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WTF Para Taekwondo Competition Rules & Interpretation

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Preamble

Taekwondo is a full contact martial art turned sport originating from Korea. Taekwondo has been adapted for athletes with an impairment and is referred to as "Para Taekwondo". Para Taekwondo holds athlete safety, fair and transparent rules and refereeing as the basis for competition. Athletes should protect themselves to the best of their ability at all times and not engage in dangerous or unsafe play.



Article 1:

Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of the Para Taekwondo Competition Rules is to provide standardized rules for all levels of Championships organized and/or promoted by the World Taekwondo Federation (WTF), WTF Continental Unions (CUs) and/or WTF Member National Associations (MNAs); the Para Taekwondo Competition Rules are intended to ensure that all matters related to competitions are conducted in a fair, transparent, safe and orderly manner.

(Interpretation #1.1)

The objective of Article 1 is to ensure the standardization of all Para Taekwondo competition worldwide. Any competition not following the fundamental principles of these rules cannot be recognized as a Para Taekwondo competition.

Article 2:

Application

- 2.1 The Para Taekwondo Competition Rules shall apply to all the competitions to be promoted and/or organized by the WTF, each CU and MNA. However, any MNA wishing to modify some or any part of the Para Taekwondo Competition Rules must first gain the prior approval of the WTF. In the case that a CU and/or MNA violates the WTF Para Taekwondo Competition Rules without prior approval of the WTF, the WTF may exercise its discretion to disapprove or revoke its approval of the concerned tournament. In addition, the WTF may take further disciplinary actions to the pertinent CU or MNA.
- 2.2 All Para Taekwondo competitions promoted, organized, recognized or sanctioned by the WTF shall observe the WTF Statutes, the Bylaws of Dispute Resolution and Disciplinary Action, and all other rules and regulations.
- 2.3 All Para Taekwondo competitions promoted, organized, recognized or sanctioned by the WTF, and/or each Continental Union and/or Member National Association, shall abide by the WTF Medical Code, WTF Anti-Doping Rules and the WTF Athlete Classification Rules.

(Interpretation #2.1)

First gain the approval: Any organization desiring to make a change in any portion of the existing rules must submit to the WTF the contents of the desired amendment along with the reasons for the desired changes. Approval for any changes in these rules must be received from the WTF at least one month prior to the scheduled competition. WTF can apply Para-Taekwondo Competition Rules with modifications in its promoted Championships with the decision of the Technical Delegate after approval of the President.



Article 3:

Competition Area

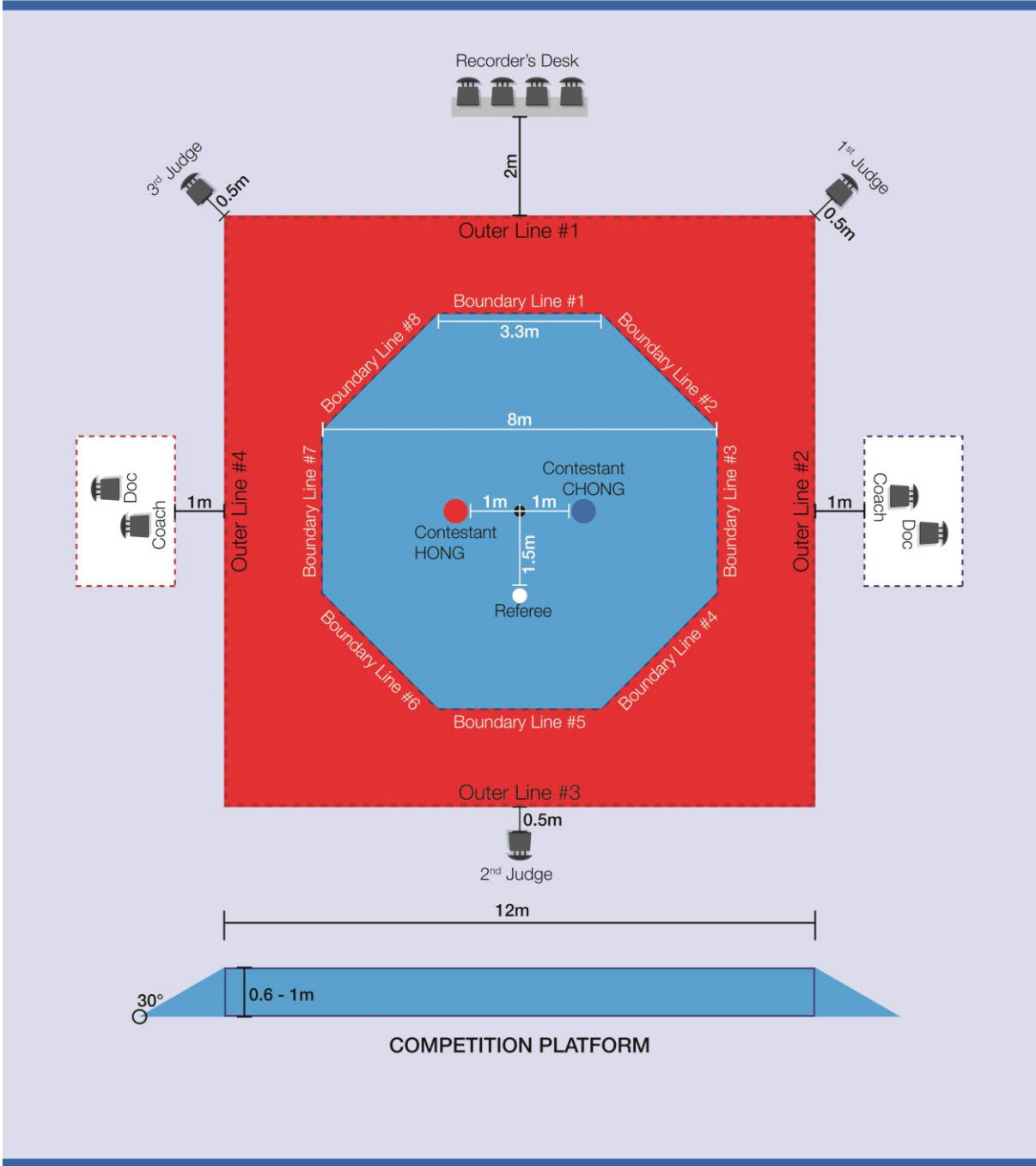
- 3.1 The Competition Area is composed of a Contest Area and a Safety Area. The Contest Area and Safety Area shall have a flat surface without any obstructing projections, and be covered with a WTF recognized mat elastic and non-slippery mat. The Contest Area may also be installed on a platform 0.6-1m high from the floor, if necessary. The Outer Line of the of the Safety Area shall be inclined at a gradient of less than 30 degrees, for the safety of the contestants.
- 3.1.1 **Octagonal-shape**
The Competition Area is composed of a Contest Area and a Safety Area. The Competition Area shall be square shaped and the size shall be no smaller than 10mx10m and no larger than 12mx12m. At the center of the Competition Area shall be the octagonal-shape Contest Area. The Contest Area shall measure approximately 8m in diameter, and each side of the octagon shall have a length of approximately 3.3m. Between the outer line of the Competition Area and the boundary line of the Contest Area is the Safety Area. The Contest Area and the Safety Area shall be different colors, as specified in the relevant competition's Technical Manual.
- 3.2 **Indications of positions**
- 3.2.1 The outer line of the Contest Area shall be called the Boundary Line(s) and the outer line of the Competition Area shall be called the Outer Line(s).
- 3.2.2 The front outer line adjacent to the Recorder's Desk shall be called Outer Line #1, and Clockwise from Outer Line #1, the other lines shall be called Outer Lines #2, #3, and #4. The Boundary Line adjacent to the Outer Line #1 shall be called Boundary Line #1 and clockwise from Boundary Line #1, the other lines shall be called Boundary Lines #2, #3, and #4. In case of Octagonal Shape Contest Area, The Boundary Line adjacent to the Outer Line #1 shall be called Boundary Line #1 and clockwise from Boundary Line #1, the other lines shall be called Boundary Lines #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8.
- 3.2.3 **Positions of Referee and Contestant at the beginning and end of the Contest:** The position of the Contestants shall be at the two opposing points, 1m from the center point of the Contest Area parallel to Outer Line #1. The Referee shall be positioned at a point 1.5m from the center of the Contest Area toward the Outer Line #3.
- 3.2.4 **Positions of Judges:** The position of the 1st Judge shall be located at a point 0.5m from the corner of the Outer Line #1 and #2. The position of the 2nd Judge shall be located at a point 0.5m outward from the center of the Outer Line #3. The position of the 3rd Judge shall be located at a point 0.5m from the corner of the Outer Line



#1 and #4. In case of two Judges setting the position of the 1st Judge shall be located at a point 0.5m from the center of the Outer Line #3 and the 2nd Judge shall be located at a point 0.5m from the center of the Outer Line #1. The positions of Judges may be altered to facilitate media, broadcasting and/or sports presentation.

- 3.2.5 Position of Recorder & IVR: Position of Recorder & IVR shall be located at a point 2m from the Outer Line #1. Position of Recorder may be altered to accommodate the environment of the venue and requirements from media broadcasting and/or sports presentation.
- 3.2.6 Positions of Coaches: The position of the Coaches shall be marked at a point 1m or more from the center point of the Outer Line of each contestant's side, in general. Position of the coaches may be altered to accommodate the environment of the venue and requirements from media broadcasting and/or sports presentation.
- 3.2.7 Position of Inspection desk: The position of the Inspection Desk shall be near the entrance of the Field of Play (FOP) for the inspection of the contestants' protective equipment.





