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Article 1:

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Objects and Name

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1. Taekwondo is a product of traditional Korean culture. The purpose of organizing a world governing body for taekwondo is to standardize and propagate worldwide the sport along with its traditional taekwondo tenets and spirit.
2. The World Taekwondo Federation, hereinafter known in its abbreviated form as the "WTF," is an international not-for-profit and non-governmental organization. Founded in 1973, the WTF is recognized by the International Olympic Committee ("IOC") as the sole governing authority of taekwondo at the Olympic Games.
3. The WTF seeks to realize the ideals "Swiftly. Powerfully. Accurately." through the medium of taekwondo competitions and other activities.
4. The WTF shall observe the general and fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter and propagate the Olympic Movement through the sport of taekwondo. In accordance with the Olympic Charter and the WTF Rules, the WTF maintains its independence and autonomy in the administration of the sport of taekwondo in its member nations and continental unions.

All member National Associations and individuals shall be equal before the WTF Rules, and shall be free from any form of prejudices on grounds of race, gender, politics, religion, or otherwise.

5. The WTF shall observe the Olympic Movement Anti-Doping Code ("OMADC") as prescribed by the IOC and other anti-doping codes relevant in preserving the intrinsic value of the spirit of sport.
6. The WTF shall promote the principles that the Kukkiwon, center of traditional taekwondo, has adopted in respect to the taekwondo philosophy, development of techniques and Dan certification.
7. The WTF shall 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.



8. The Rules and Regulations of the WTF, hereinafter known as the “WTF Rules,” is the fundamental and universal document upon which the administration of the sport of taekwondo is based. It is intended to be specific enough to achieve complete harmonization on the issues where uniformity is required.
9. The WTF designates the World Taekwondo Academy, hereinafter known as the WTA, in Korea to function as an international academic center of the WTF for studies, education and research of taekwondo.

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## Article 2:

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### Operations

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1. To attain the objects of Article 1, the WTF shall promote and/or sanction the following championships:
  - A. WTF World Championships, which shall encompass:
    - i. WTF Men’s World Taekwondo Championships
    - ii. WTF Women’s World Taekwondo Championships
  - B. WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships
  - C. WTF World Cup Taekwondo Team Championships
  - D. WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships
  - E. World University Taekwondo Championships, World Military Taekwondo Championships
  - F. WTF World Para-Taekwondo Championships
  - G. Special events for promotion of Taekwondo
  - H. Various international competitions
  - I. International Referee Seminar and Refresher Course



- J. International Coach Training Course
  - K. Concerted effort to continuously incorporate taekwondo into the Olympic Games
  - L. Research for the propagation and development of taekwondo techniques
  - M. Publication of necessary taekwondo-related material
  - N. Other operations necessary to attain the objects of Article 1
2. The Operations shall be conducted as follows:
- A. The WTF World Championships and the WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships shall be held every two years under the auspices of the WTF and organized by the host member National Association. The WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships shall not be held in the same year as the WTF World Championships.  
  
The frequency of the WTF World Cup Team Taekwondo Championships and the WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships may be held on a regular basis, upon the decision of the WTF Council.  
  
In the year of the Youth Olympic Games, the WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships shall be held as a Youth Olympic qualification tournament and shall be held, ideally, no later than six (6) months prior to the Games.
  - B. The Continental Taekwondo Championships shall be held every two years with the approval and supervision of the WTF, and shall be organized by the host member National Association selected at the General Assembly of each continental union. The Continental Taekwondo Championships shall not be held in the same year as the WTF World Championships.
  - C. Other international championships, such as invitational or goodwill, may be held by any of the member nations, provided that these championships do not include the term "World" or the names of the continents of the WTF.
  - D. The results of the championships shall be reported to the WTF within one (1) month of the conclusion of the championships, along with all related documents and media



materials.

- E. All championships promoted or sanctioned by the WTF shall observe the Competition Rules of the WTF, hereinafter known as the "WTF Competition Rules."
  - F. The International Referee Seminar, the International Referee Refresher Course and the International Coach Training Course shall be conducted by the WTF only. Apart from member National Associations, no other organization shall be authorized to organize, execute, or issue certificates therein for the referee seminars, refresher courses and coach training courses. The WTF World Championships, Continental Taekwondo Championships and other international championships promoted and/or sanctioned by the WTF shall be officiated only by the International Referees approved by the WTF.
  - G. The President shall grant the qualification of "International Referee" to those who have successfully completed the International Referee Seminar and who have passed all the prerequisite tests and criteria deemed necessary by the WTF.
  - H. The President shall grant the qualification of "International Coach" to those who have successfully completed the International Coach Training Course and who have passed all the prerequisite tests and criteria deemed necessary by the WTF.
3. The rules for organizing the championships and regulations for the International Referee and International Coach shall be enacted by the WTF Council.

