

WT Asia

STATUTES



World Taekwondo Asia

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Article 1. World Taekwondo Asia

1. World Taekwondo Asia (the "WT Asia"): The WT Asia is an international non-governmental not-for-profit organization chartered in Korea. The WT Asia is governed by these Statutes and the rules promulgated hereunder.
2. Recognition: The WT Asia is recognized by the WT as the sole governing authority of taekwondo in Asia.
3. Location: The headquarters of WT Asia shall be located in the nation of nationality of President in principle.

Article 2. Mission and Objectives

1. Olympic Movement: The WT Asia shall observe the general and fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter and Paralympics Charter and propagate the Olympic Movement through the sport of taekwondo.
2. Mission and Objectives: The mission of the WT Asia is to provide effective international governance of taekwondo as an Olympic Sport and Paralympics Sport in Asia. The objectives of the WT Asia are the following:
 - A. to promote, expand, and improve the practice of taekwondo in Asia in light of its educational, cultural, and sports values (the "Taekwondo movement");
 - B. to promote fair play, youth development, and education;
 - C. to encourage peace and cooperation through participation in sports;
 - D. to promote or sanction international taekwondo competitions;
 - E. to take action in order to strengthen the unity and protect the interests of the WT Asia and the Taekwondo Movement; to engage in other activities in support of the above objectives

Article 3. STATUTES, Rules, and Codes

1. STATUTES: The WT Asia STATUTES (these "STATUTES") is the fundamental and universal

document upon which the administration of the sport of taekwondo is based. These STATUTES are intended to be specific enough to achieve complete harmonization on issues where uniformity is required.

2. Competition Rules: All Championships promoted or sanctioned by the WT Asia shall observe the WT Competition Rules and Interpretations (the "Competition Rules").
3. WADA: The WT Asia shall strictly observe the World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA") Code as prescribed by the IOC and other anti-doping codes relevant in preserving the intrinsic value of the spirit of the sport.
4. Best Practices: The WT Asia shall strictly consult with and integrate, if necessary, the best practices and models of the IOC and other International Federations ("IFs") of the Olympic Movement, and other organizations with regard to the administration of the sport of taekwondo.

Article 4. Languages

1. Official Language: English is the official language of the WT Asia. French, Korean, and Spanish are the auxiliary languages in compliance with the WT practice.
2. Statutes and Rules: The WT Asia Statutes and amendments thereto shall be published in the official languages. Korean technical terms may be used for competition as prescribed by the Competition Rules. In case of a conflict among the different versions, the English language version shall prevail.
3. Proceedings and Etc.: English is the operating language of the General Assembly, Council, and Secretariat.
English is the official language for the minutes, correspondence, seminars, trainings and announcements of the WT Asia. Members are responsible for translation of the aforesaid into the language of their country. Any MNA shall have the right to speak or write in its mother tongue, but the contents must be translated by the MNA and provided in the official language.

Article 5. Composition

1. Main Constituents: The main constituents of the WT Asia are the following: the General Assembly (hereinafter from time to time referred to as "the GA". See Article 7); the WT Asia Council (hereinafter from time to time referred to as "the Council." See Article 8); the President. (See Article 9); and the Secretariat (See Article 13).
2. Secondary Bodies: In addition to its main constituents the WT Asia also encompasses other organizations that have been duly authorized or recognized by the Council and the GA and that operate under the auspices of the WT Asia. WT Asia-recognized or authorized organizations include but are not limited to the Sub Continental Unions.

Article 6 Officials

1. Officials: The following officials ("Officials") shall be incepted at the WT Asia:
 - A. One President
 - B. Honorary President
 - C. Six Vice Presidents
 - D. One Secretary General
 - E. Eighteen Council members, not inclusive of Ex-officio Council Members
 - F. One Auditor
2. Status: The Officials shall be elected or appointed as individuals and not as representatives of MNAs. For replacement of officials the following apply:
 - A. if a member resigns or is otherwise unable to continue as an official, the post shall not necessarily be filled by another individual of the same nationality.
 - B. if an elected official is to be replaced, unless otherwise provided for, the by-election shall be held in the Council.

Term: The term of office of Officials is four years from the date of election or appointment. The term of office for a replacement official, however, will be the remaining period of his or her predecessor.

3. Ex-officio Council Members

A. WT Council members shall be ex-officio members of the Council of the CU in which the WT Council Members resides. (WT Statutes- Article 20.4)

B. The presidents of the Subcontinental Unions shall be Ex-officio members of the Council. If the president of a Sub Continental Union is elected as the President of the WT Asia, he or she must resign from the Sub continental presidency within one (1) month.

4. Re-election: Incumbent officials are eligible for reelection without undertaking the candidate application procedures provided in Article 6. 6 A and B.

5. Appointed Officials: The President is empowered to appoint and to remove officials. For the appointment process, the President shall take into consideration the distribution of gender and continental representation as well as special skills/qualifications. The President is empowered to appoint the following:

A. The Secretary General

B. Three Vice Presidents including Senior Vice President

C. Seven Council Members

D. One Auditor

6. Elected Officials: The following shall apply for elected officials:

A. Only MNA executive board members can be nominated as candidates for elected WT Asia officials, including the presidency, with the recommendation of the pertinent MNA.