(Interpretation #3.1)

Elastic mat: The degree of elasticity and slipperiness of the mat must be approved by the WTF before the competition.

(Interpretation #3.1)

Color: The color scheme of the mat's surface must avoid giving a harsh reflection, or tiring the contestant's or spectator's eyesight. The color scheme must also be appropriately contested to the contestant's equipment, uniform and the surface of the Contest Area.

(Interpretation #3.2.7)

Inspection Desk: At the Inspection desk, the inspector checks if all the materials worn by the contestant are approved by the WTF and fit the contestant properly. In case they are found to be inappropriate, the contestant is requested to change the protective equipment.

Article 4:

Contestant

4.1 Qualification of Contestant

4.1.1 Holder of Nationality of the participating team

4.1.1.1 Athletes with a refugee status issued by either governmental authorities in the country of residence or the UNHCR may be entered into tournaments and championships under WTF flag based on prior approval from the WTF

4.1.2 An athlete recommended by a WTF recognized Member National Association

4.1.3 Holder of a Para Taekwondo Dan issued by the WTF or a MNA recognized 5-1 Geup

4.1.4 Holder of a WTF Global Athlete Licence (GAL)

4.1.5 Contestant shall be at least 16 years old in the year of the pertinent tournament

4.1.6 Athlete must go through International Classification in accordance with the WTF Athlete Classification Rules and be assigned a Sport Class and Sport Class Status prior to the tournament. Athletes found Not Eligible (NE) will not be able to compete.



4.2 Contestant uniform and competition equipment

- 4.2.1 At the Para Taekwondo competitions listed in the WTF Event Calendar, contestant uniform and all competition equipment such as, but not limited to, mats, Protector and Scoring System (PSS), Instant Video Replay (IVR) and protective equipment must be those ones approved by the WTF.
- 4.2.2 A contestant shall wear a WTF approved uniform, groin guard, shin guards, forearm guards, hand protector (if applicable), sensor socks and mouth piece before entering the Field of Play (FOP).
 - 4.2.2.1 Para Taekwondo athletes may use additional and personalized protective equipment based on the prior approval of the WTF. This is further outlined in the WTF Athlete Classification Rules.
 - 4.2.2.2 Taping of feet, hands, arms, knees, legs etc. is permitted but will be checked during the athlete inspection process. The International Referee doing the inspection may request approval of the competition's commissioned Doctor for excessive taping.
- 4.2.3 The contestant is responsible for supplying their own WTF approved protective equipment. The groin, forearm and shin guards shall be worn beneath the Taekwondo uniform. Sensor socks, hand protector and mouth piece shall also be supplied by the athlete.
 - 4.2.3.1 A list of WTF approved protective equipment can be found on the WTF website.
 - 4.2.3.2 Religious items may be worn under the head protector and inside the uniform and shall not obstruct the opposing contestant nor pose any safety issues.
- 4.2.4 The Taekwondo uniform (dobok) sleeves for the K40 classes shall be cut and sown or rolled up not to provide additional coverage of sensors, restrict the movement of the athlete nor have a negative effect on the esthetic presentation of the sport.
- 4.2.5 WTF recognized competition equipment to be provided by the competition Organizing Committee (OC) at its own expenses and related technicians for installation and operation.
 - 4.2.5.1 Trunk Protector and Scoring System (PSS) and PSS-related equipment such as chest protector (Hogu)
 - 4.2.5.1.1 In the case of G-6 World ranking tournaments and above the choice of PSS company shall be decided by the WTF.



4.2.5.2 Mats

4.2.5.3 Head protector

4.2.5.4 Instant Video Replay (IVR) system and its related equipment including, but not limited to, cameras, cables, software etc.

4.2.5.4.1 A minimum of two cameras per court shall be used.

4.2.5.5 Scoreboards at the Competition Area (for display of scoring; minimum 2 per court)

4.2.5.6 Real Time Display System (RTDS) at athlete calling area and warm up area

4.2.5.7 Real Time Referee Calling System (RTRCS) at referee lounge or waiting area.

4.2.5.8 Additional equipment and requirements not prescribed in this article, if any, shall be described in the WTF Para Taekwondo Technical Manual.

4.3 Training Area

The Organizing Committee of a WTF recognized Para Taekwondo tournament or championships shall be responsible to prepare an appropriately sized training area based on the number of athletes. The Training Area shall also be equipped with:

4.3.1 Mats

4.3.2 Items for first-aid

4.3.3 Ice in appropriate containers

4.4 Anti-Doping

4.4.1 In all Para Taekwondo events promoted or sanctioned by the WTF any use or administration of drugs or chemical substances described in the WTF Anti-Doping Rules and the WADA list of prohibited substances is prohibited. The WADA Anti-Doping Code shall be applied to the Para Taekwondo competitions of the Paralympic Games and other multi-sport Games featuring Para Taekwondo kyorugi.

4.4.2 The WTF may carry out any doping tests deemed necessary to ascertain if a contestant has committed a breach of this rule, and any winner who refuses to undergo this testing or who proves to have committed such a breach shall be removed from the final standings, and the record shall be transferred to the contestant next in line in the competition standings.



- 4.4.3 The Organizing Committee shall be responsible for making all necessary preparations for conducting doping tests.
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(Interpretation #4.1.1)

Holder of the nationality of the participating team:

When a contestant is a representative of a national team, his/her nationality is decided by citizenship of the country he/she is representing before submission of the application to participate. Verification of citizenship is done by inspection of the passport.

A competitor who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them, as he/she may elect. However, in case of changing nationality, he/she is allowed to represent another country only if thirty-six (36) months have passed since competition represented a country in such events:

- i) Paralympic Games
- ii) Qualification Tournaments for Paralympic Games
- iii) Four (4) year cycle continental multi sport Games
- iv) Represented a national team at a World Para Taekwondo Ranking event

This period may be reduced or even cancelled, with the agreement of the MNAs, the NPC and the WTF. The WTF may take disciplinary actions at any time against the athlete and his member national association that violates this article including but not limited to deprivation of the achievements. In case of an athlete aged 16 or less, this article shall not be applied unless there is an appeal from any of the two countries. In case of dispute, the WTF shall make evaluation and make a final decision. After the decision, no further appeal shall be acceptable.

Article 4.1.1 shall not be applied to open tournaments with a G-2 World rank or lower.

(Interpretation #4.1.1.1)

Athletes with a refugee status to a country that has a WTF recognized MNA may attain a GAL and enter Para Taekwondo competitions under the flag of the WTF. The MNA that provided the GAL is responsible for ensuring that the athlete is not pregnant and that the athlete has been given medical exams that show them to be of adequate health and fitness to participate. Also each MNA assumes full responsibilities for accident and health insurance as well as the civil liabilities for the refugee athlete. This is part of WTF's ongoing commitment to providing all athletes with a pathway to international competition.

(Interpretation #4.1.2)

One recommended by the WTF National Taekwondo Association: Each National Federation is responsible to ensure that all team members have been given medical exams that show them to be of adequate health and fitness to participate. As well as control of gender and non-pregnancy. Also each National Federation assumes full responsibilities for accident and health insurance as well as the civil liabilities for their contestants and officials during the WTF-promoted championships.

Article 4.1.2 shall not be applied to open tournaments with a G-2 World rank or lower.



(Interpretation #4.1.5)

The age limit is based on the year, not on the date. For instance, if the World Para Taekwondo Championships are held on September 16, 2015, those contestants born on and before December 31, 1999 are eligible to participate.

(Interpretation #4.3.2)

The color of the mouthpiece is limited to white or transparent. However, obligation to use mouthpiece may be exempted upon submission of the medical Doctor's diagnosis stating that use of mouthpiece may cause harm to the contestant.

(Interpretation #4.2.5.3)

Head protector: Only blue and red color of head protector shall be permitted.



Article 5:

Weight division and Sport Classes

5.1 Weight divisions are divided into male and female divisions as follows:

Male divisions		Female divisions	
Under 61 kg	Not exceeding 61 kg	Under 49 kg	Not exceeding 49 kg
Under 75 kg	Over 61 kg & not exceeding 75 kg	Under 58 kg	Over 49 kg & not exceeding 58 kg
Over 75 kg	Over 75 kg	Over 58 kg	Over 58 kg

5.2 Sport Classes

In Para Taekwondo Kyorugi the sport classes are as follows:

Male Sport Classes	Female Sport Classes
K41	K41
K42	K42
K43	K43
K44	K44

5.2.1 Consolidation of Sport Classes

Sport classes may be consolidated in the case there is only one competitor in a sport class. Consolidations are always made from a lower (more impaired) Sport Class to a higher (less impaired) Sport Class. Genders are never consolidated. Only sport classes may be consolidated, not weight categories, as follows:

K41 \Rightarrow K42
K42 \Rightarrow K43
K43 \Rightarrow K44

5.2.2 Athletes may be consolidated skipping more than one class in the case there is no safety concern for the consolidated athlete.

5.2.3 A consolidated athlete will be counted as the winner of his/her division in the official results and teams standings. The consolidated athlete will then have to compete for additional medals in the higher class where he/she is at a disadvantage.

5.2.4 In the case consolidation is not possible in accordance with Article 5 of these Rules a demonstration contest with a regular athlete shall be arranged under Para Taekwondo Competition Rules.

(Interpretation #5.1)

Not exceeding:

The weight limit is defined by the criterion of one decimal place away from the stated limit. For



example, not exceeding 50kg is established as until 50.00 kg with 50.10 kg being over the limit and resulting in disqualification.

Over:

Over 50.00 kg marks occur at the 50.10 kg reading and 50.00 kg and below is regarded as insufficient, resulting in disqualification.

(Interpretation #5.2.1)

Consolidations due to insufficient number of athletes may only be made into a higher (less impaired) Sport Class.