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### Article 3:

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#### Headquarters and Official Languages

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- 1. The headquarters of the WTF shall be located permanently in Seoul, Korea
- 2. The official languages of the WTF shall be English, French and Korean. The auxiliary languages of the WTF, if necessary, shall be German and Spanish.
- 3. Other than the original language of the technical terminology, including the referee commands, which is Korean, the English language is the official language for the minutes, correspondence, seminars, trainings and announcements of the WTF. Members are responsible for translation of the aforesaid into the language of their country.



4. The WTF Rules and WTF Competition Rules shall be published in the official languages.
5. In case of disagreement over interpretation or translation of the WTF Rules, the WTF Competition Rules, or any other rules enacted to govern the daily operations of the sport of taekwondo and the WTF, the language in which the document was originally written shall prevail as follows:
  - (i) Original version of WTF Rules: English
  - (ii) Original version of WTF Competition Rules: Korean
6. English shall be the official language at the WTF Council Meeting and General Assembly of the WTF.
7. Any member National Association shall have the right to speak or write in its mother tongue, but the contents shall be translated into any or all of the official languages, and any other languages deemed necessary.

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## Article 4:

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### Organization and Membership

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1. The WTF shall constitute the following organs:
  - (i) General Assembly, which is the supreme and legislative body;
  - (ii) WTF Council, which is the executive body;
  - (iii) Executive Committee, which is the implementation body that executes the policies of the General Assembly and the WTF Council;
  - (iv) President, who shall lead the WTF;
  - (v) Secretariat, which is the administrative body
2. The WTF membership shall consist of national taekwondo associations representing their respective nations or self-governing territories recognized by the WTF.

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 WTF.

3. The following shall be the levels of membership within the structure of the WTF:



- (i) Full Membership:
  - Full members shall have voting rights at the General Assembly and shall have the right to participate in all official events of the WTF.
  - Full members shall be required to pay annual membership fees, as prescribed in Article 6 of the WTF Rules.
  
- (ii) Demoted Membership:
  - A member National Association shall be demoted if it does not fulfill the requirements of Article 4.10 of the WTF Rules.
  - Demoted members shall no longer be able to exercise voting rights in official meetings, such as at the General Assembly, but they still retain the right to compete in all official events of the WTF.
  - Demoted members are still required to pay their membership fees
  - Demoted members may restore their membership status in full when they fulfill Article 4.10 of the WTF Rules.
  
- (iii) Provisional Membership:
  - Provisional members refer to National Associations that have fulfilled all requirements as prescribed in Article 4.4 of the WTF Rules, and are awaiting final approval of the WTF Council and General Assembly for their membership applications.
  - Provisional members have no voting rights in official meetings, such as at the General Assembly, but they shall have the right to participate in all official events of the WTF.
  - Provisional members are not required to pay annual membership fees.
  - Provisional members will become full members when they have fulfilled all requirements prescribed in Article 4.4 of the WTF Rules and their applications have been approved by the WTF Council and the General Assembly.
  
- (iv) Associate Membership:
  - Associate membership may also be given to National Associations from countries that are not self-governing.
  - Associate members may attend official meetings, such as the General Assembly, as observers, but they shall have no voting rights. They shall have the right to participate in all official events of the WTF, upon the approval of the WTF.
  - Associate members are required to pay annual membership fees under the Tier 3 classification level, as prescribed in Article 6.1 of the WTF Rules.

(v) Suspended Membership:

A member National Association shall be subject to suspension of its WTF membership if the Sanctions Committee, as prescribed in Article 24, concludes that the member nation had not fulfilled its financial and other outstanding obligations in Article 6 of the WTF Rules.

- Suspended members shall no longer be able to attend official meetings, such as at the General Assembly, nor will they be able to participate in all official events of the WTF.

- Suspended members are not required to pay annual membership fees.

4. Admittance into the WTF shall require the approval of the WTF Council and the General Assembly of the WTF. The national taekwondo associations applying for the membership of the WTF are required to present designated application documents to the WTF together with a letter of recognition from the pertinent National Olympic Committee ("NOC"); or, in its absence, its highest national sport authority.

In addition to that, they are also required to hand in a letter pledging to dispatch at least two competitors, ideally one male and one female, to the WTF World Championships or the WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships.