B. The completed application documents for candidature should arrive at the WT Asia Secretariat no later than 90 days before the election date. The MNAs to which candidates belong are required to submit letters guaranteeing to cover all the expenses needed for the candidates' attendance at the official WT Asia meetings.

C. After the deadline for the candidature application, an ad-hoc Election Committee, composing of five or fewer members, will be established by the President at the request of the Secretary General for screening of the qualifications of the candidates and management of the election procedures in accordance with these Statutes. The final list of the candidatures for election, as screened by the ad-hoc Election Committee, shall be circulated to all MNAs by no later than two months before the General Assembly.

D. All candidates are expected to act with utmost integrity and responsibility and to reflect the values and ethics of the WT Asia. Those that fail to do so shall face disciplinary actions, such as disqualification of their candidacies, pending the investigation and decision of the ad-hoc Election Committee.

E. Bylaws for the election shall be provided separately.

7. Removal: When an official appointed by the President is adjudged to have been disciplined by the pertinent MNA that he or she belongs to, or when he or she commits any actions that undermine and disgrace the WT Asia, the President may, at his discretion, withdraw the appointment. In the event that an official elected at the GA commits any actions that undermine and disgrace the WT Asia, the President may take the matter to the Ethics Committee.

Article 7 General Assembly

1. The General Assembly (the "GA"): The GA is the general meeting of the Council and representatives of MNAs of the WT Asia. The GA is the WT Asia's supreme decision making organ. Its decisions are final.

2. Powers: The powers of the GA are the following:

A. election of officials

B. approval of formulation, amendments and repeals of the Statutes

C. approval of the financial budget and financial report

D. approval of the operations report and operations projects

E. other matters of importance

F. the GA may refer matters under its jurisdiction and/or responsibility to the President or the Council

3. Chairman: The President of the WT Asia shall be the Chairman of the GA.

A. The Chairman may conclude GA discussion if deemed necessary for smooth progress of the meeting.

B. If the President is unable to attend he or she shall delegate the responsibility to a Vice President.

C. An ad-hoc chairman may be appointed to preside over election of officials.

4. MNA Representatives:

Member National Associations (“MNAs”) eligible to vote may delegate up to two representatives to attend the GA. Only one of the representatives shall be allowed to speak and to cast a vote (the “Voting Representative.”). Provisional MNAs may dispatch only one, non-voting, representative.

A. It is expected that the Voting Representative will be the President of the MNA. If the President is unable to attend, he or she may assign the right to act as Voting Representative to another member of his MNA, such assignment to be by proxy letter presented to the WT Asia. The proxy is to be a member of the pertinent MNA, with his or her nationality in the country in which the National Association is located.

B. Representative must submit their credentials, signed by the president of the MNA that he or she represents, to the WT Asia Secretariat in accordance with the procedure and deadline announced by the Secretariat.

5. Ordinary Meetings: Ordinary Meetings of the GA shall be held every year at the same location where the WT Asia Championships or the WT Asia Junior Taekwondo Championships is to be held.

6. Extraordinary GA Meetings: For Extraordinary GA Meetings, the following apply:

A. Extraordinary Meetings may be convened whenever deemed necessary by the President, or:

- i) within 3 months following the request of more than one-third (1/3) of the WT Asia Council members with clear reasons for the summons; or
- ii) within 3 months following the request of more than one-third (1/3) of the Member National Associations with clear reasons for the summons.

B. The date, place and agenda of the Extraordinary General Assembly shall be designated by the President.

C. Matters that are not included in the written agenda of the meeting shall not be deliberated without unanimous consent.

7. Voting: Unless otherwise provided herein, officials (except auditors) and the Voting Representatives of those MNAs that have satisfied the necessary eligibility requirements are

entitled to vote.

A. Voting at the GA shall be conducted by open ballot in general. However, if one or more representative request for a secret ballot, the GA shall vote on this matter, and a simple majority shall decide. Secret ballot is also used for elections and when otherwise required by these Statutes.

8. Quorum and Decisions: For GA voting, the following shall apply:

A. A quorum required for the General Assembly shall consist of no less than one-third (1/3) of members eligible to vote.

B. A simple majority of members present and voting is required for passage of resolutions and other decisions. Abstentions and blank or spoiled votes are not taken into consideration in the calculation of the required majority.

C. The chairman has the deciding vote in case of a tie.

9. Effect: Any decision of the GA comes into effect immediately unless otherwise decided by the GA.

10. Elections: Matters of procedure concerning GA elections not covered by these STATUTES are determined by the ad-hoc Election Committee.

11. E-Voting: In the case of urgency, a resolution may be submitted to a vote by correspondence, including telefax or electronic mail, by the President to the Council and/or the GA. Voting eligibility requirements remain the same.