(Interpretation #5.2.4)

When consolidation is not possible a demonstration contest shall be arranged in order for the athlete to gain contest experience and so that the athlete can be observed in competition as part of the International Classification procedure.



Article 6:

Competition system and method

6.1 Competitions are composed as follows:

6.1.1 Individual competition shall be held between contestants in the same Sport Class and Weight Division. Consolidations of Sport Classes can be made in accordance with Article 5.2. No contestant shall participate in more than one (1) weight division in one event.

6.2.1 Team Standing is determined by the sum of the individuals in a team results.

6.2.1.1 The following point system shall be used for calculating the Team Standing:

Gold Medal	7 points
Silver Medal	3 points
Bronze	1 point

6.2.1.2 In the case more than two (2) teams are tied in score the rank shall be decided by:

1. number of gold, silver and bronze medals won by the team
2. number of participating contestants
3. number of gold, silver and bronze medals in Sport Class K44, if tied then K43 and so on.

6.2.1.3 Medals earned from consolidations shall be counted towards the Team Standing in accordance with art 5.2.3.

6.2 Systems of competition is divided as follows:

6.2.1 Single elimination tournament system

6.2.2 Round robin system

6.2.3 Single elimination tournament system with repechage

6.3 Para Taekwondo Competitions of the Paralympic Games and four (4) year cycle continental multisport Games may use single elimination tournament system or single elimination tournament system with repechage.

6.4 All international Para Taekwondo competitions recognized by the WTF shall be formed with participation of no less than 20 athletes from no less than five (5) countries. Official results from Para Taekwondo competitions with less than 20 athletes from no less than five (5) countries participating shall not be recognized by the WTF.



Article 7:

Duration of Contest

- 7.1 The duration of contest shall be three (3) rounds of two (2) minutes each with a one (1) minute rest period between rounds. In the case of a tied score after the completion of the third (3rd) round, a fourth (4th) round of two (2) minutes will be conducted as the Golden Point round, after a one (1) minute rest period following the third (3rd) round.
- 7.2 The duration of contest may be adjusted to one (1) minute x 3 rounds, one (1) minute 30 seconds x three (3) rounds with a 30 second to one (1) minute break between rounds upon the decision of the Technical Delegate for the pertinent Championships.
- 7.3 The Technical Delegate needs to take Sport Classes into consideration when deciding duration of contest. Different duration of contest may be used for different Sport Classes.
- 7.4 Competitions may be held in a one round system. The round should be between four (4) to five (5) minutes. Each coach will be allowed to call for one (1) to two (2) thirty (30) second time-out at any time during the one round contest. The length of the round and the number of time outs per coach will be decided by the Technical Delegate for the competition.



Article 8:

Drawing of lots

- 8.1 The registration deadline and the date of the drawing of lots shall be set forth in the outline for the tournament or championships.
- 8.2 The drawing of lots should be conducted by random computerized drawing in general. In the case this is not available the method and order of drawing shall be determined by the Technical Delegate.
- 8.3 A certain number of contestants shall be seeded based on the WTF World Ranking Bylaw. The number of contestants seeded is set forth in the WTF World Ranking Bylaw and in the outline of the tournament.



Article 9:

International Athlete Classification

- 9.1 International Athlete Classification takes place in connection with WTF recognized para-taekwondo tournaments and championships and is held in general one (1) to two (2) days prior to the start of competition.
- 9.2 NEW (N) athletes that has previously not gone through International Athlete Classification are required to go through classification and be assigned a Sport Class and a Sport Class Status prior to the competition in accordance with the WTF Athlete Classification Rules;
- 9.2.1 Classification Screening
All NEW (N) Para Taekwondo Athletes are encouraged to complete the Classification Screening process so that it can be determined that the athlete will meet the Minimum Impairment Criteria (MIC) for participation in the K40 Sport Classes.
- 9.2.2 Not Eligible (NE)
Athletes that go through International Athlete Classification and are found Not Eligible (NE) will not be able to compete in Para Taekwondo Kyorugi.
- 9.3 First appearance
In the case an athlete's sport class is changed following the athlete's first appearance in competition following International Athlete Classification the following shall apply for the results:
- 9.3.1 Change to higher sport class
If an athlete's sports class changes to a higher sport class after the first appearance event, then it appears that the athlete's activity limitation was less severe than that of his/her competitors. This is an unfair advantage and the athlete's results in the initial sport class shall not be recognized. This includes change to sport class Not Eligible (NE)
- 9.3.2 Change to lower sport class
If an athlete's sport class change to a lower sport class after the first appearance event, then the athlete's activity limitation appears more severe than that of his/her competitors. In this situation the athlete's competitors had an advantage in the event. As the athlete has been disadvantaged results and medals earned will be still be recognized and awarded.

(Interpretation #9.3.1)

The athlete who has been classified in a lower sport class but is changed to a higher sport class following first appearance, shall not continue competition and shall be given the ranking points of the higher sport class as the loser of a first round of contestes. The loser of the contest against the



athlete who had a change in sport class after first appearance shall go on to the next round.

In the case of Not Eligible (NE) no ranking points will be given.



Article 10:

Weigh-in

- 10.1 Weigh-in of the contestants shall be completed on the day prior to the competition of the pertinent Sport Class and Weight Division.
- 10.1.1 All athletes that weigh-in shall be in accordance with article 4.1.1 and 4.1.4
- 10.2 Weigh-in for WTF recognized Para Taekwondo events shall be conducted by WTF Certified International Referees (IRs). Male athletes shall be weighed-in by Male IRs and Female athletes shall be weighed-in by Female IRs. Two separate rooms shall be allocated for the weigh-in, one (1) for Male athletes and one (1) for Female athletes.
- 10.2.1 The weigh-in shall be conducted by two (2) male and two (2) female IRs respectively
- 10.2.2 In the case the athlete is under the age of 18 years old the coach of the athlete is permitted to enter the weigh-in room, female coach for female athletes and male coach for male athletes.
- 10.3 During weigh-in, the male contestant shall wear underpants and the female contestant shall wear underpants and a brassiere. However, weigh-in may be conducted in the nude if the contestant wishes to do so.
- 10.4 Weigh-in shall be made once, however, one more weigh-in is granted within the time limit to any contestant who did not qualify the first time.
- 10.4.1 Weigh-in shall be conducted over two hours in general. The Technical Delegate for has the authority to prolong the duration of weigh-in, if necessary.
- 10.5 Disqualification during official weigh-in
When a contestant does not meet the weight during the official weigh-in for the weight division they registered in for the tournament or championships the contestant shall be disqualified.
- 10.6 So as not to be disqualified during official weigh-in, scales identical to the official one shall be provided at the contestants' place of accommodation or training or at the arena for test-weigh-in.

(Interpretation #10.1)

Weigh-in will be conducted the day before the day when a Sport Class and weight division is scheduled for competition by the Organizing Committee or the WTF.

(Interpretation #10.5)

Disqualification during official weigh-in:



When a contestant is disqualified at the official weigh-in, the contestant's participation point shall not be awarded. If a contestant cheats the process of weigh-in, the contestant shall be disqualified by decision of technical delegate in consultation with weigh-in official

(Interpretation #10.6)

Scales, identical to the official one:

The practice scale must be of the same type and calibrations as that of the official scale and these facts must be verified prior to the competition by the Organizing Committee.



Article 11:

Procedure of contest

- 11.1 Call for contestants:
The name of the athletes shall be announced at the Athlete Calling Desk three (3) times beginning thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the contest. If an athlete fails to report to the Desk following the third call, the athlete shall be disqualified, and this disqualification shall be announced.
- 11.2 Inspection of body, uniform and equipment:
After being called, the athletes shall undergo inspection of body, uniform and equipment at the designated inspection desk. The inspection shall be performed by the International Referees designated by the WTF. The athlete shall not show any signs of aversion, and shall also not wear any materials which may cause harm to the opponent.
- 11.3 Entering the Competition Area:
After inspection, the athlete shall proceed to the Coach's area with one coach and one team doctor or a physiotherapist, if any.
- 11.4 Procedure before the Beginning and after the End of the Contest
- 11.4.1 The center referee shall call "Chung, Hong." Both athletes shall enter the contest area wearing their head protector and mouth piece.
- 11.4.2 The athletes shall face each other and make a standing bow at the referee's command of "Charyeot (attention)" and "Kyeong-rye (bow)". A standing bow shall be made from the natural standing posture of "Cha-ryeot" by bending the waist at an angle of more than 30 degrees with the head inclined to an angle of more than 45 degree.
- 11.4.3 The referee shall start the contest by commanding "Joon-bi (ready)" and "Shi-jak (start)".
- 11.4.4 The contest in each round shall begin with the declaration of "Shi-jak (start)" by the referee and shall end with the declaration of "Keu-man (stop)" by the referee. Even if the referee has not declared "Keu-man", the contest shall be regarded as having ended when the contest clock expires.
- 11.4.5 The referee shall declare the winner by raising his/her own hand to the winner's side.
- 11.4.6 Retirement of the Contestants

(Interpretation #11.2)

In the case of using PSS, the referee shall check if the PSS system and sensing socks worn by both athletes are properly working. This process, however, may be deleted to save time for speedy



competition management upon the decision of the Technical Delegate.

(Interpretation #11.3)

At the time of submission of entry for team officials, copies of relevant and appropriate licenses of team doctor or physiotherapist written in English shall be submitted by the WTF Member National Association. After verification, special accreditation cards shall be issued to those team doctors or physiotherapists. Only those who have obtained proper accreditation shall be allowed to proceed to Competition area with coach.



