

# **Bylaws of the World Taekwondo Hall of Fame**

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## **ARTICLE 1: INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE**

- 1.1 World Taekwondo (WT) is an Olympic and Paralympic International Federation whose role is to establish and enforce the rules of the sport of Taekwondo and ensure their application; to ensure the development of the sport of Taekwondo throughout the world; and to contribute to the achievement of the goals in the Olympic Charter and Paralympic Charter.
- 1.2 These bylaws govern the operation of the World Taekwondo Hall of Fame (WT Hall of Fame).
- 1.3 The purpose of the WT Hall of Fame is to honor those who have made extraordinary contributions to the development of Taekwondo as an Olympic Sport.

## **ARTICLE 2: HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE**

- 2.1 Supervision of the WT Hall of Fame shall be done by the Hall of Fame Committee (the Committee), which shall be comprised of the WT's Senior Vice President, the WT Secretary General, WT's Senior Council Member, the Chair of WT's Member Relations and Development Committee, and one independent consultant nominated by the WT President. The Chair of the Committee shall be the Senior Vice President.
- 2.2 The role of the Committee shall be as follows:
  - (A) Propose amendments to these bylaws, and
  - (B) Propose Hall of Fame Nominees each year.
- 2.3 Ordinary meeting dates, times and locations shall coincide with meetings of the WT Council. Attendance by phone or other electronic means is allowed. Extraordinary meetings may be called by the Chair.
- 2.4 A quorum for Committee meetings shall be 50+1% of members, and decisions shall be made by majority vote of at least 50+1%.
- 2.5 In case of a tie, the Chair shall cast the deciding vote.

**ARTICLE 3: CATEGORIES**

3.1 Categories: The following are categories for consideration:

- I. Officials
- II. Athletes
- III. Lifetime Contribution Award

**ARTICLE 4: SELECTION PROCESS**

4.1 Selection will be made based on contribution to the development of Taekwondo as an Olympic Sport. <sup>1</sup> The following are areas of consideration:

- (A) Basic standard: the degree of impact on the development of Taekwondo as an Olympic and Paralympic sport at the International Level. This includes, but is not limited to, leadership, technical development, and popularization.
- (B) Span of Influence: A significant criteria in evaluating a candidate will be their leadership and/or inspirational effect on others; the degree to which their influence has created an impact on World Taekwondo's development beyond their own direct individual contribution.
- (C) Devotion to Others: A candidate's ability to expand the popularity of World Taekwondo by selfless devotion to the interest of others may enhance the candidacy of an individual.

4.2 Unlike many Olympic Sports, Taekwondo has the fortune to still have many of its original founders and first-generation contributors. In consideration of this fact, and in line with the traditions of Taekwondo as a Martial Art, during the nomination process, priority will be given to older, living candidates.

4.3 An attempt will be made to balance category and well as geographic, gender and race/ethnicity considerations.

4.4 The Nomination Committee shall identify appropriate candidates, which shall be approved by the WT Council.

4.5 Based on the criteria set by this bylaw, appropriate candidates may be recommended by following officials. The duly completed recommendation form shall be attached to the letter of recommendation.

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<sup>1</sup> Note to Article 4.1: It is recognized that numerous other taekwondo hall of fames exists. World Taekwondo is the world governing body of Taekwondo as an Olympic Sport, and its hall of fame is dedicated to the recognition of individuals who have contributed to this legacy.

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- I. Council Member
- II. Continental Union
- III. Member National Association

4.6 The WT Hall of Fame shall be held every two years.

4.7 The number of inductees for the first year of the World Taekwondo Hall of Fame shall be determined by the Committee. For every two years thereafter, a maximum of three members shall be inducted.

### **ARTICLE 5: AWARDING CEREMONY**

5.1 The Awarding Ceremony shall be held on the occasion of WT's annual Ordinary General Assembly.

5.2 Inductees shall be provided one business class return air ticket and three nights' accommodation so as to be able to attend the GA and attend the opening ceremony of the pertinent WT championship.

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#### **History of this Bylaw:**

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