



SOFIA 2019 World Taekwondo Grand-Prix
(October 18-20, 2019) / Sofia, Bulgaria
Official Outline



August 9, 2019

To: Presidents and Secretaries General,
WT Member National Associations

Re: Sofia 2019 World Taekwondo Grand-Prix (GP)

Dear beloved taekwondo family,

It is my pleasure to welcome the global taekwondo family to Sofia, Bulgaria, for the prestigious Sofia 2019 World Taekwondo Grand Prix on October 18-20, 2019.

The best 32 Taekwondo athletes in the world are invited to compete for glory. Winners of the Grand Prix will achieve ranking points for qualification to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. For these reasons, I expect the Sofia 2019 Grand Prix to be full of drama and excitement for the fans.

I am confident that Sofia, as a first-time host of the World Taekwondo Grand Prix, will play the perfect host. I would like to thank the Bulgarian Taekwondo Federation and stakeholders for your devotion and support. I am proud to welcome you as an esteemed host of World Taekwondo events.

To the competing athletes, I wish you all the best in your quest for glory.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Chungwon Choue'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chungwon Choue
President

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OUTLINE

SOFIA 2019 WORLD TAEKWONDO GRAND-PRIX

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| 1. PROMOTER: | WORLD TAEKWONDO (WT) |
| ADDRESS: | 10th Fl., Booyoung Taepyung Bldg. 55 Sejong-daero, Jung-gu, Seoul, Korea, 04513 |
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| E-MAIL: | sport@worldtaekwondo.org (Sport & Event Management Department) |
| WEB-SITE: | http://www.worldtaekwondo.org |
| 2. ORGANIZING MNA: | Bulgarian Taekwondo Federation |
| ADDRESS: | 75 Vasil Levski blvd, floor 4, Office 403; Sofia, Bulgaria |
| TELEPHONE: | +359 884 423 016 |
| E-MAIL: | office@taekwondo-bulgaria.org |
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| 4. VENUE: | Exhibition Forum Event Center, Hotel Marinela, 100 James Bourchier, zh.k. Lozenets, Sofia, 1000 |

5. QUALIFICATIONS

In accordance with *Article 4: Qualification of Contestant* of the WT Competition Rules, the contestant must be:

CRITERION #1:	Holder of the nationality of the participating team
CRITERION #2:	An athlete must be the one selected by the WT based on the WT Olympic Ranking published on August 1st, 2019 following the 2019 Pan American Games. The pre-registration information shall be extended to the pertinent member national taekwondo association that is recognized by the World Taekwondo.
CRITERION #3:	Holder of the Kukkiwon Dan or Poom Certificate (* A copy of the Dan certificate should be uploaded to GMS when registering for the event. In case a contestant has applied for a Kukkiwon Dan certificate but has not received it yet, a copy of the Dan application form and the remittance certificate sent to the Kukkiwon must be uploaded to GMS when registering for the event. Please refer to the Kukkiwon Web site (www.kukkiwon.or.kr) for more information.)
CRITERION #4:	<u>An athlete must be 17 years old or older.</u> An athlete who was born in the year of 2002 or before is eligible to participate in the competition.
CRITERION #5:	Holder of valid WT Global Athlete Licence (GAL). * <i>Any questions on the WT GAL please contact your assigned WT GMS Manager</i>

6. COMPETITION RULES

WT Competition Rules as of June 1, 2018 shall be applied.