5. The WTF shall approve only one association for each nation or each self-governing territory, on the condition that the pertinent IOC-accepted NOC or, in its absence, its highest national sports authority, has recognized the association.
6. In case more than one organization claims to represent a nation or self-governing territory, the dispute shall be resolved by the WTF with consideration of the opinions of the pertinent NOC.
7. All affiliated member National Associations shall constitute their respective statutes in strict conformity with the principles of the WTF Rules, so as not to contravene any provisions therein.
8. A member National Association shall neither be affiliated to any other international taekwondo organization not recognized by the WTF, nor participate in any taekwondo events organized by such an organization.

An executive board member of a member National Association shall not hold another executive board member position concurrently in other member National Association.



9. Any member National Association may withdraw its membership upon final approval of the WTF, provided that it has fulfilled its financial and other outstanding obligations to the WTF.
10. All member national associations are obliged to dispatch at least two competitors, ideally one male and one female, to the WTF World Championships or the WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships.

The membership status of those who fail to take part in either the WTF World Championships or the WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships for two consecutive occasions without justifiable reasons, such as but not limited to, natural calamities, are set to be demoted at the General Assembly on the occasion of the second successive championships in which the member National Association has failed to participate.

For the purposes of this Rule, "successive" means the period from a WTF World Championships to the subsequent WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships, or vice versa.

11. All member national associations are obliged to submit an annual report to the WTF on their taekwondo activities in official forms developed by the WTF.

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## Article 5:

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### Continental Union

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1. The member National Associations located in the same continent may form a continental union with the prior approval of the WTF Council.
2. WTF only recognizes its five official continental unions as follows:
  - African Taekwondo Union – AFTU;
  - Asian Taekwondo Union – ATU;
  - European Taekwondo Union – ETU;
  - Oceania Taekwondo Union - OTU;
  - Pan American Taekwondo Union – PATU
3. The territorial boundaries for jurisdiction of a continental union shall be fixed by the WTF Council and only member National Associations of the WTF may affiliate to a continental union.



4. The constitution of a continental union shall be enacted in strict conformity to the WTF Rules, and shall be subject to the final approval of the WTF Council.
5. Only members of the WTF member National Associations belonging to a continental union shall be eligible for election as the president of the pertinent continental union.
6. Continental unions shall conduct only the operations approved or entrusted to them by the WTF, and shall submit annual reports to the WTF in official forms developed by the WTF.
7. The dates and places of the Continental Taekwondo Championships and other continental taekwondo tournaments shall be subject to the approval of the WTF, and the results thereof shall be reported to the WTF.

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## Article 6:

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### Membership Fee

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1. An applicant nation shall pay a fee of US\$500 for admittance into the WTF. Member National Associations of the WTF are required to pay annual membership fees by the end of each year. The membership fees vary according to the following classification of member nations:
  - Tier 1: US\$700
  - Tier 2: US\$500
  - Tier 3: US\$300

Classification of member nations into the respective tiers shall be decided every two years by the WTF Council.

2. Failure to pay membership fees may result in the suspension of membership, as prescribed in Article 4.3 of the WTF Rules.

In the event that a member National Association defers payment of its annual membership fee by more than six (6) months, the WTF Secretariat shall send a note of demand.

In the event that the member nation defers payment by an additional six (6) months, its membership shall be referred to the Sanctions Committee of the WTF for further action. With



the payment of the arrearage, the suspended membership may be restored with the approval of the WTF Council.

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## Article 7:

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### Finances

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1. Finances of the WTF shall be appropriated by the following incomes.
  - A. Membership fees
  - B. Operations income
  - C. Donations and subsidy
  - D. Other incomes
2. The fiscal year shall commence on January 1 and end on December 31 of each year.
3. Any member National Association applying to host the WTF-promoted championships, i.e. the WTF World Championships; the WTF World Junior Championships; the WTF World Cup Team Taekwondo Championships; or the WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships; shall submit a written application with prescribed terms and conditions proposing a specific amount of monetary contribution to the WTF.
4. All media rights, including but not limited to, television rights, are the exclusive properties of the WTF. The WTF 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 WTF emblem in connection with all the WTF-promoted championships.

In case of arrangements by the WTF for the Organizing Committee, those fees shall be divided in equal parts between the WTF and the Organizing Committee.

5. The Organizing Committee shall first get the approval of the WTF before signing any marketing contract with private entities.