For e-voting quorum purposes, unreturned ballots are considered abstentions; or, in the case of registered mail, certified receipt of mail by at least one-third of members eligible to vote. A simple majority decides. Results shall be announced in the WT Asia website and reported to the GA at its next meeting.

12. Minutes: Minutes of all meetings and other proceedings of the GA are established under the authority of the Secretary General. The minutes shall be distributed to each member no later than two (2) months after the GA.

Article 8. Council

1. Composition: The Council shall consist of the President, the Vice Presidents, the Secretary General, the Council Members and Ex Officio council members. For Council Members, the following shall apply:
 - A. Of the 26 Council Members as prescribed in Article 6.1., a maximum of 14 members will be elected by the General Assembly.
2. Responsibilities: Council members shall attend the meetings of the Council and GA and observe their responsibilities as prescribed herein. Council members owe a duty of care to the WT Asia. The Council shall decide upon the following:
 - A. Planning and management of WT Asia organization and operations.
 - B. Financial budget and financial reports.
 - C. Formulation, amendments and repeals of the WT Asia STATUTES, bylaws and codes.
 - D. Jurisdiction over WT Asia-promoted championships and selection of Host Countries of the championships.
 - E. Agenda of the GA.
 - F. Matters referred to the Council by the GA or the President.
 - G. Other matters under its jurisdiction or responsibility as prescribed in these STATUTES.
3. Attendance: An elected or appointed Council member who fails to attend two consecutive meetings without approval of the WT Asia shall cease to be a Council Member. Ex-officio Council members who fail to attend two consecutive meetings without approval of the WT Asia shall have no voting rights for the following Council meeting._
4. Delegation: The WT Asia Council may refer matters under its jurisdiction or responsibility to the President. The Council may appoint ad hoc committees, if necessary.
5. Meetings: Ordinary Council meetings shall be called by the President before or after an ordinary GA. Extraordinary Council meetings shall be called by the President before or after an Extraordinary GA, or whenever the President deems necessary.
6. Voting: For voting at Council Meetings the following shall apply:
 - i) One third of Council members shall constitute a quorum for a meeting.
 - ii) A simple majority of members present and voting is required for passage of resolutions

and other decisions.

iii) The chairman has the deciding vote in case of a tie.

7. GA Meetings: The members of the Council shall attend GA meetings as Council members and shall not be delegated as MNA representatives. For an inevitable case where a council represents the MNA, he should get the approval of president or chairman of GA and exercise the rights accorded to including voting right.
8. E-Voting: For matters that require urgent resolution of the Council, the President may call for a resolution via voting by E-Vote.

Article 9 President

1. President: The GA elects, by secret ballot, a President from among its members for a term of four years. A simple majority is required for election of the President. The duties of the President include the following:
 - A. To lead and represent the WT Asia.
 - B. To concurrently lead the GA and the Council as chairman, and preside over the meetings and other activities.
 - C. To designate official duties to Vice Presidents on an ad-hoc basis for the betterment of the development of the sport of taekwondo and the WT Asia operations.
 - D. To appoint the chairmen and members of the WT Asia Committees.
2. Emergency Measures: In case disputes occur over matters not specified in these STATUTES, or matters that require urgent solution during the period between the two General Assemblies, the President may take emergency measures subject to later submission to and approval at the next Council meeting and the GA._
3. Advisors: The President may appoint advisors or special assistants, as the case may be, to seek advice on matters of importance, and the Chairman of Advisory Board becomes automatic Ex-officio Vice-president.

Ex-officio Vice-president: Acting as a Vice-president on duty.

4. Succession: If the President resigns or is incapacitated and thus unable to fulfill the duties of

his office, the Vice Presidents shall elect from among their members, by simple majority, an acting president, such election to be ratified by the Council by simple majority.

Article 10 Vice Presidents

1. Duties: The Duties of the Vice Presidents include the following
 - A. To assist the President and to fulfill missions delegated by the President.
 - B. To concurrently be included in the Council as vice chairmen.
 - C. To preside over the ad-hoc duties designated by the President and submit a report thereafter.

Article 11. Secretary General

1. The Secretary General shall:
 - A. Plan, perform and manage the secretarial and financial matters regarding WT Asia organizations and operations and other general affairs related to the WT Asia Secretariat.
 - B. Submit a report to the Council and GA on the activities of the Secretariat.
 - C. Together with or with the approval of the President, as the case may be, negotiate and sign all contracts between the WT Asia and other organizations or companies.
 - D. Represent the WT Asia at negotiations concluded on its behalf.
 - E. Prepare the annual budget and balance sheet to be presented to the Council and GA.

Article 12. Council Members and Auditors

1. Council Members:

Council Members shall attend Council and GA meetings and observe their responsibilities as prescribed in Article 8 above.
2. Auditor: The Auditor has the following duties:
 - A. Conduct audits on the WT Asia balance sheets and budget.
 - B. Submit audit statements at the Council and GA meetings, when necessary.