Article 12

Techniques and areas

In Para Taekwondo kyorgi all techniques to the head has been prohibited to ensure the safety of the athletes.

12.1 Permitted techniques

12.1.1 Fist technique: A straight punching technique using the knuckle part of a tightly clenched fist

12.1.2 Foot technique: Delivering techniques using any part of the foot below the ankle bone

12.2 Permitted areas

12.2.1 Trunk: Attack by fist and foot techniques on the areas covered by the trunk protector are permitted. However, such attacks shall not be made on the spine.

12.3 Prohibited areas

12.3.1 Head: the area above the collar bone is a prohibited area.

12.4 Scoring and non-scoring techniques

12.4.1 Foot technique: Delivering techniques using any part of the foot below the ankle bone

12.4.2 Fist techniques shall **not** be scored.

(Interpretation #12.1.1 & 12.5.2)

Fist techniques are permitted but is not scoring techniques.

(Interpretation #12.2)

Using a prohibited technique is a prohibited act.

(Interpretation #12.4)

The head is a prohibited area for permitted techniques.



Article 13

Valid points

- 13.1 Scoring Areas
- 13.1.1 Trunk: The blue or red colored area of the trunk protector
- 13.2 Criteria for valid point(s):
- 13.2.1 Point(s) shall be awarded when a scoring technique is delivered to the scoring areas of the trunk with power and accuracy.
- 13.2.2 When Protector and Scoring System (PSS) is used determination of the *validity* of the technique, level of impact and valid contact to the scoring area shall be determined by the PSS.
- 13.2.2.1 These PSS determinations shall not be subject to Instant Video Replay (IVR) except in the case of points scored in connection with prohibited acts as described in art. 15.5.
- 13.2.3 The WTF Para Taekwondo Technical & Games Committee shall determine the required level of impact and sensitivity (hit level) of the PSS, using different scales and in competition observation and evaluation in consideration of weight category, gender and Sport Class.
- 13.2.3.1 The hit level shall be communicated in the outline for the tournament and be announced at the Head of Team meeting.
- 13.2.3.2 The Technical Delegate may recalibrate the valid level of impact in the case that the hit level has not been thoroughly tested.
- 13.3 The valid point(s) are as follows:
- 13.3.1 One (1) point for a valid foot technique to the trunk protector
- 13.3.2 Three (3) points for a valid turning foot technique to the trunk protector
- 13.3.3 One (1) point awarded for every one Gam-jeom given to the opponent
- 13.4 Contest score shall be the sum of points of the three (3) rounds or the final score at the end of the round in the case one round system duration of contest is used.
- 13.5 Invalidation of point(s): When a contestant records points while using prohibited act(s):
- 13.5.1 If the point(s) is scored through prohibited act the referee shall immediately



invalidate the point and declare a penalty.

13.5.2 If the point(s) is scored before a prohibited act the validated point remains and the referee shall immediately give a penalty.

(Interpretation #13.3.2)

A turning foot technique refers to the back kick or "dwit chagi" or the spinning kick to the body "dolgae chagi". In the case of PSS one point will be validated by the PSS and two (2) technical points will be added by the judges.



Article 14

Scoring and publication

- 14.1 Scoring of valid point(s) shall be determined by the Protector and Scoring Systems (PSS). Technical points awarded for turning foot technique shall be scored by judges using manual scoring devices.
- 14.1.1 If PSS (Protector & Scoring System) is not used, all scoring shall be determined by judges using manual scoring devices.
- 14.2 The additional two (2) technical points given for a turning kick to the permitted area shall be invalidated if the turning kick was not scored as a valid point by PSS.
- 14.3 Under a three (3) corner judge setting, two or more judges shall be needed to confirm the additional two (2) technical points for a valid turning foot technique
- 14.4 Under a two (2) corner judges setting, two judges shall be needed to confirm the two (2) technical points for a valid turning foot technique
- 14.5 If a referee perceives a contestant to be knocked down by a foot technique to the trunk protector, and so begins counting, but the foot technique was not scored by the PSS or Judges, the referee may request IVR to make the decision for awarding or not awarding points after the count.
- 14.6 Points shall be published automatically on the score boards immediately after validation.

(Interpretation #14.2)

In the case the PSS does not validate the turning foot technique no points will be awarded even if the judges press the technical button on the manual joystick for the additional two (2) technical points



Article 15

Prohibited acts and penalties

- 15.1 Penalties shall be declared by the referee.
- 15.2 Prohibited acts which are described in article 15.4 shall be penalized with:
- 15.2.1 "Gam-jeom" (deduction penalty).
- 15.3 A "Gam-jeom" shall be counted as one (1) additional point for the opposing contestant. All "Gam-jeom" shall be counted in the total score of the contest.
- 15.4 Prohibited acts
The following acts shall be classified as prohibited acts and "Gam-jeom" shall be declared;
- 15.4.1 Crossing the Boundary Line
- 15.4.2 Falling down
- 15.4.3 Avoiding or delaying the contest
- 15.4.4 Grabbing or pushing the opponent
- 15.4.5 Lifting the leg
- 15.4.6 Hitting below the waist
- 15.4.7 Attacking the opponent after "Kal-yeo"
- 15.4.8 Dangerous play
- 15.4.9 Unsafe play
- 15.4.10 Butting or hitting with the knee
- 15.4.11 Attacking the fallen opponent
- 15.4.12 Misconduct of contestant or coach
- 15.5 When a coach or contestant commits excessive misconduct and does not follow the referee's command the referee may declare a sanction request by raising a yellow card. In this case the Competition Supervisory Board shall investigate the coach's and/or athlete's behavior and determine whether a sanction is appropriate



- 15.6 If a contestant intentionally and repeatedly refuses to comply with the Competition Rules or the referee's orders, the referee may end the contest and declare the opposing contestant the winner.
- 15.7 If the referee at the Inspection desk or officials in the Field of Play determines, in consultation with the PSS technician, that a contestant or coach has attempted to manipulate the sensitivity of PSS sensor(s) and/or inappropriately alter the PSS so as to effect its performance, the contestant shall be disqualified.
- 15.8 When a contestant receives ten (10) "Gam-jeom", the referee shall declare the contestant loser by Referee's Punitive Declaration (PUN).

(Interpretation #15)

Objectives in establishing the prohibited acts and penalties are as follows;

- (1) To secure the contestant's safety
- (2) To ensure fair play
- (3) To encourage permitted techniques
- (4) To ensure good sportsmanship

(Interpretation #15.4)

Prohibited acts "Gam-jeom"

15.4.1 Crossing the Boundary Line:

A "Gam-jeom" shall be declared when both feet of a contestant crosses the vertical plan of the Boundary Line. No "Gam-jeom" will be declared if a contestant crosses the Boundary Line as a result of a prohibited act by the opponent.

15.4.2 Falling down:

"Gam-jeom" shall be declared for falling down. However, if a contestant falls down due to the opponent's prohibited acts; "Gam-jeom" penalty shall not be given to the fallen contestant, while a penalty shall be given to the opponent. If both contestants fall as a result of accidental collision, no penalty shall be given.

When an athlete touches the mat with any other part of the body than the feet the athlete it shall be considered as "Falling down".

15.4.3 Avoiding or delaying the contest:

- a) This act involves stalling with no intention of attacking. A contestant who continuously displays a non-engaging style shall be given a "Gam-jeom". If both contestants remain inactive after five (5) seconds, the center referee will signal the "Fight" command. A "Gam-jeom" will be declared: On both contestants if there is no activity from them 10 seconds



after the command was given; or on the contestant who moved backwards from the original position 10 seconds after the command was given.

- b) Turning the back to avoid the opponent's attack should be punished as it expresses the lack of a spirit of fair play and may cause serious injury. The same penalty should also be given for evading the opponent's attack by bending below waist level or crouching.
- c) Retreating from the technical engagement only to avoid the opponent's attack and to run out the clock, "Gam-jeom" shall be given to the passive contestant.
- d) 'Pretending injury' means exaggerating injury or indicating pain in a body part not subjected to a blow for the purpose of demonstrating the opponent's actions as a violation, and also exaggerating pain for the purpose of elapsing the contest time. In this case, the referee shall give a "Gam-jeom" penalty.
- e) "Gam-jeom" shall also be given to the athlete who asks the referee to stop the contest in order to adjust the position/fit of protective equipment.
- f) In the case an athlete adjusts his/her equipment taking focus from the contest, the referee shall immediately stop the contest by declaring "Kalyeo" and give a penalty ("Gam-jeom") to the athlete who is adjusting his/her equipment.
- g) In the case an athlete adjusts his/her equipment taking focus from the contest as the opponent delivers a permitted technique and hits the athlete. This shall not be considered as a prohibited act from the opponent. The penalty shall be given to the athlete for avoiding and/or delaying the contest.
- h) In a clinch situation when an athlete is pushing with the body against the opponent in order to avoid the contest while the opponent is actively trying to execute permitted techniques and resume the contest the athlete pushing with the body shall be given a penalty for Avoiding or delaying the contest.
- i) An athlete continuously seeking clinch in order to Avoid or delay the contest shall be penalized by "Gam-jeom"

15.4.4 Grabbing or pushing the opponent:

Grabbing is defined as grabbing hold of and then releasing any part of the opponent's body, uniform or protective equipment with the hands or arms. This also includes the act of grabbing the foot or leg or hooking the opponents leg with the forearm.

Pushing is defined as pushing the opponent with your hands, fists, shoulder or any part of the upper body.

