

# WTF President's Cup 2016

## *Bylaw WTF President's Cup*

### **Definitions**

The athlete	the athlete who won a medal at the WTF President's Cup and thus a quota place for the ETU Championship
ETU	Continental Union of the World Taekwondo Federation and European Federation for taekwondo in Europe
MNA	Member National Association of ETU, the federations
Directly qualification	being able to obtain an entry certificate at the ETU Championship, without the interference of the Member National Association
Quota place	entry position in a weight category of an ETU Championship. In theory, an MNA can obtain maximum 5 quota places per weight category: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 standard quota place, to be decided by the MNA</li><li>• 4 quota places per result of the WTF President's Cup</li></ul>

### **Article 1      General remarks**

- 1.1 The principle idea of the WTF President's Cup is to honour the WTF President dr. Chungwon Choue.
- 1.2 For the ETU, the WTF President's Cup gives a platform for all European medallists to directly qualify for the ETU Championships in the weight and age division in which they have won their medal and obtain a quota place.
- 1.3 These quota places shall be additional to the quota places an MNA already standard has (one athlete per weight category) in each weight category at the ETU Championships.

### **Article 2      Qualification procedure**

- 2.1 Only European medallists – gold, silver and 2 bronze medallists – are eligible for the ETU Championships. If there is no European medallist in a weight category, no additional quota places will be added to the category.
- 2.2 An athlete can only qualify for the first ETU Championship directly after the WTF President's Cup at which the quota place was obtained and before the following WTF President's Cup.
- 2.3 Participation at the ETU Championship shall only be allowed within the same age and weight category in which the athlete obtained the quota place at the WTF President's Cup.
- 2.4 If an athlete does not use his quota place, the quota place shall not be re-allocated nor is the quota place transferable.

### **Article 3      Participation procedure**

- 3.1 It is at the sole discretion of each MNA whether or not accept the athlete in the national team and its program for the ETU championship for which the athlete obtained a quota place.
- 3.2 If the MNA decides not to accept the athlete in the national team program, the athlete shall have the right to have its own coach present at the ETU Championship. The MNA shall provide both the athlete and coach with the national team uniform. It is at the discretion of the MNA to charge a (reasonable) fee for the uniform.
- 3.3 All costs with regard to participation at the ETU Championship in the broadest sense of the word shall be borne by the athlete and shall not be transferred to either the MNA or ETU. The ETU may

charge a fee for those coaches officiating at the ETU Championships who are not national coaches of the MNA's national team.

- 3.4 If the MNA decides to accept the athlete in the national team for the respective ETU Championship, it is then at the sole discretion of the MNA to decide who shall be the coach of the athlete.
- 3.5 If the MNA decides to accept the athlete in the national team for the respective ETU Championship, it is then at the sole discretion of the MNA to decide who shall be charged for the costs of participation at the ETU Championship.

#### **Article 4 Member National Association involvement**

- 4.1 The MNA shall do its utmost to guarantee that the athlete will be entered into the registration system of the respective ETU Championship and is able to participate at the ETU championship, all within the limits of this bylaw.
- 4.2 The MNA cannot prevent or block the athlete from participating at the ETU Championship for which the athlete obtained a quota place, unless the MNA can prove that the athlete is under formal investigation of the MNA or has been sanctioned by the MNA.
- 4.3 The burden of proof for this lies within the MNA. In this case, the MNA has to inform the ETU in writing of the case at hand and argue – with sufficient evidence - for the cancellation of the obtained quota place of the athlete.
- 4.4 The MNA nor ETU shall at no time be liable for misconduct, misbehaviour or any other improper action of the athlete. In case of sanction of the athlete, the MNA shall at no time be responsible or liable for any imposed (financial) sanction.

#### **Article 5 Athlete declaration**

- 5.1 The participating athlete shall undersign the athlete declaration form. Without an undersigned athlete declaration form, the athlete cannot start at the WTF President's Cup.
- 5.2 For minor athletes, also one of the parents or legal guardians should sign the document.
- 5.3 Athletes might be investigated by ETU if there are strong reasons to belief that the athlete does not abide the undersigned declaration. The burden of proof for this lies within the MNA. At all times ETU's and WTF's rules and regulations with regard to disputes and sanctions shall be applicable.

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## *Athlete's declaration*

I, the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_ declare that I am a member of the ETU Member National Association \_\_\_\_\_ and will follow the policies, guidelines, regulations and principles of the aforementioned federation and specifically the rules and instructions concerning participation in the national team before, during and after an ETU Championship. I concur that I accept all rules and regulations of both WTF and ETU with regard to dispute settlement and sanctioning.

I understand that the aforementioned federation nor the European Taekwondo Union is at no time responsible for the financial consequences of participating at the respective ETU Championship for which I qualified by winning a medal at the WTF President's Cup. All financial aspects of my participation at the ETU Championships shall be borne by myself.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name athlete: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

In case the athlete is a minor (i.e. younger than 18 years of age):

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_