



World Para Taekwondo Ranking

Bylaw



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Article 1

Fundamental principles

1. The World Para Taekwondo Ranking system shall be applied to all WT promoted and recognized championships and Multi-sport Games or the events determined by WT, provided that the championships or tournaments are organized in compliance with the World Para Taekwondo Competition Rules under the supervision of a WT assigned Technical Delegate. Athletes compete on an individual basis in five (5) men's and five (5) women's weight categories.
2. World Para Taekwondo Ranking shall be published on the WT GMS. The ranking is divided by Sport Class (K41 and K44) and weight categories, five (5) men's and five (5) women's categories.
 - 2.1 When an athlete competes in WT promoted or recognized tournaments ranking points are awarded to the Sport Class and weight category in which the athlete competes.
3. Sport Classes and Weight category

Sport Class	Men's Weight categories	Women's weight categories
K41	-58 kg	-47 kg
	-63 kg	-52 kg
	-70 kg	-57 kg
K44	-80 kg	-65 kg
	+80 kg	+65 kg

Article 2

Formula of ranking points

The points shall be awarded according to the following formula:

A: Point received according to the results of the WT promoted or recognized tournament (see article 3)

B: Grade of pertinent tournament

A x B = final points for the tournament

Article 3

Allocated points per result

1. The 1st placed athlete shall receive 10 points;
2. The 2nd placed athlete shall receive 60% of the points awarded to the 1st placed athlete (i.e. 6 points);
3. The 3rd placed athlete(s) shall receive 60% of the points awarded to the 2nd placed athlete (i.e. 3.6 points);
4. The 4th (5th in the case of elimination tournament) ranked athlete(s) shall receive 60% of the points awarded to the 3rd placed athlete(s) (i.e. 2, 16);
5. The 5th (9th in the case of elimination tournament) athlete(s) shall receive 70% of the points earned by the 4th placed athlete(s) (i.e. 1.512). From this point on an athlete shall receive 70% of the points awarded to the athlete(s) placed higher than him or her.
6. Points will be rounded -up to two (2) decimal places (i.e. 94.235 will be recorded as 94.24).
7. Ranking points shall be awarded to athletes based on the following:
 - 7.1 An athlete must compete in at least one (1) match to gain ranking points at a tournament
 - 7.2 G1, G2, G4, G6, G10, G14 & G20: In accordance with the Ranking Point Chart by Grade as below:

Rank	G1	G2	G4	G6	G10	G14	G20
1st placed contestant	10.00	20.00	40.00	60.00	100.00	140.00	200.00
2nd placed contestant	6.00	12.00	24.00	36.00	60.00	84.00	120.00
3rd placed contestants	3.60	7.20	14.40	21.60	36.00	50.40	72.00
5th placed contestants	2.16	4.32	8.64	12.96	21.60	30.24	43.20
9th placed contestants	1.51	3.02	6.05	9.06	15.10	21.14	30.24
17th placed contestant	1.06	2.12	4.23	6.36	10.57	14.84	21.17
33rd placed contestant	0.74	1.48	2.96	4.44	7.40	10.36	14.82
65th placed contestant	0.52	1.04	2.07	3.11	5.18	7.25	10.37

7.3 Paralympic Games (with repechage)

Rank	G20
1 st placed contestant	200.00
2 nd placed contestant	120.00
3 rd placed contestant	72.00
5 th placed contestant	43.20
7 th placed contestant	30.24
9 th placed contestant	21.17
13 th placed contestant	14.82
<i>See article 4.1</i>	

See article 7.3 for Validation of points for the Paralympic Games

7.4 IPC Regional Multisport events (with repechage)

Rank	G4
1 st placed contestant	40.00
2 nd placed contestant	24.00
3 rd placed contestant	14.40
5 th placed contestant	8.64
7 th placed contestant*	6.05
9 th placed contestant**	4.23
<i>See article 4.2</i>	

*in the case of 7-8 athletes per category

**in the case of 9-12 athletes per category

8. Any tournament with less than three (3) countries cannot be recognized for official results. Any sport class and weight category with less than three (3) athletes from two (2) countries shall not be recognized in the official results.
9. Attaining ranking points allocation
 - 9.1 Any athlete who passed weigh-in and during the first contest the athlete is injured and cannot continue because of the decision of the commissioned doctor/center referee (RSC, WDR), in this case the athlete will receive their World Para Taekwondo Ranking points.
 - 9.2 The athlete passed the weigh-in, during the match the coach threw in the towel in order to stop the match for the safety of the athlete (WDR). This athlete shall receive their World Para Taekwondo Ranking points
 - 9.3 The athlete that passed weigh-in but did not show up to the court for the contest shall not be awarded World Para Taekwondo Ranking points.