For pushing, the following acts shall be penalized



- a) pushing the opponent out of the Boundary Line;
- b) pushing the opponent in a way that prevents execution of a permitted technique or any normal execution of tactical movement
- c) pushing the opponent when he/she is not in clinch situation nor executing a permitted technique or any normal execution of tactical movement
- d) In clinch situation when both athletes push off the opponent and executes a permitted technique, no penalties shall be given
- e) In a clinch situation when an athlete is pushing with the body against the opponent in order to inhibit the opponent from executing techniques and resuming the contest the athlete pushing with the body shall be given a penalty for pushing. Even if the opponent is pushing the athlete with his arms.

15.4.5 Lifting the leg

Lifting the leg to block or kicking the opponent's leg to impede the opponent's execution of a permitted foot technique, or lifting a leg or kicking in the air for more than three (3) seconds to impede the opponent's potential attacking movements, or the kick was aiming below the waist. Lifting the leg for more than three (3) seconds, without execution of any permitted foot technique or continuous motion of permitted techniques shall be penalized by "Gam-jeom".

Continuous motion of permitted techniques is defined as initiating a permitted technique but changing to another permitted technique depending on the response of the opponent in one continuous motion.

15.4.6 Hitting below the waist

This action applies to hitting on any part below the waist, including the feet, any part of the thigh, knee or shin, with permitted or prohibited techniques or any other part of the body for the purpose of interfering with the opponent's permitted technique. When a hit below the waist is caused accidentally by the athlete in the course of an exchange of techniques, no penalty will be given.

15.4.7 Attacking the opponent after "Kal-yeo"

- a) Execution of technique after Kal-yeo that results in actual contact to the opponent.
- b) If the execution of the permitted technique started before the Kal-yeo, the attack shall not be penalized.
- c) In Instant Video Replay (IVR) review, the timing of Kal-yeo shall be defined as the moment that the referee's Kal-yeo hand signal was completed (with a fully extended arm); and the start the foot technique shall be defined as the moment that the foot executing the technique is fully off the floor. In the case of a fist technique the technique should be



considered started when the fist starts its motion towards the opponent.

- d) If a technique after Kal-yeo did not land on the opponent's body but appeared deliberate and malicious the referee may penalized the behavior with a "Gam-jeom".

15.4.8 Dangerous play

Dangerous play includes hitting the opponent's head with the hand (fist), arm, elbow or any part of the body including the permitted techniques listed in Article 12.1. Unintentional Dangerous play shall be penalized by "Gam-jeom".

Dangerous play due to unsafe play from the opponent cannot be penalized by this article. In the case of a hit to the head the Referee shall immediately suspend the contest in accordance with article 21.

In the case an athlete intentionally commits Dangerous play resulting in a hit to the head a yellow card shall be given to the athlete who committed intentional Dangerous play.

15.4.9 Unsafe play

Unsafe play occurs when an athlete intentionally or unintentionally takes a stance or plays with a game tactic where the head becomes a target and increases the risk for Dangerous play. When the Referee deems an athlete has committed Unsafe play this shall be penalized by a "Gam-jeom".

15.4.10 Butting or attacking with the knee

This article relates to an intentional butting or attacking with the knee when in close proximity to the opponent. However, contact with the knee that occurs in the following situations cannot be punished by this article.

- When the opponent rushes in abruptly at the moment a kick is being executed
- Inadvertently, or as the result of a discrepancy in distance in attacking

15.4.11 Attacking the fallen opponent

This action is extremely dangerous due to the high probability of injury to the opponent. The danger arises from the following:

- The fallen opponent is in an immediate defenseless state
- The impact of any technique which strikes a fallen contestant will be greater due to the contestant's position.

These types of aggressive actions toward a fallen opponent are not in accordance with the spirit of Taekwondo and as such are not appropriate to Taekwondo competition.

15.4.12 Misconduct of contestant, coach or team doctor/physician

The following cases are Misconduct from a contestant or coach:

- a) Not complying with a referee's command or decision;
- b) Inappropriate protesting behavior to officials' decisions;
- c) Inappropriate attempts to disturb or influence the outcome of the match;
- d) Provoking or insulting the opposing contestant or coach;
- e) Unaccredited doctor/physicians or other team officials found to be seated in the



- doctors position;
- f) Any other severe misconduct or unsportsmanlike conduct from a contestant or coach;

When misconduct is committed by a contestant or a coach during a rest period, the referee can immediately declare the penalty and the penalty shall be recorded in the next round's results.

Article 16

Golden point and decision of superiority

- 16.1 In the event the winner cannot be decided after three (3) rounds, a golden point round shall have the same round length as one of the standard rounds will be conducted.
- 16.1.1 The duration of the golden point round may be set to 1 minute, 1.5 minutes or 2 minutes depending the decision of the Technical Delegate.
- 16.1.2 In the case of a tied score at the end of the round when using the one round duration of contest system, a golden point round will be conducted with a duration one (1) minute
- 16.2 In the case of a contest advancing to a golden point round, all scores awarded during the first three (3) rounds shall be void.
- 16.2.1 In the case of the one round duration of contest system advancing to a golden point round, all scores awarded during the first round shall be void.
- 16.3 The first contestant to score a point or whose opponent received two "Gam-jeom" in the golden point round shall be declared the winner.
- 16.4 In the event that neither contestant has scored a point after the completion of the golden point round, the winner shall be decided by superiority based the following criteria:
- 16.4.1 The contestant who achieved a higher number of hits registered (but below the set hit level) by the PSS during the golden point round
- 16.4.2 If number of hits registered by the PSS is tied, the contestant who won more rounds in first three rounds
- 16.4.3 If number of round won is tied, the contestant who received less numbers of a Gam-jeom during all four rounds
- 16.4.4 If the three above criteria are the same the referee and judges shall determine superiority based on the content of the golden point round. If the superiority decision is tied among the referee and judges, the referee shall decide the winner.
- 16.5 In the case of one round duration of contest the following applies:
- 16.5.1 The contestant who achieved a higher number of hits registered (but below the set hit level) by the PSS during the golden point round
- 16.5.2 If the above criteria are the same, the athlete with the higher number of high



scoring techniques (3 point techniques) in the contest shall be declared the winner.

16.5.3 If the above criteria is tied, the contestant who received less Gam-jeom during the full duration of contest

16.5.4 If the three above criteria are the same the referee and judges shall determine superiority based on the content of the golden point round. If the superiority decision is tied among the referee and judges, the referee shall decide the winner.

(Interpretation #16.3)

The winner will be the athlete that scores the first point or who's opponent receives two "Gam-jeom". A single "Gam-jeom" will not be counted as a point for the opponent during the Golden point round.

(Interpretation #16.4.4)

Decision of superiority by judges shall be based on technical dominance of an opponent through aggressive contest management, the greater number of techniques executed, the use of the more advanced techniques both in difficulty and complexity, and display of the better competition manner.

Procedure

The procedure for superiority decision shall be as follows.

- 1) Prior to the contest, all refereeing officials take the superiority card with them.
- 2) When a contest is to be decided by superiority, the referee shall declare "Woo-se-girok (Record Superiority)".
- 3) Upon the referee's declaration, the judges shall record the winner within 10 seconds with their heads down, sign on the card and then give it to the referee.
- 4) The referee shall collect all superiority cards, record the final result, and then declare the winner.
- 5) Upon declaration of winner, the referee shall hand over the cards to the recorder and the recorder shall submit the cards to the Technical Delegate of World Taekwondo Federation.

(Interpretation #16.3)

The PSS will determine who scored first in the case of athletes delivering valid scoring techniques at the same time.



Article 17

Decisions

- 17.1 Win by Referee Stops Contest (RSC)
- 17.2 Win by final score (PTF)
- 17.3 Win by point gap (PTG)
 - 17.3.1 Win by point gap one round duration of contest
 - 17.3.2 Win by point sealing (PTS)
- 17.4 Win by Golden Point (GDP)
- 17.5 Win by Superiority (SUP)
- 17.6 Win by withdrawal (WDR)
- 17.7 Win by disqualification (DSQ)
- 17.8 Win by Change of sport class after first appearance (CSC)
- 17.9 Win by referee's punitive declaration (PUN)

(Interpretation #17.1)

Referee Stops Contest

The referee declares RSC in the following situations:

- ✓ if a contestant has been knocked down by an opponent's permitted technique and cannot resume the contest by the count of "Yeo-dul"; or if the referee determines the contestant is not able to resume the competition regardless of the progress of counting;
- ✓ if a contestant cannot continue the contest after one minute of medical treatment;
- ✓ if a contestant disregards the referee's command to continue the contest three times;
- ✓ if the referee recognizes the need to stop the contest to protect a contestant's safety;
- ✓ when the Commission Doctor determines that the contest should be stopped due to a contestant's injury;

(Interpretation #17.3)

Win by point gap

In case of 20 points difference between two athletes at the time of the completion of 2nd round and/or at any time during the 3rd round, the referee shall stop the contest and shall declare the winner by point gap.

(Interpretation #17.3.1)



In the case of one round duration of contest the athlete who first reaches a twelve (12) points lead over the opponent shall be declared the winner.

(Interpretation #17.3.2)

Win by point sealing (PTS)

In the case of one round duration of contest the player that first reaches twenty (20) points will be declared as winner at any time during the round.

(Interpretation #17.6)

Win by withdrawal

The winner is determined by withdrawal of the opponent.

- ✓ When an athlete withdraws from the contest due to injury or other reasons
- ✓ When an athlete does not resume the contest after the rest period or fails to respond to the call to begin the contest
- ✓ When the coach throws a towel into the court to signify forfeiture of the contest
- ✓ When an athlete has been hit to the head due to unintentional Dangerous play and is cleared by commissioned doctor to continue but refuses to do so.

(Interpretation #17.7)

Win by disqualification

This is the result determined by the contestant's failure in weigh-in or when a contestant loses contestant status before the competition begins.

