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Article 1:

Fundamental Principles

- 1 Ranking system shall be applied to all WT-promoted and recognized championships and Multi-sport Games or to the event determined by the WT, provided that the championships are organized in compliance with WT Competition Rules under supervision of the WT Technical Delegate, on an individual basis in the eight (8) weight categories or four (4) Olympic weight categories (men and women) of senior division that are defined in the WT Competition Rules.
- 2 WT Ranking shall be published in two documents: WT World Ranking and WT Olympic Ranking. WT World Ranking is the ranking of eight (8) senior weight categories for men and women, respectively; and WT Olympic Ranking is the ranking of four (4) Olympic weight categories for men and women, respectively.

2.1 When an athlete competes in WT promoted or recognized tournaments:

2.1.1 WT World Ranking: Points earned by athletes are allocated to the World Ranking Weight Categories in which he/she competes at the WT recognized event. WT will publish a ranking for each weight category and it is possible for an athlete to be ranked in several categories.

2.1.2 WT Olympic Ranking: Ranking is built by cumulating points made in a World Weight Categories and two (2) adjacent World Weight Categories (for example the Olympic ranking -58kg is calculated by cumulating the points earned in -54kg, -58kg and -63kg). An athlete shall be ranked one(1) Olympic weight category following his/her selection.(Article 1.3)

Men's division			Women's division		
World	→	Olympic	World	→	Olympic
-54, -58, -63kg	→	-58kg	-46, -49, -53kg	→	-49kg
-63, -68, -74kg	→	-68kg	-53, -57, -62kg	→	-57kg
-74, -80, -87kg	→	-80kg	-62, -67, -73kg	→	-67kg
-80, -87, +87kg	→	+80kg	-67, -73, +73kg	→	+67kg

2.2 If an athlete competes in Olympic weight category tournaments:

2.2.1 WT World Ranking: Ranking points shall be recorded as follows.

Men's division			Women's division		
Olympic	→	World	Olympic	→	World
-58kg	→	-58kg	-49kg	→	-49kg
-68kg	→	-68kg	-57kg	→	-57kg
-80kg	→	-80kg	-67kg	→	-67kg
+80kg	→	+87kg	+67kg	→	+73kg

2.2.2 WT Olympic Ranking: Ranking points shall be awarded to the athlete in the weight category in which the athlete actually competed.

3. Choice of Olympic weight category

3.1 The choice of the Olympic Weight Category can be determined for a period of one year from January 1 to December 31 every year by the athlete during a time window from January 1 to 25 using the online system for the Global Athlete Licence.

3.2 If no change is announced in the system during the open window period, the athlete

automatically keeps the selected Olympic Weight Category of the previous year.

3.3 If an athlete does not select an Olympic Weight Category, the allocation of points from the World Weight Category to the Olympic Weight Category will use the following default allocation.

Men's division			Women's division		
World	→	Olympic	World	→	Olympic
-54, -58kg	→	-58kg	-46, -49kg	→	-49kg
-63, -68kg	→	-68kg	-53, -57kg	→	-57kg
-74, -80kg	→	-80kg	-62, -67kg	→	-67kg
-87, +87kg	→	+80kg	-73,+73kg	→	+67kg

3.4 If athlete changes Olympic Weight Category, the points will be transferred only from the overlapping World Weight Category(s) to the newly selected Olympic Weight Category as following default allocation.

Men's division			Women's division		
World	→	Olympic	World	→	Olympic
Points from -63kg	→	-68kg	Points from -53kg	→	-57kg
Points from -63kg	→	-58kg	Points from -53kg	→	-49kg
Points from -74kg	→	-80kg	Points from -62kg	→	-67kg
Points from -74kg	→	-68kg	Points from -62kg	→	-57kg
Points from -80,-87kg	→	+80kg	Points from -67, 73kg	→	+67kg
Points from -80,-87kg	→	-80kg	Points from -67, 73kg	→	-67kg

Ex) Athlete in -58kg Olympic Weight Category changes to -68kg Olympic Weight Category

- 54kg	→	- 58kg	←	- 63kg
↓				
All world ranking points record in -58kg Olympic Weight Category				
↓				
Athlete changes to - 68kg Olympic Weight Category in next year between January 1 and January25				
↓				
Previous world ranking points from -54kg & -58kg does not transfer to -68kg Olympic Weight Category				
↓				
Only previous world ranking points from -63kg transfers to -68kg Olympic Weight Category				

4 If two or more athletes achieved the same points in same weight category, it shall be considered as tied in ranking. In the case of tie-ranks at the seeding, the athlete who won the points at the higher graded events shall be considered as the higher-ranked athlete. In the case that the athletes are still tied in terms of points, the higher-ranked athlete shall be decided by random drawing.