Article 13 Secretariat

1. Secretariat: The WT Asia shall install the Secretariat at the location of the WT Asia Headquarters for the execution of the secretarial affairs and duties of the President and the Secretary General.
2. Personnel: Personnel working at the Secretariat shall be appointed and dismissed by the President at the recommendation of the Secretary General. The President may also entrust the Secretary General with the power to appoint and dismiss personnel.
3. Equal Opportunity: Personnel may be employed at the Secretariat, regardless of race, religion, nationality, creed, etc., as deemed fit by the President and the Secretary General.

Article 14. Member National Associations

1. Member National Associations ("MNAs"): WT Asia MNAs shall consist of duly recognized national taekwondo associations by the WT.
2. Nation or Territory: WT Asia shall approve only one MNA for each nation or each self-governing territory. In the event that a country is not self-governing but has a National Olympic Committee ("NOC") recognized by the IOC, it shall be eligible for application into the WT Asia.
3. Levels of Membership: The following shall be the levels of membership within the structure of the WT Asia:
 - A. Full Membership: Full members shall have voting rights at the GA and shall have the right to participate in all official events of the WT Asia. Full members shall be required to pay annual membership fees, as prescribed in these Statutes.
 - B. Demoted Membership: An MNA shall be demoted if it does not fulfill its financial or Championship participation requirements, or if it is found by the Sanctions Committee to have engaged in a gross violation of these STATUTES. Demoted members shall no longer be able to exercise voting rights in official meetings, such as at the GA, but they still retain the right to participate in all official WT Asia events. Demoted members are still required to pay their membership fees. Demoted members may restore their membership status in

full when they fulfill the requirements prescribed in these STATUTES. 13

C. Provisional Membership: Provisional members are MNAs that have fulfilled all application requirements as prescribed in these STATUTES, and are awaiting final approval of the Council and GA for their membership. Provisional members have no voting rights in official meetings, such as at the GA, but they shall have the right to participate in all official WT Asia events. Provisional members are not required to pay annual membership fees. Provisional members will become full members when they have fulfilled the requirements prescribed in these Statutes and their applications have been approved by the Council and the GA.

D. Associate Membership: Associate membership may be given to organizations representing territories that are not self-governing with approval of any existing WT Asia MNA with appropriate jurisdiction over the territory. Associate members may attend official meetings, such as the GA, as observers, but they shall have no voting rights. They shall have the right to participate in official WT Asia events only upon the approval of the WT Asia. Associate members are required to pay annual membership fees under the Tier 3 classification level. Associate members are ineligible to receive development funds.

E. Suspended Membership: An MNA may be subject to suspension of its WT Asia membership for any of the following: i) the MNA fails to receive recognition from the appropriate NOC, ii) the Sanctions Committee concludes that the MNA had not fulfilled its financial or other outstanding obligations; or iii) the MNA has acted in gross violation or repeated violations of these STATUTES, Competition Rules, or other WT Asia Codes or Bylaws, or for bad governance or a failure of governance pursuant to a final decision of the WT Asia Ethics Committee. Suspended members shall no longer be able to attend official meetings, such as at the GA, nor will they be able to participate in all official events of the WT Asia. Suspended members are not required to pay annual membership fees for the period of their suspension. Suspension can be removed by decision of the Council on recommendation of the President.

4. Revocation: A Suspended Member who fails to remedy the cause of the suspension within a reasonable period following due notice may have its membership revoked by a vote of the Council on recommendation of the President.

Article 15. Becoming a Member

1. Membership Applications: Admittance into the WT Asia shall require the approval of the Council and GA.

National taekwondo associations applying for WT Asia membership are required to present designated application documents to the WT Asia. National associations that would like to join the WT Asia must submit the following to the WT Asia Secretary General:

- A. a completed membership application along with a US\$200 application fee;
- B. a commitment letter pledging that the national association intends to dispatch at least two competitors, ideally one male and one female, to each WT Asia Championship and WT Asia Junior Taekwondo Championship.

2. Admittance Procedure: Once a completed application form has been received by the Secretary General it shall be submitted to the Council for contingent approval.

If membership is approved by the Council a resolution for admittance shall be submitted to the GA for final approval. After its admittance into the WT Asia, the MNA shall be expected to submit to the WT Asia a letter of recognition from the pertinent National Olympic Committee ("NOC"), or in its absence the highest national sports authority.

3. Multiple Organizations: In case more than one organization claims to represent a nation or self-governing territory, the dispute shall be resolved by WT.

Article 16. MNA Rights and Responsibilities

1. MNA STATUTES: All MNAs shall constitute their respective STATUTES in strict conformity with the principles of these STATUTES so as not to contravene any provisions herein.

2. Annual Fees: Each MNA is required to pay an annual membership fee by the end of each calendar year. Failure to pay the annual membership fee will result in immediate suspension of membership until the fee, along with any resulting penalties, is paid.

A. Tiers: Membership fees are scaled according to the following classifications:

Tier One = US\$500;

Tier Two = US\$300; and Tier Three = US\$200.

B. Determination of Tiers: As the default rule, unless otherwise provided herein, all MNAs are to be Tier One. The Council may designate specific MNAs as Tier Two or Tier Three based on special circumstances.