The follow-up actions should be different in accordance with the reason of disqualification

- ✓ In the event that athletes have not passed or did not show at weigh-in after draw: The result should be reflected on the draw sheet and the information should be provided to technical officials and all relevant persons. Referees will not be assigned for this contest. The opponent of athletes that did not pass or show at weigh-in will not need to appear at the court to compete.
- ✓ In the event that an athlete passed weigh-in but did not appear at the Coach's seating zone: The assigned referee and opponent shall be waiting in their position until the referee declares the opponent a winner of the contest. Detailed procedure is stipulated in Article 11.4
- ✓ In the event that an athlete has unintentionally committed Dangerous play resulting in the opponent being unable to continue the contest. The opponent shall win the contest by disqualification.
- ✓ In the event that an athlete has intentionally committed Dangerous play resulting in the opponent being unable to continue the contest. The opponent shall win the contest by disqualification. The athlete shall also be given a yellow card for intentional dangerous play.

(Interpretation #17.8)

Win by Change of sport class after first appearance

When the athlete has a change in his her sport class to different sport class after first appearance the opponent will go on to the next round. The opponent shall be declared winner by change of



sport class after first appearance (CSC).

(Interpretation #17.9)

Win by the referee's punitive declarations

The referee declares PUN in the following situations:

- ✓ if a contestant accumulated ten (10) "Gam-jeom";
 - ✓ if it is determined that a contestant manipulates the sensor(s) or scoring system of the PSS;
 - ✓ if a contestant or coach refuses to follow the referee's commands or to comply the Competition Rules, or commits other serious infringing behavior including improper protest.
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Article 18

Knock down

A Knock Down shall be declared when a permitted technique is delivered to a permitted area and;

- 18.1 When any part of the body other than the sole of the foot touches the floor due to the force of the opponent's permitted technique to permitted areas;
- 18.2 When a contestant is staggered and shows no intention or ability to continue as a result of the opponent's permitted techniques to permitted areas;
- 18.3 When the referee decides that the contest cannot continue as the result of being struck by a permitted technique to a permitted area;

(Interpretation #18)

A knock down:

This is the situation in which a contestant is knocked to the floor or is staggered or unable to respond adequately to the requirements of the contest due to a blow. Even in the absence of these indications, the referee may interpret a knock down, the situation where, as the result of contact, it would be dangerous to continue or when there is a question about safety of a contestant.



Article 19

Procedure in the case of a knock down

- 19.1 When an athlete is Knocked Down as the result of the opponent's permitted technique delivered to a permitted area, the referee shall take the following measures;
- 19.1.1 The referee shall keep the opponent away from downed athlete by declaration of "Kal-yeo" (break);
 - 19.1.2 The referee shall first check the status of the downed athlete and count aloud from "Ha-nah" (one) up to "Yeol" (ten) at one (1) second intervals towards the downed athlete, making hand signals indicating the passage of time;
 - 19.1.3 In the case the downed athlete stands up during the referee's count and desires to continue the contest, the referee shall continue the count up to "Yeo-dul" (eight) for recovery of the athlete. The referee shall then determine if the athlete is recovered and, if so, continue the contest by declaration of "Kye-sok" (continue);
 - 19.1.4 When an athlete who has been knocked down cannot demonstrate the will to resume the contest by the count of "Yeo-dul" (eight), the referee shall announce the opponent the winner by RSC (Referee Stops Contest);
 - 19.1.5 The count shall be continued even after the end of the round or the expiration of the contest time;
 - 19.1.6 In the case both athletes are knocked down, the referee shall continue counting as long as one of the athletes has not sufficiently recovered;
 - 19.1.7 In the case both athletes are knocked down and both athletes fail to recover by the count of "Yeol" (ten), the winner shall be decided by the contest score before the occurrence of Knock Down;
 - 19.1.8 When it is determined by the referee that an athlete is unable to continue the referee may decide the winner either without counting or during the counting.
- 19.2 Any athlete who could not continue the contest as a result of a serious injury to any part of the body cannot enter competition within thirty (30) days without approval of the WTF Medical Committee after submission of a statement from the physician designated by the pertinent Member National Association.

(Interpretation #19.1.1)

Keep the opponent away:

In this situation the standing opponent shall return to the respective athlete's mark, however, if the downed athlete is on or near the opponent's athlete's mark, the opponent shall wait at the



boundary line in front of his/her coach's chair.

The referee must be constantly prepared for the sudden occurrence of a knock down or situation where the athlete is staggered, which is usually characterized by a powerful blow accompanied by impact.

(Interpretation #19.1.3)

In case the downed athlete stands up during the referee's count and desires to continue the fight: The primary purpose of counting is to protect the athlete. Even if the athlete desires to continue the contest before the count of eight is reached, the referee must count until "Yeo-dul (eight)" before resuming the contest. Counting to "Yeo-dul" is compulsory and cannot be altered by the referee.

**Count from one to ten: Ha-nah, Duhl, Seht, Neht, Da-seot, Yeo-seot, Il-gop, Yeo-dul, A-hop, Yeol.*

(Interpretation #19.1.3)

The referee shall then determine if the athlete has recovered and, if so, restart the contest by the declaration of "Kye-sok":

The referee must ascertain the ability of the athlete to continue while he/she counts until eight. Final confirmation of the athlete's condition after the count of eight is only procedural and the referee must not needlessly pass time before resuming the contest.

(Interpretation #19.1.4)

When an athlete who has been knocked down cannot express the will to resume by the count of "Yeo-dul", the referee shall announce the opponent winner by RSC after counting to "Yeol": The athlete expresses the will to continue the contest by gesturing several times in a fighting position with the clenched fists. If the athlete cannot display this gesture by the count of "Yeo-dul", the referee must declare the opponent winner after first counting "A-hop" and "Yeol". Expressing the will to continue after the count of "Yeo-dul" cannot be considered valid. Even if the athlete expresses the will to resume by the count of "Yeo-dul", the referee can continue counting and may declare the contest over if he/she determines the athlete is incapable of resuming the contest.

(Interpretation #19.1.4)

When an athlete is downed by a powerful scoring blow and whose condition appears serious, the referee can suspend the count and call for first aid or do so in conjunction with the count.

(Guideline for officiating)

- i. The referee must not spend additional time confirming the athlete's recovery after counting to "Yeo-dul" as a result of failing to observe that condition during the administration of the count.
- ii. When the athlete clearly recovers before the count of "Yeo-dul" and expresses the will to resume and the referee can clearly discern the athlete's condition yet resumption is hampered by the requirement of medical treatment, the referee must first resume the contest with the declaration of "Kye-sok" and immediately after declare "Kal-yeo" and "Kye-shi" and then follow the procedures of Article 21.



Article 20

Procedure in the event of hit to the head

In Para Taekwondo kyorgi all techniques to the head has been prohibited to ensure the safety of the athletes. Hit to the head is defined as hitting the head with the hand (fist), arm, elbow or any part of the body including permitted techniques listed in Article 12.1.

20.1 Procedure in the case of Hit to the Head

20.1.1 The referee shall keep the opponent away from the athlete that was hit to the head by declaration of "Kal-yeo" and "Keyshi";

20.1.2 In the case the referee determine that the athlete can continue the referee shall continue the contest by declaration of "Kye-sok" (continue) after giving penalties to the opponent in accordance with article 15;

20.1.3 In the case the referee has any doubt regarding the athlete's status and ability to continue the commissioned doctor shall be called to make a final decision;

20.1.4 In the case the commissioned doctor decides that the athlete is able to continue the referee shall continue the contest by declaration of "Kye-sok" (continue) after giving penalties to the opponent in accordance with article 15;

20.1.5 In the case the commissioned doctor decides that it is unsafe for the athlete who received the hit to the head to continue the athlete shall be declared the winner due to disqualification (DSQ) of the opponent after giving penalties to the opponent for dangerous play in accordance with article 15;

20.1.6 In the case an athlete that has been hit to the head is determined by the commissioned doctor as able to continue but refuses to do so he/she shall be considered withdrawn (WDR).

20.1.7 If the commissioned doctor is convinced that the athlete is faking an injury, then the athlete who was hit in the head shall be disqualified (DSQ) and the opponent shall be declared the winner;

20.1.8 In the case the hit to the head is a result of unsafe play from the athlete that received the hit to the head no penalties shall be given to the opponent.

20.1.8.1 In the case the commissioned doctor decides that it is unsafe for the



athlete who received the hit to the head to continue as a result of unsafe play the opponent shall be declared the winner by withdrawal (WDR);

20.1.8.2 In the case the commissioned doctor decides that the athlete is able to continue the referee shall continue the contest by declaration of "Kye-sok" after giving penalties to the athlete for unsafe play in accordance with article 15;

20.1.9 In the case an athlete falls and hits his head on the mat resulting from regular game play, without involving prohibited acts from the athlete or opponent, the commissioned doctor shall determine if the athlete is able to continue;

20.1.9.1 In the case the commissioned doctor decides that it is unsafe for the athlete to continue the opponent shall be declared the winner by withdrawal (WDR);

20.1.9.2 In the case the commissioned doctor decides that the contestant is able to continue the referee shall continue the contest by declaration of "Kye-sok";

20.2 The commissioned doctor may take more time than the prescribed one (1) minute injury time to determine if an athlete can safely continue the contest or not. This only applies for hit to the head.

