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WTF Ranking Bylaw:

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Article 1:

Fundamental Principles

- 1 Ranking system shall be applied to all WTF-promoted and sanctioned championships and Multi-sport Games or to the event determined by the WTF, provided that the championships are organized in compliance with WTF Competition Rules under supervision of the WTF Technical Delegate, on an individual basis in the eight (8) weight categories or four (4) Olympic weight categories (men and women) of senior division that are defined in the WTF Competition Rules.
- 2 WTF Ranking shall be published in two documents: WTF World Ranking and WTF Olympic Ranking. WTF World Ranking is the ranking of eight (8) senior weight divisions for male and female, respectively; and WTF Olympic Ranking is the ranking of four (4) Olympic weight divisions for male and female, respectively.
 - 2.1 When an athlete competes in WTF Sanctioned tournaments:
 - 2.1.1 WTF World Ranking: Points earned by athletes are allocated to the World Ranking Weight Division in which he/she competes at the WTF sanctioned event. WTF will publish a ranking for each weight division and it is possible for an athlete to be ranked in several divisions.
 - 2.1.2 WTF Olympic Ranking: Ranking is built by cumulating points made in a World Weight Division and 2 adjacent World Weight Divisions (for example the Olympic ranking -58kg is calculated by cumulating the points earned in -54kg, -58kg and -63kg)

Men's division			Women's division		
World	→	Olympic	World	→	Olympic
-54, -58, -63kg	→	-58kg	-46, -49, -53kg	→	-49kg
-63, -68, -74kg	→	-68kg	-53, -57, -62kg	→	-57kg
-74, -80, -87kg	→	-80kg	-62, -67, -73kg	→	-67kg
-80, -87, +87kg	→	+80kg	-67, -73, +73kg	→	+67kg

- 2.2 If an athlete competes in Olympic weight division tournaments:
 - 2.2.1 WTF World Ranking: Ranking points shall be recorded as follows.

Men's division			Women's division		
Olympic	→	World	Olympic	→	World
-58kg	→	-58kg	-49kg	→	-49kg
-68kg	→	-68kg	-57kg	→	-57kg
-80kg	→	-80kg	-67kg	→	-67kg
+80kg	→	+87kg	+67kg	→	+73kg

- 2.2.2 WTF Olympic Ranking: Ranking points shall be awarded to the athlete in the weight division in which the athlete actually competed.

3. Choice of Olympic weight division

- 3.1 The choice of the Olympic Weight Division can be determined for a period of one year from January 1 to December 31 every year by the athlete during a time window from January 1 to 15 using the online system for the Global Athlete Licence.

- 3.2 If no change is announced in the system during the open window period, the athlete

automatically keeps the selected Olympic Weight Division of the previous year.

3.3 If an athlete does not select an Olympic Weight Division, the allocation of points from the World Weight Division to the Olympic Weight Division will use the following default allocation.

Men's division			Women's division		
World	→	Olympic	World	→	Olympic
-54, -58kg	→	-58kg	-46, -49kg	→	-49kg
-63, -68kg	→	-68kg	-53, -57kg	→	-57kg
-74, -80kg	→	-80kg	-62, -67kg	→	-67kg
-87, +87kg	→	+80kg	-73,+73kg	→	+67kg

3.4 If athlete changes Olympic Weight Division, the points will be transferred only from the overlapping World Weight Division(s) to the newly selected Olympic Weight Division as following default allocation.

Men's division			Women's division		
World	→	Olympic	World	→	Olympic
Points from -63kg	→	-68kg	Points from -53kg	→	-57kg
Points from -63kg	→	-58kg	Points from -53kg	→	-49kg
Points from -74kg	→	-80kg	Points from -62kg	→	-67kg
Points from -74kg	→	-68kg	Points from -62kg	→	-57kg
Points from -80,-87kg	→	+80kg	Points from,-67, 73kg	→	+67kg
Points from -80,-87kg	→	-80kg	Points from,-67, 73kg	→	-67kg

Ex) Athlete in -58kg Olympic Weight Division changes to -68kg Olympic Weight Division