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## Article 8:

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### General Assembly

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1. The General Assembly shall be held every year at the same locations where the WTF World Championships and the WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships are to be held. Each member nation shall be accorded an equal opportunity to host the WTF World Championships.
2. The General Assembly shall decide on the following matters:
  - A. election of officials;
  - B. formulation and amendment of the WTF Rules;
  - C. approval of the financial budget and financial report;
  - D. approval of the operations reports and operations projects;
  - E. other matters of importance
3. Every member National Association with voting rights shall have one vote at the General Assembly. The decisions of the General Assembly are final.
4. Each member association may dispatch two representatives to the General Assembly, one of which shall be the voting representative. Each provisional member national association may dispatch only a non-voting representative.

Only the voting representative shall be allowed to vote and speak at the General Assembly. All the representatives shall submit their credentials signed by the president of the pertinent national association that he or she represents to the WTF Secretariat.

5. The minutes shall be distributed to each member no later than two (2) months after the General Assembly.
6. The General Assembly shall be organized with the members of the WTF Council and the representatives of each member National Association. Members of the WTF Council shall not be delegated at the General Assembly as representatives of each member National Association.

Each delegate shall bring along his or her passport, along with credentials signed by the president of the pertinent National Association that he or she represents.



7. The presidents of member National Associations, in principle, are obliged to attend the General Assembly as representatives of their national taekwondo associations. When they are unable to do so, they may designate a proxy to attend the meeting on their behalf. In this case, however, they are required to inform the WTF of the proxy through a letter.

The proxy must be a member of the pertinent National Association, with his or her nationality the country in which the National Association is located. The proxy shall bring along his or her passport, along with credentials signed by the president of the pertinent National Association.

8. A quorum required for the General Assembly and other WTF meetings shall consist of no less than one-third (1/3) of the constituents of the organs.

A simple majority of members present and voting is required for passage of resolutions and other decisions, with the exception of Article 20 and, in the cases of election of officials, Article 11.11 of the WTF Rules. Abstentions and blank or spoiled votes are not taken into consideration in the calculation of the required majority.

Voting at the General Assembly shall be conducted by open ballot in principle. However, if one or more representatives request for a secret ballot, the General Assembly shall vote on this matter. If a simple majority supports secret ballot, then the voting shall proceed by secret ballot. If the majority does not agree, then the voting shall remain open. In the event of an election, the voting shall proceed by secret ballot.

9. The chairman has the deciding vote in case of a tie.
10. An ad-hoc chairman may be appointed to preside over election of officials.
11. The General Assembly may refer matters under its jurisdiction and/or responsibility to the President or the WTF Council. The chairman may conclude the discussion, if deemed necessary, for smooth progress of the meeting.
12. In urgent cases, the President may submit a resolution to the member National Associations by post without summoning the General Assembly.

If a majority of those who reply vote in favor of the resolution, the resolution shall be carried. The result shall be announced in the WTF Web site, and reported to the General Assembly at its next meeting.



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## Article 9:

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### Joint Technical Meeting

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1. The Joint Technical Meeting, consisting of the WTF Technical Committee members and the chairmen of the Technical Committees of the member National Associations, may be convened.
2. All the representatives attending the Joint Technical Meeting shall submit their credentials to the Secretariat.
3. The Secretary General or the Chairman of the WTF Technical Committee may chair the Joint Technical Meeting.

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## Article 10:

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### Extraordinary General Assembly

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1. An Extraordinary General Assembly shall be summoned whenever deemed necessary by the President of the WTF.
2. The President shall summon the Extraordinary General Assembly within three months if one of the following occurs:
  - A. At the request of more than one-third (1/3) of the WTF Council members with clear reasons for the summons;
  - B. At the request of more than one-third (1/3) of the member National Associations with clear reasons for the summons.
3. The date, place and agenda of the Extraordinary General Assembly shall be designated by the President.
4. Matters that are not included in the written agenda of the meeting shall not be deliberated.



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## Article 11:

### Officials

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1. The following officials shall be incepted at the WTF:
  - A. One President
  - B. Six Vice Presidents
  - C. One Secretary General
  - D. One Treasurer
  - E. Twenty-one or less WTF Council members, not inclusive of ex-officio members of the WTF Council.
  - F. Two Auditors

2. The officials shall be elected as individuals and not as representatives of member National Associations. Accordingly, in case a member resigns, the post shall not necessarily be filled by another individual of the same nationality.

By-election for officials shall be held in the WTF Council Meeting. The term of office for the newly elected member will be the remaining period of his or her predecessor.

3. The term of office of the officials is four years, with the exception of the two athlete council members, whose terms of office shall be two years. All members of the WTF Council begin their terms of office at the end of the General Assembly which elected them. Their terms of office cease at the end of the General Assembly held during the year in which they expire.

For the purposes of this Rule, a year means the period between two successive General Assemblies.