20.2.1 Before the prescribed one (1) minute injury time expires the Referee shall ask the commissioned doctor if more time is needed;

20.2.2 In the case the commissioned doctor needs more time the Referee shall declare "Shi-gan" when the one (1) minute injury time expires;

20.2.3 In the case the commissioned doctor determines that the athlete cannot continue Art. 20.1.2, 20.1.3 or 20.1.4 shall apply;

20.2.4 In the case the commissioned doctor determines that the athlete can continue Art. 20.1.2, 20.1.3 or 20.1.4 shall apply;

20.3 Any athlete that has experienced a hit to the head is subject to Article 19.2

(Interpretation #20.1.4)

No team doctors or physicians are allowed to determine if the athlete can continue or not. This decision can only be made by the commissioned doctor for the tournament.



Article 21

Procedures of suspending the contest

- 21.1 When a contest is to be stopped due to the injury of one or both athletes, the referee shall take the measures prescribed below.
- 21.1.1 The referee shall suspend the contest by declaration of “Kal-yeo” and order the recorders to suspend the time by announcing “Kye-shi (suspend)”;
 - 21.1.2 The referee shall allow the athlete one minute to receive first aid by the commission doctor; the referee may allow team doctor to treat first aid if the commission doctor is not available or if it is deemed necessary;
 - 21.1.3 If an injured athlete cannot return to the contest after one minute the referee shall declare the opponent winner.
 - 21.1.4 In case resumption of the contest is impossible after one minute, the athlete causing the injury by a prohibited act to be penalized by “Gam-jeom” and shall be declared the loser by disqualification (DSQ).
 - 21.1.5 In case both the athletes are knocked down and are unable to continue the contest after one minute, the winner shall be decided upon points scored before the injuries occurred.
 - 21.1.6 If the referee determines an athlete's pain is not severe the referee shall declare “Kal-yeo” and give a command to resume the contest with the call “stand-up”. If the athlete refuses to continue the contest after the referee gives the command “stand up” three times, the referee shall declare the contest ‘Referee Stops Contest’ (RSC).
 - 21.1.7 If the referee determines an athlete's pain to be severe the referee shall allow the athlete to receive a first aid treatment for one minute after “Kye-shi”. The referee may allow the athlete to receive first aid treatment even after giving the command “stand-up”;
 - 21.1.8 Stopping the contest due to injury: An athlete who continues the contest with pain and shows pain in the same manner as the first time or more severe, the referee shall consult with the WTF commissioned doctor assigned for the competition who may advise the referee to stop the contest and declare the injured the loser by withdrawal (WDR).
- 21.2 In a situation which warrants suspending the contest for reasons other than an injury, the referee shall declare “Shi-gan (time)” and resume the contest by declaring “Kye-sok (continue)”.

(Interpretation #21.1)

When the referee determines that the competition cannot be continued due to injury or any other emergency situation, he/she may take the following measures:

- i. If the situation is critical such as an athlete losing consciousness or suffering from a severe injury and time is crucial, first aid must be immediately directed first and the contest must be closed. In this case, the result of the contest will be decided as follows:



- The athlete causing the injury shall be declared the loser if the outcome was the result of a prohibited act to be penalized by “Gam-jeom”.
 - The incapacitated opponent shall be declared the loser if the outcome was the result of a legal action or accidental, unavoidable contact.
 - If the outcome was unrelated to the contest contents, the winner shall be decided by the contest score before suspension of the contest. If the suspension occurs before the end of the first round, the contest shall be invalidated.
- ii. If first aid treatment is need for an injury, the athlete can receive necessary treatment_within one minute after the declaration of “Kye-shi”.
- a) Order to resume the contest: It is the decision of the center referee, after consultation with the Commission Doctor, whether or not it is possible for the athlete to resume the contest. The referee can anytime order the athlete to resume the contest within one minute. The referee can declare any athlete who does not follow the order to resume the contest the loser of the contest by withdrawal (WDR).
 - b) While the athlete is receiving medical treatment or is in the process of recovering, 40 seconds after the declaration of “Kye-shi”, the referee begins to loudly announce the passage of time in five second intervals. When the athlete cannot return to the Contestant’s Mark by the end of the one minute period, the contest results must be declared.
 - c) After the declaration of “Kye-shi”, the one minute time interval must be strictly observed regardless of the Commission Doctor’s availability. However, when the doctor’s treatment is required but the doctor is absent or additional treatment is necessary, the one minute time limit can be suspended by the judgment of the referee.
 - d) If resumption of the contest is impossible after one minute, the decision of the contest will be determined according to sub-article “i” of this article.
- iii. If both athletes become incapacitated and are unable to resume the contest after one minute or urgent conditions arise, the contest result is decided according to the following criteria:
- If the outcome is the result of a prohibited act to be penalized by “Gam-jeom” by one athlete that person shall be the loser by disqualification (DSQ).
 - If the outcome was not related to any prohibited act to be penalized by “Gam-jeom”, the result of the contest shall be determined by the contest score at the time of suspension of the contest. However, if the suspension occurs before the end of the first round, the contest shall be invalidated and the Organizing Committee will determine an appropriate time to re-contest the contest. The athlete who cannot



resume the contest shall be deemed to have withdrawn (WDR) from the contest.
- If the outcome is the result of prohibited acts to be penalized by “Gam-jeom” by both athletes, then both athletes shall lose by disqualification (DSQ).

(Interpretation #21.2)

The situation which warrants suspending the contest beyond the above-prescribed procedures shall be treated as follows.

- i. When uncontrollable circumstances require suspension of the contest, the referee shall suspend the contest and follow the directives of the Technical Delegate.
 - ii. If the contest is suspended after the completion of the second round, the outcome shall be determined according to the contest score at the time of suspension.
 - iii. If the contest is suspended before the conclusion of the second round, a rematch shall, in principle, be conducted and shall be held in three rounds.
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Article 22

Technical officials

22.1 Technical Delegate (TD)

21.1.1 Qualification: In General the chairperson of the WTF Para Taekwondo Technical & Games Committee or the WTF Para Taekwondo Referee Committee shall be appointed TD. However, the WTF President can appoint another qualified TD upon recommendation of WTF Secretary General in the case the Chairpersons are not available.

21.1.2 Roles: TD is responsible to ensure that WTF Para Taekwondo Competition Rules and Technical Manual are properly applied and to preside over the Head of Team meeting and drawing of lots session. TD approves the result of draw, weigh-in and competitions before it being publicized. TD has the right to make final decisions on competition area and overall technical matters on competitions in consultation with the Competition Supervisory Board (CSB). TD shall make final decisions on any matters pertaining to competitions not prescribed in Competition Rules. TD serves as the Chairman of Competition Supervisory Board.

22.2 Competition Supervisory Board (CSB) Member

22.2.1 Qualification: CSB members shall be appointed by the WTF President upon recommendation of Secretary General from those who have sufficient experience and knowledge of para taekwondo and taekwondo competitions.

22.2.2 Composition: CSB shall consist of one Chairperson and no more than four (4) members at WTF-promoted championships. Chairpersons of WTF Para Taekwondo Technical & Games Committee, WTF Para Taekwondo Referee Committee and WTF Para Taekwondo Medical Committee shall be appointed by the WTF President upon the recommendation of the Secretary General. The composition, however, may be adjusted by the President, if necessary.

22.2.3 Roles: CSB shall assist TD in competitions and technical matters and ensure the competitions are held in accordance with the schedule and the WTF Rules. CSB shall evaluate the performances of Review Jury and refereeing officials. CSB shall also concurrently act as the Extraordinary Sanctions Committee during competition with regard to competition management matters.

22.3 Commissioned Doctor (CD)

22.3.1 Qualification: The chairperson or member of the WTF Para Taekwondo Medical Committee, in the case he/she is a medical doctor, shall be appointed as the commissioned doctor for WTF events. However, the WTF President may appoint another qualified person as the commissioned doctor upon recommendation of WTF



Secretary General in the case no WTF Para Taekwondo Medical Committee member is available;

22.3.2 Roles: The CD is responsible to ensure that the medical and emergency services function in accordance with WTF Rules and that medical teams and volunteers are trained in WTF procedures. The CD will also be called to make final decisions if athletes are able to continue or not after injury.

22.4 Review Jury (RJ)

22.4.1 Qualification: RJ shall be appointed by WTF Para Taekwondo Referee Chairman from those who are experienced and highly qualified International Referees.

22.4.2 Composition: One (1) RJ and one (1) assistant to RJ shall be allocated per court.

22.4.3 Roles: RJ shall review an instant replay and inform the referee of the decision within one (1) minute.

22.5 Refereeing officials

22.5.1 Qualification: Holders of International Referee Certificate registered by the WTF

22.5.2 Duties

22.5.2.1 Referee

22.5.2.1.1 The referee shall have control over the contest.

22.5.2.1.2 The referee shall declare “Shi-jak”, “Keu-man”, “Kal-yeo”, “Kye-sok”, “Kye-shi”, “Shi-gan”, winner and loser, deduction of points, warnings and retiring. All the referees’ declarations shall be made after the results are confirmed.

22.5.2.1.3 The referee shall have the right to make decisions independently in accordance with the prescribed rules.

22.5.2.1.4 In principle, the center referee shall not award points. However, if one of the corner judges raises his/her hand because a point was not scored, then the center referee will convene a meeting with the judges. If it was found that two corner judges request for change of the judgment, the referee must accept and correct the judgment (in case of 1 referee + 3 judges). In a two corner judge setting, the result of the scoring can be revised when two persons among two judges and the referee agree to do so.

22.5.2.1.5 In case as defined by Article 16, the decision of superiority shall be made by refereeing officials after the end of four (4) rounds when necessary or at the end of the golden point round in the case of one round duration of contest system.