- 54kg	→	- 58kg	←	- 63kg
↓				
All world ranking points record in -58kg Olympic Weight Division				
↓				
Athlete changes to - 68kg Olympic Weight Division in next year between January 1 and January15				
↓				
Previous world ranking points from -54kg & -58kg does not transfer to -68kg Olympic Weight Division				
↓				
Only previous world ranking points from -63kg transfers to -68kg Olympic Weight Division				

4 If two or more athletes achieved the same points in same weight division, it shall be considered as tied in ranking. In the case of tie-ranks at the seeding, the athlete who won the points at the higher graded events shall be considered as the higher-ranked athlete. In the case that the athletes are still tied in terms of points, the higher-ranked athlete shall be decided by random drawing.

Article 2

Formula of ranking points

The points shall be awarded according to the following formula:

A: Points received according to the rank at the WTF-promoted or sanctioned championships

B: Grade of pertinent championships

A x B =Final Points

Article 3

Allocated points per rank

- 1 The 1st ranked athlete shall receive 10 points;
- 2 The 2nd ranked athlete shall receive 60% of the points awarded to the 1st ranked athlete (i.e. 6 points);
- 3 The 3rd ranked athlete shall receive 60% of the points awarded to the 2nd ranked athlete (i.e. 3.6 points);
- 4 The 4th (5th in case of elimination tournament) ranked athlete shall receive 60% of the points awarded to the 3rd ranked athlete (i.e. 2.16);
- 5 The 5th (9th in case of elimination tournament) ranked athlete shall receive 70% of the points awarded to the 4th ranked athlete (i.e. 1.512). From this point on, an athlete shall receive 70% of the points awarded to the athlete ranked higher than him or her.
- 6 Points will be rounded-up to two (2) decimal places (e.g. 94.235 will be recorded as 94.24).
- 7 Ranking points shall be awarded to the certain ranked athletes as follows:
 - G-1 & G-2 & G-4 & G-12: In accordance with Ranking Point Chart by Grade
 - G-8 and G20: All competitors
- 8 G1 & G2 ranking point allocation of Olympic Weight Division:
8.1 In maximum, total sixty (60) points can be earned from G-1 & G-2 tournaments from January 1 to December 31, shall count for the ranking in the selected Olympic Weight Division independently from the World Weight Division where they were achieved.

**Note: G2 Multi-Sports Games are excluded from this limitation.
- 9 In the weight category that the participated athletes are less than eight (8) at G1, G2, and G4 events points shall be allocated as following except the WTF World Cup Taekwondo Team Championships

Rank	G1	G2	G4
1st ranked	6.00	12.00	24.00
2nd ranked	3.60	7.20	14.40
3rd ranked	2.16	4.32	8.64
5th ranked	1.51	3.02	6.05

- 10 In the weight category that the participated (weigh-in) athletes are less than four (4), points shall not be allocated except the Oceania Continental Championships and Oceania Continental Multi-

sport Games.

- 11 In case of athlete participates in both individual competition and team completion in single WTF sanctioned event, athlete shall receive points from result of only one competition either individual or team the point of which is higher.
- 12 In the case of change of Olympic Weight Division, the points will be transferred in accordance with article 1.3.4.

Rank	G1	G2	G4	G8	G12	G20*
1st placed contestant	10.00	20.00	40.00	80.00	120.00	200.00
2nd placed contestant	6.00	12.00	24.00	48.00	72.00	120.00
3rd placed contestants	3.60	7.20	14.40	28.80	43.20	72.00
5th placed contestants	2.16	4.32	8.64	17.28	25.92	43.20
9th placed contestants	1.51	3.02	6.05	12.10	18.14	30.24
17th placed contestant	1.06	2.12	4.23	8.47	12.70	21.17
33rd placed contestant	0.74	1.48	2.96	5.93	8.89	14.82
65th placed contestant	0.52	1.04	2.07	4.15	6.22	10.37

**See the article 4.1 for different ranking of the Olympic Games*

[Ranking points per place and grade]

Article 4

Determination of ranks ('T' means 'tie'; more than one athlete)

