



Continental Para Taekwondo Open

Following the 2nd WTF Para Taekwondo Governing Board Meeting held in Queretaro, Mexico on June 10, 2016 it has been recommended that Continental Union Para Taekwondo Open tournaments shall be awarded a G-4/G-2 World Para Taekwondo Ranking status annually and not on a bi-annual basis.

The concept of the G-4/G-2 World Para Taekwondo Ranking is that athletes from the pertinent continent be awarded G-4 ranking points while athletes from other continents participating in the same tournament shall be awarded G-2 ranking points.

This system has been developed in order to create more high level international para taekwondo tournaments for the development of the sport while trying to have a fair allocation of ranking points.

In a further attempt to give an advantage to athletes from the pertinent continent an amendment to Article 9 (Para Taekwondo Kyorugi) stating that only athletes from the pertinent continent shall be seeded.

In 2017 the sport world enters the cycle for the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games. As the World Para Taekwondo Ranking will be part of the qualification process for the Games there will be an increased focus on and importance of the Continental level tournaments.

Continental Para Taekwondo Open can be held in connection with Continental Championships or WTF G-class tournaments to minimize cost. The Continental Para Taekwondo Open may also be arranged as an independent event.

WTF Process

In order for the WTF to approve the G-4/G-2 World Para Taekwondo ranking status it is essential that equal opportunity is given to all athletes in the world to have a G-4 tournament annually. Accordingly, all Continental Unions (CUs) have to agree to host a G-4/G-2 Continental Union Para Taekwondo Open annually.

All CUs should agree that no sanctioning fee shall be charged for any Para Taekwondo event held until December 31, 2020 for the promotion and growth of the sport.

CUs should promote the inclusion of Para Taekwondo Poomsae Sport Classes in the Continental Para Taekwondo Open. World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Ranking is set to be introduced in 2017.

The following shall apply for Continental Union Para-Taekwondo Open:

- The name of the event shall be as follows "YEAR CONTINENT Para Taekwondo Open" the city name may be added to the official name. A number of the tournament can be used in connection or instead of the year.
Ex) "2016 Asia Para Taekwondo Open Manila", "2016 5th European Para Taekwondo Open Warsaw"
- Each CU shall select a month of January to July for the Continent Para Taekwondo Open. In order to maximize participation the WTF will help coordinate and recommend dates to CUs in order to ensure that there is at least 3 weeks between competitions
- Continental Para Taekwondo Open can be arranged in connection with a continental championships, WTF G-class event or as a standalone event
- The Organizing Committee (OC) / Member National Association (MNA) and the CU are required to secure participation of at least 40 athletes from 12 countries in the para taekwondo kyorugi Sport Classes (K41, K42, K43 & K44)
- The OC must use WTF approved PSS and Poomsae scoring equipment
- Certified WTF International Referees that are up to date with their International Referee Refresher Seminars and annual payments are the only officials to referee and judge World Para Taekwondo Ranking events
- The OC are required to put aside one (1) day prior to competitions for International Athlete Classification of New (N) athletes
- In the case a tournament attracts more than 25 New (N) athletes that are required to go through classification the number of days for classification needs to be increased to two (2) days prior to the competition
- The OC shall provide accommodation of room and board and local transportation for one (1) International Athlete Classification panel consisting of two (2) persons
- The OC must ensure that the contracted On Venue Results (OVR) Management System provider can produce a match draw at the end of International Athlete Classification and weigh-in in accordance with WTF Rules the day prior to competition.
- A final report with the correct results and team standings with relevant branding and logos shall be available at the end of the competition.
- Medals, participation certificates and team trophies (male team and female team) shall be provided by the OC
- 10% of the Para Taekwondo kyorugi athletes shall be required to go through anti-doping test. The testing shall be arranged and provided by the OC.
- The OC shall make arrangements to live stream the competitions. It is available to stream the event through the WTF youtube channel if the OC does not have a platform to stream through
- The OC shall secure an official photographer for the event (Athletes, Coaches, VIPs, competitions, awarding ceremonies). The pictures shall be provided to the WTF as soon as possible following the awarding ceremonies to be published on WTF Social media channels. WTF will provide photo credit in accordance with OC request.

To be provided by the WTF

The WTF is putting great effort and funds into the development of para taekwondo. In this commitment to para taekwondo development the WTF will provide the following support to the OC of Continental Para Taekwondo Open:

- Assistance in event promotion
- Press releases prior to and following the event
- Communication with IPC for event coverage towards the Paralympic movement
- Providing WTF youtube channel as live streaming platform if necessary
- Athlete classification screening to ensure that all athletes registering for the event will know if they meet the Minimum Impairment Criteria (MIC) or not
- International Athlete Classification
The WTF will handle all communications with Teams and athletes that needs to be called for International Athlete Classification and the scheduling of classification
- Airfare for International Classifiers will be covered by the WTF
- In the case that more than 40 New (N) athletes register for a tournament the WTF will consider appointing one (1) additional International Athlete Classification Panel. In this case the WTF will pay all expenses for the second panel
- WTF Staff will attend each event at the expense of the WTF to provide support to the OC:
 - Coordination with OVR provider to ensure correct match draw and result management
 - Classification coordination and administration
 - Anti-doping coordination
 - Social media coverage of the event
 - Support TD and CSB on all matters concerning para taekwondo