C. Penalties: MNAs that fail to pay membership fees for more than three months past the due date may be referred to the Sanctions Committee for further action. Memberships of MNAs that are referred to the Sanctions Committee under this clause cannot be restored without approval of the Council.

3. Affiliations: MNAs shall be neither affiliated to any other international taekwondo organization not recognized by WT Asia, nor participate in any taekwondo events organized by such an organization. An executive board member of a MNA shall not hold another executive board member position concurrently in another MNA.

4. Participation in Championships: MNAs with Full Membership and Demoted Membership have the right and obligation to send competitors to the WT Asia Championships and the WT Asia Junior Championships.

i) MNAs are required dispatch at least two competitors to at least one of the two most recent Championships.

ii) MNAs who fail to participate in championships as provided above without justifiable reasons, such as but not limited to, natural calamities shall be demoted at the GA on the occasion of the second successive championships in which the MNA has failed to participate. MNAs demoted under this clause shall regain their full membership on the GA following the fulfillment of the participation requirement.

5. Hosting WT Asia Events: Unless otherwise prescribed in these Statutes, all MNAs have equal right to host WT Asia events with approval of WT Asia, including WT Asia -promoted championships.

6. Non- WT Asia Championships: MNAs may host other international championships, such as invitational and goodwill, provided that these championships do not include the term "WT Asia," do not use the WT Asia logo or emblems, do not use the names of the SCUs of the WT Asia, and do not violate the letter or the spirit of Article

7. New Member Voting Rights: National associations shall be given WT Asia membership at the

time of the General Assembly called to ratify the membership, but shall not be eligible to vote until the next GA is convened.

8. Reporting: MNAs are required to submit an annual report of their taekwondo activities to the WT Asia in official forms developed by the WT.
9. Withdrawal: Any MNA may withdraw its membership provided that it has fulfilled its financial and other outstanding obligations to the WT Asia. To be effective notice of withdrawal must be provided within four months of the end of a calendar year.
10. MNA President: It is expected that the President of the MNA, unless otherwise approved by the WT Asia, shall be a citizen of the nation or territory that the MNA represents.

Article 17. Equal Protection

1. Equal Protection: All WT Asia Members shall be equal before these STATUTES. The WT Asia shall be free of any form of discrimination with regard to a country or person on the grounds of race, religion, politics, and gender or otherwise.

Article 18. Sub Continental Unions

1. Sub continental Unions: MNAs located in the same geographic area may form a Sub continental Union ("SCU") with prior approval of the WT Asia. MNAs not part of the same continent/geographic area can join a SCU with approval of the WT Asia.
2. Boundaries: The territorial boundaries for jurisdiction of a SCU shall be fixed by the Council. Only WT Asia MNAs may affiliate to an WT Asia SCU.

Article 19. SCU Recognition

1. Recognition: Recognition by the WT Asia shall be granted to and withdrawn from each CU per decision of the Council. The decision of the Council to recognize or withdraw recognition from a structure as a recognized SCU shall be made based on the capability of the structure to ensure the function of a SCU in the interest of the sport of taekwondo and the interests

of the WT Asia.

2. Special Action: In case of serious breach of the WT Asia STATUTES or WT Competition Rules or a serious failure of governance, as determined by the Sanctions Committee, the WT Asia shall have the right to coordinate with the SCU for a new leadership

Article 20 SCU Requirements

1. Constitution: SCUs shall adopt a basic constitution which conforms to that of the WT Asia and amendments thereto shall be subject to same manner.
2. Reporting: Each SCU shall keep minutes of all official SCU meetings, including all ordinary and extraordinary general assembly meetings and council meetings. Each SCU shall submit an annual report to the WT Asia in official forms developed by the WT.
3. Officers: Only individuals who are a board member of a MNA belonging to a SCU are eligible for election as an officer of the pertinent SCU. SCU officers cannot be members of more than one MNA.
4. Ex-Officio: Members of the WT Asia Council are eligible to be ex-officio members of an appropriate SCU council.
5. Observer: WT Asia has the right to appoint an observer to each SCU council and/or GA. The observer has the right to attend and speak at all official SCU meetings, but has no voting rights.
6. SCU Elections: SCU elections shall be held within the six months after the election of the WT Asia president.
7. SCU Championships: The SCU taekwondo championships shall not be held in the same year as the WT Asia Asian Taekwondo Championships.
8. Calendar: The dates and locations of SCU Championships and other tournaments and events shall be subject to consultation with the WT Asia A calendar of events shall be submitted to the WT Asia at the beginning of each calendar year. A report on the results of all completed events shall be submitted to the WT Asia within one months of the completion of the event,

along with all related documents and media material.

Article 21. Activities

1. Activities: The WT Asia engages in the following activities:

- A. promoting and sponsoring championships, tournaments and other events;
- B. research for the propagation and development of taekwondo techniques;
- C. publication of taekwondo-related material;
- D. promoting the principles that the Kukkiwon, center of traditional taekwondo, has adopted in respect to the taekwondo philosophy and the development of techniques and Dan certification.
- E. other activities authorized by the Council in furtherance of the WT Asia's mission and objectives as defined in Article 2.