- 1 Olympic Games & Tournaments which applies repechage (according to current quota)
 - 1st : gold medalist, 2nd: silver medalist, T-3 : bronze medalists
 - T-5: losers to bronze medalists
 - T-7: losers at repechage
 - T-9: Quarter-finalists who didn't advance to repechage
 - T-11: Losers at preliminary without advancing to repechage
- 2 Qualification Tournament for Olympic Games (in case of 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked athletes are qualified)
 - 1st : winner of final, 2nd: loser of final
 - 3rd: winner of bronze-medal contest
 - 4th: loser of bronze-medal contest
 - 5th: loser to 1st placed athlete at quarter-final
 - T-6 : losers at quarter-finals except the one who lost to 1st placed athlete
 - T-9: losers at round of 16
 - T-17: losers at round of 32 and so on
- 3 Qualification Tournament for Olympic games (in case of 1st and 2nd ranked athletes are qualified)
 - 1st : winner of final, 2nd: loser of final
 - 3rd: loser to 1st placed athlete at semi-final
 - 4th: loser to 2nd placed athlete at semi-final

- T-5: losers of quarter-finals
 - T-9: losers at round of 16
- 4 Qualification Tournament for Olympic games (in case of 1st ranked athlete is qualified)
- 1st: winner of final, 2nd: loser of final
 - T-3: Losers to finalists at semi-final
 - T-5: Losers of quarter-final
 - T-9: Losers at round of 16
 - T-17: Losers at round of 32 and so on
- 5 WTF-promoted championships
- 1st : winner of final, 2nd: loser of final
 - T-3: Losers to finalists at semi-final
 - T-5: Losers of quarter-final
 - T-9: Losers at round of 16
 - T-17: Losers at round of 32 and so on

Article 5

Grade of events

- 1 Criteria of grading events are as follows.
- 1.1 Number of participants and countries, participating number of top-ranked athletes outside the host country
 - 1.2 Organizing Committee's abidance by WTF Competition Rules
 - 1.3 Overall operation of tournaments
 - 1.4 Venue facilities
 - 1.5 Number and quality of registered media
 - 1.6 TV broadcasting
 - 1.7 Number of spectators
 - 1.8 Anti-doping tests
 - 1.9 Logistic management (transportation, accommodation, etc)
 - 1.10 Successful submission of the report
 - 1.11 General comments of Technical Delegate
- 2 The grades of all WTF-promoted and sanctioned championships shall be published on the official WTF Web site at the beginning of each year.
- 3 The Technical Delegate assigned for the pertinent championship shall evaluate the championships in accordance with the evaluation criteria, and submit the report to the WTF Secretary General within two (2) weeks after the completion of the championship.
- 4 The WTF President shall determine or may empower Secretary General to determine the grade of the championship upon the evaluation and recommendation of the Technical Delegate and the report submitted by Organizing Committee.

- 5 Grade of events is as follows:

Grade	Event
20	Olympic Games
12	WTF World Taekwondo Championships
8	GP Final
4	GP Series, Continental Championships and Continental Multi-sport Games (4-year cycle)
2	WTF World Cup Taekwondo Team Championships, Universiade, CISM World Games & WTF G2 tournaments
1	WTF G1 Tournaments, World University Championships, Multi-sport Games other than Continental multi-games with 4 year cycle, World Military Championships

Article 6

Validation of the points

- 1 The awarded points shall only be valid for four (4) full years, starting from January 1, 2009 and will be reviewed every year. This process is continuous (rolling), i.e. new points awarded to an athlete will be subjected to its own four-year cycle. The official ranking can always be found in the WTF website, and the WTF will officially announce the world ranking every month.
- 2 During a four-year term, points will be deducted after each completed year by 25% of the initial points. The deduction will be made at the end of the month when the points were earned and the remaining points will be valid and count for the ranking from the first day of the following month.

Ex) Points earned at Trelleborg Open on February 9, 2014 will be deducted by 25% on February 28, 2015. By February 28, 2018 the points earned at Trelleborg Open 2014 will be completely deducted and not counted on the World and Olympic Ranking as of March 1, 2018.

