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To: Presidents and Secretaries General,
World Taekwondo Member National Associations

NAIROBI 2025 WORLD TAEKWONDO UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dear colleagues,

It is with great pride that I invite you to the inaugural **Nairobi 2025 World Taekwondo Under 21 Championships**, to be held in the vibrant city of Nairobi, Kenya, from **December 3–6, 2025**.

This landmark event marks the **first-ever edition of the Under 21 Championships**, creating a new platform for the next generation of Taekwondo athletes to showcase their talent.

The Under 21 Championships will play a vital role in supporting young athletes as they transition from junior to senior level, preparing many to compete at future Olympic Games. We are confident that this event will inspire athletes and fans alike, highlighting the bright future of our sport.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the **Kenya Taekwondo Federation** and the **City of Nairobi** for their commitment and hospitality in hosting this historic gathering.

The Nairobi 2025 World Taekwondo Under 21 Championships will be a celebration of youth, excellence, and unity, bringing together athletes and nations from around the world. I warmly encourage all **Member National Associations** to participate fully and proudly represent their nations on this exciting new stage.

I look forward to welcoming you all to Nairobi for a truly memorable and groundbreaking championships.

Sincerely yours,



Chungwon Choue
President



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NAIROBI 2025 WORLD TAEKWONDO UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIPS December 3 – 6 2025 / Nairobi, Kenya

1. PROMOTER: WORLD TAEKWONDO (WT)

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E-MAIL: sport@worldtaekwondo.org (Sport & Event Management Department)
WEB-SITE: www.worldtaekwondo.org

2. ORGANIZING MNA: Kenya Taekwondo Federation

ADDRESS: Nyayo National Stadium –Mombasa Road P.O. Box 61002-00200, Nairobi
TELEPHONE: +254728556422
WEB-SITE: <https://www.kenyataekwondofederation.org/>

3. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

ADDRESS: Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani – Nairobi
P.O. Box Private Bag, Kasarani Nairobi
TELEPHONE: +254728556422
E-MAIL: info@kenyau21wtchampionship2025.com
WEBSITE: <https://www.kenyau21wtchampionship2025.com>

4. VENUE: Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani – Nairobi

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 nominated by the pertinent national taekwondo association that is recognised by the World Taekwondo.
- CRITERION #3:** Holder of the Kukkiwon Poom or Dan Certificate
(*A copy of the Dan certificate should be uploaded to GMS prior to registration for 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 prior to registration for event. Please refer to the Kukkiwon Web site (www.kukkiwon.or.kr) for more information.)
- CRITERION #4:** An athlete must be born between January 1 2004 and December 31 2008.
- CRITERION #5:** Holder of the active WT Global Athlete License (GAL)
* Any questions on the WT GAL please contact your assigned WT GMS Manager

6. COMPETITION RULES

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The latest published WT Competition Rules & Interpretation shall be applied.

7. METHOD OF COMPETITION

- i. Single elimination system
- ii. Grade: G-4
- iii. Maximum quotas per MNA: One (1) athlete per weight category
- iv. Seeding and drawing of lots: For every weight category, regardless of number of athletes all the athletes will be seeded based on the WT World Ranking published in November.

- v. ~~Host Nation: Athlete from the host nation has not been seeded within the 4th place; he/she will be seeded at the 4th place.~~

Host country seeding is only applicable for the World Taekwondo Championships, in accordance with the Article 7.3 of the WT Ranking Bylaw.

WT has announced the point related to the host country seeding during the Head of Team Meeting, so the article 7.3 of the WT Ranking Bylaw is not applicable for the World Taekwondo Under 21 Championships.

