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Presidents and Secretaries General
World Taekwondo Member National Associations

INVITATION TO TAIYUAN 2026 WORLD TAEKWONDO WOMEN'S OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dear World Taekwondo Family,

It is my great pleasure to invite you to the Taiyuan 2026 World Taekwondo Women's Open Championships, which will take place from 28 to 30 August 2026 in Taiyuan, the historic "City of the Dragon" and one of China's most historically significant cities.

World Taekwondo established the Women's Open Championships with the aim of empowering female athletes, advancing gender equality, and providing an elite international platform for women in our sport. The 2026 edition promises to be one of the most inspiring Championships, bringing together outstanding athletes from around the world to showcase their excellence, determination, and passion for Taekwondo.

I am confident that the high level of competition and spirit of fair play will not only elevate our sport but also inspire the next generation of female athletes. I warmly encourage all Member National Associations to participate and proudly represent their flags at this special event.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to the Chinese Taekwondo Association and the Local Organizing Committee for their dedication and hard work in preparing this event. My gratitude also goes to the City of Taiyuan for its hospitality during this Championship. Finally, I also thank our athletes, coaches, referees, officials, and volunteers for their continued support and participation.

I look forward to welcoming you all to Taiyuan for what promises to be an unforgettable event, where we will once again come together in the spirit of being "Reborn Together."

Sincerely yours,


Chungwon Choue
President

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1. PROMOTER: WORLD TAEKWONDO(WT)

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WEB-SITE: <http://www.worldtaekwondo.org>

2. ORGANIZING MNA: CHINESE TAEKWONDO ASSOCIATION

ADDRESS: Ground Fl. Fahuananli Block No., 17-A, Tiuyuguan Road, Dongcheng District, Beijing, China
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3. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

ADDRESS: No.1 Jiankang South St., Jinyuan Dist., Taiyuan, Shanxi, China
TELEPHONE: +86 15152243019 / +86 15261528617
E-MAIL: gm-office@jjjinsports.com

4. VENUE: Shanxi Sports Center

ADDRESS: No.1 Jiankang South St., Jinyuan Dist., Taiyuan, Shanxi, China

5. QUALIFICATIONS

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

CRITERION #1: Participating contestant must be women.
CRITERION #2: Holder of the nationality of the participating team.
CRITERION #3: Holder of the Kukkiwon Poom or Dan Certificate.
(* A copy of the Poom certificate should be enclosed when registering for accreditation. In case a contestant has applied for a Kukkiwon Poom certificate but has not received it yet, a copy of the Poom application form and the remittance certificate sent to the Kukkiwon must be enclosed when registering for accreditation. Please refer to the Kukkiwon Website (www.kukkiwon.or.kr) for more information.)
CRITERION #4: An athlete must be 17 years old or older in the year of the Taiyuan 2026 Women's Open Championships. Athlete who was born in 2009 or before is eligible to participate in the competition.
CRITERION #5: Holder of an active WT Global Athlete License (GAL)
*** Any questions on the WT GAL, please contact your assigned WT GMS Manager.

6. COMPETITION RULES

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

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7. METHOD OF COMPETITION

- i. Single elimination system
- ii. Grade: G-4
- iii. Number of athletes: No limit.
- 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 August, 2026.

8. CONTEST TIME

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

9. CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

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

10. TEAM ENTRIES PER COUNTRY (MAXIMUM 16 MEMBERS)

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

- i. All athletes and Team officials must first be registered with a WT Global Athlete License (GAL) or Global Official License (GOL).
- ii. Online National Team Entry will only be accepted through the WT online registration system, <https://worldtkd.simplycompete.com> and registration is only possible with an approved WT Global License. MNA assigned GMS admins will be notified via email once online registration is open.
- iii. Entry submission 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 permitted.
- iv. Athletes and team officials registered online may be replaced without penalty before the **close of the final online registration period**.
- v. Registration fee will not be charged for cancellation of participation before the **close of the final online registration period**.
- vi. Registration fee must be paid in full in case of cancellation of participation of registered athletes after the close of the final online registration deadline or in case of no-show. The applicable registration fee to be paid may vary depending on the registered period in which the athletes was registered.
- vii. Team officials can hold **ONLY** one position, holding multiple positions (roles) is not allowed.
- viii. Additional Penalty: Penalty of US\$100 per person shall be paid to the Organizing Committee at the accreditation center in the following cases:
 - A team official who is not registered online but seeks accreditation onsite,

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- Any changes or additions that are made to a team entry list (except for contestants) after the close of the final online registration period will incur a US\$100 penalty. This penalty will be considered the onsite fee for approved changes or additions to the team entry list.
 - Any changes or additions made to a team entry list (except for contestants) after the online registration has closed MUST be approved in person by the Head of Team or Manager. If no Head of Team or Manager is registered for the event, then written confirmation from the MNA President, Vice President, Secretary General or GMS Administrator will be required.
 - Re-print Penalty: Penalty of US\$50 per accreditation shall be paid to the Organizing Committee at the accreditation center for any re-printing of accreditation cards due to loss of accreditation.
- ix. **Any WT Global Licence registration completed onsite will incur a US\$50 onsite processing fee per WT Global Licence required.**