Article 22. WT Asia Promoted Championships:

1. WT Asia Promoted Championships: The following are WT Asia Promoted Championships:

- A. WT Asia Asian Taekwondo Championships
- B. WT Asia Asian Taekwondo Poomsae Championships
- C. WT Asia Asian Junior Taekwondo Championships
- D. WT Asia Asian Junior Taekwondo Poomsae Championships
- E. WT Asia Asian Taekwondo Club Championships
- F. WT Asia Asian Taekwondo Club Poomsae Championships
- G. WT Asia Special events for promotion of Taekwondo
- H. WT Asia Asian Cadet Taekwondo Championships
- I. WT Asia Asian Cadet Taekwondo Poomsae Championships
- J. WT Asia Asian Para Taekwondo Championships
- K. WT Asia Asian Para Taekwondo Poomsae Championships

2. The Operations shall be conducted as follows:

- A. The Asian Championships and the Asian Junior Taekwondo Championships shall be held every two years under the auspices of the WT Asia and organized by the host member

National Association. The WT Asia Asian Junior Taekwondo Championships shall not be held in the same year as the WT Asia Asian Taekwondo Championships as long as the WT Asia council decides otherwise. The WT Asia Asian Club Taekwondo Championships and the WT Asia Asian Taekwondo Poomsae Championships may be held on a regular basis, upon the decision of the WT Asia Council.

B. Other international championships, such as invitational or goodwill, may be held by any of the member nations, provided that these championships have WT's written approval, via WT Asia.

C. TD's report, in a special form provided by WT Asia, should be sent to the WT Asia within 2 weeks of the conclusion of the championships along with all related documents and media materials.

All championships promoted or sanctioned by the WT Asia shall observe the Competition Rules & Regulations of the WT, hereinafter known as the "WT Competition Rules & Regulations.

3. Host City Selection: Any MNA applying to host an WT Asia -promoted championship shall abide by the following procedure:

A. Organizing Committee applies to host the WT Asia-promoted championship by submitting a written Host City Application with prescribed terms and conditions and proposing a specific amount of monetary contribution to the WT Asia, along with required documents, to the WT Asia.

B. WT Asia inspection team reviews the prospective Host City facilities and plans and gives a report to the Council.

C. Organizing Committee presents bid to the Council for Council decision.

4. Host City Agreements: Selected Host Cities shall enter into a Host City Agreement with the WT Asia with prescribed terms and conditions, ideally no later than six months prior to the event.

Article 23. Referees, Coaches, and Competition Rules

1. Competition Rules: All championships promoted or sanctioned by the WT Asia shall observe the Competition Rules of the WT.
2. International Referees: WT Asia Championships, SCU Taekwondo Championships, and other international championships sanctioned or promoted by the WT Asia shall be officiated only by legitimate International Referees.
3. All coaches who represent their country or team during any WT Asia or international 'G' level Championships must hold Coach License Certificate/Card issued by World Taekwondo or any of five (5) Continental Unions.

Article 24. Finances

1. Income Sources: The income of the WT Asia shall be derived from the following sources: membership fees; operating income; donations and subsidies; other income.
2. Financial Year: The financial year of the WT Asia shall start on January 1 and end on December 31 of each year.
3. WT Asia Business: WT Asia shall present 30 percent of business profit to the person who brings in the business to WT Asia and a maximum 20 percent of business profit can be used for the financial sponsor.

Article 25. Intellectual Property

1. In General: WT Asia -promoted competitions and events are the exclusive property of the WT Asia, which owns all rights and data relating thereto, in particular, and without limitation, all rights relating to their organization, exploitation, broadcasting, recording, representation, reproduction, access and dissemination in any form and by any means or mechanism whatsoever, whether now existing or developed in the future. The WT Asia shall determine the conditions of access to and the conditions of any use of data relating to the WT Asia - promoted competitions and events.

2. Marks and Symbols: The WT Asia emblem, flag, motto, identifications (including but not limited to "WT Asia promoted" and "WT Asia -sanctioned"), as defined by the WT Asia shall be collectively or individually referred to as "WT Asia Properties." The following applies to WT Asia Properties:

A. All rights to any and all WT Asia Properties, as well as all rights to the use thereof, belong exclusively to the WT Asia, including but not limited to the use for any profit-making, commercial or advertising purposes.

The WT Asia may license all or part of its rights on terms and conditions set forth by the WT Asia.

B. WT Asia properties shall not be used without prior approval of the WT Asia. Each MNA shall use reasonable efforts for prevention of the name and emblem's use without approval of the WT Asia in the areas under the jurisdiction of that association.

C. The WT Asia reserves the right to approve MNAs to take appropriate legal action against pirating and/or illegal use of the name and emblem of the WT Asia by clubs, associations and individuals in countries where such violations have occurred.