Article 4

Determination of placing ("T" means "tie"; more than one athlete)

1. Paralympic Games

- 1st place (gold medalist) winner of the final contest
- 2nd place (silver medalist) defeated in the final contest
- T-3: (2) bronze medalists winners of the bronze medal contests
- T-5: (2) defeated in the bronze medal contests
- T-7: (2) defeated in the repechage
- T-9: (4) defeated in the Round of 16
- T-13 defeated in the Round of 32

2. Regional Paralympic Multi-Sport event*

- 1st place (gold medalist) winner of the final contest
- 2nd place (silver medalist) defeated in the final contest
- T-3: (2) bronze medalists winners of the bronze medal contests
- T-5: (2) defeated in the bronze medal contests
- T-7: (2) defeated in the repechage

**Number of athletes in a division can vary and adjustments be made to have 9th place athletes*

3. Qualification tournament for the Paralympic Games

- 1st place winner of final
- 2nd place defeated in final
- 3rd place defeated in semi-final against 1st placed athlete
- 4th place* defeated in semi-final against 2nd placed athlete
- T-5 defeated in quarter finals
- T-9 defeated in round of 16

*4th placed athlete will be awarded 3rd place ranking points since no bronze match takes place

4. WT promoted championships and tournaments

- 1st place winner of final
- 2nd place defeated in final
- T-3 defeated in semi-finals
- T-5 defeated in quarterfinals
- T-9 defeated in round of 16
- T-17 defeated in round of 32
- And so on....

Article 5

Grading 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 with WT Para Taekwondo Competition Rules
 - 1.4 Overall tournament operation
 - 1.5 Venue & facilities
 - 1.6 Successful submission of report
 - 1.7 General comments of WT appointed Technical Delegate
2. The grades of all WT-promoted championships and recognized tournaments shall be published on the official WT website at the beginning of each year. World Taekwondo reserves the right to add new events and change the announced G-rank of events at any time during the pertinent year.
3. The Technical Delegate appointed for the pertinent championships or tournament shall evaluate the event in accordance with the evaluation criteria and submit the report to the WT Secretary General and the Sport & Event Management Department within two (2) working days after the completion of the tournament.
4. The WT President shall determine or may empower Secretary General to determine the grade of the championships or tournament upon the evaluation and recommendation of the Technical Delegate and the report submitted by the Organizing Committee.
5. Grade of events are as follows:

Grade	Event
G20	Paralympic Games
G14	WT World Para Taekwondo Championships
G10	World Taekwondo Grand Prix Final
G6	World Para Taekwondo Grand Prix Series
G4	Continental Para Taekwondo Championships for the pertinent continent. Regional Para Multisport events*.
G2	Continental Para Taekwondo Championships for athletes from other continents. Continental Para Taekwondo Championships held in the same year as a Regional Para Multisport event. WT President's Cup Para Taekwondo. IWAS World Games. Qualification Tournament for World Para Taekwondo Grand Slam Champions Series
G1	WT recognized tournaments for Para Taekwondo. Continental Qualification Tournaments for Paralympic Games. Qualification tournaments for Regional Para Multi-sport events.

*Parapan American Games, African Para Games, Asian Para Games etc.

6. Continental Para Taekwondo Open Championships

In order to promote the worldwide development of Para Taekwondo five (5) Continental Para Taekwondo Open Championships, one in each continent, will be held open to participants from all continents.

6.1 The Continental Para Taekwondo Open will award G4 ranking for athletes from the pertinent continent. Athletes from other continents participating in the Continental Para Taekwondo Open Championships will receive ranking points as a G2 tournament.

6.2 Refugee athletes participating in Continental Para Taekwondo Open Championships will be given G4 ranking points for the tournament of the continent of which the country belongs to where they have refugee status.

6.3 Continental Para Taekwondo Open Championships should be held annually in each continent in principal

6.4 In the year of a Regional Para Multi-sport event the Continental Para Taekwondo Open Championships will award G2 World Para Taekwondo Ranking points for all athletes regardless if they come from the pertinent continent.