4. The presidents of the five continental taekwondo unions representing the continents of Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania and Pan America shall automatically be the ex-officio members of the WTF Council. When the president of a continental union is elected as the President of the WTF, he or she must resign from the continental presidency within one (1) month.
5. Officials are eligible for re-election.
6. The Secretary General and the Treasurer are set to be appointed by the President.



7. The President is empowered to appoint three Vice Presidents and seven WTF Council members, who include one male and one female athlete council members who have retired from active competition within the last eight years.

During the appointment of the vice presidents and WTF Council members, the President shall take into consideration the equal distribution of gender and continental representation.

8. Only the executive board members of the member National Associations can be nominated as candidates for the WTF officials, including the presidency with the recommendation of the pertinent National Associations. The candidates are also required to present a letter from their NOC or, in its absence, its highest National Sports Authority verifying that they are executive board members of their National Associations.

The application documents for the candidature should arrive at the WTF Secretariat three (3) months before the election date. The National Associations to which the candidates belong are required to submit a letter guaranteeing that they would cover all the expenses needed for their attendance at the official WTF meetings. Incumbent officials seeking re-election are exempted from the abovementioned requirements.

9. After the deadline for the candidature application, the ad-hoc Election Committee of the WTF, composing of five or less 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 the WTF Rules. The final list of the candidatures for election, as screened by the Election Committee, shall be circulated to all member National Associations by no later than two months before the General Assembly.

10. Among the candidates on the final list, those found to have damaged the reputation and image of the WTF by conducting smear campaigns against other candidates through printed materials or malicious remarks shall face disciplinary actions, such as disqualification of their candidacies, pending the investigation and decision of the Election Committee.

11. The bylaws of the election shall be provided separately.

12. When an official appointed by the President is adjudged to have been disciplined by the pertinent National Association that he or she belongs to, or when he or she commits any actions that undermine and disgrace the WTF, the President may, at his discretion, withdraw the appointment.



In the event that an official elected at the General Assembly commits any actions that undermine and disgrace the WTF, the President may take the matter to the Ethics Committee

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## Article 12:

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### President

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1. The General Assembly 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 WTF President. The Duties of the President are:
  - A. To lead and represent the WTF.
  - B. To concurrently lead the General Assembly and WTF Council as its chairman, and shall preside over the meetings and other activities.
  - C. To designate official duties to the vice presidents on an ad-hoc basis for the betterment of the development of the sport of taekwondo and the operations of the WTF.
  - D. To appoint a 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President from among the six vice presidents.
  - E. To appoint the chairmen and members of the committees

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## Article 13:

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### Vice Presidents

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1. The Duties of the Vice Presidents are:
  - A. To assist the President. In the event that the President is unable to accomplish his or her duties with less than one year remaining in his or her term of office, one of the vice presidents who have priority in accordance with the order as prescribed below shall assume the President's duties:

The order of priority to assume the President's duties:

- 1) 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- 2) Election by the WTF Council



In case there is more than one year remaining in the President's term of office, a new president shall be elected at an extraordinary General Assembly.

- B. To concurrently be included in the WTF Council as the vice chairmen.
- C. To preside over the ad-hoc duties designated by the President and submit a report thereafter.

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#### Article 14:

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#### Secretary General

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- 1. The Secretary General shall:
  - A. Plan, perform and manage the secretarial affairs regarding the organization and operations of the WTF and other general affairs related to the WTF Secretariat.
  - B. Submit a report to the WTF Council and the General Assembly 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 WTF and other organizations or companies.
  - D. Represent the WTF at all negotiations concluded on its behalf.

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#### Article 15:

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#### WTF Council Members, Treasurer and Auditors

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- 1. The WTF Council members shall attend the WTF Council meeting and General Assembly, and observe their responsibilities as prescribed in Article 16 of the WTF Rules.
- 2. The Treasurer shall prepare the annual budget and balance sheet to be presented to the WTF Council and the General Assembly.
- 3. The duties of the Auditors:



- A. The Auditors shall conduct audits on the balance sheets and budget of the WTF prepared by the treasurer.
- B. The Auditors shall submit their statements of the audit at the General Assembly and the WTF Council meeting, when necessary.