7. METHOD OF COMPETITION

- i. Single elimination system
- ii. Grade: G-4
- iii. Number of athletes: Maximum 32 per weight category.
- iv. Selection of athletes: Top 31 athletes per Olympic weight category based on the WT Olympic ranking published for August 2019. The last event before release of August ranking will be the **2019 Pan American Games**.
- v. The Top 70 athletes per Olympic weight category based on WT Olympic Ranking will have the opportunity to pre-register but only the Top 31 pre-registered in GMS will be selected and confirmed via email from WT Sport & Event Management Department from **August 26th**. Those who registered but are not selected to participate will also be emailed.
- vi. Host country: 1 athlete from the host country per Olympic weight category shall be additionally invited.
- vii. Maximum quotas per MNA: 2 athletes per weight category
- viii. Seeding and drawing of lots: All ranked athletes based on August WT Olympic ranking shall be seeded accordingly except athletes of host country place shall receive no. 9 seed (in case of athlete from host country does not receive no. 8 or higher seed)
- ix. Confirmation timeline
 - WT will send out the pre-registration information to the pertinent MNA on **August 9th**.
 - The MNA who received pre-registration information is required to pre-register athletes online through GMS within 2 weeks from the date of receipt of the pre-registration information. Once the MNA registers online in GMS, it cannot change the athlete(s) after **August 23rd, 17:00 Swiss Local Time**.
 - ※ The selected athletes will be allowed to make a withdrawal from the competition without providing WT a reason or penalty only through the GMS on September 2nd from 00:00 until 23:59, Swiss Local Time (one day only).
 - After September 2nd, athletes can only withdraw in case of injury. The MNA must submit medical documents of the injured athlete within four (4) days of the notification of withdrawal. (ref. WT Medical Withdrawal Policy <http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/medical-anti-doping/medical/forms/>)
 - In case of replacement of an injured athlete, WT may replace this athlete no later than October 9th.
- x. **Penalty**
 - If confirmed athlete does not participate in SOFIA 2019 WTGP, he or she will not be allowed to participate in the next GP regardless of their WT Olympic ranking.
 - All pre-registered athletes should apply entry visa for Bulgaria in advance. No athlete will be excused for cancelling the registration due to visa except an athlete additionally selected as a replacement after **September 13th**, and the abovementioned penalty will be given to the athlete.

8. CONTEST TIME

2 minutes x 3 rounds with 1 minute break

9. WEIGHT CATEGORIES

Men's division		Women's division	
Under 58kg	Not exceeding 58 kg	Under 49kg	Not exceeding 49 kg
Under 68kg	Over 58 kg & Not exceeding 68 kg	Under 57kg	Over 49 kg & Not exceeding 57 kg
Under 80kg	Over 68 kg & Not exceeding 80 kg	Under 67kg	Over 57 kg & Not exceeding 67 kg
Over 80kg	Over 80 kg	Over 67kg	Over 67 kg

10. CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATING TEAMS

Round-trip Airfare and Accommodation

Round trip airfare and accommodation charges of room and board shall be borne by the participating Member National Association.

11. WT GLOBAL LICENCE & ONLINE REGISTRATION

- i. WT Global Licence Registration
All athletes and team officials must FIRST be registered with a WT Global Athlete Licence (GAL) or Global Official Licence (GOL).
- ii. WT Online Registration
National Team Entry will only be accepted through the WT online registration system and registration is only possible with a valid WT Global Licence. National Team GMS admins will be notified via email once online registration is open. All athletes and officials must be registered under team name "Country Name" National Team, for example "Uzbekistan National Team"

12. ENTRY FEES

The OC shall collect the entry fees from the participating national teams. The national team shall pay an entry fee to the Organizing Committee by cash in US\$ only at the WT Registration Center in Sofia, Bulgaria prior to the start of the competition. Athletes shall not be allowed to compete without successful payment of entry fee to the Organizing Committee. Those athletes that cancel due to medical reasons and authorized by WT Medical Chair, shall not be charged entry fee.

REGULAR ENTRY FEES: The national teams completing their pre-registration during this period will be charged the regular registration fee.

- US \$100 per athlete.
- Regular entry fee period will begin on August 9th, 17:00 Local Swiss Time.
- Regular entry fee period will end on August 23rd, 17:00 Local Swiss Time.

Following close of Pre-Registration Period:

Following the end of the pre-registration on August 23rd, the WT Sport & Event Management Department will review the online pre-registration list and will inform via email from August 26th those athletes that have been selected and also inform those that have not been selected.

13. ENTRY DEADLINES & IMPORTANT DATES

- i. Entry deadline for pre-registration period is **August 23rd, 17:00 Local Swiss Time**. Entry submission after this date will be not accepted under any circumstances.
- ii. Following the close of the pre-registration, the WT Sport & Event Management will send an email confirmation to all pre-registered National Team Admins to inform them if their pre-registration has been confirmed or declined. For those that are declined their pre-registration will be moved to the wait list.
- iii. The pre-registered athletes or team officials may be replaced **without any penalty** until **August 23rd**. Entry fee of US\$100 per athlete will be charged in case of cancellation of participation after **August 23rd**.

※ To pre-register, an athlete is required to be in the proper physical condition to compete in Sofia 2019 WT GP. Any athlete who withdraws after the weigh-in will be subject to an investigation as to whether or not the withdrawal was in bad faith. (Bad faith includes, but is not limited to, having a prior illness or injury such that it was unreasonable to expect the athlete to be able to compete at the time of the weigh-in.) The burden will be on the athlete to demonstrate that the withdrawal was not in bad faith. If the investigation panel determines that the withdrawal was in bad faith the athlete will be suspended for up to 6 months, and the athlete and members of the athlete's entourage may be subject to an additional Ethics investigation.

