

**TOURNAMENT RULES  
FOR  
GLOBAL TAEKWON-DO FEDERATION INTERNATIONAL**

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## **SECTION 1 – GENERAL**

### **ARTICLE 1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of these rules is to raise the level in Taekwon-Do by putting down in writing all aspects, and to provide that all competitors have the opportunity to show the ultimate of their abilities through friendly competition with one another.

### **ARTICLE 2. APPLICATION**

These rules are to be used at all Championships for Degree Holders. They apply to male and female except where stated otherwise.

### **ARTICLE 3. OFFICIALS REPRESENTATIVES**

The juries, referees and judges, and other judges will be selected from Class A and Class B in Global Taekwon-Do Federation International (GTFi).

### **ARTICLE 4. DUTIES**

- a. The jury will normally consist of 1 senior umpire. Who is seated at honorary place in front and will have the overall control and supervision of competition area.
- b. For sparring event (Semi-Contact), the referee will be in the square to control the match.
- c. In pattern matches Five (5) judges are placed on line facing the competition area. They give points according to their own judgement
- d. Four (4) Judges for sparring will be seated at the four corners of the square. They will give points in accordance with their judgement.
- e. One (1) timekeepers will be seated at the Jury table to keep match records.

### **ARTICLE 5. COMPETITORS**

The competitors with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>. Degree Black Belts shall compete within their divisions. Those 5<sup>th</sup> Degree and above are not allowed to compete. All competitors must have a valid GTFi certificates. They must be healthy and registered with their National Federations.

### **ARTICLE 6. DRESS**

- a. Officials will wear the dress requirements as laid down in the GTFi umpires rules.
- b. Competitors must wear the “officially approved” TKD dobok with badges officially approved by the GTFi. The black belt must be of the official dimensions and must indicate the competitor’s degree. Female competitors may wear a white T-shirt under the dobok. Every competitor is given a number. This has to be attached to his/her back and worn during the whole tournament.
- c. Competitors are allowed, when not performing, to wear normal sportswear such as track suits, dressing gowns, training shoes, etc. however it is at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. At the opening and closing ceremonies the competitors shall wear a dobok.
- d. Drinking of alcoholic beverages or smoking whilst wearing the dobok is prohibited.

## **ARTICLE 7. SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND PROTECTIVE WEAR**

- a. Competitors must wear:
  - i.) Red or blue coloured hand and feet safety equipment of an approved type.
  - ii.) Groin guards must be worn inside the dobok trousers – male only.
- b. Competitors may, optionally, wear the following:
  - i.) Shin protectors.
  - ii.) Breast protectors (must be worn **INSIDE** the dobok jacket) (female only).
  - iii.) Mouth guards.
  - iv.) Groin guards must be worn inside the dobok trousers – female only.  
These all being of an approved type consisting of elasticised material with sponge or rubber type padding and containing no metal, bone or hard plastic or similar hard material whatsoever, nor involving the use of zip, lace or stud fasteners.
- c. No other protective or safety equipment may be worn, except in special circumstances with the approval of the Tournament Committee.
- d. All competitors with injuries which require bandaging or strapping of any kind must satisfy the Tournament doctor of their need, and obtain approval of type before performing i.e. no pins or hard material can be worn, neither can bandaging give extra support so that it constitutes an advantage to that competitor.
- e. No jewellery, watches or other adornments may be worn, hair may be kept in place using a material of a soft elastic nature only, no grips or slides are allowed.

## **ARTICLE 8. MEDICAL ATTENTION**

One (1) Doctor(s), qualified First Aid personnel and ambulance shall be in attendance. Doctor's recommendations, with regard to competitors' further participation, following injury, must be adhered to.

## **ARTICLE 9. INJURY LIABILITY AND INSURANCE – COMPETITORS**

All competitors must be in possession of Insurance coverage as the host is not responsible for any eventuality and/or injury.

## **ARTICLE 10. INSURANCE – FOR EVENT**

All hosts must ensure that the event booked has all the necessary public liability insurance, fire certificates and Government licences that are all required to host such events.

## **ARTICLE 11. SPARRING SQUARE (RING)**

A. Square size will be 9 by 9 metres floor space. A jig saw–padding floor must be used at all times. When the square is elevated then the elevations must be at least two (2) metres greater in size than the square. Elevations may be from 50 cm to 100 centimetres. Lighting must not be lower than five (5) metres above the ground.

The official Jury table is in front of the square.

