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Article 1:

Fundamental Principles

- 1 Ranking system shall be applied to all WT-promoted and recognized G Rank events or to the event determined by the WT, provided that the championships are organized in compliance with WT Competition Rules under supervision of the WT Technical Delegate, on an individual basis in the eight (8) World weight categories or four (4) Olympic weight categories (men and women) of senior category that are defined in the WT Competition Rules.
- 2 WT Rankings shall be published in two documents: WT World Weight Category Ranking and WT Olympic Weight Category Ranking. WT World Weight Category Ranking is the ranking of eight (8) senior weight categories for men and women, respectively; and WT Olympic Weight Category Ranking is the ranking of four (4) Olympic weight categories for men and women, respectively.

2.1 When an athlete competes in WT promoted or recognized tournaments:

2.1.1 WT World Weight Category Ranking: Points earned by athletes are allocated to the World Weight Category Rankings in which he/she competes at the WT promoted or recognized events. WT will publish a ranking for each weight category and it is possible for an athlete to be ranked in several categories.

2.1.2 WT Olympic Weight Category Ranking: Ranking is built by cumulating points earned in a World Weight Category and two (2) adjacent World Weight Categories (for example, the Olympic weight category ranking -58kg is calculated by cumulating the points earned in -54kg, -58kg and -63kg). An athlete shall be ranked in one(1) Olympic weight category following his/her selection.(Article 1.3)

Men's category			Women's category		
World	→	Olympic	World	→	Olympic
-54, -58, -63kg	→	-58kg	-46, -49, -53kg	→	-49kg
-63, -68, -74kg	→	-68kg	-53, -57, -62kg	→	-57kg
-74, -80, -87kg	→	-80kg	-62, -67, -73kg	→	-67kg
-80, -87, +87kg	→	+80kg	-67, -73, +73kg	→	+67kg

2.2 If an athlete competes in Olympic weight category tournaments:

2.2.1 WT World Weight Category Ranking: Ranking points shall be recorded as follows.

Men's category			Women's category		
Olympic	→	World	Olympic	→	World
-58kg	→	-58kg	-49kg	→	-49kg
-68kg	→	-68kg	-57kg	→	-57kg
-80kg	→	-80kg	-67kg	→	-67kg
+80kg	→	+87kg	+67kg	→	+73kg

2.2.2 WT Olympic Weight Category Ranking: Ranking points shall be awarded to the athlete in the weight category in which the athlete competed in.

2.2.3 The declaration of an Olympic weight category does not restrict an athlete to compete only in the declared Olympic weight category. However, in case an athlete earns points in an Olympic weight category other than what is declared at the time of competition points will be awarded according to Article 1.2.1.2. This means these points may not be reflected in the Olympic weight category rankings unless the athlete changes their declared Olympic weight category in accordance with Article 1.3.4.

3. Choice of Olympic weight category

- 3.1 Athletes can determine their choice of Olympic Weight Category during an annual window from May 1 to 25 using the online system for the Global Athlete Licence or an alternate method announced by WT. The selected Olympic Weight Category will be applicable for events held for a period of one year from June 1 to May 31 of the following year by the athlete. The Olympic Weight Category selection or change will be reflected in the July rankings released following the closure of the Olympic Weight Category selection window for the year.
- 3.2 If no change in Olympic Weight Category is announced during the annual Olympic weight category declaration window period, the athlete automatically keeps the most recently declared Olympic Weight Category from the previous year (s).
- 3.3 If an athlete does not select an Olympic Weight Category, the allocation of points from the World Weight Category to the Olympic Weight Category will use the following default allocation and an athlete in this case may be ranked in more than one Olympic Weight Category.

Men's category			Women's category		
World	→	Olympic	World	→	Olympic
-54, -58kg	→	-58kg	-46, -49kg	→	-49kg
-63, -68kg	→	-68kg	-53, -57kg	→	-57kg
-74, -80kg	→	-80kg	-62, -67kg	→	-67kg
-87, +87kg	→	+80kg	-73, +73kg	→	+67kg

- 3.4 If an athlete changes their declared Olympic Weight Category, the valid points in the ranking cycle will be transferred only from the overlapping World Weight Category(s) to the newly selected Olympic Weight Category as per the following default allocation.