11. WEIGHT CATEGORIES

Women's division	
Under 46kg	Not exceeding 46kg
Under 49kg	Over 46kg & not exceeding 49kg
Under 53kg	Over 49kg & not exceeding 53kg
Under 57kg	Over 53kg & not exceeding 57kg
Under 62kg	Over 57kg & not exceeding 62kg
Under 67kg	Over 62kg & not exceeding 67kg
Under 73kg	Over 67kg & not exceeding 73kg
Over 73kg	Over 73kg

12. ENTRY TIMELINE & ENTRY FEES PAYMENT

The OC shall collect the entry fees from the participating teams. The team shall pay an entry fee to the Organizing Committee via bank transfer during the registration period, prior to the start of the Championships. No cash will be accepted onsite. Athletes shall not be allowed to compete without successful payment of entry fee to the Organizing Committee.

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:** June 10, 2026, 17:00 to June 24, 2026, 17:00 local Swiss time.

REGULAR REGISTRATION 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:** June 24, 2026, 17:01 to July 29, 2026, 17:00 Local Swiss time.

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* At the close of regular registration on July 29, 2026, at 17:00 (local Swiss time), WT and the Organizing will decide whether to implement an extension of the registration period. If a late registration period is approved, an official communication will be issued, 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:** \$ USD 150 per athlete.
- Registration Period: (if implemented) July 29, 2026, 17:01 to August 8, 2026, 17:00 local Swiss time.

13. LATE ATHLETE REPLACEMENT

- Late Athlete Replacement due to injury shall be handled case by case.
- The team 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 **August 25, 2026, 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.
- Please refer to the appendix for the Late Athlete Replacement form.

14. WEIGH-IN

- General weigh-in of the contestants shall take place on the day before their respective weight category.
- Random weigh-in of the contestants shall take place in the morning on the competition day of their respective weight category except W+73.
- Random weigh-in shall take place to following number of athletes with 5% allowance as below tables.
- During the weigh-in, female contestants shall wear underpants and brassier. 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
More than 32	20%
17-32	6
9-16	4
4-8	2
Below 4	0

Weight Category	5% allowance
W-46	Not exceeding 48.3kg
W-49	Not exceeding 51.5kg
W-53	Not exceeding 55.7kg

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W-57	Not exceeding 59.9kg
W-62	Not exceeding 65.1kg
W-67	Not exceeding 70.4kg
W-73	Not exceeding 76.7kg

15. CLASSIFICATION OF RESULTS

i. Awards

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

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

ii. Ranking Points

Ranking points will be reflected on WT World Ranking and WT Olympic Ranking of September. 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

16. WT-RECOGNIZED TAEKWONDO COMPETITION UNIFORM AND PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- i. **Waychamp Protector and Scoring System (PSS)** including Head PSS will be used for the competition.
- ii. Participating contestants are required to wear WT-recognized **Kyorugi competition uniforms** and WT-recognized protective equipment. The latest version of WT-recognized manufacturers' list is available at the website of WT.
(<http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/wtpartners-wt/recognize.html>)
- iii. The Organizing Committee will provide the Protector and Scoring System (PSS) for 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.

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- 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.

17. SENSING GLOVES APPLICATION AND ALTERNATIVE JUDGING PROTOCOL

- i. Sensing gloves will be used at the Taiyuan 2026 World Taekwondo Women's Open Championships. With the implementation of sensing gloves, only one Corner Judge will officiate to determine the validity and accuracy of all technical actions and to award points. In the event that sensing gloves are unavailable for use at this event, two Corner Judges shall officiate the contests.

18. IDENTIFICATION OF NOC CODE AND MANUFACTURER

- i. The national flag shall be positioned between 3 cm and 3.5 cm below the shoulder line on the right sleeve.
- ii. The NOC Code shall consist of the three-letter abbreviation of the respective National Olympic Committee. It shall be printed in black, in bold "Verdana" font, on the back of the upper garment. The NOC Code shall be centered and positioned at least 5 cm above the bottom edge of the upper garment. The size of the NOC Code shall be 30 cm (width) × 12 cm (height).
- iii. Manufacturer identification (name, trademark, logo, or other distinctive signs of the manufacturer) shall be permitted as follows:
 - One (1) identification on the top of the Kyorugi competition uniform, not exceeding 30 cm², positioned between 3 cm and 3.5 cm below the shoulder line on the left sleeve;
 - One (1) identification on the bottoms of the Kyorugi competition uniform, not exceeding 30 cm², positioned above the knee and centred on the right leg;
 - One (1) identification on the Kyorugi belt, not exceeding 6 cm², positioned at one end of the belt.

