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POOMSAE RANKING BYLAW

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WT Poomsae Ranking Bylaw:
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Article 1:

Fundamental Principles

1. Ranking system shall be applied to all WT-promoted and recognized Poomsae 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 two (2) recognized Poomsae individual divisions of Under 30 and Under 40 and one (1) Free Style Poomsae Division individual division of Over 17 that are defined in the WT Competition Rules.

1.1. When an athlete moves up to another category his/her ranking points will be deducted in accordance with Article 6.2 of the WT Poomsae Ranking Bylaw.

2. WT Poomsae Ranking is the ranking of three (3) individual divisions for male and female, respectively and shall be published in one document as follow:

Male	Female
Under 30 Division (18~30 years old)	Under 30 Division (18~30 years old)
Under 40 Division (31~40 years old)	Under 40 Division (31~40 years old)
Over 17 (18 and Up)	Over 17 (18 and Up)

2.1. When an athlete competes in WT-Promoted and Recognized Poomsae Championships and Multi Sports Games, points earned by athletes are allocated to the WT Poomsae Ranking Division in which he/she competes at the event. WT will publish a ranking for each division. It is possible for an athlete to be ranked in several divisions.

2.2. For all G-ranked Poomsae events regardless of competition system, the method of recognized Poomsae Under 30 and Under 40 division competition must be the single elimination tournament system and cut-off system for Free Style Poomsae Over 17 divisions.

2.3. G-ranked Poomsae competitions may have pair, team and freestyle divisions but these will not be covered by the World ranking. However, the WT encourages hosts of G-ranked Poomsae competitions to have these divisions on the program.

2.4 Registrations for G-ranked Poomsae competitions have to be managed through the WT GMS.

2.5 If the division changes due to the age of the athlete the raking point shall be maintained to the athlete without deduction.

3. If two or more athletes achieved the same points in same division, 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

Formula of ranking points

The points shall be awarded according to the following formula:

A: Points received according to the rank at the WT-promoted or recognized championships

B: Grade of pertinent championships

A x B =Final Points

Article 3

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 as follows:

- G-1, G-2 G-4 & G-8: In accordance with Ranking Point Chart by Grade

In Free Style Poomsae Over 17 divisions, maximum top eight (8) athletes shall be awarded ranking points.

- 8 In the age divisions that the participated athletes are less than eight (8), points shall be allocated as following:

1st ranked	6 points
2nd ranked	3.6 points
3rd ranked	2.16 points
5th ranked	1.51 points

- 9 In the case of change of Division, the points will be reset in accordance with article 1.1.

Recognized Poomsae Rank	Online Poomsae Rank (Cut-off system)	G-1	G-2	G-4	G-6*	G-8	G-10*
1 st placed contestant	1 st placed contestant	10	20	40	60	80	100
2 nd placed contestant	2 nd placed contestant	6	12	24	36	48	60
3 rd placed contestants	3 rd placed contestants	3.60	7.20	14.40	21.6	28.80	36
5 th placed contestants	5 th ~ 8 th placed contestants	2.16	4.32	8.64	12.96	17.28	21.6
9 th placed contestants	Semi-Final Round contestants **	1.51	3.02	6.05	9.07	12.10	15.12
17 th placed contestant	Preliminary Round Contestants ***	1.06	2.12	4.23	3.35	8.47	10.58
33 rd placed contestant	N/A	0.74	1.48	2.96	4.45	5.93	7.41
65 th placed contestant	N/A	0.52	1.04	2.07	3.11	4.15	5.19

[Ranking points per place and grade for Recognized Poomsae]

* Only applies to para-taekwondo

** Semi-Final Round Contestants: This is the number of athletes except for those who advanced to final round from the semi-final round.

*** Preliminary Round Contestants: This would be the number of athletes except those who advanced to the semi-final round from the preliminary round.

[Explanation #1] In online Poomsae competition, the eight (8) contestants who advanced for the final round are awarded ranking points according to article 3 of WT Poomsae Ranking by law. However, the fifth (5th) to eighth (8th) placed contestants shall be awarded the same points as the offline fifth(5th) placed contestants.

[Explanation #2] According to the World Taekwondo Poomsae competition rules, if the number of participants in the division is more than twenty (20), it should begin from the preliminary round. In online Poomsae competition, contestants who participated only in the preliminary round will receive the same ranking points as the offline seventeenth (17th) placed contestants according to article 3 of WT Poomsae Ranking by law. However, contestants who advanced the semi-final round but did not advance to the final round will receive the same ranking points as the offline ninth (9th) placed contestants.