Men's category			Women's category		
World	→	Olympic	World	→	Olympic
Points from -63kg	→	-68kg	Points from -53kg	→	-57kg
Points from -63kg	→	-58kg	Points from -53kg	→	-49kg
Points from -74kg	→	-80kg	Points from -62kg	→	-67kg
Points from -74kg	→	-68kg	Points from -62kg	→	-57kg
Points from -80, -87kg	→	+80kg	Points from -67, -73kg	→	+67kg
Points from -80, -87kg	→	-80kg	Points from -67, -73kg	→	-67kg

Ex) Athlete in -58kg Olympic Weight Category changes to -68kg Olympic Weight Category

- 54kg	→	- 58kg	←	- 63kg
↓				
All World Weight Category Ranking points (-54kg, -58kg and -63kg) recorded in -58kg Olympic Weight Category Ranking				
↓				
Athlete changes to - 68kg Olympic Weight Category in next year between May 1 and May 25				
↓				
World ranking points from -54kg & -58kg do not transfer to -68kg Olympic Weight Category Ranking				
↓				
Only previously earned points in ranking cycle from -63kg world weight category ranking transfer to -68kg Olympic Weight Category Ranking				

Article 2

Allocated points per rank

- 1 The 1st ranked athlete shall receive 10 points;
- 2 The 2nd ranked athlete shall receive 60% of the points awarded to the 1st ranked athlete (i.e. 6 points);
- 3 The 3rd ranked athlete shall receive 60% of the points awarded to the 2nd ranked athlete (i.e. 3.6 points);
- 4 The 4th (5th in case of elimination tournament) ranked athlete shall receive 60% of the points awarded to the 3rd ranked athlete (i.e. 2.16)
- 5 The 5th (9th in case of elimination tournament) ranked athlete shall receive 70% of the points awarded to the 4th ranked athlete (i.e. 1.512). From this point on, an athlete shall receive 70% of the points awarded to the athlete ranked higher than him or her.
- 6 Points will be rounded-up to two (2) decimal places (e.g. 94.235 will be recorded as 94.24).
- 7 Ranking points shall be awarded to the certain ranked athletes in accordance with Ranking Point Chart as below:

Rank	G1	G2*	G2	G3	G4	G6	G10**	G14
1 st placed contestant	10.00	20.00	20.00	30.00	40.00	60.00	100.00	140.00
2 nd placed contestant	6.00	12.00	12.00	18.00	24.00	36.00	60.00	84.00
3 rd placed contestants	3.60	7.20	7.20	10.80	14.40	21.60	36.00	50.40
4 th placed contestants	-	4.32	-	-	-	-	21.60	-
5 th placed contestants	2.16	3.02	4.32	6.48	8.64	12.96	15.12	30.24
9 th placed contestants	1.51	2.12	3.02	4.54	6.05	9.07	10.58	21.17
17 th placed contestant	1.06	1.48	2.12	3.18	4.23	6.35	7.41	14.82
33 rd placed contestant	0.74	1.04	1.48	2.22	2.96	4.45	5.19	10.37
65 th placed contestant	0.52	0.73	1.04	1.56	2.07	3.11	3.63	7.26

* Applicable ONLY for Grand Prix Challenge

** Applicable ONLY for Grand Prix Final

- 7.1 G-1, G-2 & G-3: Athlete must win minimum one match to earn ranking points, and won by bye or DSQ shall not be counted as a win
- 7.2 Events with repechage (Only applicable for G-20 event): in accordance with the Repechage Ranking Point Chart Grade as below:

Rank	G20*
1 st placed contestant	200.00
2 nd placed contestant	120.00

3 rd placed contestants	72.00
5 th placed contestants	43.20
7 th placed contestants	30.24
9 th placed contestant	21.17
11 th placed contestant	14.82
12 th or 17 th placed contestant	10.37
<i>*See the article 3.1 for different ranking of the Olympic Games</i>	