- 3 In the event that an athlete obtains points in one weight division and then obtains points in another weight division in different events, the pertinent athlete will be ranked in the respective weight division, resulting that the same athlete can be ranked in more than one weight division.
- 4 As per the Olympic Games and Olympic Qualification Tournament, the points obtained in different weight divisions shall be combined for determination of seeding following the method of consolidation of weight divisions for the Olympic Games.

Article 7

Application of the points

- 1 The Organizing Committee shall submit tournament report (template provided by WTF) to WTF Secretariat within one week after completion of the pertinent tournament for reflection of the ranking points in the WTF World Ranking and WTF Olympic Ranking.
- 2 Ranking points shall only be applied when Technical Delegate approve official results and submit official WTF results and participation spreadsheet to the WTF no later than two (2) days following the end of the tournament

Article 8

Seeding

- 1 In the following events, certain number of athletes shall be seeded on the basis of their ranking:
 - Olympic Games
 - Continental Qualification Tournament for the Olympic Games
 - World Taekwondo Championships
 - All WTF Sanctioned Tournaments
- 2 For every category, regardless of the number of athletes, at a minimum a quarter (25%) of the athletes will be seeded in WTF Sanctioned Tournaments. However, all ranked athletes will be seeded at the Olympic Games. Seeding of GP events will be stipulated in the GP Standing Procedures.
- 3 In the event that any of the seeded athletes is ineligible to participate (i.e. not registered in the entry list), the next highest ranked athlete(s) shall be seeded to make up the quota.
- 4 In the WTF World Championships, the registered athlete from the host nation has not been seeded within the 4th place; he/she will be seeded at the 4th place.

Article 9

Para-Taekwondo Kyorugi

Para-Taekwondo Kyorugi World Ranking will follow the Rules outlined in this Bylaw with the following modifications;

- 1 Classes and Weight divisions
Ranking in Para-Taekwondo Kyorugi will be divided by Classification, as outlined in WTF Para-Taekwondo & Deaf-Taekwondo Classification Rules & Regulations and by weight division as outlined in the WTF Competition Rules
- 2 Point allocation
Ranking points will be given to all participants regardless of G-level of competition
- 3 Grade of Events
The following Grade of events will apply;

Grade	Event
8	WTF World Para-Taekwondo Championships
4	Continental Para-Taekwondo Championships
2	Multisport event for Para-Athletes, IWAS World Games, CPISRA World Games
1	WTF G1 Tournaments for Para-Taekwondo

3.1 Open Continental Para-Taekwondo Championships

In order to promote worldwide development of para-taekwondo the Continental Para-Taekwondo Championships in 2015 and 2016 will be open to participants from all continents.

The Continental Para-Taekwondo Championships will have a G-4 ranking for athletes from the pertinent continent. Athletes from other continents participating in an Open Continental Para-Taekwondo Championships will receive ranking points as a G-2 tournament.

This clause (3.1) will be in effect until 2016-12-31.

4 Seeding

Seeding of the top four (4) athletes in each class and weight division will be applied to all WTF recognized events as follows;

- Paralympic Games
- World/Continental Qualification for Paralympic Games
- World Para-Taekwondo Championships
- Continental Union Para-Taekwondo Championships
- Other championships determined by the WTF

5 Consolidation of Classes and World Ranking

5.1 In the case that there are less than two athletes in a class and weight division consolidation of classes can be made

5.2 Athletes should be consolidated into a higher class but same weight division as follows:

K41 → K42

K42 → K43

K43 → K44

Example) A K41 Male under 61kg athlete shall be consolidated into K42 Male under 61kg.

5.3 An athlete that has been consolidated into a higher class shall be awarded ranking points as the winner of the division which he/she was consolidated from.

Example) An athlete consolidated from K41 into K42 shall be given World Ranking points as the winner of the K41 division which he/she was consolidated from.

5.4 A consolidated athlete shall also receive ranking points in the higher class.

Article 10

Effectuation

1. This amended bylaw shall come into effect immediately.
2. Ranking points earned by athletes from January 1, 2015 shall be calculated in accordance as this bylaw.

Article 11

Update and management of Ranking

The World Ranking and the Olympic Ranking will be updated the last day of each month and the new ranking will be valid and published on the first day of the following month

Article 12

Amendment

This Bylaw shall be amended by approval of WTF Council.