



WORLD TAEKWONDO FEDERATION

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM

BYLAWS

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ARTICLE 1. Mission Statement

1.1 The World Taekwondo Federation Global Membership System (hereinafter: “GMS”) shall strive to unify the global community of taekwondo practitioners and enthusiasts by emphasizing the values of inclusion, excellence orientation, global citizenship and good will.

1.2 The GMS shall strive to use the latest technology to create a comprehensive database of all individuals involved in the art of taekwondo in each and all Member National Associations (“MNAs”) of the World Taekwondo Federation (“WTF”).

ARTICLE 2. Overall Goals and Objectives

2.1 The GMS will continue to improve by providing tools to all MNAs for the management of memberships, events and tournaments in their respective countries. It will also aim to provide value-added services for all members of the GMS

2.2 The main purpose of the GMS database is to reflect the demographics and diversity of the taekwondo community in order to attract large and small entities to support our beloved sport in the world.

ARTICLE 3. World Taekwondo Federation Global Membership System (GMS)

3.1 The GMS is an online global membership database comprised of all taekwondo practitioners registered to the MNAs. Practitioners include, but are not limited to athletes, coaches, trainers, referees, officials, executives, medical staff, support staff, media, volunteers and fans.

3.2 Each individual in the GMS database is assigned a unique license number for identification (“GMS License”). Each GMS License can represent one or more of the membership categories listed in Article 5.

ARTICLE 4. Responsibilities of the Member National Federations (MNAs) and Continental Unions (CUs)

4.1 MNAs are required to implement these bylaws, as amended from time to time, in accordance to WTF Statutes (see Article 16.1 of the WTF Statutes). These bylaws govern the GMS which is part of the WTF. The WTF is a not-for-profit organization registered in the Republic of Korea and is the international governing body of taekwondo as an Olympic Sport.

4.2 Continental Unions (CU’s) are required to implement these bylaws, as amended from time to time, in accordance with the WTF Statutes (see Article 20.1 of the WTF Statutes). Each CU can investigate any breach of these bylaws in accordance with the respective/applicable bylaws.

4.3 Data Privacy. Each MNA and CU is required to ensure and warrant compliance with any and all applicable laws, rules and regulations governing the protection of each member’s personal and/or sensitive



information handled under the terms of these Bylaws. The WTF reserves the right to require that each MNA and CU sign data protection agreements that can be modified and/or supplemented from time to time.

4.4 Support. The official language of the WTF is English. Each MNA and CU shall appoint an English speaking administrator, who will carry out the responsibilities of implementation of the GMS within their area. This administrator will be the contact person between the GMS Team as well as all registering/renewing MNA members; he/she will be responsible for understanding the system and disseminating important information from the GMS to the membership.

ARTICLE 5. Membership Categories

5.1 Membership Categories. There are four (4) types of membership categories for which a GMS License can be obtained:

5.1.1 WTF Global Athlete License (GAL). The GAL is for any athlete/practitioner who registers for the GMS.

5.1.2 WTF Global Official License (GOL). The GOL is for any official such as coaches, trainers, referees, medical staff, or any other individual that plays an official role according to its MNA.

5.1.3 WTF Global Executive License (GEL). The GEL is for high level executives or VIPs of the MNA and CUs, such as board members, council members and sponsors. This is a limited number of licenses as determined by the WTF.

5.1.4 WTF Global License (GL). The GL is a catch all category for all individuals who do not fall under any of the above categories, such as service providers, technical support, volunteers, fans, media and parents.

ARTICLE 6. GMS License

6.1 Individuals are allowed to register for a GMS License in any single, combination or all of the following membership groups: a) Individual Members, b) Clubs registered by Club Administrators, and/or c) Regions registered by Regional Administrators or MNA Administrators.

6.2 All members of a MNA must have an active GMS License. Each MNA has the option, should they choose, to allow non-members of the MNA to receive a GMS License.

6.3 Application Requirements. Each GMS License will consist of a unique number. To obtain this number, each applicant must:

6.3.1 Submit required biographical information such as: Full name, gender, date of birth, email address and the type of membership required.

6.3.2 Be approved by the MNA of the region for which the individual is applying.

6.4 MNA Approval. It is the responsibility of the MNA to set the requirements for obtaining the GMS License in accordance with Article 6.4.2 (Nondiscrimination).



6.4.1 Verification of information. It is the responsibility of the MNA to verify that the information provided for each GMS License is accurate and complete.

6.4.2 Nondiscrimination. Each MNA must have a Policy of Nondiscrimination when issuing GMS Licenses. Requirements for issuing each GMS License should be applied consistently across all members in a particular license category with the goal of including as many members as possible. If an MNA denies an application for GMS License, good cause must be presented to the GMS team in order to issue official responses to disputes from those applicants whose licenses have been denied. Good cause is presumed if an MNA has undertaken a formal sanctioning process in line with the [World Taekwondo Dispute Management Bylaws].

6.5 Non-Transferability of the membership. Memberships are non-transferable between MNAs; if an athlete/official holds a license issued by one country but would like to represent another country, a new license from that country is required.

6.6 Multiple memberships. An individual can have more than one membership category as long as only one unique GMS License number has been issued in accordance with the above requirements. Athletes may only have one active GMS License at a time.

ARTICLE 7. Pricing

7.1 GMS License prices are calculated based on Gross Domestic Product (“GDP”) ranking for each country as defined by the United Nations. Pricing details will be available to all MNAs and CU and are subject, from time to time, to adjustments determined by the WTF.

7.2 An MNA is allowed to charge an additional fee (“Markup”) to the fees charged by the WTF, so long as the markup charged is a reasonable amount for the area’s median income and it is applied fairly to the MNA’s membership.

ARTICLE 8: Organizing Committees of WTF Recognized Events.

8.1 Organizing Committees of WTF Promoted or Sanctioned events are required to do the following:

(A) Ensure that all participants hold a valid GMS License by the start of any WTF recognized event; and

(B) Provide official results and participation list to the event’s WTF technical delegates within three (3) days of the completion of the event in an appropriate WTF formatted document.



ARTICLE 9. National Representation

9.1 Representation of MNA. To participate in a national team representing an MNA, the GMS License number must be issued by the MNA of the national team that the athlete/official wishes to represent.

9.2 Citizenship requirement. Athletes participating as part of national teams must be citizens of the same nation. Citizenship should be demonstrated by valid passport; if an athlete has no valid passport then another valid proof of citizenship must be provided and approved by the WTF on a case-by-case basis. For dual citizenships and/or changes of nationality of athletes, the requirements of the WTF Competition Rules and Interpretations apply.

ARTICLE 10. Miscellaneous

10.1 Interpretation / Implementation. MNAs that need assistance in understanding or implementing these bylaws should contact the GMS team.

10.2 Severability. Any determination that any provision of these Bylaws is for any reason inapplicable, illegal or ineffective shall not affect or invalidate any other provision of these Bylaws.

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