

Amendment to the WTF Competition Rules

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* The new rules will be applied to all official events of the WTF beginning at the World Qualification

Tournament for Athens 2004 to be held in Paris, France on Dec. 4- 7, 2003.

Article 4. Contestant

Existing rules	New rules
2. The costume for contestants 2) The contestant shall wear the trunk protector, head protector, groin guard, forearm and shin guards before entering the contest area and the groin guard, forearm and shin guards shall be worn inside the Taekwondo uniform, and the contestant shall bring the WTF- approved protectors for personal use.	2. The costume for contestants 2) The contestant shall wear the trunk protector, head protector, groin guard, forearm and shin guards and mouthpiece before entering the contest area and the groin guard, forearm and shin guards shall be worn inside the Taekwondo uniform, and the contestant shall bring the WTF- approved protectors for personal use. Wear of any other items on the head other than head protector shall not be permitted.

Article 6. Classification and methods of competition

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1. Competitions are divided into as follows. 1) Individual competition shall normally be between contestants in the same weight class. When necessary, adjoining weight classes may be combined to create a single classification.	1. Competitions are divided into as follows. 1) Individual competition shall normally be between contestants in the same weight class. When necessary, adjoining weight classes may be combined to create a single classification. No contestant is allowed to participate in more than 1 weight category in one event.

Article 10. Procedure of the contest

Existing rules	New rules
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<p>4. Start and end of the contest</p> <p>The contest in each round shall begin with the declaration of “Shi-jak” (start) by the referee and shall end with the declaration of “Keu-man” (stop) by the referee.</p>	<p>4. Start and end of the contest</p> <p>The contest in each round shall begin with the declaration of “Shi-jak” (start) by the referee and shall end with the declaration of “Keu-man” (stop) by the referee. Although the referee has not declared “Keu-man”, the contest shall be regarded as having ended when the prescribed time is over.</p>
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Article 12. Valid points

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<p>(Guideline for officiating)</p> <p>When a contestant is knocked down, the referee should first check over the condition of the contestant and then count. Once the referee begins to count, judges shall award the additional one (1) point at the moment the referee counts three (3).</p>	<p>(Guideline for officiating)</p> <p>When a contestant is knocked down, the referee should first check over the condition of the contestant and then count. After counting, the referee shall instruct the recorders to add one (1) additional point.</p>

Article 14. Prohibited acts

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<p>14. Prohibited acts</p> <p>1. Penalties on any prohibited acts shall be declared by the referee.</p> <p>2. In the case of multiple penalties being committed simultaneously, the heavier penalty shall be declared.</p> <p>3. Penalties are divided into “Kyong-go” (warning penalty) and “Gam-jeom” (deduction penalty).</p> <p>4. Two “Kyong-go”s shall be counted as deduction of one (1) point. However, the odd “Kyong-go” shall not</p>	<p>14. Prohibited acts and penalties</p> <p>1. Penalties on any prohibited acts shall be declared by the referee.</p> <p>2. Penalties are divided into “Kyong-go” (warning penalty) and “Gam-jeom” (deduction penalty).</p> <p>3. Two “Kyong-go”s shall be counted as deduction of one (1) point. However, the odd “Kyong-go” shall not be counted in the grand total.</p> <p>4. A “Gam-jeom” shall be counted as minus one (-1) point.</p>