## **ARTICLE 12. RESULT RECORDING**

All tournaments will have several forms of visual display of results for the benefit of participants and audience. Results should generally be shown as often as possible so as to enable the competitors to follow the course of the event whilst it is in progress.

## **ARTICLE 13. DELEGATES**

A delegate of the individual, school and/or team may be any person authorised by the National Association. A delegate registers the competitors, submits the documents, lodges complaints and co-operates with the other officials at the competition.

## **ARTICLE 14. COACHES**

For individual or team competition there will be only one (1) coach close to the square. During the tournament, coaches must wear a training suit, gymnastic shoes and carry a towel. They will be seated at least one (1) meter away from the square. He/She must not interfere in the competition by action or words. He/She are the ONLY ones allowed to present an official protest.

Failure to abide by the above mentioned rules may render the coach liable to be disqualified from his advisory position.

## **ARTICLE 15. AWARDS (Male and Female)**

### **INDIVIDUAL**

Best in competition award	2 gold – only 1 place in each class
Pattern	6 gold/6 silver/6bronze 1/2/3 place in each class
Sparring	10 gold/10 silver/10bronze 1/2/3 place in each class/group/weight class
Breaking	8 gold – only 1, place in each class/event
Special techniques	8 gold – only 1, place in each class/event
Free special techniques	2 gold – only 1, place in each class

Only points achieved in individual event count for Overall Winners

### **TEAM**

Pattern	12 gold/12 silver/12bronze 1/2/3 place in each class
Sparring	12 gold/12 silver/12bronze 1/2/3 place in each class
Overall Champions	2 trophies - only 1 place in each class
Breaking	12 gold/12 silver/12bronze 1/2/3 place in each class

Special techniques 12 gold/12 silver/12bronze  
1/2/3 place in each class

Free special techniques 12 gold/12 silver/12bronze  
1/2/3 place in each class

### **ARTICAL 16. OFFICIAL TERMINOLOGY**

(A)	CHA RYOT	ATTENTION
(B)	KYONG YE	BOW
(C)	JUN BI	READY
(D)	SHIJAK	BEGIN
(E)	HAECHYO	SEPARATE
(F)	GAESOK	CONTINUE
(G)	GOMAN	END
(H)	JU UI	WARNING
(I)	GAM JUM	DEDUCTING POINTS
(J)	SIL KYUK	DISQUALIFICATION
(K)	HONG	RED
(L)	CHONG	BLUE
(M)	JUNG JI	TIME STOP
(N)	DONG CHON	DRAW
(O)	IL HUE JONG	FIRST ROUND
(P)	I HUE JONG	SECOND ROUND

### **ARTICAL 17. DIVISION OF COMPETITION**

Competition is divided into INDIVIDUAL and TEAM match.  
Pattern and Sparring events will be decided by the pyramid tournament system.

#### **INDIVIDUAL**

The individual matches are divided into:

Pattern	Male/Female	Divison 1 for 1 <sup>st</sup> dan Divison 2 for 2 <sup>nd</sup> dan Divison 3 for 3 <sup>rd</sup> dan Divison 4 for 4 <sup>th</sup> dan
Sparring	Male/Female	Weight groups: Micro weight, light weight Middle weight, heavy weight Super heavy-weight
Breaking	Male/Female	
Special Techniques	Male/Female	
Free Special Techniques	Male/Female	

In breaking, each competitor can take in one hand technique, In special technique, each competitor can take part in only two events, while all competitors can take part in free sparring technique. This means that each competitor can take part in 5 breaking events i.e special and free special events.

#### **TEAM**

The team competitors are divided into:

Male/Female

The competitors are not divided into weight groups. Each team must take part in patterns, sparring, breaking and special technique.

#### **ARTICAL 18. COMPOSITION OF TEAM**

Each team consists of 6 competitors, and the same 6 team members will compete in all events. The 6 team members can choose which events they want to compete in. For example the competitors in the free sparring event can be different person than the one in patterns.

#### **ARTICAL 19. ORDER OF MATCHES**

The order of matches will begin with patterns, sparring, breaking, special technique and free special technique events. The senior judge, together with the organizer may decide to change this order if necessary. This must be announced at the beginning of the tournament

#### **ARTICAL 20. WEIGHING**

Checking the weight of competitors will not be earlier than 24 hours and not later than one hour before the sparring competition.