- 7.3 Any event applying Repechage format other than G20 Olympic Games will have the points awarded in accordance with the table in Article 2.7 and the result classified as follows:
7th place will be classified as 5th place, 11th place will be classified as 9th place.
- 7.4 Medalist for Youth Olympic Games (YOG), World Taekwondo Junior Championships (WTJC), and Continental Junior Championships (CJC) as following:

Rank	YOG	WTJC	CJC
1st ranked	60.00	40.00	20.00
2nd ranked	36.00	24.00	12.00
3rd ranked	21.60	14.40	7.20

- 7.4.1 Athletes who are 17 at the end of the year they earn the medal will be awarded points in their selected Olympic Weight Category at the time of competition.
- 7.4.2 For athletes who are 15 or 16 at the end of the year they earn the medal the pertinent ranking points shall be reflected in the July rankings released in the year the medalist turns 17 in the declared Olympic Weight Category.
- 7.4.3 The ranking points shall be awarded in the World Weight Category according to the article 1.2.2.1.
- 7.4.4 To award the pertinent ranking points in the year that the medalist turns 17 years old, the choice of the Olympic Weight Category must be determined as described in article 1.3.1.
- 7.4.5 In case the medalist does not have an Olympic Weight Category selected during the annual Olympic weight category selection window from May 1 to 25 in Year 17, the pertinent ranking points shall be awarded as follows:

Men's category			Women's category		
Junior/Youth Olympic	→	Olympic	Junior/Youth Olympic	→	Olympic
-45, -48, -51, -55kg	→	-58kg	-42, -44, -46, -49kg	→	-49kg
-59, -63, -68kg	→	-68kg	-52, -55kg	→	-57kg
-73, +73, -78kg	→	-80kg	-59, -63, +63kg	→	-67kg
+78kg	→	+80kg	-68, +68kg	→	+67kg

8 G1, G2, G3 and G4 ranking point allocation of Olympic Weight Category:

- 8.1 The following Maximum points (point cap) can be earned from G1, G2, G3 and G4 tournaments for the next 4-year Olympic Cycles are as follows:
- June 1 – December 31, 2024: 20 Points

- January 1 – December 31, 2025: 40 Points
- January 1 – May 31, 2026: 20 Points
- June 1 – December 31, 2026: 20 Points
- January 1 – December 31, 2027: 40 Points
- January 1 – May 31, 2028: 20 Points

These points shall count for the ranking in the selected Olympic Weight Category independently from the World Weight Category where they were achieved.

WT promoted and recognized events excluded from the above point cap are as follows:

Grade	Event
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - World Taekwondo Women's Open Championships - Continental Championships (2-year cycle) - Continental Multi-Sports Games (4-year cycle) - World Taekwondo Junior Championships
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WT President's Cup for own continent (effective from 2025)
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WT GP Challenge - Continental Junior Championships

- Any tournament with less than four (4) countries or weight category with less than four (4) competed contestants cannot be recognized in the official results.
- In the weight category that the competed athletes are less than eight (8) at G1, G2, G3 and G4 events points shall be allocated as following:

Rank	G1	G2	G3	G4
1st ranked	6.00	12.00	18.00	24.00
2nd ranked	3.60	7.20	10.80	14.40
3rd ranked	2.16	4.32	6.48	8.64
5th ranked	1.51	3.02	4.54	6.05

Article 3

Determination of ranks ('T' means 'tie'; more than one athlete)

- Olympic Games & G20 Events which applies repechage (according to current quota)
 - Weight categories in case winner of qualification contest not advanced to the final and weight categories without qualification contest
 - 1st : Gold medalist, 2nd: Silver medalist,
 - T-3 : Bronze medalists
 - T-5: Losers to bronze medalists
 - T-7: Losers at repechage
 - T-9: Quarter-finalists who didn't advance to repechage
 - T-11: Losers at preliminary without advancing to repechage
 - T-17: Losers of Qualification Contest