8. CONTEST TIME

Best of 3 system [2 minutes x 2 (3) rounds with 1 minute break]

9. CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATING TEAMS

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

10. TEAM ENTRIES PER COUNTRY (MAXIMUM 43 MEMBERS)

POSITION	MAX. NO. OF MEMBERS	
	MALE	FEMALE
HEAD OF TEAM:	1	
MANAGER:	1	1
COACH:	4	4
TRAINER:	2	2
TEAM MEDICAL STAFF:	3	3
CONTESTANTS:	8	8
MNA OFFICIALS:	3	
MNA GUESTS:	3	

- i. All Athletes and Team officials must FIRST be registered with a WT Global Athlete Licence (GAL) or Global Official Licence (GOL).
- ii. National Team Entry will only be accepted through the WT online registration system and registration is only possible with a valid WT Global Licence. MNA assigned 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"
- iii. Only one (1) athlete per weight category per MNA may be registered. Additional or reserve athletes will not be accepted.
- iv. Entry submissions for the athletes after the deadline will not be accepted under any circumstances. Changes to weight categories after the entry deadline will also not be

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- permitted.
- v. Athletes and team officials registered online may be replaced without penalty until the regular registration closes. (**November 4th, 2025, 17:00 Swiss Local Time**)
 - vi. Registration fee will not be charged in case of cancellation of participation until the regular registration closes. (**November 4th, 2025, 17:00 Swiss Local Time**)
 - vii. Registration fee must be paid in full in case of the notice of cancellation of participating athletes after the regular registration deadlines or in case of no-show. The amount of registration fee to be paid may vary depending on the registered period.
 - viii. Team officials can hold **ONLY** one position, holding multiple positions (roles) is not allowed.
 - ix. Additional Penalty: Penalty of US\$100 per person shall be paid to the Organizing Committee at the accreditation center in the following cases:
 - Any team official (any position listed above except for contestants) who is not registered online but seeks accreditation at the accreditation center, even if the total number of team officials does not exceed the designated limit.
 - Any team official (any position listed above except for contestants) who seeks to be accredited, online or onsite, exceeding the designated number of entries.
 - Any changes or additions that are made to a team entry list (except for contestants) after the regular registration closes will incur a US\$100 penalty in addition to the registration fees. This penalty will be considered the onsite fee for approved changes or additions to the team entry list.
- * **Any WT Global Licence registration completed onsite will incur a US\$50 onsite processing fee per WT Global Licence required.**

11. WEIGHT CATEGORIES

Men's division		Women's division	
Under 54kg	Not exceeding 54kg	Under 46kg	Not exceeding 46 kg
Under 58kg	Over 54 kg & not exceeding 58 kg	Under 49kg	Over 46 kg & not exceeding 49 kg
Under 63kg	Over 58 kg & not exceeding 63 kg	Under 53kg	Over 49 kg & not exceeding 53 kg
Under 68kg	Over 63 kg & not exceeding 68 kg	Under 57kg	Over 53 kg & not exceeding 57 kg
Under 74kg	Over 68 kg & not exceeding 74 kg	Under 62kg	Over 57 kg & not exceeding 62 kg
Under 80kg	Over 74 kg & not exceeding 80 kg	Under 67kg	Over 62 kg & not exceeding 67 kg
Under 87kg	Over 80 kg & not exceeding 87 kg	Under 73kg	Over 67 kg & not exceeding 73 kg
Over 87kg	Over 87 kg	Over 73kg	Over 73 kg

12. ENTRY TIMELINE

EARLY REGISTRATION (DISCOUNTED) FEES: National teams that **complete** their registration during this period will be charged a discounted registration fee.

- **Registration Fee:** \$ 75 USD per athlete
- **Registration Period:** October 3, 2025, 17:00 to October 17, 2025, 17:00 Swiss Local Time

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REGULAR ENTRY FEES: National teams that complete their registration during this period will be charged the regular registration fee.

