



## BYLAW ON WTF WORLD RANKING

*(Enacted on February 25 to regulate WTF World Ranking System, which was implemented and came into effect as of January 1, 2009)*

### Article 1. Fundamental principles

1. Ranking system shall be applied to all WTF-promoted and sanctioned championships, provided that the championships are organized in compliance with WTF Competition Rules, on an individual basis in the eight (8) weight categories (men and women) that are defined in the WTF Competition Rules.
2. In the case of the Olympic Games and any other championships applying Olympic weight divisions, points shall be awarded to the participating athletes regardless of their registered weight categories.
3. In the case of Olympic Qualification Tournaments, two weight divisions shall be consolidated in seeding. For example, the top-ranked athletes of the Men's Fin and Fly weight divisions can be seeded according to their achieved points, regardless of their original weight categories in the Men's under 58kg division.
4. In the WTF World Cup Taekwondo Team Championships, the first team athletes and substitute athletes shall all win the points equally on the basis of the points the pertinent team achieved provided that they have passed weigh-in and have competed at least once at the pertinent event.
5. If two or more athletes achieved the same points, it shall be considered as tied. 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. Formula of ranking points

The points shall be awarded according to the following formula:

**A:** Points received according to the rank at the WTF-promoted or sanctioned championships

**B:** Grade of pertinent championships

**A x B =Final Points**

### Article 3. Allocated points per rank

1. The 1<sup>st</sup> ranked athlete shall receive 10 points;
2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked athlete shall receive 60% of the points awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> ranked athlete (i.e. 6 points);
3. The 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked athlete shall receive 60% of the points awarded to the 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked athlete (i.e. 3.6 points);
4. The 4<sup>th</sup> ranked athlete shall receive 60% of the points awarded to the 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked athlete (i.e. 2.16);
5. The 5<sup>th</sup> ranked athlete shall receive 70% of the points awarded to the 4<sup>th</sup> 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).



#### **Article 4. Determination of ranks ('T' means 'tie'; more than one athlete)**

- 1.** Olympic Games (according to current quota)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> : gold medalist, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked athletes are qualified)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> : winner of final, 2<sup>nd</sup>: loser of final
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>: winner of bronze-medal contest
  - 4<sup>th</sup>: loser of bronze-medal contest
  - 5<sup>th</sup>: loser to 1<sup>st</sup> placed athlete at quarter-final
  - T-6 : losers at quarter-finals except the one who lost to 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked athletes are qualified)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> : winner of final, 2<sup>nd</sup>: loser of final
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>: loser to 1<sup>st</sup> placed athlete at semi-final
  - 4<sup>th</sup>: loser to 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> ranked athlete is qualified)
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: winner of final, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 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.** WTF-promoted championships
  - 1<sup>st</sup> : winner of final, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 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.

#### **Article 5. Grade of events**

- 1.** Criteria of grading events is as follows:
  1. Number of participants and participating number of top-ranked athletes
  2. Organizing Committee's abidance by WTF Competition Rules
  3. Overall operation of tournaments
  4. Venue facilities
  5. Number and quality of registered media
  6. TV broadcasting
  7. Number of spectators



8. Anti-doping tests
9. Logistic management (transportation, accommodation, etc)
10. Successful submission of the report
11. General comments of Technical Delegate
2. The grades of all WTF-promoted and sanctioned championships shall be published on the official WTF Web site at the beginning of each 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 WTF Secretary General within two (2) weeks after the completion of the championship.
4. The WTF 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
10	Olympic Games
7	WTF World Championships
5	WTF World Cup Team Championships, Continental Championships (once per two years), Continental Multi-Games (once per four years)
4	World Qualification Tournament for Olympic Games, WTF-tour Open Championships (if any)
3	Continental Qualification Tournament, AAA-class Multi-Games, AAA-class WTF-sanctioned tournament (including continental team championships and/or continental tournaments other than Continental Championships)
2	AA-class Multi-Games, AA-class WTF-sanctioned tournament, World University Championships
1	A-class Multi-Games, A-class WTF-sanctioned tournament, World Military Championships

#### Article 6. 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 WTF website, and the WTF will officially announce the world ranking every three month.
2. During the four-year term, 25% of a particular set of awarded points shall be deducted every year. After the completion of the four (4) year-reviews (i.e. four-year term), no points from this set shall remain. Based on this rolling point review process, the only remaining points shall be those awarded to the athlete in other competitions.
3. In the case of changing weight divisions, the athlete will only retain 50% of the points that he/she earned in the registered weight division.



#### **Article 7. Application of the points**

1. The Organizing Committee shall submit tournament report (template provided by WTF) to WTF Secretariat within two weeks after completion of the pertinent tournament.
2. Ranking points shall only be applied when the Organizing Committee successfully submits the official result within designated timeline.

#### **Article 8. Seeding**

1. In the following events, certain number of athletes shall be seeded on the basis of their ranking:
  - Olympic Games
  - World Qualification Tournament for Olympic Games
  - World Taekwondo Championships and other championships determined by WTF
2. For every category, regardless of the number of athletes, a quarter (25%) of the athletes will be seeded. However, half (50%) of the athletes will be seeded at the Olympic Games.
3. In the event that any of the top athletes is ineligible to participate (i.e. not registered in the entry list), the next highest ranked athlete(s) shall be seeded to make up the quota.

#### **Article 9. Annual President Cup Invitational Tournament (Tentatively named)**

1. On the basis of the WTF Ranking system, the Annual President Cup Invitational Tournament (tentatively named) may be held every year.
2. Only the top ranked athletes (number of invited athletes will be determined in consultation with organizing committee) shall be invited.

#### **Article 10. Effectuation**

1. This bylaw shall come into effect as of January 1, 2009.
2. It shall be applied retroactive to the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games considering that the Olympic Games take place only once every four (4) years.

#### **Article 11. Update and management of World Ranking**

WTF Sports Department shall manage World Ranking and is responsible to post on official WTF website.

#### **Article 12. Amendment**

This Bylaw may be amended by approval of WTF Council.