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**Article 16:**

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**WTF Council**

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- 1. The WTF Council shall consist of the President, the vice presidents, the secretary general, the treasurer and the WTF Council members.
- 2. Out of the 21 Council members as prescribed in Article 11.1.E, a maximum of 14 members will be elected by the General Assembly. Each continental union of Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania and Pan America shall consist of at least one but not more than five elected members.
- 3. Any WTF Council member who fails to attend two consecutive meetings without providing proper reasons shall cease to be a council member.
- 4. The WTF Council shall decide upon the following:
  - A. Planning and management of the WTF organization and operations;
  - B. Financial budget and financial reports;
  - C. Formulations, amendments and repeal of the WTF Rules and the by-laws;
  - D. Jurisdiction over the WTF-promoted championships as prescribed in Article 2.1 of the WTF Rules, and selection of the host countries of the championships
  - E. Agenda of the General Assembly;
  - F. Matters referred to the WTF Council from the General Assembly;
  - G. Other matters under its jurisdiction or responsibility, as prescribed in the WTF Rules.



5. The WTF Council may appoint an ad hoc committee, if necessary.
6. The WTF Council may refer matters under its jurisdiction or responsibility to the President.
7. The WTF Council meeting shall be summoned by the President before or after the General Assembly and/or Extraordinary General Assembly. The President may convene a WTF Council meeting whenever it is deemed necessary.
8. With regard to matters that require urgent resolution of the WTF Council, the President may call for a resolution via voting by mail without convening a WTF Council meeting. However, in such cases the President may convene an Executive Committee meeting instead.
9. In the case of the WTF Council meeting, a majority of all Council members constitute a quorum for a meeting.

A simple majority of members present and voting is required for passage of resolutions and other decisions, with the exception of Article 20.

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## Article 17:

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### Executive Committee

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1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, six vice presidents, the secretary general and the treasurer.
2. The Executive Committee shall implement policies developed by the WTF Council.
3. In the event whereby urgent decisions pertaining to the implementation of the policies are required, the Executive Committee shall make such decisions. The Executive Committee shall then inform the WTF Council at the next WTF Council meeting.
4. The Executive Committee may submit its proposals to the WTF Council for approval.
5. The Executive Committee shall evaluate the progress and activities of the WTF Committees.
6. The Executive Committee shall determine the number of members of particular committees



based on its needs, and set up criteria for appointing chairmen and members of the Committees.

7. The Executive Committee shall decide on the policies and procedures for sanctions against the Committees' members including dismissal.

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## Article 18:

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### WTF Advisors

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1. The President may appoint advisors or special assistants, as the case may be, to seek advice on matters of importance.

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## Article 19:

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### WTF Committees

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1. The WTF Council shall constitute the following standing committees as auxiliary apparatuses:
  - A. Technical Committee
    - 1) The task of this committee is to formulate revisions to the WTF Competition Rules and review the organization and management of taekwondo competitions. The committee shall analyze various issues in the effective management of international referees and study the improvement of techniques related to taekwondo competitions. For systematic achievement of its function, the committee may compose of sub-committees as follows:
      - (i) Games Committee  
The Games Committee is tasked with studying the requirements for further improvements of the organization and management of taekwondo competitions.
      - (ii) Referee Committee  
The Referee Committee is tasked with studying the conditions for consistent application of the WTF Competition Rules, researching methods of effective management of and conducting training courses for International Referees.

(iii) Training, Education and Development Committee

The Training, Education and Development Committee is tasked 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 and better understanding of the OMADC and anti-doping rules.

- 2) The chairman of the Technical Committee, when needed, shall attend the WTF Council meeting. The Technical Committee proposes a technical delegate and an ex-officio member of the Competition Supervisory Board to the Secretary General for all the taekwondo competitions organized by the WTF.
- 3) The chairman of the Technical Committee is required to report to the Secretary General and can hold meetings, when deemed necessary, with the vice chairmen of the committee and members of the sub-committees. The chairman of the Technical Committee is also obliged to draft the amendments to the WTF Competition Rules for deliberation at the WTF Council meeting, the General Assembly or the Joint Technical Meeting, in accordance with the instructions of the Secretary General.
- 4) The chairman of the Technical Committee should prepare an annual working plan and put it into practice upon the approval of the Secretary General.
- 5) The Technical Committee shall be composed of one chairman and three ex-officio vice chairmen who are the chairmen of each sub-committee for a two-year term, as recommended by the President and approved by the WTF Council. Each of the sub-committees shall be composed of one chairman, four or less vice chairmen, and ten or less members respectively.
- 6) The by-laws of the Technical Committee shall be provided separately from the WTF Rules.

B. Technical Committee for Poomsae

- 1) The task of this committee is to formulate revisions to the WTF Poomsae Competition Rules and review the organization and management of Poomsae taekwondo competitions. The structure, role and function of this committee are the same as those of Article 19. A. Technical Committee.