#### **ARTICAL 21. DRAW**

Computer draws competitors and teams at the coach meeting. First and second place winners from the previous World Championships will be placed at the top and bottom of the pyramid draw system.

#### **ARTICAL 22. ANNOUNCING**

It will be announced in which square an event will take place and it is the responsibility of the competitors/teams to be close to the square so that they may compete without delay when called upon to do so. They will be called to the red or blue side of the square complete with any equipment (such as safety equipment) which they require. Should they not come forward immediately then their name and/or country will be called for a second time. Should the individual/team still not come forward to the square within TWO (2) minute from the second call then they will be disqualified.

### **SECTION II - PATTERN**

#### **ARTICAL 23. GROUPS**

Male and Female.

#### **ARTICAL 24. ELIMINATIONS – INDIVIDUAL**

The pyramid system of elimination will be used.

Competitors will compete 1 to 1 and will perform simultaneously one (1) optional pattern. The Judges will choose the best competitor to go forward to the next round.

#### **ARTICAL 25. PERFORMANCE AND POINTS – INDIVIDUAL**

1<sup>st</sup> degree will compete with 1<sup>st</sup> degree with the optional Pattern being any one from CHON-JI to GE-BAEK.

2<sup>nd</sup> degree will compete with 2<sup>nd</sup> degree with the optional Pattern being any one from CHON-JI to KODANG.

3<sup>rd</sup> degree will compete with 3<sup>rd</sup> degree with the optional Pattern being any one from CHON-JI to CHOI-YONG.

4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> degree will compete with 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> degree with the optional Pattern being any one from CHON- JI to MOON-MOO.

The two competitors will wear red and blue marks, respectively. The judges decide the winner by indicating red or blue colour.

#### **ARTICAL 26. ELIMINATION – TEAM**

The pyramid system of elimination will be used.

Draw will decide which team performs first.

From the second round of the draw a coin will be tossed to decide which team goes first. The winning coach of the toss decides which team performs as first.

The judges will choose the better one to go forward to the next round.

#### **ARTICAL 27. PERFORMANCE AND POINTS – TEAM**

Each Team (five (5) competitors) must perform together one (1) optional Pattern.

The optional Pattern being any from CHON-JI to GE-BAEK.

They may line up in any format they choose and team members may perform movements individually, or together, as they choose, but it must be seen to be teamwork. For example: one team member may not perform moves of the Pattern on his own without the other team members following in unison.

In team matches the following decisions will apply

- i. When three (3) or more judges give a decision in favour of one team then that team is the winner.
- ii. When three (3) judges give a draw and two (2) judges give a decision in favour of one team then that team is the winner.
- iii. When two (2) judges give a decision in favour of one team and one (1) judge gives for the other and two (2) judges give a draw, then the team with two (2) judges in favour is the winner.
- iv. When two (2) judges give a decision in favour of one (1) team and the other two (2) judges give a decision in favour for the other, and one (1) judge gives a draw, then another designated Pattern must be performed, until the winner is decided.
- v. When one (1) judge gives a decision in favour of one competitor and four (4) judges give a draw, then another designated Pattern must be performed, until the winner is decided.

#### **ARTICAL 28. OFFICIALS**

One (1) Jury, Five (5) Judges, one (1) Recorder.

### **SECTION III - SPARRING**

#### **ARTICLE 29. DIVISIONS**

INDIVIDUAL

- (A) Weight groups

MALE:	Micro	up to 54 kg inclusive
	Light	over 54 to 63 kg inclusive
	Middle	over 63 to 71 kg inclusive
	Heavy	over 71 to 80 kg inclusive
	Hyper-weight	over 80 kg

FEMALE:	Micro	up to 52 kg inclusive
	Light	over 52 to 58 kg inclusive
	Middle	over 58 to 63 kg inclusive
	Heavy	over 63 to 70 kg inclusive
	Hyper-weight	over 70 kg

#### TEAM

Male and Female regardless of weight and degree

### **ARTICLE 30. DURATION OF BOUTS – TIME KEEPING**

- a) The bout length is normally 2 minutes for team as well as individual competitions.
  - a. Black Belts – elimination one (1) rounds of three (3) minutes.  
Finals two (2) rounds of two (2) minutes with a one-minute break between rounds.

#### Team

Each team bout will be one (1) round of two (2) minutes.

