

Invitation

Dear Presidents, Secretary-Generals and Club Managers,

It is with the greatest pleasure that the Ghana Taekwondo Federation writes to invite the Taekwondo fraternity of the world to the first WTF sanctioned (G1) tournament in West Africa. The event will be held in Accra, the capital city of Ghana.

With West African Taekwondo athletes winning three medals at the last Olympics, the region is beginning to see more Olympic hopefuls. The Ghana Open is well positioned to become the annual platform that will showcase these Olympic hopefuls across the region.

The event will not only showcase the best of West African Taekwondo but also the rich culture of the West African people. Ghana is the land of great hospitality and the organising committee is putting in a lot to make the event a memorable one.

Be part of the experience. Be part of the 1st G1 tournament in West Africa!

Welcome to Ghana.

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FREDERICK LARTEY OTU President

Ghana Taekwondo Federation

OUTLINE OF EVENT

1. Event Name: 1st Ghana Open Taekwondo Championships

Sanctioned by the World Taekwondo Federation

2. Promoter: Ghana Taekwondo Federation

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3. Organising Committee:1st Ghana Open Taekwondo Championships Committee

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Contact Person: Adnan Lamptey (Event Coordinator)

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4. Venue: Trust Sports Emporium

Bukom, Accra – Ghana

5. Registration

- May 18: Regular registration opens
- July 31: Regular registration ends

Time: 17:00 local time in Switzerland

- August 1: Late registration starts
- August 10: Closing date for late registration

Time: 17:00 local time in Switzerland (No registration will be accepted after this time)

6. Entry Fee (USD)

Regular Entry Fees:

The Organising Committee shall collect a mandatory entry fee from each contestant. The contestants shall pay an entry fee of \$50.00 to the Organising Committee in cash only at the accreditation centre at the Trust Sports Emporium, Bukom - Accra.

Late Entry Fees:

Late registration shall attract an additional \$20.00 for each contestant

7. Qualification

In accordance with Article 4: Qualification of Contestant of the WTF Competition Rules, the contestant must meet all the following requirements:

- Must be a holder of the nationality of the participating team
- Holder of the Kukkiwon Dan Certificate
- An athlete must be 17 years old or older in the year of the 2017. Athletes born before January 1, 2001 will be eligible to participation in the Championships.
- Holder of the WTF Global Athlete License (GAL)

8. Competition Rules

WTF Competition Rules & Interpretation in force as of the start of the competition.

- Single elimination system
- Grade: G-1
- 2 minutes x 3 rounds with 1 minute break
- Senior Division only

9. Weight Divisions					
Male Division		Female 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		

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10. Team Entries Unlimited

11. Equipment (Daedo)

- Protector and Scoring System will be used at this tournament.
- Participating contestants are required to wear Taekwondo uniform and protective equipment as described by the WTF regulations.
- Body protector (Protector and Scoring System) will be provided by the Organising Committee.
- Participating contestants are required to bring their own sensing socks, groin guards, mouthpieces, gloves, and shin and forearm guards for their personal use.
- Before entering the field of play, all contestants will proceed to the inspection desk for inspection of their uniforms and protective equipment. Any contestant who wears unofficial uniform or protective equipment will not be permitted to compete.

12. Weigh-In

- Weigh-in of all contestants shall be completed one day before their scheduled competition
- During the weigh-in, male contestants shall wear underpants and female contestants shall wear underpants and brassieres.

13. Anti-Doping

- Use of drugs or any other doping offences by chemical substances is strictly prohibited.
- The Organising Committee would carry out random medical doping tests among the participating athletes.
- Any athlete who refuses to undergo the tests or who is proven to have committed a breach of the regulation, shall be removed from the final standing, and shall be subject to disciplinary actions.
- The Anti-Doping Rules of the World Taekwondo Federation and/or the World Anti-Doping Code shall apply.

14. Awards: Medals will be awarded to the top four athletes in each weight category

1st Place: Gold Medal & Certificate 2nd Place: Silver Medal & Certificate 3rd Place: Bronze Medal & Certificate

3rd Place: Bronze Medal & Certificate

- 15. Point Ranking: All participated athletes will get ranking point. The points will be reflected on WTF World Ranking.
- 16. Team Awards by Rank: Based on the point system below, the top 3 teams of the Men's division and the top 3 teams of the Women's division will receive trophies.

