

December 18<sup>th</sup> 2014

To: Presidents, Secretary Generals and GMS Admins, WTF Member National Associations (MNA's)

On June 1<sup>st</sup> of this year the World Taekwondo Federation adopted new <u>Ranking Bylaws</u>. I am sure you have reviewed them (a copy is attached to this email), and fully understand the importance of selecting an Olympic weight category for your Senior athletes currently competing.

As detailed in the Ranking Bylaw, the choice of the Olympic Weight Division can be determined for a period of one year from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Every year during a one time window of **January 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>** the choice will be made by logging into the <u>WTF Global Membership System</u>. For a quick guide on how to enter/update the Olympic Weight Division for 2015 click HERE.

In accordance with this section of the bylaws, I am announcing that January 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> 2015 will be the open Olympic weight category selection period. During this 14 day window, the **official GMS MNA Admin only** will be able to log into the profiles of your athletes and select the desired Olympic weight category.

For details and in depth explanation please refer to the current WTF Ranking Bylaws.

To make the selection you simply log into the profile of your athlete, select the edit profile link, move to page 2 of the profile and select the desired Olympic weight category in the *Olympic Weight Division* field.

As of **January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015** this filed will be **locked** and there will be no changes of Olympic weight category allowed until the open Olympic weight category selection period in 2016 (Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> 2016).

Please remember once Official Results are updated at the **beginning of each month** you will have **1 week** from the published date to contest any issues you may find. After that, no changes can be made.

December rankings are now available on the <u>WTF Profile</u>. Be aware that the recently completed WTF G-1 Ranked European Club Championships & Turkish Open will be included in January 2015 Rankings.

As always do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or inquiries.

Sincerely,

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