In individual matches the following decisions will apply:

- i. When three (3) or four (4) corner referees give a decision in favour of one competitor then that competitor is the winner.
- ii. When three (3) or four (4) corner referees say that it is a draw then a further one (1) minute round will take place. If this results in a further draw then the first scored point will decide who is the winner.
- iii. When two (2) corner referees give a decision in favour of one competitor (two (2) for one competitor + one (1) for the other + one (1) given it as a draw or two (2) for one competitor + two (2) giving it as a draw) then that competitor is the winner.
- iv. When two (2) corner referees give a decision in favour of one competitor and the other two (2) corner referees give a decision in favour of the other competitor then a one (1) minute extension will follow.  
  
If at this time it results in a further draw then the first scored point will decide who is the winner.
- v. When three (3) corner referees give a decision in favour of one competitor in case of the first scored point bout then that competitor is the winner.

In team matches the following decisions will apply

- i. When three (3) or four (4) corner referees give a decision in favour of one competitor then that competitor is the winner and two (2) points will be added to the team score.
- ii. When three (3) or four (4) corner referees decide that it is a draw then one (1) point will be added to each team score.
- iii. When two (2) corner referees give a decision in favour of one competitor (two (2) for one competitor + one (1) for the other + one (1) given it as a draw or two (2) giving it



- iv. as a draw) then that competitor who got the decision of the two (2) corner referees is the winner and two (2) points will be added to the team score.
- v. When two (2) corner referees give a decision in favour of one competitor and the other two (2) corner referees give a decision in favour of the other competitor then the result will be a draw and one (1) point will be added to each team score.
- vi. When all five (5) bouts are finished and the result is a draw then each coach will select one (1) competitor to spar an extra bout of two (2) minutes. The team whose competitor wins this bout will be the winner.  
If at this time it results in a further draw then the first scored point will decide who is the winner.
- Vii When three (3) corner referees give a decision in favour of one competitor in case of the first scored point bout then that competitor is the winner.

### **ARTICLE 31. TARGET AREA**

- a. The part of the head that covers the area from the forehead to the collar bone, and between the ears.
- b. The upper part of the body vertically from the throat and navel, and from a line, drawn on each side, from the armpits down the waist (i.e. the whole front except the back).
- c. It is not allowed to hit the neck, on the top of the head, the back of the head, the throat, under the belt and in the back.

### **ARTICLE 32. POINT AWARDS**

- a. One (1) point will be awarded for:  
Hand attack directed to mid or high section.  
  
Hand attack while in air (both feet must be off the ground) directed to mid or high section.
- b. Two (2) points will be awarded for:  
Foot attack directed to mid section.  
Jumping or flying kick directed to mid section.
- c. Three (3) points will be awarded for:  
Foot attack directed to high section.  
Jumping or flying kick directed to high section.

### **ARTICLE 33. SCORING PROCEDURE**

In competition a technique is valid when:

- a. it is executed correctly.
- b. it is dynamic, that is to say it is delivered with strength, purpose, rapidity and precision.
- c. it is controlled on the target.

### **ARTICLE 34. DISQUALIFICATION**

- a. Misconduct against officials or ignoring instructions.
- b. Heavy contact.
- c. Committing three (3) fouls.
- d. Any competitor being under influence of alcoholic beverages or drugs.

### **ARTICLE 35. FOULS**

One point will be deducted for the following offences:

- a. Loss of temper.
- b. Insulting an opponent in any way.
- c. Biting, scratching.
- d. Attacking with the knee, elbow or forehead.
- e. Attacking a fallen opponent.
- f. Attack to an illegal target with contact.
- g. Full Contact.

### **ARTICLE 36. WARNINGS**

Warnings will be assigned for the following offences:

- a. Attack to an illegal target.
- b. Stepping completely out of the ring (both feet).
- c. Falling down, whether intentional or not (this means any part of the body, other than the feet, touching the ground).
- d. Holding/grabbing/pushing.
- e. Leg sweeping.
- f. Faking a blow, pretending to be injured to gain an advantage.
- g. Intentionally avoiding sparring.
- h. Pretending to have scored a point by raising the arm.

N.B.: The sum of three (3) warnings automatically means deducting one (1) point.

If an athlete is pushed out of the ring with intent (without undergoing a technique) then he will not receive a warning.