- **Registration Fee:** \$ 100 USD per athlete
- **Registration Period:** October 17, 2025, 17:01 to November 4, 2025, 17:00 Swiss Local Time

**** At the close of regular registration on November 4, 2025 at 17:00 Swiss local time, WT and the Organizing will decide whether to extend the registration period. If the late registration period is to be implemented, it will be announced through an official communication, and the following late registration dates and fees will apply.***

LATE REGISTRATION FEES: National teams that complete their registration during this period will be charged the late registration fee.

- **Registration Fee:** \$150 per athlete
- **Registration Period:** (if implemented) November 4, 2025, 17:01 to November 14, 2025, 17:00 Swiss Local Time.

13.ENTRY FEES PAYMENT

Participating teams shall pay entry fee via online payment through the GMS system. If online payment is not feasible, WT will accept payment in cash in USD at the Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani – Nairobi. Athletes shall not be allowed to compete without successful payment of entry fee to the Organizing Committee.

14.LATE ATHLETE REPLACEMENT

- i. Late Athlete Replacement due to injury shall be handled case by case.
- ii. An MNA wishing to replace an athlete after the regular registration deadline must complete the Late Athlete Replacement Form attached to this outline and submit it to the WT Sport and Event Management Department at sport@worldtaekwondo.org no later than November 30, 2025, at 14:00 (local time). Please note that replacements are only permitted within the same weight category. No requests for replacement will be accepted after the deadline.
- iii. Please refer to the appendix for the Late Athlete Replacement form.

15.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+87 & W+73.
- iii. Random weigh-in shall apply to following number of athletes with 5% allowance as below tables.
- 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 want to do so.

No. of contestants in weight category	No. (%) of random weigh-in contestants
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More than 32	20%
17-32	6
9-16	4
4-8	2
Below 4	0

Weight Category	5% allowance	Weight Category	5% allowance
M-54	Not exceeding 56.7kg	W-46	Not exceeding 48.3kg
M-58	Not exceeding 60.9kg	W-49	Not exceeding 51.5kg
M-63	Not exceeding 66.2kg	W-53	Not exceeding 55.7kg
M-68	Not exceeding 71.4kg	W-57	Not exceeding 59.9kg
M-74	Not exceeding 77.7kg	W-62	Not exceeding 65.1kg
M-80	Not exceeding 84.0kg	W-67	Not exceeding 70.4kg
M-87	Not exceeding 91.4kg	W-73	Not exceeding 76.7kg

16. CLASSIFICATION OF RESULTS

i. Individual Awards

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

1st PLACE:	GOLD MEDAL & CERTIFICATE
2nd PLACE:	SILVER MEDAL & CERTIFICATE
3rd PLACE:	BRONZE MEDAL & CERTIFICATE
3rd PLACE:	BRONZE MEDAL & CERTIFICATE

Ranking points will be reflected on WT World Ranking and WT Olympic Ranking of January. The points per winners of the championships shall be allocated as follows.

Position	Ranking Point
1st place	40.00
2nd place	24.00
3rd place	14.40
5th place	8.64
9th place	6.05
17th place	4.23
33rd place	2.96
65th place	2.07

ii. Team Awards

Based on the point system below, the top five (5) teams of the Men's division and the top five (5) teams of the Women's division will receive trophies:

- Basic one (1) point per each contestant who entered the competition area after passing the general weigh-in
- One (1) point per each win (win by a bye included)
- Additional one hundred and twenty (120) points per gold medal
- Additional fifty (50) points per silver medal
- Additional twenty (20) points per bronze medal

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In case more than two (2) teams are tied in score, the rank shall be decided by 1) number of gold, silver and bronze medals won by the team in order, 2) number of participating contestants and 3) higher points in heavier weight categories.

Other prizes, such as the “Good Fighting Spirit Prize”, “Active Participation Prize”, MVPs and Best Referees and Best Coaches shall be awarded to selected teams and individuals.