19. SPONSOR'S IDENTIFICATION

- i. One (1) sponsor identification (logo) shall be permitted on each of the top and bottoms of the Kyorugi competition uniform.
- ii. Each sponsor identification shall not exceed 50 cm² and shall be placed in a location other than those reserved for the WT logo, manufacturer identification, national flag, and NOC code.

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 all medallists as well as random selection basis. The WT and/or WADA may carry out random out-of-competition testing prior to the competition.
- 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.

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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:

<https://www.worldtaekwondo.org/inside/CS/TherapeuticUseExemptions/contents>

- 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

- i. The Head of Team Meeting shall be conducted two (2) days prior to the start of the 1st day of competition that is **August 26**, 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 at the competition.
- iii. The Organizing Committee will acquire general Public Liability event insurance.

23. ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORTATION

Accommodation guide will be available on the WT GMS. All accredited teams participating at the event shall book their hotel accommodation via the Organizing Committee. The participating teams are required to submit the Accommodation / Transportation booking form to the Organizing Committee by email gm-office@jjinsports.com no later than August 17th.

24. VISA INFORMATION

The Organizing Committee can provide invitation letters for visa applications. However, MNAs are required to check the China entry visa application waiting times in their own countries and submit requests for invitation letters to the Organizing Committee. The visa invitation letter from OC will be sent within 7 working days after request. The Organizing Committee cannot guarantee entry into China and can only offer assistance. It is the responsibility of each athlete and MNA to apply for and secure the correct entry visa for China. MNAs are requested to complete the attached visa application form at least one week before the waiting time deadline in their own country.

25. COACH'S REQUIREMENTS

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All coaches are required to hold a WT Coach Certificate Level II (2). Coaches who do not hold a Level II Coach Certificate will be removed from the registration list and will not be permitted to coach at the relevant competition.

All coaches are required to wear formal suit such as tie, jacket, dress shirt (long- or short-sleeved), and trousers, and sport shoes during Semi-Finals and Finals. Caps, hats of any kind, and shorts shall not be permitted when entering the Field of Play. Any coach who fails or refuses to comply with the above dress requirements shall not be permitted to coach at the competition.

26. TEAM DOCTOR'S MEETING

In order to receive accreditation card, all registered team doctors or physicians must attend team doctor's meeting on **August 26, 2026**.

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TIMETABLE (Subject To Change)

Date	Time	Event	Place
August 24	0900-1800	Arrival	
August 24-27	0900-2000	Onsite Registration	Hyatt Place Taiyuan
	0900-2000	Team Training	Shanxi Sports Center
August 26	1400-1600	Head of Team Meeting	Hyatt Place Taiyuan
	1600-1700	Team Doctors Meeting	Hyatt Place Taiyuan
August 27	0900-1200	Referee Training	Hotel MoMc (referee hotel)
	1000-1200	General Weigh-in W-46 W-62 W+73	Shanxi Sports Center
	1500-1800	Referee Training	Shanxi Sports Center
August 28	0800	Random Weigh-in W-46 W-62	Shanxi Sports Center
	0900-1200	Preliminaries W-46 W-62 W+73	
	1000-1200	General Weigh-in W-49 W-53 W-73	
	1200-1300	Lunch Break	
	1300-1600	Round of 16 and QF	
	1600-1700	Session Break	
	1700-1900	Semi-Finals, Finals & Awarding Ceremony	
August 29	0800	Random Weigh-in W-49 W-53 W-73	Shanxi Sports Center
	0900-1200	Preliminaries W-49 W-53 W-73	
	1000-1200	General Weigh-in W-57 W-67	
	1200-1300	Lunch Break	
	1300-1600	Round of 16 and QF	
	1600-1700	Session Break	
	1700-1900	Semi-Finals, Finals & Awarding Ceremony	
August 30	0800	Random Weigh-in W-57 W-67	Shanxi Sports Center
	0900-1200	Preliminaries W-57 W-67	
	1200-1300	Lunch Break	
	1300-1500	Round of 16 and QF	
	1500-1600	Session Break	
	1600-1800	Semi-Finals, Finals & Awarding Ceremony	
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ATHLETE LATE REPLACEMENT FORM

TO: WORLD TAEKWONDO

EMAIL: sport@worldtaekwondo.org

NAME OF COMPETITION: Taiyuan 2026 WORLD TAEKWONDO WOMEN'S OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

ATHLETE TO BE REMOVED FROM THE ENTRY

NAME OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	
ATHLETE NAME (<u>Family name in capital letter</u>)	
GENDER	<input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> 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.*

ATHLETE TO BE ADDED TO THE ENTRY

NATIONALITY		PHOTO
ATHLETE NAME (<u>Family name in capital letter</u>)		
GENDER	<input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> 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

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** 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.*