3. Bylaws: By-laws concerning the use of WT Asia Properties, in their original form or any other possible modifications, and the possible legal and/or disciplinary actions against perpetrators who did not obtain such official approval from WT Asia, shall be enacted separately.

Article 26. Media Rights

1. Media Rights: All television, radio, photographic, film, internet, telephone and other media rights to WT Asia events known of or unknown of today are the exclusive property of the WT Asia. These rights may not be sold or negotiated without the written agreement of the WT Asia, which may delegate its powers to negotiate the sale or use of these rights, but which shall retain the sole authority for the final decision.

2. Hosting WT Asia Promoted Championships: When a MNA hosts an WT Asia -promoted event, the Organizing Committee shall first get the approval of the WT Asia before signing any marketing contract with private entities.

For such contracts the following shall apply:

- A. The WT Asia shall be allotted thirty percent (30%) of any fees for all media rights, advertisement income and royalties arranged by the Organizing Committee for using the WT Asia emblem in connection with all the WT Asia -promoted championships.
- B. For arrangements by the WT Asia for the Organizing Committee, those fees shall be divided in equal parts between the WT Asia and the Organizing Committee.

Article 27. Committees

1. Standing Committees: The WT Asia Council shall constitute the following standing committees as auxiliary apparatuses:

A. Technical & Development Committee: The Technical and Development Committee consists of up to four sub committees. The task of the committee is to review the organization and management of taekwondo competitions and analyze various issues in the effective management of international referees and study the improvement of techniques related to taekwondo competitions.

i) Sub-Committees: For systematic achievement of its function, the committee may compose of subcommittees as follows:

1. Games Committee: The Games Committee deals with studying the requirements for further improvements of the organization and management of Taekwondo competitions.
2. Referee Committee: The Referee Committee deals with studying the conditions for consistent application of the WT Competition Rules; researching methods of effective management.
3. Training, Education and Development Committee: The Training, Education and Development Committee deals with studying the requirement for cultivation of competent athletes, coaches and general Taekwondo practitioners, etc., and preparing educational materials for the further development of Taekwondo. The committee advises the WT Asia Council on the promotion of culture and Taekwondo education and supports the WT Asia programs and activities related to the education of youth through Taekwondo within the WT Asia.
4. Poomsae Committee: to the Poomsae Committee formulates revisions to the WT

Poomsae Competition Rules and reviews the organization and management of Poomsae taekwondo competitions. The Poomsae Committee is tasked with studying the requirements for further improvements of the organization and management of taekwondo Poomsae competitions, studying the conditions for consistent application of the WT Poomsae Competition Rules.

- ii) Reporting: The chairman of the Technical and Development Committee, when needed, shall attend the WT Asia Council meeting for reporting.
- iii) Annual Plan: The chairman of the Technical & Development Committee should prepare an annual working plan and put it into practice upon the approval of the Secretary General.
Bylaw: The by-laws of the Technical & Development Committee shall be provided separately from the WT Asia Rules.

B. Women's Committee: The Women's Committee deals with the specific issues related to the practice, development and promotion of Taekwondo amongst women. The Committee gives advices to the WT Asia Council on matters related to Women's Taekwondo.

C. TV & New Media Committee: The TV and New Media Committee are responsible for preparing and implementing the overall WT Asia strategy for future broadcast rights negotiations. The TV and New Media Committee deals in particular with the development of the visibility and brand image of WT Asia; collaboration with the media and its development (written press, radio, TV, Internet, etc.); working conditions of the media during competitions organized by the WT Asia; WT Asia publications; management of public relations activities; contacts with the authorities, other sport federations, sponsors and the sport industry; the development and exploitation of all the rights pertaining to the competitions and events organized by the WT Asia.

D. Marketing Committee: The Marketing Committee reviews and studies possible sources of financing and revenue for the WT Asia whilst ensuring that the control of sport rests with sports authorities. The Committee is to make recommendations to the WT Asia Council regarding marketing and related programs. The Committee is to monitor the implementation of the WT Asia 's marketing and related programs, and report thereon to the Council. The Committee is also to seek means of maximizing the potential benefits to the Taekwondo Movement available through association with marketing partners.

E. Athletes & Coaches Committee: The Athletes and Coaches Committee deals with studying requirements for the athletes and coaches' safety, participation in competitions and technical enhancement. The Committee represents athletes and coaches within the Taekwondo Movement and also upholds the rights and obligations of the athletes and coaches.

F. Paralympic Committee: The Paralympic Committee deals with studying the benefits of taekwondo for person(s) with a disability, and promotion of taekwondo as a program of the Paralympic Committee.

G. Ethics Committee: The Ethics Committee is the guardian of the ethical principles of the Taekwondo Movement, as set out in the WT Asia Charter and the Code of Ethics. It conducts investigations into breaches of ethics submitted to it by the WT Asia President and, where necessary, makes recommendations for measures or sanctions to the WT Asia Council; these recommendations remain confidential.

H. Youth & Collegiate Committee: The Youth and Collegiate Committee deals with the issues related to the practice, promotion and development of Taekwondo amongst the youth and collegians. The committee is also tasked with studying various affairs relating to Youth and Collegiate Taekwondo competitions.