Article 2

Allocated points per rank

- 1 The 1st ranked athlete shall receive 10 points;
- 2 The 2nd ranked athlete shall receive 60% of the points awarded to the 1st ranked athlete (i.e. 6

points);

- 3 The 3rd ranked athlete shall receive 60% of the points awarded to the 2nd ranked athlete (i.e. 3.6 points);
- 4 The 4th (5th in case of elimination tournament) ranked athlete shall receive 60% of the points awarded to the 3rd ranked athlete (i.e. 2.16);
- 5 The 5th (9th in case of elimination tournament) ranked athlete shall receive 70% of the points awarded to the 4th ranked athlete (i.e. 1.512). From this point on, an athlete shall receive 70% of the points awarded to the athlete ranked higher than him or her.
- 6 Points will be rounded-up to two (2) decimal places (e.g. 94.235 will be recorded as 94.24).
- 7 Ranking points shall be awarded to the certain ranked athletes in accordance with Ranking Point Chart as below:

Rank	G1	G2	G4	G6	G10	G14	G20
1 st placed contestant	10.00	20.00	40.00	60.00	100.00	140.00	200.00
2 nd placed contestant	6.00	12.00	24.00	36.00	60.00	84.00	120.00
3 rd placed contestants	3.60	7.20	14.40	21.60	36.00	50.40	72.00
4 th placed contestants	-	-	-	-	21.60	-	-
5 th placed contestants	2.16	4.32	8.64	12.96	15.12	30.24	43.20
9 th placed contestants	1.51	3.02	6.05	9.07	10.58	21.17	30.24
17 th placed contestant	1.06	2.12	4.23	6.35	7.41	14.82	21.17
33 rd placed contestant	0.74	1.48	2.96	4.45	5.19	10.37	14.82
65 th placed contestant	0.52	1.04	2.07	3.11	3.63	7.26	10.37

- 7.1 G-1 & G-2: Athlete must win minimum one match to earn ranking points, and won by bye or DSQ shall not be counted as a win
- 7.2 Events with repechage (Only applicable for G-20 event): in accordance with the Repechage Ranking Point Chart Grade as below:

Rank	G20*
1 st placed contestant	200.00
2 nd placed contestant	120.00
3 rd placed contestants	72.00
5 th placed contestants	43.20
7 th placed contestants	30.24
9 th placed contestant	21.17
11 th placed contestant	14.82
17 th placed contestant	10.37
<i>*See the article 4.1 for different ranking of the Olympic Games</i>	

7.3 Medalist for Youth Olympic Games (YOG), World Taekwondo Junior Championships (WTJC), and Continental Junior Championships (CJC) as following:

Rank	YOG	WTJC	CJC
1st ranked	100.00	70.00	20.00
2nd ranked	60.00	42.00	12.00
3rd ranked	36.00	25.20	7.20

7.3.1 The pertinent ranking points shall be reflected in the choice of Olympic Weight Category in the year the medalist turns 17 years old. The ranking points shall be awarded in the World Weight Category according to the article 1.2.2.1.

7.3.2 To award the pertinent ranking points in the year that the medalist turns 17 years old (hereafter Year 17), the choice of the Olympic Weight Category must be determined as described in the article 1.3.1.

7.3.3 In case the medalist does not select the Olympic Weight Category during a time window from January 1 to 25, but does it in the next window from January 1 to 25 in the year that the medalist turns 18 years old, the pertinent ranking points shall be reflected in the February rankings after selection of Olympic Weight Category. These points will be subject to the four-year deduction cycle described in Article 5, as if the points were awarded to the athlete in Year 17.

