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**FOR GRAND SLAM CHAMPIONS
SERIES**

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Article 1 Purpose of the Event

- 1.1 Based on Resolutions of the World Taekwondo Council Meeting in Muju, 22nd of June, 2017, the World Taekwondo promotes 『The World Taekwondo Grand Slam Champions Series』 (below Grand Slam Champions Series, or Grand Slam Series) in order to facilitate development of WT championship events as a popular and commercially valuable sports content in world wide.
- 1.2 The World Taekwondo expects to develop a proper model of Taekwondo championships more suitable to media and audience through operation of The Grand Slam Champions Series. To realize the purpose of the event the WT may utilize various resources and ideas including modification of the Competition Rules, equipment, and operational procedure.

Article 2 Ad-hoc Committee for Grand Slam Champions Series

- 2.1 To manage the Grand Slam Champions Series effectively the WT Council Meeting decided to form 『the Ad-hoc committee for the World Taekwondo Grand Slam Champions Series』 .
- 2.2 The Ad-hoc Committee shall have a chair and three vice chair and no more than 8 members.
- 2.3 The ad-hoc Committee shall have three sub-committees; technical – games committee, operational committee, TV and commercial committee. Each committee shall have a chair, two vice chairs, and no more than seven members.
- 2.4 The President of the WT shall appoint chair, vice chairs and all members of Ad-hoc Committee, and appoint all chairs of sub-committees. Chair of sub-committee may recommend vice chair and members to the President.
- 2.5 The Ad-hoc Committee may research and explore various ideas and methods to develop the best format of the Grand Slam Champions Series, and report to the president to implement the results.
- 2.6 The Ad-hoc committee consults and supervises the Organizing Committee for the preparation process. And the Ad-hoc committee manages the operation of the series.
- 2.7 The Ad-hoc Committee shall report the results and evaluation of the Series to the president and the Council at the end of the year's events.

Article 3 Organizing Committee and Grand Slam Series Partner

- 3.1 To operate the Series successfully the World Taekwondo contracted with the World Taekwondo-Jijin Sport Culture Co. LTD.(WTJJ) as the Partner of the Grand Slam Series. WTJJ with TKDW, a sub-contractor of the WTJJ as the Partners of the WT Grand Slam Series shall be responsible for financial resource and budget for the Series over all.
- 3.2 The Local Organizing Committee shall be formed in cooperation with WTJJ, TKDW, Wuxi city, and the Jiangsu Provincial Sports Bureau. The Organizing Committee is responsible for preparation of the event including personal and material resource, and arrangement of transportation and accommodation. The Organizing Committee shall comply and cooperate with the Ad-hoc Committee in preparation and operation of the events.
- 3.3 The Partner, WTJJ and TKDW and the Organizing Committee shall report the results and related statistics of the Series to the Ad-hoc Committee at the end of the year's series.

Article 4 Formation of the Series

- 4.1 **Weight Category:** The Grand Slam Series shall consist of 4 categories in each male and female equivalent to the Olympic weight category. The weight category of the world Championships shall be consolidated as male -54kg and -58kg into -58kg, male -63kg and -68kg into -68kg, male -74kg and -80kg into -80kg, -87kg and +87kg into +80kg, and for female; -46kg and 49kg into -49kg, -53kg and -57kg into -57kg, -62kg and -67kg into -67kg, and -73kg and +73kg into +73kg. If a competitor cannot be the consolidated category, he/she shall lose the qualification status.
- 4.2 **Method of Competition:** Method of competition shall be the single elimination tournament. There shall be a bronze medal contest.
- 4.3 **Qualification of competitors and seeding rules**
 - 4.3.1 The numbers of competitors in each weight category shall be 10 competitors.
 - 4.3.2 The ten (10) competitors who shall be qualified in annual Grand Slam Champions Series are gold medalists from GP Series, GP Final, World Championships and finalists from Grand Slam Challenges from pertinent year's qualification events.
 - 4.3.3 The seeding shall be based on pertinent month of Olympic ranking.
 - 4.3.4 If athlete is duly selected through the GP Series or Final or World Championships or Grand Slam Challenges, it will be reallocated to the next highest ranked athlete in same weight category based on the November Olympic ranking.

