTF Olympic Ranking shall be allocated to the contestant of the pertinent NOC.
  - 9.5.2 The NOC shall have the right to accept or reject the qualification place achieved by this contestant within 2 weeks from the receipt of the notification from the WTF.
  - 9.5.3 In case of rejection, the place shall be reallocated to the next highest ranked contestant in the WTF Olympic Ranking provided the replacement does not exceed the national quota of the reallocated NOC.
  - 9.5.4 The NOC may replace the qualified athlete by no later than May 31, 2016 only if there is a good cause and if the replacing athlete is ranked within top 20 of the pertinent Olympic weight division in the WTF Olympic Ranking anytime between January 2016 and May 2016. In this case, the pertinent NOC should send an official request to the WTF in writing for consideration. It is up to the WTF's discretion to accept or reject the replacement request based on the analysis of the cause.
- 9.6 The host NOC has the right to choose 2 male and 2 female categories to compete at the Olympic games without the need to participate for qualification either via the Olympic ranking list or via the continental qualification events. The host NOC as with all other



nations can qualify more than 4 places via the Olympic ranking list. The host NOC must confirm its selection of weight classes by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2015, once the host NOC has confirmed its weight classes this cannot be changed.

9.7 The allocation of Tripartite Partite Invitation Place (called "TPIP" hereinafter) shall be agreed upon between the parties that comprise the Commission; the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) and the WTF. Two (2) men and two (2) women shall be allocated in the weight divisions which were not chosen by the host NOC. After allocation of TPIP, the number contestants of all weight categories shall be same.

9.8 All athletes selected by any NOC must fulfil the minimum requirements set by the WTF unless an athlete has qualified a place for his/her NOC through continental qualification tournament.

9.9 Continental Qualification Tournament

9.9.1 The WTF, in cooperation with each of the five Continental Taekwondo Unions of Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania and Pan America, shall conduct the Continental Taekwondo Qualification Tournament in early 2016.

9.9.2 The procedure to allot the continental quota for the Olympic Games was based on criteria such as, but not limited to, the number of member national associations belonging to each continental union, past results at the Olympic Games and at the WTF promoted championships.

The top ranked men and women contestants of each weight category from Oceania will qualify his/her NOC for the Olympic Games from the continental qualification tournament in Oceania; thus a total of four (4) men and four (4) women. The loser of the final shall be classified as the 2<sup>nd</sup> place and substitute.

The top two (2) ranked men and women contestants of each weight category from Africa, Asia, Europe and Pan America will qualify his/her NOC for the Olympic Games from the continental qualification tournament held respectively in Africa, Asia, Europe and Pan America; making a total of eight (8) men and eight (8) women. The losers at the semifinals shall be classified as 3<sup>rd</sup> place



and substitutes.

9.9.3 An NOC can participate in continental qualification tournament so long as:

- The applying weight categories in the continental qualification tournament are not those already qualified through World Ranking; and
- The number of the contestants qualified through World Ranking of the pertinent NOC does not exceed the maximum quota of two (2) men and two (2) women respectively.

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Article 10:

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Doping Test

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- 10.1 The Anti-Doping Codes shall apply to taekwondo competitions at the Olympic Games and all Qualification Tournaments. Doping tests will be conducted at the world and continental taekwondo qualification tournaments.
- 10.2 For continental taekwondo qualification tournaments, mandatory doping tests will be conducted for all qualified contestants.
- 10.3 In the Olympic Games, if a gold medalist is disqualified after having violated the Anti-Doping Codes, the contestant shall be removed from the final standings. The silver medalist will move up the final standings and be awarded the gold medal. There will be no further changes to the final standings.

If any other medalist other than the gold medalist is disqualified, there will not be any changes to the final standings.

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Article 11:

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Fill-up Quota Procedure

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- 11.1 If an NOC qualified through a Continental Taekwondo Qualification Tournament



relinquishes a qualification slot the place will be allocated to the NOC of the next highest places athlete at the pertinent Continental Qualification Tournament in the respective weight category.

- 11.2 If the host NOC has already qualified places through WTF World Ranking, the number of automatic qualification places shall be reduced; and the available places shall be reallocated to the next highest contestant of the pertinent weight category based on the WTF World Ranking so long as the pertinent NOC does not exceed the quota of 2 men and 2 women. If the host NOC does not use the available qualification places or the selected athlete does not meet the minimum requirements as applied to all athletes for TCIP, these places shall be reallocated to the next highest ranked contestant of the pertinent weight category so long as the pertinent NOC does not exceed the quota of 2 men and 2 women.
- 11.3 If the Tripartite Commission is not able to allocate the invitation places or any of the invited athletes do not meet the minimum requirements, the places will be reallocated to the next highest ranked contestant based on WTF World Ranking so long as the quota for the NOC does not exceed 2 men and 2 women contestants

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**Article 12:**

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**Entry Procedure**

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NOCs that have qualified for the Olympic Games shall take necessary measures in coordination with the national federation to submit the entry to OCOGs on time.

As for Late Replace Process, if an NOC requires an athlete replacement, the WTF will deliberate on such requests in consultation with the Sport Entries Team of OCOG, after taking into account of the established schedule and inevitability of substitution.

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**Article 13:**

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**Other Matters**

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Those matters not prescribed in the Procedure will be dealt with in accordance with the WTF Rules,



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WTF Competition Rules, Rules on Organization and Operation of International Taekwondo Championships, and a resolution of the WTF Council, when necessary.