<p>t be counted in the grand total.</p> <p>5. A “Gam-jeom” shall be counted as minus one (-1) point.</p> <p>6. Prohibited acts: “Kyong- go” penalty</p> <p>1) Interference with the progress of the match</p> <p>a. Crossing the boundary line</p> <p>b. Falling down</p> <p>c. Evading by turning the back to the opponent.</p> <p>2) Undesirable acts</p> <p>a. Grabbing the opponent</p> <p>b. Holding the opponent</p> <p>c. Touching the opponent with the hand and or the trunk</p> <p>d. Pretending injury</p> <p>e. Butting or attacking with knee</p> <p>f. Attacking the groin</p> <p>g. Stamping or kicking any part of the leg or foot</p> <p>h. Hitting the opponent’s face with hands or fist</p> <p>i. Interrupting the progress of the match on the part of contestant or the coach</p> <p>j. Avoiding the match</p> <p>7. Prohibited acts: “Gam-jeom” penalty</p> <p>1) Interference with the progress of the match</p> <p>a. Throwing down the opponent by grappling the opponent’s attacking foot in the air with the arm or by pushing the opponent with the hand</p>	<p>5. Prohibited acts</p> <p>1) The following acts shall be classified as prohibited acts, and “Kyong-go” shall be declared.</p> <p>a. Evading by turning the back to the opponent.</p> <p>b. Falling down</p> <p>c. Avoiding the match</p> <p>d. Grabbing, holding or pushing the opponent</p> <p>e. Attacking below the waist</p> <p>f. Pretending injury</p> <p>g. Butting or attacking with knee</p> <p>h. Hitting the opponent’s face with the hand.</p> <p>2) The following acts shall be classified as prohibited acts, and “Gam-jeom” shall be declared.</p> <p>a. Crossing the boundary line</p> <p>b. Attacking the opponent after “Kal-yeo”</p> <p>c. Throwing down the opponent by grappling the opponent’s attacking foot in the air with the arm or by pushing the opponent with the hand.</p> <p>d. Intentionally attacking the opponent’s face with the hand.</p> <p>e. Interrupting the progress of the match on the part of contestant or coach.</p> <p>6. When a contestant intentionally refuses to comply with the Competition Rules</p>
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<p>and.</p> <p>b. Intentionally attacking the fallen opponent after declaration of “Kal-yeo”</p> <p>c. Intentionally attacking the opponent’s face with fist.</p> <p>2) Undesirable acts</p> <p>a. Temporarily suspending the match due to violent remarks or behaviors on the part of the contestant or the coach.</p> <p>8. When a contestant intentionally refuses to comply with the Competition Rules or the referee’s order, the referee may declare the contestant loser by penalty after 1 (one) minute.</p> <p>9. When the contestant receives minus three (- 3) points, the referee shall declare him/her loser by penalties.</p> <p>10. “Kyong- go” and “Gam-jeom” shall be counted in the total score of the three rounds.</p>	<p>n Rules or the referee’s order, the referee may declare the contestant loser by penalty after one (1) minute.</p> <p>7. When the contestant receives minus four (-4) points, the referee shall declare the contestant loser by penalties.</p> <p>8. “Kyong- go” and “Gam-jeom” shall be counted in the total score of the three rounds.</p>
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Article 15. Decision of superiority

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2. In the case of a tie score other than case 1 above, (where both contestants received the same number of points and/or deductions) the winner shall be decided by the referee based on superiority throughout all three rounds.	2. In case of a tie score other than case 1 above, (where both contestants received the same number of points and/or deductions) the winner shall be decided by all refereeing officials based on superiority throughout all three rounds. In case that the judges’ decision becomes 2:1, the referee shall decide the winner.

Article 16. Decisions

Existing rules	New rules
Explanation- 6) Win by the referee's punitive declaration: This is the result declared by the referee after the accumulation of minus three (- 3) points or by the referee's decision according to Article 14.8 of the Competition Rules.	Explanation- 6) Win by the referee's punitive declaration: This is the result declared by the referee after the accumulation of minus four (- 4) points or by the referee's decision according to Article 14.8 of the Competition Rules.

Article 19. Procedure for suspending the match

Existing rules	New rules
	(To be added) In case of the situation which warrants suspending the contest beyond the above prescribed procedure, the referee shall declare "Shi- gan (time)" to stop the contest and continue the contest by declaring "Kye- sok (continue)".

Article 20. Referees and judges

Existing rules	New rules
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**Related interpretation with this article

Existing rules	New rules
	(To be added)

	<p>(Explanation)</p> <p>In case that each judge awards different score respectively, (Ex. One judge gives one point, another judge gives two points and the other judge gives no point to the legal attack on the face), and that no point is recognized as a valid one, any of refereeing officials may indicate the mistake and ask for confirmation among the refereeing officials. Then, the referee may declare “Shi-gan” to stop the contest and gather the judges to ask for statements. After discussion, the referee must publicize the resolution.</p>
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Article 24. Arbitration and sanction

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<p>4. Procedure of sanction</p> <p>1) The WTF President or Secretary General (in case of their absence, the Technical Delegate) may request the Extraordinary Committee of Sanction for deliberation when any of the following behaviors are committed by a coach or a contestant.</p> <p>a) Interfering with the management of contest or stirring up the spectators for the same purpose.</p> <p>b) Interfering with the operation of the competition conducted by the WTF and the Organizing Committee.</p> <p>c) Spreading false rumor for the purpose of exerting an unwarranted influence on the judgement.</p>	<p>4. Procedure of sanction</p> <p>1) The WTF President or Secretary General (in case of their absence, the Technical Delegate) may request the Extraordinary Committee of Sanction for deliberation when any of the following behaviors are committed by a coach or a contestant.</p> <p>a) Interfering with the management of contest</p> <p>b) Stirring up the spectators or spreading false rumor.</p>