Article 5 Competition Rules and Equipment

- 5.1 Competition Rules: The World Taekwondo Competition Rules and Interpretation shall be applied for the WT Grand Slam Champions Series. However, for the purpose of the Grand Slam Champions Series the Ad-hoc Committee may modify parts of the WT Competition Rules and Interpretation. The Ad-hoc committee shall obtain approval of the modification by the WT Technical Committee before the announcement of the modification of the Competition Rules and Interpretations.
- 5.2 To realize the purpose of the Grand Slam Champions Series, modified and/or new design of uniform and/or equipment may be adopted for the Competition. Adoption of modified or new uniform and/or equipment shall be approved by the WT technical Committee before the announcement.

Article 6 Qualification for the Olympic Games

- 6.1 The top ranked athlete in each weight category on merit points standing of WT Grand Slam Champions Series after the Grand Slam Champions Series in January of Olympic year will qualify one (1) quota place each for their NOC for the Olympic Games. If top ranked athlete from WT Grand Slam Merit Standing published in January of Olympic year is within top 5 WT Olympic ranking published in January of Olympic year, then quota place will be reallocated to until 2nd ranked athlete from WT Grand Slam Merit Standing published in January of Olympic year.
- 6.2 The qualification of the Olympic Games shall be subjected by the Qualification System – which set by the IOC and WT.
- 6.3 To determine the best player of the Series the rules of awarding “Points of Merit” are set as follows;

6.3.1 Merit Points for Grand Slam Champions Series:

Rank	Grand Slam	After 50% deduction
1 st placed contestant	1000	500
2 nd placed contestant	600	300
3 rd placed contestant	360	180
4 th placed contestant	216	108
5 th placed contestants	151	75.5
9 th placed contestants	106	53

- Up to two (2) decimal points will be counted in calculation of merit points.

- 6.4 In the case of tie accumulated merit points standing, the athlete who competed a greater number of World Taekwondo Grand Slam Champions Series including Grand Slam Challenge is higher ranked athlete.
- 6.5 There won't be any transfer of merit points when athlete changes in weight category of World Taekwondo Grand Slam Champions Series.
- 6.6 During cycle of World Taekwondo Grand Slam Champions Series, points will be deducted after each completed year by 50% of the initial points.
- 6.7 All merit points shall be reset as zero (0) in prior to next cycle of World Taekwondo Grand Slam Champions Series.

Article 7 Grand Slam Challenge

- 7.1 Grand Slam Challenge for the World Taekwondo Grand Slam Champions Series shall be in the world Taekwondo Event Calendar. So, in general the event shall be governed by all the World Taekwondo rules and regulations.
- 7.2 However, the Ad-hoc committee may allow athletes from other federations and/or other types of martial arts and in the case the Committee may allow different protocol of registration to the event. The Committee shall publicize the registration process for the different federation(s) in the outline of the event.
- 7.3 The third place shall be determined through the match between two losers of semi-finals.
- 7.4 At a Grand Slam Challenge event, there is no limit on number of athletes for both men and women per each weight category.
- 7.5 There is no host country quota and seeding for Grand Slam Challenge.
- 7.6 For all the Grand Slam Challenges, all ranked athletes based on their WT Olympic Ranking shall be seeded.
- 7.7 If a confirmed athlete does not participate in the Grand Slam Challenge, he or she won't be invited for next Grand Slam Challenge.

Article 8 Scheduling of Competition

The date of the competition shall be after the completion of the year's Grand Prix Final and detailed schedules of the competition shall be decided according to the WT in consultation with OC. The competition should be completed no later than the end of December.

Article 9 Prize Money

- 9.1 All competitors shall be awarded prize money. The amount of the prize money shall be determined and announce in the outline of the Series in each year.
- 9.2 The prize money shall be apportioned to the competitor and to the coach, 70% to the competitor and 30% to the coach.

Article 10 Arbitration

- 10.1 Arbitration on all matter of the competition and technical issues shall be subjected to the decision of Competition Supervisory Board. The CSB shall consist of a chair and one vice chair and three members and all CSB members shall be appointed by the WT President.
- 10.2 Matters other than competition or technical issues shall be subject to the “World Taekwondo Dispute and by law”.