17.WT-RECOGNIZED TAEKWONDO COMPETITION UNIFORM AND PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- i. **Waychamp** Protector and Scoring System (PSS) including **PSS Headgear** will be used for the Championships.
- ii. Participating contestants are required to wear **WT-recognized competition uniform** and WT-recognized protective equipment. The latest version of WT recognized manufactures’ list is available at the website of WT [World Taekwondo PARTNERS & SUPPLIERS](#).
- 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, mouthpieces, 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 competition uniforms and protective equipment. **Any contestant who wears unofficial competition uniforms or protective equipment will not be permitted to compete.**
- v. The top has to cover completely the buttocks. However, the bottom of top should be more than 15cm above the knee cap.
- vi. Instant Video Replay (IVR) System will be used.
- vii. Wireless communication system between center referee and review jury will be used.

18.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 must be printed at the back in black** and centered 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 within 30cm² and between 3 to 3.5cm below the shoulder line of the left arm, one for bottoms or 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.

19.SPONSOR’S IDENTIFICATION

- i. ONE sponsor’s identification (logo) is allowed to each of competition 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.

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20.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 selected medalists, while random tests will be conducted to the rest of the athletes. The WT and/or WADA may carry out random out of competition testing prior to the championships.
- 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 submit TUE applications via ADAMS, together with the required medical information. If you do not have an ADAMS account yet, please contact tue@ita.sport to have it set up.

Otherwise, please download the TUE Application Form [HERE](#) and once duly completed and signed, send it together with the required medical file to tue@ita.sport with copy to antidoping@worldtaekwondo.org by at least 30 days before the first competition day. For more details, please see the following page of the WT website: http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/anti_doping-wt/therapeutic.html

- 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>

21.HEAD OF TEAM MEETING & DRAWING OF LOTS SESSION

- i. The head of team meeting shall be conducted two (2) days prior to the start of the 1st day of competition that is December 1, 2025, 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 department before the meeting.
- iii. Drawing of lots will take place each day following the completion of General Weigh-in. Draw will be published on WT website within four hours after the Weigh-in.

22.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 in the championships.
- iii. The Organizing Committee will acquire general Public Liability event insurance.

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23.ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORTATION

The participating teams are required to submit the hotel reservation only via the official website of the organizing committee. In view of the peak tourist season, it is recommended that all teams must complete hotel reservations and payments in a timely manner. Reservations and full payment must be completed before November 4, 2025.

Teams that book official hotels through the OC will enjoy the ground transportation services. The organizing committee will also provide the following transportation services in Nairobi:

- i. Transportation between the official hotel and the airport (Jomo Kenyatta International Airport)
- ii. Transportation between the official hotel and the accreditation center, Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani
- iii. Daily round-trip shuttle service between the official hotel and the competition venue during competition days
- iv. Daily round-trip shuttle service between the official hotel and the training venue on training days before the start of the event
- v. Shuttle service between the official hotel and the competition venue for athletes participating in the weigh-in
- vi. Shuttle service between the official hotel and various conference locations, including:
 - Delegates attending the head of team meeting
 - Delegates attending the welcome reception

24.VISA INFORMATION

Kenya is a visa free country up to 90 days. However, teams are requested to check the event website (<https://kenyau21wtchampionship2025.com>) for entry visa application waiting times in their own countries/regions and submit requests for invitation letters to the organizing committee. Please note that obtaining a visa remains the sole responsibility of the participant's country. The visa invitation letter from OC will be sent within 3 working days after request.

25.COACH's REQUIREMENTS

All coaches are required to hold WT Coach Certificate Level II(2). Coaches those do not hold Level II coach certificate will be deleted from the registration and not allowed to coach at the Championships.

All coaches are required to wear formal suit such as tie, jacket, dress shirt (long or short), and trousers, and sport shoes during Semi-Finals and Finals. Any type of cap/hat is not allowed. If any coach refuses to wear abovementioned attire, he or she will not be allowed to coaching for this championship.