### **ARTICLE 37. INJURY**

- a. When a competitor is injured, the Centre Referee must stop the match and call the Doctor. At the moment the doctor is in front of the injured competitor, he has a maximum of 2 minutes to diagnose, treat the wounds and decide about the match and competition continuation.
- b. When a competitor cannot fight on because of Doctor's decision:
  - i.) he/she is the winner if his opponent is responsible;
  - ii.) he/she is the loser if his opponent is not responsible.
- c. An injured competitor that is unfit to fight, cannot continue for the time/day(s) set according to the Doctor's decision.
- d. A competitor that refuses to accept the Doctor's decision will be disqualified and taken out of the competition.

- e. If two competitors injure themselves at the same time and both are unfit to fight, according to the Doctor's decision, the winner is the contender that has more scored points at that moment. If the competitors are even, the Ring Council will decide about the bout.

### **ARTICLE 39. MATCH PROCEDURE AND REGULATIONS**

#### INDIVIDUAL

Competitors will commence the bout on the start positions each with a red or blue pair of hand and feet equipment to differentiate between them. At the command of the Centre Referee the competitors bow in turn to the Jury table and then to each other.

The Centre Referee will then start the Sparring with the command "SHI-JAK" and the competitors continue to spar until the Referee issues the command "HAECHYO". At this point the competitors cease to spar and remain where they are until restarted. On completion of time an audible signal will warn the Centre Referee, but the bout only ends on the final comment "GOMAN" by the Centre Referee. The reverse for bowing will ensure and the result will be declared.

In a draw situation warnings and/or minus points are not carried forward. If a competitor leaves the square they must re-start one (1) metre inside the square.

#### TEAM

Bout procedure will be as individual. A coin will be tossed between the two (2) coaches. The winning coach of the toss decides which team sends its first competitor into the ring. The teams must then alternate.

### **ARTICLE 40. TIMING**

On the first "Shi-Jak" (Start) command from the Centre Referee the timekeeper starts the clock until full time, unless the Centre Referee calls for a "time out" by saying "Jung-Ji". At this time the timekeeper stops the clock until the next "Gae-sok" (Continue) command is given.

### **ARTICLE 41. OFFICIALS FOR SPARRING COMPETITION**

One (1) Jury President, two (2) Jury Members, one (1) Centre Referee and four (4) Corner Referees.

## **SECTION V – DISPUTE PROCEDURE**

### **ARTICLE 42. PROTEST**

- a. Only the Coach can present a protest when a decision seems to violate the rules.
- b. Each protest must be written in the English language on the official protest form and presented to the Chairman of the Umpire Committee within five (5) minutes from the end of the match.

The protest must be precise and circumstantial and must be accompanied by a tax that will be fixed by the Tournament Committee at the beginning of each tournament, in order to limit such protests to cases where decisions are really questionable.

Only in cases where the Umpire Committee positively accepts the protest the tax will be returned to the coach.

- c. The Umpire Committee will then examine the circumstances of the protest and will decide:
- i.) to validate the match;
  - ii.) to repeat the match;
  - iii.) to assign the victory of the match to the loser;
  - iv.) to disqualify both competitors.

- d. In case of a protest the winner cannot compete again before the decision of the Umpire Committee has been made.

#### **ARTICLE 43. DECISIONS**

- a. In order to give a decision the Umpire Committee may call on anyone else they desire to give evidence concerning the protest.
- b. On reaching a decision the Umpire Committee will notify all parties concerned of this decision.
- c. The Umpire Committee will at all times base their decision on the rules laid down in this document and their decision cannot conflict with the rules of this document.

#### **ARTICLE 44. DISQUALIFICATION**

Team Managers/Representatives or Individuals who persist in arguing against decisions made by the Tournament Committee may, at their discretion, have the whole team, school or club or the individual, disqualified from all further events at the championship.

The Tournament Committee will consider the matter at a later date with a view to further action being taken.

#### **ARTICLE 45. TEAM/COMPETITOR WITHDRAWAL**

In case of teams or individuals withdrawing from the championship as a protest then the following will result:

- a. automatic disqualification from that event which means no placing for that event, and therefore no medals.
- b. automatic disqualification from all further events at the championship.
- c. further disqualification from further events as decided by the I.T.F. Disciplinary Committee and the Directing Board of the I.T.F.

#### **ARTICLE 46. G.T.F.i. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

The GTFi Tournament Committee consists of the GTFi Chairman of Tournament & Umpire Committee and two (2) to four (4) members

The Chairmen and members are appointed by the Directing Committee of the GTFi

#### **ARTICLE 47. COPIES OF RULES**

A copy of the GTFi Championships Rules must be present at all tournaments and must be available and be accessible to all competitors and officials.