Article 6

Change in Sport Class and Weigh Category

Change in sport class and weight category

1. In the case that an athlete that is already ranked on the World Para Taekwondo Ranking has a change in his/her Sport Class 75% of the ranking points earned in the previous Sport Class shall transfer to the new sport class. In the same weight category.
2. If an athlete has a change in Sport Class due to Intentional Misrepresentation (IM) all previous World Para Taekwondo Ranking points will be nullified.
3. In the case that an athlete's Sport Class changes to a higher Sport Class after first appearance, points shall not be counted for the World Para Taekwondo Ranking in the lower Sport Class. Half of the points earned in the Sport Class where the athlete made the first appearance shall be counted in the higher Sport Class and no points shall be counted in the Sport Class where the athlete made his/her first appearance.
4. In the case an athlete's Sport Class changes to a lower Sport Class after first appearance ranking points shall be awarded in the lower Sport Class.
5. In the case that an athlete's Sport Class changes due to changes to the "WT Athlete Classification Rules" all points earned in the previous Sport Class and weight category shall transfer.
6. Athletes that are assigned a Classification Not Complete (CNC) Sport Class Status following Observation Assessment shall not be awarded World Para Taekwondo Ranking points for the pertinent tournament.
7. In the case an athlete's Sport Class is changed to Not Eligible (NE) with a Confirmed (C) Sport Class Status he/she shall remain on the World Para Taekwondo Ranking.
8. Removal from the World Para Taekwondo Ranking is only made once all classification, Medical Review Request and protest procedures have been completed and the athlete is Confirmed (C) Not Eligible (NE).
9. Athlete may declare their weight category may be determined for a period of one year from January 1 – December 31 every year by the athlete during a time window from January 1 to January 25 using the Global Membership System (GMS).
 - 9.1 If an athlete does not have a weight category selection declared, points will be awarded to the weight category in which the athlete competes, as follows:

Men's Division			Women's Division		
M -58kg	→	M -58kg	W -47kg	→	W -47kg
M -63kg	→	M -63kg	W -52kg	→	W -52kg
M -70kg	→	M -70kg	W -57kg	→	W -57kg
M -80kg	→	M -80kg	W -65kg	→	W -65kg
M +80kg	→	M +80kg	W +65kg	→	W +65kg

9.2 An athlete's ranking points can be awarded to one higher or one lower weight category (at most) from the weight category where the points were initially earned, according to the following table:

Men's Division			Women's Division		
M -58kg	→	M -58kg, M -63kg	W -47kg	→	W -47kg, W -52kg
M -63kg	→	M -58kg, M -63kg, M -70kg	W -52kg	→	W -47kg, W -52kg, W -57kg
M -70kg	→	M -63kg, M -70kg, M -80kg	W -57kg	→	W -52kg, W -57kg, W -65kg
M -80kg	→	M -70kg, M -80kg, M +80kg	W -65kg	→	W -57kg, W -65kg, W +65kg
M +80kg	→	M -80kg, M +80kg	W +65kg	→	W -65kg, W +65kg

9.3 If an athlete changes their weight category, the points will only be transferred from the weight category/categories that can contribute to the newly declared weight category according to article 6.9.2.

Ex) An athlete changes their declared weight category from M-63kg to M-70kg.

1. Athlete prior to the change had earned points in M-58kg and M-63kg.
2. Athlete declared M-70kg during the weight category selection window from January 1 to 25
3. After the new weight category has been declared, only points from M-63kg transfer to the M-70kg World Para Taekwondo Ranking. Points from M-58kg will not be awarded in the new rankings published.

9.4 After a weight category has been declared during the January 1 to 25 window, that athlete can only be ranked in the weight category declared. If an athlete does not have a weight category declared they will be ranked according to article 6.9.1, which means it is possible in this case for an athlete to be ranked in more than one weight category.

9.5 If no changes has been declared in the GMS during this period, the athlete automatically keeps their declared weight category from previous year.

9.6 Any changes made in weight category will be presented on the February World Para Taekwondo Ranking of the pertinent year.

Article 7

Validation of the points

1. The awarded points shall only be valid for four (4) full years, starting from January 1, 2015 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 GMS and is updated at the start of each 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 the 2015 Canada Open on February 14, 2015 will be deducted by 25% of the original points by February 29, 2016. By February 28, 2019 the points earned at the 2015 Canada Open will be completely deducted and not counted on the World Para Taekwondo Ranking as of March 1, 2019.
3. Paralympic Games World Para Taekwondo Ranking points

World Taekwondo recognizes the Paralympic Games as the highest-level competition for Para Taekwondo athletes and award athletes from their performances.