- 22.5.2.2 Judges
 - 22.4.2.2.1 The judges shall mark the valid points immediately.
 - 22.4.2.2.2 The judges shall state their opinions forthrightly when requested to do so by the referee.
- 22.5.2.3 Technical Assistant (TA)
 - 22.5.2.3.1 TA shall keep monitoring scoreboard during the contest if the scoring, penalties and timing are correctly publicized, and immediately notify the referee of any problematic issue in this regard.
 - 22.5.2.3.2 TA shall notify the referee of starting or stopping the contest in close communication with system operator and recorder.
 - 22.5.2.3.3 TA manually records all scores, penalties and IVR result in TA paper.
- 22.5.3 Composition of refereeing officials per court
 - 22.5.3.1 The officials' squad is composed of one (1) referee and three (3) judges.
 - 22.5.3.2 The officials' squad is composed of one (1) referee and two (2) judges
- 22.5.4 Assignment of refereeing officials
 - 22.5.4.1 The assignment of the referees and judges shall be made after the contest schedule is fixed.
 - 22.5.4.2 Referees and judges with the same nationality as that of either contestant shall not be assigned to such a contest. However, an exception can be made for the judges when the number of refereeing officials is insufficient.
- 22.5.5 Responsibilities for decisions: Decisions made by the referees and judges shall be conclusive and they shall be responsible to the Competition Supervisory Board for the content of those decisions.
- 22.5.6 Uniforms
 - 22.4.6.1 The referees and judges shall wear the uniform designated by the WTF.
 - 22.4.6.2 The refereeing officials shall not carry or take any materials to the contest area which might interfere with the contest. Use of mobile phones by refereeing officials in the field of play may be restricted, if necessary.
- 22.6 Recorders: The recorder shall time the contest, periods of time-out, and suspensions, and also shall record and publicize the awarded points, and/or penalties.



(Interpretation #22.1 & 22.2)

TD may replace or penalize the refereeing officials in consultation with CSB in the event that refereeing officials have been wrongly assigned, or when it is judged that any of the assigned refereeing officials have unfairly conducted the contest or made unjustifiable mistakes repeatedly.

(Interpretation #22.5)

The details of the refereeing official's qualifications, duties, organization, etc. shall follow the WTF Regulations on the Administration of International Referees.

(Guideline for officiating #22.5)

In case that each judge awards different score respectively for a permitted foot technique to the scoring area, for instance, one judge gives one point, another gives three and the other gives no point, and that no point is recognized as a valid one, or in the case that the recorder makes mistakes in timing, scoring or penalties, any of the judges may indicate the mistake and ask for confirmation among the judges. Then, the referee may declare "Shi-gan (time)" to stop the contest and gather the judges to ask for a statements. After discussion, the referee must publicize the resolution. In the case that a coach requests for video review for the same case that one of the judges requests for a meeting between refereeing officials, the referee shall first gather judges before taking the request from coach. If it has been decided to correct the decision, the coach shall remain seated without using appeal quota. If the coach still stands and request for video review, the referee shall take the coach's request. This article also applied to the case that the referee makes an error in judgment of knock-down, and the judges may raise a different opinion to the referee while the referee counts "Seht (three)" or "Neht (four)".



Article 23

Instant Video Replay (IVR)

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- 23.1 In case there is an objection to a judgment of the refereeing officials during the contest, the coach of an athlete can make a request to the center referee for an immediate review of the video replay. The coach can only request video review for followings;
- 23.1.1 Penalty against the opponent for instances of falling down or crossing the boundary line or attacking the opponent after "Kal-yeo" or attacking the fallen opponent as well as dangerous play.
 - 23.1.2 Validation or invalidation of Technical points
 - 23.1.3 Any penalty against own contestant
 - 23.1.4 Any mechanical malfunction or error in time management
- 23.2 When coach appeals, the center referee will approach the coach and ask the reason for the appeal. Any appeal shall not be admissible on any points scored by valid scoring foot techniques on trunk PSS. The scope of instant video replay request is limited to the only one action which has occurred within five (5) seconds from the moment of the coach's request. Once the coach rises the blue or red card to request for instant video replay, it will be considered that the coach has used his/her allocated appeal under any circumstance unless the judge's meeting satisfies the coach.
- 23.3 Referee shall request the Review Jury to review the instant video replay. Review Jury, who is not of the same nationality as the contestants, shall review the video replay.
- 23.4 After review of the instant video replay, the Review Jury shall inform the center referee of the final decision within thirty (30) seconds after receiving the request.
- 23.5 Coach shall be allocated with one (1) appeal to request an instant video replay request per each contest. However, based on the size and level of the Championships, the Technical Delegate may decide the number of appeal quota during the head of team meeting. If the appeal is successful and the contested request point is corrected, the coach shall retain the appeal right for the pertinent contest.
- 23.6 The decision of the Review Jury is final; no further appeals during the contest or protest after the contest will be accepted.
- 23.7 In the case that there is a clear erroneous decision from the refereeing officials on identification of the contestant or errors in the scoring system, any of the judges shall request for review and correct the decision at any time during the contest. Once the refereeing officials leave the contest area, it will not be possible for anyone to request for review or to change the decision.



- 23.8 In the case of a successful appeal, the Competition Supervisory Board may investigate the contest at the end of the competition day and take disciplinary action against the concerned refereeing officials, if necessary.
- 23.9 In the last 10 seconds of the 3rd round and in any time during Golden Point round, any of the judges can ask for review and correction of scoring when a coach does not have appeal quota.



Article 24

Sanctions

- 24.1 The WTF President, Secretary General or Technical Delegate may request that an on-spot Extraordinary Sanctions Committee be convened for deliberation when unsportsmanlike behavior are committed by a coach, athlete, official, and/or any representative of a Member National Association (MNA).
- 24.2 The Extraordinary Sanctions Committee shall deliberate the matter, and may summon person(s) concerned for confirmation of events.
- 24.3 The Extraordinary Sanctions Committee shall deliberate the matter and determine disciplinary actions to impose. The result of deliberation shall be immediately announced to the public and reported in writing, together with relevant facts and rationale to the WTF President and/or Secretary General.
- 24.4 Potential violations on Conduct of a contestant;
- 24.4.1 Refusing the referee's command to complete the ending procedures of the contest, including but not limited to bowing to the opponent at the end of the contest or participating in the declaration of the winner;
- 24.4.2 Throwing belongings or equipment (headgear, gloves, etc.) as an expression of dissatisfaction with the contest outcome;
- 24.4.3 Not leaving the competition area after the contest;
- 24.4.4 Not returning to a contest after a referee's repeated command;
- 24.4.5 Not complying with the Competition official's ruling or command;
- 24.4.6 Manipulation of scoring equipment, sensors and/or any part of a PSS;
- 24.4.7 Any serious unsportsmanlike behavior during a contest or aggressive misconduct toward competition officials
- 24.5 Potential violations on conduct of a Coach, Official, or representatives of a MNA;
- 24.5.1 Complaining or arguing against an officials decision during or after a round;
- 24.5.2 Arguing with the referee or other official(s);
- 24.5.3 Violent behavior or remark toward officials, athletes or spectators during a contest;



- 24.5.4 Provoking spectators or spreading false rumor;
- 24.5.5 Instructing athlete(s) to participate in misconduct, such as remaining in the competition area after a contest or refuse bowing;
- 24.5.6 Violent behavior such as throwing or kicking personal belonging(s) or competition material(s);
- 24.5.7 Not following instructions of competitions officials to leave the Field of Play or Venue
- 24.5.8 Instructing an athlete to Intentional Misrepresentation (IM) during classification and first appearance;
- 24.5.9 Attempt to bribe competition officials;
- 24.5.10 Any other serious misconducts toward competition officials;
- 24.6 Disciplinary actions: Disciplinary actions issued by the Extraordinary Sanctions Committee may vary according to the degree of the violation. The following sanctions may be given:
 - 24.6.1 Disqualification of the athlete
 - 24.6.2 Warning and order to issue official apology
 - 24.6.3 Removal of accreditation
 - 24.6.4 Ban from the Competition Venue
 - 24.6.4.1 Ban for the day
 - 24.6.4.2 Ban for the duration of the tournament
 - 24.6.5 Cancellation of Result
 - 24.6.5.1 Cancellation of the contest result and all related merits
 - 24.6.5.2 Cancellation of WTF World Para Taekwondo Ranking points
 - 24.6.6 Suspension of athlete, coach, team official from all WTF activities (including CU and MNA-level activities)
 - 24.6.6.1 6 months suspension
 - 24.6.6.2 1 year suspension
 - 24.6.6.3 2 year suspension
 - 24.6.6.4 3 year suspension
 - 24.6.6.5 4 year suspension
 - 24.6.7 Ban of MNA from participating in WTF Promoted or Sanctioned tournaments
 - 24.6.7.1 Specified championships and/or tournaments;



- 24.6.7.2 All championships and tournaments for a specified period of time (up to four (4) years);
- 24.6.8 Monetary fine of between US\$100 to US\$5,000 per violation
- 24.7 The Extraordinary Sanctions Committee may recommend to the WTF that additional disciplinary actions be taken against the members involved, including but not limited to longer-term suspension, lifetime ban, and/or additional monetary fines.
- 24.8 Appeal to disciplinary action(s) taken by an Extraordinary Sanctions Committee may be made in accordance with Article 6 of the WTF Bylaws of Dispute Resolution and Disciplinary Action.



Article 25

Other matters not specified in the Rules

- 25.1 In the case that any matters not specified in these Rules occur, they shall be dealt with as follows;
- 25.1.1 Matter related to a contest shall be decided through consensus by the refereeing officials of the pertinent contest;
 - 25.1.2 Matters no related to a specific contest throughout the championships such as technical matters, competition matters, etc. shall be decided by the Technical Delegate.



Appendix 1

Referee hand signals (UNDER DEVELOPMENT)