I. Anti-Doping & Medical Committee: The Anti-Doping and Medical Committee deals with the problem of doping in the Taekwondo world. The task of the Committee is to support the protection of the athletes' health. It is also tasked with studying medical affairs related to Taekwondo competitions and setting up necessary guidelines, and studying the most up-to-date Anti-Doping Code and best practices of the WADA.

J. Juridical Committee: The Juridical Committee deals with drafting the WT Asia STATUTES and by-laws and amendments thereto: providing legal opinions to the Council upon their request, on issues relating to the exercise of their respective competences; considering actions or defense concerning the WT Asia; and carrying out studies of a legal nature on issues which may affect the interests of the WT Asia.

K. Leader's Committee

L. Para & Deaflympic Committee

M. Cadet Committee

N. Finance Committee

O. Poomsae Referee Committee

P. Research Committee

Q. TV & Media or PR Committee

R. Asia Taekwondo Forum

S. Expansion Committee: The Expansion Committee is composed of the President, Vice Presidents, Secretary General of the WT Asia Council as the Expansion Committee of WT. The purpose of the Committee is to help coordinate activities among the various members organizations of the WT Asia and to make recommendations for actions in furtherance of the WT Asia's Mission and Objectives.

2. General Guidelines: For Committees, the following shall apply:

A. Composition: All the committees, with the exception of the Technical & Development Committee, shall consist of one chairman, up to three vice chairmen, and up to fifteen members for a two-year term, as designated by the President.

B. Role and Responsibility: The Council or the President may entrust each committee with execution of the matters under its jurisdiction and/or responsibility.

C. Bylaws: The by-laws detailing the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the committees may be enacted separately from the WT Asia STATUTES.

3. Ad-Hoc Committees: As provided in these STATUTES the WT Asia may from time to time form special purpose Ad-Hoc committees.

Article 28. Joint Technical Meeting

1. Joint Technical Meeting: A Joint Technical Meeting, consisting of the WT Asia Technical

Committee members and the chairmen of the Technical Committees of MNAs, may be convened. For a Joint Technical Meeting, the following shall apply:

- A. All the representatives attending the Joint Technical Meeting shall submit their credentials to the Secretariat.
- B. The Secretary General or the WT Asia Technical Committee Chairman may chair the Joint Technical Meeting.

Article 29. Sanctions

1. Cause of Action: The WT Asia may sanction its members for any violation of these Statutes, the Competition Rules, or other WT Asia regulation or bylaw including anti-doping codes, and for participation in activities that are contrary to the WT Asia's Mission and Objectives, Ethics, Values, and/or that bring the WT Asia into disrepute.
2. Sanctions: As the case may be, the measures which may be taken by the ad-hoc Sanctions Committee, the ad-hoc Election Committee, the Doping Panel or any relevant organ of the WT Asia include the following:
 - A. Warning.
 - B. Rebuke.
 - C. Fine.
 - D. Suspension.
 - E. Expulsion
 - F. Disqualification.
 - G. Order the return of funds provided by the WT Asia.
 - F. Any other sanction deemed appropriate.
3. Sanctions Committee: The ad-hoc Sanctions Committee shall consist of no more than five Council members to be designated by the President, with the exception of sanctions against the Secretariat staff, whereby a Sanctions Committee may be constituted by the officials of higher rank than the offending individual(s).

Article 30. Dispute Resolution

1. Dispute Resolution: For resolution of disputes among members or between members and the WT Asia, Dispute Resolution bylaws shall be provided separately

Article 31. Dissolution

1. Dissolution: The dissolution of the WT Asia can only be decided at the General Assembly by the unanimous resolution of all the members that comprise the General Assembly.
2. Residual Funds/Properties: Exclusive right over the use of any funds or WT Asia properties shall be given by the General Assembly that has reached the resolution for the dissolution.

Article 32. Modifications

1. Amendments: The Council shall formulate drafts, amendments or repeals of the WT Asia STATUTES, and Rules on Organization and Operation of International Taekwondo Championships, and bylaws and codes. Approval of the GA shall be required for formulation of the STATUTES.

Article 33. Interpretation of STATUTES

1. Interpretation Authority: The authority for settling any dispute arising out of the interpretation of these STATUTES shall reside with the President, who shall seek the advice of the Council or appropriate Committees before taking a final decision.

Article 34. Enforcement

1. Adoption: These STATUTES have been adopted at the General Assembly in Bangkok, Thailand, in November 25, 2011.
2. Article 14.3(D): Requirement for MNA approval shall be enforced for new members.

Article 35. Abbreviations and Definitions

1. The following are commonly used abbreviations and designations used in these STATUTES:

Competition Rules: WT Competition Rules and Interpretations

SCU: Sub Continental Union

GA: General Assembly

IOC: International Olympic Committee

MNA: Member National Association

The/These STATUTES: WT Asia STATUTES

WADA World Anti-Doping Agency

The WT Asia: World Taekwondo Asia