- 1.2 Weight categories in case winner of qualification contest advanced to the final
 - 1st : Gold medalist, 2nd: Silver medalist,
 - T-3 : Bronze medalists
 - T-5: Losers to bronze medalists
 - T-7: Losers at repechage
 - T-9: Quarter-finalists who didn't advance to repechage
 - T-11: Losers at repechage between the loser of the qualification contest and the loser of the round of 16
 - T-12: Losers at preliminary without advancing to repechage
- 2 Qualification Tournament for Olympic Games (in case of two finalists are qualified) [No ranking points awarded]
 - Finalists: Winners of semi-finals
 - 3rd: Winner of bronze-medal contest
 - 4th: Loser of bronze-medal contest
 - T-5: Losers of quarter-finals
 - T-9: Losers at round of 16
 - T-17: Losers at round of 32 and so on
- 3 Qualification Tournament for Olympic games (in case of 1st ranked athlete is qualified) [No ranking points awarded]
 - 1st: Winner of final, 2nd: Loser of final
 - T-3: Losers to finalists at semi-final
 - T-5: Losers of quarter-final
 - T-9: Losers at round of 16
 - T-17: Losers at round of 32 and so on
- 4 WT-promoted championships and recognized events
 - 1st : Winner of final, 2nd: loser of final
 - T-3: Losers to finalists at semi-final
 - T-5: Losers of quarter-final
 - T-9: Losers at round of 16
 - T-17: Losers at round of 32 and so on
- 5 In case an athlete will be disqualified during or in connection with an Event may, upon the decision of the ruling body of the Event, lead to Disqualification of all the Athlete's individual results obtained in that Event with all consequences, including forfeiture of all medals, points and prizes.
 - 5.1 If the 1st ranked athlete is disqualified during or in connection with an Event, the silver medalist who lost from that particular finalist shall move up to first place and no change to the rest of ranking.
 - 5.2 [Case with one bronze medalist] If the 2nd ranked athlete is disqualified during or in connection with an Event, the bronze medalist shall move up to second place and no change to the rest of ranking.
 - 5.3 [Case with two bronze medalists] If the 2nd ranked athlete is disqualified during or in connection with an Event, the bronze medalist who lost by elimination from that particular finalist shall move up to second place and no change to the rest of ranking.
 - 5.4 [Case with one bronze medalist] If the 3rd ranked athlete is disqualified during or in connection with an Event, the loser of the bronze medal contest finalist shall move up to third place and

- no change to the rest of ranking.
- 5.5 [Case with two bronze medalists] If one of the 3rd ranked athlete is disqualified during or in connection with an Event, the loser of the quarterfinal who lost by elimination from that particular semifinalist shall move up to third place and no change to the rest of ranking.
- 5.6 If an athlete has not finished one full match cannot move up to the next place and receive any benefit from the disqualification of other athletes.
- 5.7 If the athlete who should move up has been disqualified, he/she cannot receive any benefit from the disqualification of other athletes. In this case, next athlete will move up in placing according to the ranking system.

Article 4

Grade of events

- 1 Criteria of grading events are as follows.
 - 1.1 Number of participants and countries
 - 1.2 Composition of eligible International Referees from outside of host country
 - 1.3 Organizing Committee's abidance by WT Competition Rules
 - 1.4 Overall operation of tournaments
 - 1.5 Maximum number of games per court per day: 50
 - 1.6 Senior Kyorugi competition to be held on a stand alone basis
 - 1.7 Venue facilities
 - 1.8 Successful submission of the OC report
 - 1.9 General comments of Technical Delegate
- 2 The grades of all WT-promoted championships and recognized tournaments shall be published on the official WT Web site in December of the previous year.
- 3 The Technical Delegate assigned for the pertinent championship shall evaluate the championships in accordance with the evaluation criteria, and submit the report to the WT Sport & Event Management Department within two (2) working days after the completion of the championship.
- 4 The WT President shall determine or may empower Secretary General to determine the grade of the championship upon the evaluation and recommendation of the Technical Delegate and the report submitted by Organizing Committee.
- 5 Grade of events is as follows:

