



March 28, 2016

To: Presidents & Secretaries General
WTF Member National Associations

Re: WARNING: “World Taekwondo Federation for the Disabled” is not WTF recognized

Dear Taekwondo Family,

I send you my warmest greetings from the World Taekwondo Federation.

Unfortunately, we have learned of an organization calling itself “World Taekwondo Federation for the Disabled (WTFD)”. This organization is operating in Korea and is apparently issuing some type of certification.

Be warned that “WTFD” is **not affiliated** in any way with the WTF. Therefore its certification is **invalid** with regard to WTF para-taekwondo events, including any event on the pathway to the Paralympics and other multisport events organized by INAS (for intellectually disabled), International Wheelchair and Amputee Sport Federation (IWAS) and Cerebral Palsy International Sport and Recreation Association (CPISRA).

The WTF remains the sole international governing body for Taekwondo recognized by the IPC and the only organization that can provide a pathway for taekwondo athletes to the Paralympic Games. WTF has also signed Memorandum of Understanding with INAS, IWAS, International Blind Sport Association (IBSA), CPISRA and International Committee of Sport for the Deaf (ICSD).

Because of the potential confusion caused by this organization’s name we are working with our legal advisers to determine how to best remedy this situation.

All WTF CUs and MNAs are requested to contact the WTF Para-Taekwondo Department if you are uncertain if any taekwondo organization for disabled is recognized by the WTF or not.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the WTF Para-Taekwondo Department at para-tkd@wtf.org.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Hoss Rafaty'.

Hoss Rafaty
Secretary General