- Athletes: MNAs have to submit entry online by logging into the WT GMS for the top 70 athletes by the Olympic ranking. A MNA can send a maximum 2 athletes per weight category. The host member national association is able to send 1 additional athlete per weight category meaning that a maximum of 3 athletes per weight category can participate if 2 athletes are selected through ranking. No additional athletes are accepted. No reserve athlete is accepted. No entry will be accepted or modified at the accreditation center(s) in Sofia.
- Team officials: MNAs have to register online by logging in to the WT GMS for maximum one (1) head of team per country, one (1) manager per team, two (2) coaches per team, three (3) team medical staffs per team, two (2) trainers per team.
- MNA officials: three (3) MNA officials per country can be registered online by logging in to the WT GMS.
- Penalty: Penalty of US\$100 per person shall be paid to the Organizing Committee at the accreditation center in Sofia in the following cases.
 1. Any team official who is not registered online wants to be accredited at the accreditation center in Sofia although the total number of team officials does not exceed the designated number.
 2. In case of exceeding designated number of MNA officials wants to be accredited at the accreditation center in Sofia or any MNA official who is not registered online wants to be accredited at the accreditation center in Sofia.
 3. Any changes or additions to team official after August 23rd. This penalty will be considered the onsite fee for approved additions or changes to the national team list.
- **Any WT Global Licence registration completed onsite will be charged a US\$50 onsite processing fee for each WT Global Licence required.**

14. CLASSIFICATION OF RESULTS

Medals will be awarded to the top four athletes in the respective weight category of the pertinent competition:

1st PLACE:	USD 5'000, GOLD MEDAL & CERTIFICATE
2nd PLACE:	USD 3'000, SILVER MEDAL & CERTIFICATE
3rd PLACE:	USD 1'000, BRONZE MEDAL & CERTIFICATE
3rd PLACE:	USD 1'000, BRONZE MEDAL & CERTIFICATE

All athletes will get ranking point. The points will be reflected on WT World Ranking and WT Olympic Ranking. The ranking points per winners of the competition shall be allocated as follows.

Position	Ranking Point
1 st place	40.0
2 nd place	24.0
3 rd places	14.4
5 th places	8.64
9 th places	6.05
17 th Places	4.23

15. TEAM ENTRIES PER COUNTRY (MAXIMUM 33 MEMBERS)

POSITION	MAX. NO. OF MEMBERS	
	MALE	FEMALE
HEAD OF TEAM:		1
MANAGER:	1	1
COACH:	2	2
TRAINER:	2	2
TEAM MEDICAL STAFF:	3	3
CONTESTANTS:	8	8

16. INTERNATIONAL REFEREES

The WT will appoint a total of 50 International Referees. The appointed international referees shall officiate at the Sofia 2019 World Taekwondo GP; the following conditions shall apply:

- i. International Referees are required to pay for their own roundtrip airfares.
- ii. The Organizing Committee shall pay for the expenses for six (6) nights' stay of room and board.
Check-in: October 15 / Check-out: October 21
- iii. The Organizing Committee shall pay a per diem of US\$100 to the selected International Referees for competition period (total three days; US\$300 per referee).

17. TECHNICAL DELEGATE AND COMPETITION SUPERVISORY BOARD

The WT will appoint one (1) Technical Delegate and up to four (4) members of the Competition Supervisory Board. The following conditions shall apply:

- i. The Organizing Committee shall pay for the expenses for up to six (6) nights' stay of room and board.
Check-in from: October 15 / Check-out: October 21
- ii. The Organizing Committee shall pay a per diem of US\$100 to the Technical Delegate and the members of the Competition Supervisory Board for competition period (total three days; US\$300 per person).

18. WT-RECOGNIZED TAEKWONDO UNIFORM (DOBOK) AND PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- i. **Daedo Protector and Scoring System (PSS) including PSS Headgear** will be used for the competition.
- ii. Participating contestants are required to wear WT-recognized doboks and WT-recognized protective equipment. The latest version of WT-recognized manufacturers' list is available at the website of WT (<http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/wtf-partners/recognized>).
- iii. The Organizing Committee will provide Protector and Scoring System (PSS) to the participating contestants. Participating contestants are required to bring their own groin guards, mouthguard, gloves, sensing socks and shin and forearm guards for their personal use.
- iv. Before entering the field of play, all contestants will proceed to the inspection desk for inspection of their doboks and protective equipment. **Any contestant who wears unofficial doboks or protective equipment will not be permitted to compete.** Organizing Committee shall prepare white masking tapes to cover up any kind of identification of the manufacturers not recognized by the WT.
- v. Instant Video Replay (IVR) System will be used.
- vi. Wireless communication system between coach, referee, and review jury will be used.