Grade	Event
20	Olympic Games
14	World Taekwondo Championships
10	World Taekwondo GP Final
6	World Taekwondo GP Series, Youth Olympic Games
4	World Taekwondo Women's Open Championships, Continental Championships (2-year cycle), Continental Multi-Sports Games (4-year cycle), World Taekwondo Junior Championships, World Taekwondo Under 21 Championships, World University Games
3	WT President's Cup (effective from 2025)

2	WT G2 tournaments, WT GP Challenge, CISM World Games, Continental Junior Championships, WT Grand Slam Challenge
1	WT G1 Tournaments, World University Championships, Multi-sport Games other than Continental multi-games with 4-year cycle, World Military Championships

Article 5

Validation of the points

- 1 The awarded points shall only be valid within a two (2) year window from as of July 1 Ranking, meaning competitions taking place from June 1 until May 31. For example, all competitions from Jun 1, 2024 to May 31, 2026.
- 2 For example, for an event held in June 2024, the points will be awarded in the July 2024 ranking, with 50 % points being deducted after 12 months in the July 2025 rankings and these points will become zero (0) in the July 2026 rankings. However, points awarded within 12 months from the point reset in July 2026 will become zero (0) in the July 2026 rankings.

i.e.) LA 2028 Olympic Cycle

Non-Olympic Qualification Ranking Period (June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2026)		Olympic Qualification Ranking Period (June 1, 2026 – May 31, 2028)	
Event	Reflection in Ranking Points	Event	Reflection in Ranking Points
June 2024	July 2024	June 2026	July 2026
July 2024	August 2024	July 2026	August 2026
August 2024	September 2024	August 2026	September 2026
.	.	.	.
.	.	.	.
.	.	.	.
May 2026	June 2026	May 2028	June 2028
July 2026	Points earned during the Non-Olympic Qualification Ranking Period will become zero	July 2028	Points earned during the Olympic Qualification Ranking Period will become zero

- 3 The official ranking can always be found on the WT website, and the WT will officially announce the Olympic and World Weight Category Ranking at the beginning of every month.
- 4 In the event that an athlete obtains points in one WT World Weight Category and then obtains points in another WT World Weight Category in different events, the pertinent athlete will be ranked in the respective weight category, resulting that the same athlete can be ranked in more than one weight category of WT World Weight Category Ranking.
- 5 In consultation with the Games Committee, World Taekwondo may amend the point deduction cycle of an event.

Article 6

Application of the points

- 1 The Organizing Committee shall submit the official results (template provided by WT) to the Technical Delegate and WT Secretariat no later than two (2) days after completion of the pertinent tournament for reflection of the ranking points in the WT World Weight Category Ranking and WT Olympic Weight Category Ranking.
- 2 Ranking points shall only be applied when Technical Delegate approve official results and submit official WT results and participation spreadsheet to the WT no later than two (2) days following the end of the tournament

Article 7

Seeding

- 1 All ranked athletes will be seeded at all WT Promoted and Recognized Tournaments including the Olympic Games and World Championships. Seeding of GP events will be stipulated in the GP Standing Procedures.
- 2 In the event that any of the seeded athletes is ineligible to participate (i.e. not registered in the entry list or failed General weigh-in or no show), the next highest ranked athlete(s) shall be seeded to make up the quota except Olympic Games
- 3 Only in the World Taekwondo Championships and Continental Championships, the registered athlete from the host nation will be seeded at the 4th place in case that he/she has not been seeded within 4th place. Host Country Seeding of Olympic Games is stipulated in the Olympic Standing Procedures, and GP Series in Standing Procedure of World Taekwondo Grand Prix.
- 4 If two or more athletes achieved the same points in same weight category, it shall be considered as tied in ranking. In the case of tie-ranks at the seeding, the athlete who won the points at the higher graded events shall be considered as the higher-ranked athlete. In the case that the athletes are still tied in terms of points, the higher-ranked athlete shall be decided by random drawing.

Article 8

Effectuation

This amended bylaw shall come into effect from September 30, 2024.

Article 9

Amendment

This Bylaw shall be amended by approval of WT Council.