- (i) **Games Committee for Poomsae**  
The Games Committee for Poomsae is tasked with studying the requirements for further improvements of the organization and management of taekwondo Poomsae competitions.
  - (ii) **Referee Committee for Poomsae**  
The Referee Committee for Poomsae is tasked with studying the conditions for consistent application of the WTF Poomsae Competition Rules, researching methods of effective management of and conducting training courses for International Poomsae Referees.
  - (iii) **Training, Education and Development Committee for Poomsae**  
The Training, Education and Development Committee for Poomsae is tasked 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 Poomsae and better understanding of the OMADC and anti-doping rules.
- 2) The chairman of the Technical Committee for Poomsae, when needed, shall attend the WTF Council meeting. The Technical Committee for Poomsae proposes a technical delegate and an ex-officio member of the Poomsae Competition Supervisory Board to the Secretary General for all the taekwondo Poomsae competitions organized by the WTF.
  - 3) The chairman of the Technical Committee for Poomsae is required to report to the Secretary General and can hold meetings, when deemed necessary, with the vice chairmen of the committee and members of the sub-committees. The chairman of the Technical Committee for Poomsae is also obliged to draft the amendments to the WTF Poomsae Competition Rules for deliberation at the WTF Council meeting, the General Assembly or the Joint Technical Meeting, in accordance with the instructions of the Secretary General.
  - 4) The chairman of the Technical Committee for Poomsae should prepare an annual working plan and put it into practice upon the approval of the Secretary General.



- 5) The Technical Committee for Poomsae shall be composed of one chairman and three ex-officio vice chairmen who are the chairmen of each sub-committee for a two-year term, as recommended by the President and approved by the WTF Council. Each of the sub-committees shall be composed of one chairman, four or less vice chairmen, and ten or less members respectively.
  - 6) The by-laws of the Technical Committee for Poomsae shall be provided separately from the WTF Rules.
- C. Legislative Committee  
The Legislative Committee is tasked with legislating the WTF Rules and by-laws while being obliged to draft amendments to those rules, and to study the membership status of WTF members.
- D. Medical Committee  
The Medical Committee is 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.
- E. Public Relations Committee  
The Public Relations Committee is tasked with publicizing the activities of the WTF.
- F. Finance Committee  
The Finance Committee is tasked with reviewing financial affairs of the WTF and seeking ways to secure enough resources for various projects.
- G. Women's Committee  
The Women's Committee is tasked with studying and reviewing various problems related to taekwondo competitions for women.
- H. Collegiate Committee  
The Collegiate Committee is tasked with studying various affairs relating to college taekwondo competitions, such as the University Games.
- I. TV Committee  
The TV Committee is tasked with conducting TV right sales and enhancement of the WTF brand through TV exposure.



- J. Marketing Committee  
The Marketing Committee is tasked with conducting marketing activities through advertisements and sponsorship contracts while studying ways to diversify the sources of revenue.
  
  - K. Athletes Committee  
The Athletes Committee is tasked with studying requirements for the athletes' safety, participation in competitions and technical enhancement.
  
  - L. Paralympic Committee  
The Paralympic Committee is tasked with studying the benefits of taekwondo for rehabilitation of person(s) with a disability, and promotion of taekwondo as a program of the Paralympic Committee.
  
  - M. Ethics Committee  
The Ethics Committee is tasked with creating the WTF Code of Ethics and recommending sanctions against individuals or institutions that have violated the ethical principles.
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- 2. All the committees, with the exception of the Technical Committee, shall consist of one chairman, two or three vice chairmen and fifteen or less members for a two-year term, as designated by the President. Each committee is entitled to set up sub-committees.
  
  - 3. The committees, with the exception of the Technical Committee, shall meet at least once one day before the opening of the WTF Council meeting to be held on the occasion of the WTF World Championships. When necessary, committees may be requested to make verbal or written reports on their activities or provide recommendations to the WTF Council. Each committee, when necessary, may conduct studies and analyses exclusively or jointly with other related committees. The chairmen of the respective meetings have the deciding vote in case of a tie.
  
  - 4. The WTF Council or the President may entrust each committee with execution of the matters under its jurisdiction and/or responsibility.
  
  - 5. The by-laws detailing the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the committees shall be enacted separately from the WTF Rules.



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Article 20:

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Amendment to the WTF Rules

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1. The amendment of the WTF Rules shall be proposed with the resolution of the WTF Council or by the approval of more than one-third (1/3) of the total number of member nations with voting rights. The proposed amendment shall be accomplished by a two-third (2/3) majority vote.

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Article 21:

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President's Emergency Measures

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1. In case disputes occur over matters not specified in the WTF Rules, 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 WTF Council meeting and the General Assembly.