26.TEAM MEDICAL STAFF MEETING & WT MEDICINE CONFERENCE

In order to receive accreditation card, all registered team medical staffs must attend medical meetings on December 1, 2025. The accreditation cards for medical staff will be distributed at the meeting.

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TIMETABLE

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Date	Time	Event	Place
Nov 29	0900-1800	Arrival of the teams	
Nov 30	0900-1800	Registration	Stadion Hotel
Dec 1	1000-1800	Referee meeting and training	Sports View Hotel
	1400-1600	Head of Team Meeting	Stadion Hotel
	1600-1800	Team Doctors Meeting	
Dec 2	1000-1800	Referees meeting and training	Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani
	1000-1200	General Weigh in W-49 W+73 M-58 M+87	
Dec 3	0800	Random Weigh in W-49 M-58	Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani
	0900-1300	Preliminaries & Round of 16 W-49 W+73 M-58 M+87	
	1000-1200	General Weigh in W-57 W-73 M-63 M-80	
	1300-1400	Lunch Break	
	1400-1500	Quarter Finals	
	1500-1530	Session Break	
	1530-1730	Semi Finals & Finals	
	1900-2030	Opening Ceremony	
Dec 4	0800	Random Weigh in W-57 W-73 M-63 M-80	Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani
	0900-1300	Preliminaries & Round of 16 W-57 W-73 M-63 M-80	
	1000-1200	General Weigh in W-53 W-67 M-54 M-74	
	1300-1400	Lunch Break	
	1400-1500	Quarter Finals	
	1500-1530	Session Break	
	1530-1730	Semi Finals & Finals	
Dec 5	0800	Random Weigh in W-53 W-67 M-54 M-74	Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani
	0900-1300	Preliminaries & Round of 16 W-53 W-67 M-54 M-74	
	1000-1200	General Weigh in W-46 W-62 M-68 M-87	
	1300-1400	Lunch Break	
	1400-1500	Quarter Finals	
	1500-1530	Session Break	
	1530-1730	Semi Finals & Finals	
Dec 6	0800	Random Weigh in W-46 W-62 M-68 M-87	Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani
	0900-1300	Preliminaries & Round of 16 W-46 W-62 M-68 M-87	
	1300-1400	Lunch Break	
	1400-1500	Quarter Finals	
	1500-1530	Session Break	
	1530-1730	Semi Finals & Finals	

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ATHLETE LATE REPLACEMENT FORM

TO: WORLD TAEKWONDO

EMAIL: sport@worldtaekwondo.org

NAME OF COMPETITION: NAIROBI 2025 WORLD TAEKWONDO UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIPS

SUBSTITUTED ATHLETE (TO BE REMOVED FROM TEAM LIST)

NAME OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	
ATHLETE NAME (<u>Family name in capital letter</u>)	
GENDER	☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE
WT GAL Number	
DATE OF BIRTH (DAY/ MONTH/ YEAR)	
WEIGHT CATEGORY	KG
DATE AND PLACE OF INJURY	
MEDICAL CONDITION	
NAME OF MNA PRESIDENT	
SIGNATURE OF MNA PRESIDENT	

**** A separate certificate by the medical doctor on the athlete's injury and medical condition should be attached in the language of the pertinent country and in English.***

SUBSTITUTED ATHLETE (TO BE ADDED TO TEAM LIST)

NATIONALITY		PHOTO
ATHLETE NAME (<u>Family name in capital letter</u>)		
GENDER	☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE	
WT GAL NUMBER		
DATE OF BIRTH (DAY/ MONTH/ YEAR)		
COUNTRY OF BIRTH		
WEIGHT CATEGORY	KG	
PASSPORT NUMBER		
KUKKIWON DAN CERTIFICATE NUMBER		

MNA PRESIDENT SIGNATURE & STAMP =====

**** IMPORTANT: This form will be accepted only if medical confirmation in writing in English from the responsible medical doctor is attached to this form after due evaluation of the WT.***