7.3.4 In case the medalist does not select the Olympic Weight Category during a time window from January 1 to 25 in Year 17 or Year 18, the pertinent ranking points shall be awarded as follows:

Men's division			Women's division		
Junior/Youth Olympic	→	Olympic	Junior/Youth Olympic	→	Olympic
-45, -48, -51, -55kg	→	-58kg	-42, -44, -46, -49kg	→	-49kg
-59, -63, -68kg	→	-68kg	-52, -55kg	→	-57kg
-73, +73, -78kg	→	-80kg	-59, -63, +63kg	→	-67kg
+78kg	→	+80kg	-68, +68kg	→	+67kg

8 G1 & G2 ranking point allocation of Olympic Weight Category:

8.1 In maximum, total forty (40) points can be earned from G1 & G2 tournaments from January 1 to December 31, shall count for the ranking in the selected Olympic Weight Category independently from the World Weight Category where they were achieved.

* Note 1: G2 President's Cup for own continent is excluded from this limitation.

** Note 2: G2 Continental Junior Championships excluded from this limitation

9 Any tournament with less than four (4) countries or weight category with less than four (4) competed contestants cannot be recognized in the official results.

10 In the weight category that the competed athletes are less than eight (8) at G1, G2, and G4 events points shall be allocated as following:

Rank	G1	G2	G4
1st ranked	6.00	12.00	24.00
2nd ranked	3.60	7.20	14.40
3rd ranked	2.16	4.32	8.64
5th ranked	1.51	3.02	6.05

Article 3

Determination of ranks ('T' means 'tie'; more than one athlete)

- 1 Olympic Games & G20 Events which applies repechage (according to current quota)
 - 1st : gold medalist, 2nd: silver medalist, T-3 : bronze medalists
 - T-5: losers to bronze medalists
 - T-7: losers at repechage
 - T-9: Quarter-finalists who didn't advance to repechage
 - T-11: Losers at preliminary without advancing to repechage

- 2 Qualification Tournament for Olympic Games (in case of 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked athletes are qualified)
 - 1st : winner of final, 2nd: loser of final
 - 3rd: winner of bronze-medal contest
 - 4th: loser of bronze-medal contest
 - 5th: loser to 1st placed athlete at quarter-final
 - T-6 : losers at quarter-finals except the one who lost to 1st placed athlete
 - T-9: losers at round of 16
 - T-17: losers at round of 32 and so on

- 3 Qualification Tournament for Olympic games (in case of 1st and 2nd ranked athletes are qualified)
 - 1st : winner of final, 2nd: loser of final
 - 3rd: loser to 1st placed athlete at semi-final
 - 4th: loser to 2nd placed athlete at semi-final
 - T-5: losers of quarter-finals
 - T-9: losers at round of 16

- 4 Qualification Tournament for Olympic games (in case of 1st ranked athlete is qualified)
 - 1st: winner of final, 2nd: loser of final
 - T-3: Losers to finalists at semi-final
 - T-5: Losers of quarter-final
 - T-9: Losers at round of 16
 - T-17: Losers at round of 32 and so on

- 5 WT-promoted championships
 - 1st : winner of final, 2nd: loser of final
 - T-3: Losers to finalists at semi-final
 - T-5: Losers of quarter-final

- T-9: Losers at round of 16
 - T-17: Losers at round of 32 and so on
- 6 In case an athlete will be disqualified during or in connection with an Event may, upon the decision of the ruling body of the Event, lead to Disqualification of all the Athlete's individual results obtained in that Event with all consequences, including forfeiture of all medals, points and prizes.
- 6.1 If the 1st ranked athlete is disqualified during or in connection with an Event, the bronze medalist who lost by elimination from that particular finalist shall move up to first place.
- 6.2 If the 2nd ranked athlete is disqualified during or in connection with an Event, the bronze medalist who lost by elimination from that particular finalist shall move up to second place.
- 6.3 [Case with one bronze medalist] If the 3rd ranked athlete is disqualified during or in connection with an Event, the loser of the bronze medal contest finalist shall move up to third place.
- 6.4 [Case with two bronze medalists] If one of the 3rd ranked athlete is disqualified during or in connection with an Event, the loser of the quarterfinal who lost by elimination from that particular semifinalist shall move up and receive the bronze medal.
- 6.5 For the rest of the ranking, the other athletes will move up in placing according to the ranking system.
- 6.6 If an athlete has not finished one full match cannot move up to the next place and receive any benefit from the disqualification of other athletes.
- 6.7 If the athlete who should move up has been disqualified, he/she cannot receive any benefit from the disqualification of other athletes. In this case, next athlete will move up in placing according to the ranking system.