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Article 22:

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Formulation, Amendment and Repeal of the Rules and By-laws

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1. The WTF Council shall formulate drafts, amendments, or repeal of the necessary by-laws, rules or regulations. The approval of the General Assembly shall be required for the formulation of the congressional proceedings, Competition Rules, and Regulations on organization of championships.

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Article 23:

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Property Rights of the WTF

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1. The WTF-promoted competitions and events are the exclusive property of the WTF, 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 WTF shall determine the conditions of access to and the conditions of any use of data relating to the WTF-promoted competitions and events.

2. The WTF emblem, flag, motto, identifications (including but not limited to “WTF-promoted” and “WTF-sanctioned”), as defined by the WTF shall be collectively or individually referred to as “WTF properties.”

All rights to any and all WTF properties, as well as all rights to the use thereof, belong exclusively to the WTF, including but not limited to the use for any profit-making, commercial or advertising purposes. The WTF may license all or part of its rights on terms and conditions set forth by the WTF.

WTF properties shall not be used without prior approval of the WTF. Each member National Association is responsible for prevention of the name and emblem's use without approval of the WTF in the areas under the jurisdiction of that association.

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

3. The by-laws concerning approval of the use of the WTF name and emblem, in its 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 the WTF, shall be enacted separately from the WTF Rules.
4. The by-laws on the use of the name and emblem of the WTF, in its original form or any other possible modifications, shall be enacted separately from the WTF Rules.

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## Article 24:

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### Sanction

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In the case of any violation of the WTF Rules; the WTF Competition Rules; any other regulations, including anti-doping codes; or any involvement in a smear campaign of any kind against the WTF or its members; as the case may be, the measures of sanctions which may be taken by the Sanctions Committee, the Election Committee, the Doping Panel or any relevant organ of the WTF are:



1. Disciplinary actions:
  - A. Warning;
  - B. Rebuke;
  - C. Punishment with a fine;
  - D. Suspension of membership;
  - E. Expulsion;
  - F. Any other sanctions deemed appropriate, such as, but not limited to, disqualification of officials, coaches and international referees, etc.
  
2. The Sanctions Committee of the WTF shall consist of no more than five WTF Council members to be designated by the President, with the exception of sanctions against the WTF Secretariat staff, whereby a Sanctions Committee may be constituted by the officials of higher rank than the offending individual(s).
  
3. The Sanctions Committee of the WTF, unless specified otherwise, shall be empowered to impose any or all of the disciplinary actions as prescribed in Article 24.1, exclusively or concurrently, as follows:
  - (i) With regard to WTF Council members:
    - a) Suspension, for a specific period, pronounced by the Sanctions Committee. The suspension may be extended to all or part of the rights, prerogatives and functions deriving from the membership of the person concerned;
  
  - (ii) With regard to continental unions and member National Associations:
    - a) Suspension by the Sanctions Committee, subject to the review of each case; taking into consideration the consequences for the member nation or continent and its athletes;
  
  - (iii) With regard to individual competitors and teams:
    - a) Temporary or permanent ineligibility or exclusion from the Olympic Games, WTF-promoted and sanctioned competitions and events, etc;



- b) In the case of doping offences, the athlete shall be deprived of, and shall return wherever appropriate, the medals, rankings, and any other awards obtained in relation to the relevant infringement of the pertinent rules or anti-doping codes, upon the decision of the Doping Panel.
  - (iv) With regard to officials, coaches, managers, and other members of any delegation and referees and members of the Technical Committee and its subsidiaries:
    - a) Temporary or permanent ineligibility or exclusion from officiating or being involved at the Olympic Games, WTF-promoted and sanctioned competitions and events, etc;
  - (v) With regard to the Secretariat and other members of the WTF organizational structure, upon the decision of the Sanctions Committee as prescribed in Article 24.2:
    - a) Reprimand;
    - b) Pay cut for a specific or indefinite period, upon the decision of the Sanctions Committee;
    - c) Suspension;
    - d) Dismissal from the WTF
4. Any member that has been referred to the Sanctions Committee may make a verbal or written statement in defense.

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## Article 25:

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### WTF Secretariat

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1. The WTF shall install the Secretariat at the location of the WTF Headquarters for the execution of the secretarial affairs and duties of the President and the Secretary General.
2. Personnel may be employed at the Secretariat, regardless of race, religion, nationality, creed, etc., as deemed fit by the President and the Secretary General.
3. 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.



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Article 26:

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Dissolution

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1. The dissolution of the WTF can only be decided at the General Assembly by the unanimous resolution of all the members that comprise the General Assembly.
  
2. Exclusive right over the use of any funds or WTF properties shall be given by the General Assembly that has reached the resolution for the dissolution.