Position	Ranking Point
For every contestant who passed the official weigh-in	1
For every win (including byes)	1
For every Gold Medal	7
For every Silver Medal	3
For every Bronze Medal	1

17. Technical Officials

The African Taekwondo Union will appoint the Competition Supervisory Board and international referees while the WTF will appoint the Technical Delegate.

Technical Delegate:

 One (1) Technical Delegate will be appointed to oversee the tournament and make decisions on technical matters.

Supervisory Board:

Three Competition Supervisory Board members will be appointed

International Referees:

- Thirty (30) International Referees, including Review Jury, will be appointed to officiate at the tournament.
- The Organising Committee shall pay for hotel room and board for International Referees for 4 nights. Check-in on August 16 and Checkout on August 20. The ORGANISING COMMITTEE shall pay a per diem of US\$100 to the selected international referees during competition period (for actual competition days).

18. Heads of Teams Meeting and Drawing of Lots Session

- i. The heads of team meeting and the drawing of lots session shall be conducted on 17 August.
- ii. The method and order of the draw may be changed depending on the decision of the Technical Delegate.
- iii. Depending on the decision of the Technical Delegate, volunteers could be designated to draw lots on behalf of the officials of the participating nations who are not present at the time of the lot drawing session.

19. National Flag and Anthem

Every participating team is required to bring along the following item for use at the Opening and/or Closing ceremonies: One IOC-recognized national flags (Size: 90cm x 130cm)

20. Transportation

- i. Round trip airfare shall be borne by the participating teams
- ii. Ground transportation will be provided for teams on arrival and departure given the teams have booked through the organizing committee and informed it of the date, time, and the number of team members and flight schedule of the team before 15th of August, 2017. The Organizing Committee will also provide ground transportation to and from all official hotels, training venue and the venue.
 - 21. Travel Schedule of Team (Please fill the attached Flight Schedule Form and send this information to competitions@taekwondoghana.com before 15th of August, 2017)

22. Hotel Accommodation Information (USD)

Name of hotel	Level	Single Occupancy	Double Occupancy
Accra City Hotel	4 Star	\$120.00	\$130.00
Ocean View Resort	3 Star	\$80.00	\$100.00

23. Hotel Accommodation Application (Please fill the attached Hotel Reservation Form and send this information to competitions@taekwondoghana.com before 10th of August, 2017)

24. Indemnity

- (i) All competitors are considered to participate at their own risk. The Ghana Taekwondo Federation and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for any damages, injuries or losses.
- (ii) Teams shall be responsible for ensuring that all officials and participants are covered with effective travel and medical insurance.

25. Event Timetable (Subject to change)

Date	Activity	Place
August 10	Closing date for registration	
August 15-17	Arrival and registration of teams	
August 17	Heads of teams meeting & drawing of lots	
	Referees' meeting	
	Weighing	
	Male -54kg, -63kg, -74kg, -87kg Female -46kg, -62kg, -67kg, -73kg	
August 18	 Competitions (08:30 GMT) Male -54kg, -63kg, -74kg, -87kg Female -46kg, -62kg, -67kg, -73kg, Break for Lunch 	
	 Opening Ceremony (16:30 GMT) Weighing Male -58kg, , -68kg, -80kg, +87kg 	
	Female -49kg, -53kg, -57kg, +73kgAwards Ceremony	
August 19	• Competitions (08:30 GMT) Male -58kg, -68kg, -80kg, +87kg	
	Female -49kg, -53kg, -57kg, +73kgAwards and Closing Ceremony	
August 20	• Teams Departure	

26. Visa Information

The Organizing Committee will provide recommendation letters for visa applications if applicable. However, teams are required to check the Ghana entry visa application waiting times in their own countries and submit requests for recommendation letters to the Organising Committee. Teams are requested to fill and email the Invitation Request Form and send to competitions@taekwondoghana.com