Article 4

Grade of events

- 1 Criteria of grading events are as follows.
- 1.1 Number of participants and countries
 - 1.2 Composition of eligible International Referees
 - 1.3 Organizing Committee's abidance by WT Competition Rules
 - 1.4 Overall operation of tournaments
 - 1.5 Venue facilities
 - 1.6 Successful submission of the report
 - 1.7 General comments of Technical Delegate
- 2 The grades of all WT-promoted championships and recognized tournaments shall be published on the official WT Web site in December of the previous year.
- 3 The Technical Delegate assigned for the pertinent championship shall evaluate the championships in accordance with the evaluation criteria, and submit the report to the WT Sport & Event Management Department within two (2) working days after the completion of the championship.
- 4 The WT President shall determine or may empower Secretary General to determine the grade of the championship upon the evaluation and recommendation of the Technical Delegate and the report submitted by Organizing Committee.

5 Grade of events is as follows:

Grade	Event
20	Olympic Games
14	World Taekwondo Championships
10	World Taekwondo GP Final
10	Youth Olympic Games
7	World Taekwondo Junior Championships
6	World Taekwondo GP Series
4	World Taekwondo Women's Open Championships, Continental Championships (2-year cycle) and Continental Multi-Sports Games (4-year cycle)
2	Universiade, CISM World Games, WT G2 tournaments
2	Continental Junior Championships
1	WT G1 Tournaments, World University Championships, Multi-sport Games other than Continental multi-games with 4-year cycle, World Military Championships

Article 5

Validation of the points

- 1 The awarded points shall only be valid for four (4) full years, starting from January 1, 2009 and will be reviewed every year. This process is continuous (rolling), i.e. new points awarded to an athlete will be subjected to its own four-year cycle. The official ranking can always be found in the WT website, and the WT will officially announce the Olympic and world ranking on the 1st of every month.
- 2 During a four-year term, points will be deducted after each completed year by 25% of the initial points. The deduction will be made at the end of the month when the points were earned and the remaining points will be valid and count for the ranking from the first day of the following month.

Ex) Points earned at Trelleborg Open on February 9, 2014 will be deducted by 25% on February 28, 2015. By February 28, 2018 the points earned at Trelleborg Open 2014 will be completely deducted and not counted on the World and Olympic Ranking as of March 1, 2018.
- 3 In the event that an athlete obtains points in one WT World Weight Category and then obtains points in another WT World Weight Category in different events, the pertinent athlete will be ranked in the respective weight category, resulting that the same athlete can be ranked in more than one weight category of WT World Ranking.
- 4 In consultation with the Games Committee, World Taekwondo may amend the four (4) year point deduction cycle of an event.

Article 6

Application of the points

- 1 The Organizing Committee shall submit tournament report (template provided by WT) to WT Secretariat within one week after completion of the pertinent tournament for reflection of the ranking points in the WT World Ranking and WT Olympic Ranking.
- 2 Ranking points shall only be applied when Technical Delegate approve official results and submit official WT results and participation spreadsheet to the WT no later than two (2) days following the end of the tournament

Article 7

Seeding

- 1 For every category, regardless of the number of athletes, at a minimum a quarter (25%) of the athletes will be seeded in all WT Promoted and Recognized Tournaments. However, all ranked athletes will be seeded at the Olympic Games. Seeding of GP events will be stipulated in the GP Standing Procedures.
- 2 In the event that any of the seeded athletes is ineligible to participate (i.e. not registered in the entry list or failed General weigh-in or no show), the next highest ranked athlete(s) shall be seeded to make up the quota except Olympic Games
- 3 Only in the World Taekwondo Championships and Continental Championships, the registered athlete from the host nation will be seeded at the 4th place in case that he/she has not been seeded within 4th place. Host Country Seeding of Olympic Games is stipulated in the Olympic Standing Procedures, and GP Series in Standing Procedure of World Taekwondo Grand Prix.

Article 8

Effectuation

This amended bylaw shall come into effect from November 9, 2021.

Article 9

Update and management of Ranking

The World Ranking and the Olympic Ranking will be updated the last day of each month and the new ranking will be valid and published on the first day of the following month

Article 10

Amendment

This Bylaw shall be amended by approval of WT Council.