19. IDENTIFICATION OF NOC CODE AND MANUFACTURER

- i. National flag shall be located between 3 to 3.5cm below from the shoulder line of the right arm.
- ii. NOC Code is a three-letter National Olympic Committee abbreviation, and it shall be printed at the back in black and centred at 5cm or higher from the bottom line of the upper garment within the size of 30cm width x 12cm height. The font of the letters shall be in bold "Verdana".
- iii. Manufacturer's identifications (name, designation trademark, logo or any distinctive sign of the manufacturer) shall be located one for the top of Kyorugi dobok within 30cm² and between 3 to 3.5cm below the shoulder line of the left arm, one for bottoms of Kyorugi dobok within 30cm² located above the knee and center of the right leg, and one for Kyorugi belt within 6cm² at the end of the belt.
- iv. The latest version of Application Guidelines is available at the website of World Taekwondo (http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/20180424_Guidelines-of-identifications.pdf).

20. SPONSOR'S IDENTIFICATION

- i. ONE sponsor's identification (logo) is allowed to each of Kyorugi uniform's top and bottoms.
- ii. The sponsor's identification shall be located within 50cm² except the location of WT logo, manufacturer's identification, national flag, and NOC code.
- iii. The detailed Application Guidelines of Sponsor's Identification is available at the WT website at (http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Final_Kyorugi-Uniform-Sponsorship_v7.pdf).

21. MEDICAL CONTROL

- i. The WT Anti-Doping Rules, and where necessary the Code of the World Anti-Doping Agency, shall apply throughout the competitions.
- ii. Compulsory anti-doping tests will be carried out for all medalists as well as random selection basis. The WT and/or WADA may carry out random out-of-competition testing prior to the competition. Therefore, all participating contestants are required to submit their latest and most accurate Athlete Location (Whereabouts Info) Forms to the WT.
- iii. TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemption)
Athletes who take any substance or medicine listed in the "Prohibited List" of the WT Anti-Doping Rules and Anti-Doping Code of World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) for therapeutic purposes are requested to visit the website of World Taekwondo to download TUE application form at <http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/2017-WT-TUE-Application-form.pdf> and report to the WT anti-doping coordinator at antidoping@worldtaekwondo.org *by no later than September 27th, 2019*. For more details, please see the following page of the WT website: <http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/medical-anti-doping/anti-doping/therapeutic-use-exemptions-tues/>
For ADAMS login, please contact National Anti-Doping Organization (NADO) in your country or WT anti-doping coordinator at antidoping@worldtaekwondo.org
- iv. WT Mouth guard, Taping and Bracing rules
<http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/WT-Mouthguard-brace-taping-and-padding-rules-5-29-2019.pdf>

22. HEAD OF TEAM MEETING

- i. The head of team meeting shall be conducted two (2) days prior to the start of the competition that is October 16th, in the presence of the WT officials and the representatives of the participating nations.
- ii. At least one representative from each team must attend the head of team meeting. In case of no representative can be at the meeting, the team must designate a proxy and inform Technical delegate or WT Sport & Event Management before the meeting.

23. WEIGH-IN

- i. General weigh-in of the contestants shall take place on the day before their respective weight category.
- ii. Random weigh-in of the contestants shall take place in the morning on the competition day of their respective weight category except M+80 & W+67. All contestants in draw must be presented
- iii. Random weigh-in shall apply to 6 contestants per each weight category with 5% allowance as below table.

Weight Category	5% allowance	Weight Category	5% allowance
M-58	Not exceeding 60.9kg	W-49	Not exceeding 51.5kg
M-68	Not exceeding 71.4kg	W-57	Not exceeding 59.9kg
M-80	Not exceeding 84kg	W-67	Not exceeding 70.4kg

- iv. During the weigh-in, male contestants shall wear underpants and female contestants shall wear underpants and brassieres. However, contestants may weigh-in in the nude if they wish to do so.

24. INDEMNITIES

- i. The respective national taekwondo associations shall be responsible for ensuring that all officials and participants are covered with effective travel & medical insurance coverage.
- ii. Participants without proper insurance coverage will not be allowed to compete at the competition.
- iii. The Organizing Committee will acquire general Public Liability event insurance.

25. ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORTATION

The participating teams are required to submit the hotel reservation only via the WT GMS registration system – worldtkd.simplycompete.com by no later than 9th September, 2019. No other registration method will be accepted. The hotel information is available on the WT GMS platform. Please watch video below on HOW to register your team's accommodation and flight details (for transportation) [HERE](#).

Once you (your WT GMS National Team Admin) register your team's accommodation detail on the WT GMS you need to wait to receive an official invoice from Organizing Committee with the total amount to pay before paying the total to the bank account of OC.

Cancellation policy:

- 50% payment will be charged if cancelled from September 15, 2019
- 100% payment will be charged if cancelled from September 20, 2019

26. VISA INFORMATION

The Organizing Committee can provide recommendation letters for visa applications.

However, MNAs are required to check the Bulgaria entry visa application waiting times in their own countries and submit requests for recommendation letters to the organizing committee. The Organizing Committee cannot guarantee entry into the Bulgaria and can only offer assistance. It is the responsibility of each athlete and MNA to apply for and secure the correct entry visa for the Bulgaria.

MNAs are requested to complete the attached visa application recommendation form at least one week before the waiting time deadline in their own country. Since there is no possibility to issue Visa upon arrival in Bulgaria all visa requests should be addressed to: office@taekwondo-bulgaria.org no later than October 1, 2019

27.COACH's ATTIRE

All coaches are required to wear formal suit such as tie, jacket, dress shirt (long or short), and trouser during Semi-Finals and Finals. If any coach refuses to wear abovementioned attire, he or she will not be allowed to coaching for SOFIA 2019 WT GP as well as next GP.

28.TEAM DOCTOR's MEETING

In order to receive accreditation card, all registered team medical staff must attend team doctor's meeting on October 16th 2019.

✂ Attachment

1. Timetable

TIMETABLE

(Subject to Change)

Date	Time	Event	Place
October 14-17		Arrival	Sofia Int'l Airport
October 15-17	10:00 -18:00	Registration	Hotel Marinela Hall MADARA
October 15-17	09:00-18:00	Team Training	Hotel Marinela EFE Center
October 16	10:00-18:00	Referee Training	Hotel Marinela Hall KYOTO
	13:00-15:00	Head of Team Meeting	Hotel Marinela Hall VITOSHA
October 17	10:00-18:00	Referee Training	Hotel Marinela Hall KYOTO/EFE Center
	10:00-12:00	General weigh-in for W-57Kg, M-58Kg, M-68Kg	Hotel Marinela
	16:00-17:00	Team Doctors Meeting	Hotel Marinela Hall KYOTO
October 18	08:30	Random weigh-in for W-57Kg, M-58Kg, M-68Kg	Hotel Marinela
	10:00-12:00	General weigh-in for W-67Kg, W+67Kg , M+80Kg	Hotel Marinela
	09:30-13:30	Competitions W-57Kg, M-58Kg, M-68Kg	Hotel Marinela EFE Center
	13:30 -14:30	Lunch break	Hotel Marinela Restaurant
	14:30-17:30	Round of 16 and quarterfinals W-57Kg, M-58Kg, M-68Kg	Hotel Marinela EFE Center
	17:30-19:00	Session break	Hotel Marinela
	19:00-22:00	Semi-finals, finals and Victory Ceremonies W-57Kg, M-58Kg, M-68Kg	Hotel Marinela EFE Center
October 19	08:30	Random weigh-in for W-67Kg	Hotel Marinela
	10:00-12:00	General weigh-in for W-49kg, M-80kg	Hotel Marinela
	09:30-13:30	Competitions W-67Kg, W+67Kg , M+80Kg	Hotel Marinela EFE Center
	13:30 -14:30	Lunch break	Hotel Marinela Restaurant
	14:30-17:30	Round of 16 and quarterfinals W-67Kg, W+67Kg , M+80Kg	Hotel Marinela EFE Center
	17:30-19:00	Session break	Hotel marinela
	19:00-22:00	Semi-finals, finals and Victory Ceremonies W-67Kg, W+67Kg , M+80Kg	Hotel Marinela EFE Center

Date	Time	Event	Place
October 20	08:00	Random weigh-in for W-49kg, M-80kg	Hotel Marinela
	09:00-12:00	Competitions W-49kg, M-80kg	Hotel Marinela EFE Center
	12:00-13:00	Lunch break	Hotel Marinela Restaurant
	13:00-15:30	Round of 16 and quarterfinals W-49kg, M-80kg	Hotel Marinela EFE Center
	15:30-16:30	Session Break	Hotel Marinela
	16:30-18:30	Semi-finals, finals and Victory Ceremonies W-49kg, M-80kg	Hotel Marinela EFE Center