The awarded points for the Paralympic Games shall be valid for four (4) full years starting from the World Para Taekwondo Ranking following the month of the Paralympic Games. The Paralympic Games holds a G20 World Para Taekwondo Ranking status.

- 3.1 In order for the results from one Paralympic Games not to affect the qualification for the next Paralympic Games in accordance with article 4.25 of the Paralympic Games chapter of the IPC Handbook, points earned from the Paralympic Games will not be counted in the World Para Taekwondo Ranking for qualification to a Paralympic Games. Instead a Paralympic Ranking will be used deducting the points from the Paralympic Games from the World Para Taekwondo Ranking. The Paralympic Ranking will be used for qualification for the Paralympic Games as well as seeding for the Paralympic Games and its qualification tournaments.
- 3.2 World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Ranking for Regional Games will be used for qualification and seeding for Paralympic Regional Games. The World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Ranking for Regional Games will cover all ranked athletes in the region and their accumulated points from WT recognized/promoted events. However, points from the previous Paralympic Regional Games will not be counted.

4. In the event that an athlete obtains points in one weight category and then obtains points in another weight category in different events, the pertinent athlete will be ranked in the respective weight category, resulting in that the same athlete can be ranked in more than one weight category.
5. In the case an athlete is disqualified due to unsportsmanlike behavior (DQB) and sanctioned as the result of an intentional Dangerous play situation or other misconduct following a yellow card. No ranking points shall be given for the tournament.

Article 8

Seeding

1. The following events will apply seeding based on the World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Ranking:
 - 1.1 Paralympic Games
 - 1.2 Continental Qualification Tournaments for the Paralympic Games

2. The following events will apply seeding based on the World Para Taekwondo Ranking
 - 2.1 Regional Para Multi-sport events
 - 2.3 World Para Taekwondo Championships
 - 2.4 All WT recognized tournaments & other Para Multi-sport events

3. The following events will apply seeding based on the World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Ranking for Regional Games.
 - 3.1 Qualification Tournaments for Regional Games
 - 3.2 Paralympic Regional Games

4. For every Sport Class and weight category, in principle, all athletes shall be seeded based on their World Para Taekwondo Ranking.
 - 4.1 Paralympic Games (8.1.1): Seeding will follow World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Standing Procedures using World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Ranking
 - 4.2 Continental Qualification Tournaments for Paralympic Games (8.1.2): Athletes will be seeded based on their points earned in their respective weight category on the World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Ranking.
 - 4.3 Regional Para Multi-sport events: seeding will be based on the World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Ranking for Regional Games.
 - 4.4 Qualification Tournaments for Regional Para Multi-sport events (8.2.1): Athletes will be seeded based on the points earned in the World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Ranking for Regional Games in their respective weight category.

5. If two or more athletes have the same ranking points in the same Sport Class and weight category, it shall be considered as a tied ranking. In the case of tied-ranks at the seeding, the athlete who had the better results in the most recent tournament shall be considered the higher-ranked athlete. In the case that the athletes are still tied based on points earned at the most recent tournament the second most recent tournament shall decide and so on.
6. In the event that any of the seeded athletes is ineligible to participate (i.e. not registered in the entry list or no show at registration), the next highest ranked athlete(s) shall be moved up in the seeding.
 - 5.1 In the case of failed weigh-in no redraw will be made in the case a seeded athlete fails weigh-in or random weigh-in.
7. New athletes will be seeded through randomized draw.

Article 9

Update and management of World Para Taekwondo Ranking and Paralympic Ranking

1. The World Para Taekwondo Ranking will be updated at the end of each month and a new ranking will be published at the start of the following month.
2. The World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Ranking will be published ahead of tournaments using the World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Ranking for seeding and in the month of qualification for Paralympic Games through the World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Ranking.
3. The World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Ranking for Regional Games will be published ahead of tournaments using the World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Ranking for Regional Games for seeding and in the month of qualification for Paralympic Regional Games through World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Ranking for Regional Games.

Article 10

Amendment

1. The World Para Taekwondo Ranking Bylaw shall be amended by the approval of the WT Council.

Article 11

Effectuation

1. Para Taekwondo Grand Prix final and series will be implemented in 2021