Free Style Poomsae Rank	G-1	G-2	G-4	G-6*	G-8	G-10*
1st placed contestant	10	20	40	60	80	100
2nd placed contestant	6	12	24	36	48	60
3rd placed contestant	3.60	7.20	14.40	21.6	28.80	36
4th placed contestant	2.16	4.32	8.64	12.96	17.28	21.6
5th placed contestant	1.51	3.02	6.05	9.07	12.10	15.12
6th placed contestant	1.06	2.12	4.23	3.35	8.47	10.58
7th placed contestant	0.74	1.48	2.96	4.45	5.93	7.41
8th placed contestant	0.52	1.04	2.07	3.11	4.15	5.19

[Ranking points per place and grade for Free Style Poomsae]

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10 In the case of online version of WT promoted or recognized Poomsae event, athlete shall receive the ranking point

Article 4

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

- 1 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

Article 5

Grade of events

- 1 Criteria of grading events are as follows.
 - 1.1 Number of participants and countries, participating number of top-ranked athletes outside the host country
 - 1.2 Organizing Committee's abidance by WT Competition Rules
 - 1.3 Overall operation of tournaments
 - 1.4 Venue facilities
 - 1.5 Number and quality of registered media
 - 1.6 TV broadcasting
 - 1.7 Number of spectators
 - 1.8 Anti-doping tests
 - 1.9 Logistic management (transportation, accommodation, etc)
 - 1.10 Successful submission of the report
 - 1.11 General comments of Technical Delegate
- 2 The grades of all WT-promoted and recognized championships shall be published on the official WT 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 WT Secretary General within one (1) week 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
8	World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships
4	Continental Championships and Continental Multi-sport Games (4-year cycle)
2	Universiade, & WT G-2 tournaments
1	WT G-1 Tournaments, Multi-sport Games other than Continental multi-games with 4 year cycle

Article 6

Validation of the points

- 1 The awarded points shall only be valid for four (4) full years, starting from January 1, 2016 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 Poomsae ranking 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 XX Open on March 9, 2016 will be deducted by 25% on March 31, 2017. By March 31, 2019 the points earned at XX Open 2016 will be completely deducted and not counted on the World Poomsae Ranking as of April 1, 2019.

- 3 When an athlete moves from one age division to another 50% of the points earned in the previous category will transfer. These points will be deducted over a four (4) year period as explained in Article. 6.2.

Ex) An athlete has 200 points. At the turn of the year the athlete moves up to the next age division. 100 points go with the athlete to the new age division. Over the next four (4) years the transferred points will be deducted to zero (0).

Article 7

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 Poomsae World Ranking.
- 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:
 - World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships
 - All WT Promoted & Recognized Championships
 - All Multi-sport Games events
- 2 For every category, a certain number of athletes will be seeded for each G-class of poomsae Tournaments in accordance with article 8.5.
- 3 In the event that any of the seeded 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.
- 4 In the event that the registered athlete from the host nation has not been seeded within the 4th place, he/she will be seeded as G-class seed quota plus one.
- 5 The following seeding shall be used

Seeded	G-1	G-2	G-4	G-8
No. of seeded athletes	4	6	8	16

Article 9

Para-Taekwondo Poomsae

Para Taekwondo Poomsae Ranking will follow the Rules outlined in this Bylaw with the following modifications;

1 Classes and divisions

Ranking in Para-Taekwondo Poomsae will be divided by Classification and age category, as outlined in the WT Athlete Classification Rules and in the WT Para Taekwondo Poomsae Competition Rules

1.1 All World Ranking Para Taekwondo Poomsae Competitions shall use Single Elimination competition format

2 Point allocation

Ranking points will be given to all participants regardless of G-level of competition. Article 3.8 of this bylaw does not apply to para taekwondo.

3 Grade of Events

The following Grade of events will apply;

Grade	Event
10	WT World Para-Taekwondo Championships
6	Multisport events for Para-Athletes where Para Taekwondo is a full medal event. INAS Global Games, CPISRA World Games, IBSA World Games & Championships
4	Continental Para-Taekwondo Open for pertinent continent
2	Continental Para Taekwondo Open for athletes from other continents
1	WT G-1 Tournaments for Para-Taekwondo

4 Seeding

All athletes shall be seeded in accordance with the WT World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Ranking. New athletes shall be added by random draw.

5 Sport Classes

World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Ranking will be made for sport classes P20 and P30 (P31, P32, P33 & P34)

6 Age divisions for World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Ranking

Male	Under 30 (29)	Over 30 (30~)
Female	Under 30 (29)	Over 30 (30~)

Article 10

Effectuation

- 1 This amended bylaw shall apply to online Poomsae competitions since year 2020.
- 2 World Ranking for the P20 Sport Class shall start as of January 1, 2017
- 3 World Ranking for the P30 Sport Classes (P31, P32, P33 & P34) shall start as of January 1, 2018

Article 11

Update and management of Ranking

The WT Poomsae World 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 12

Amendment

This Bylaw shall be amended by approval of WT Council.