

WTF GLOBAL ATHLETE LICENCE RULES

1. Introduction:

At the extraordinary WTF Council meeting held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on October 6th, 2010, the WTF approved the adoption of a mandatory global athlete licensing program starting with all athletes participating in WTF-promoted championships (excluding the WTF Para-taekwondo championships) as listed in Article 22 of the WTF Statutes.

The athlete licence will be mandatory as of the 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships to be held in Gyeongju, Korea from May 1st 2011.

The fee for the WTF Global Athlete License shall be US\$30 per athlete per licence period (initially May 1st 2011 until December 31st 2012).

All completed and approved licences will be distributed at the first licence tournament where the Member National Associations' (MNAs) athletes will compete.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN COMPETITIONS AND ATHLETE LICENCE

WTF-promoted championships are open to athletes who:

- belong to a member national association affiliated to the WTF
- have the nationality of the federation in accordance with the WTF Statutes, WTF Competition Rules and the Olympic provisions
 - * *In case of the Olympic Games/Youth Olympic Games and qualification tournaments for the Olympic Games/Youth Olympic Games, athletes should follow the Rule 42 of the Olympic Charter and the Bye-law to Rule 42.*
- fulfill specified performance prerequisites (e.g. Kukkiwon Poom/Dan holder)
- and fulfill the other requirements, if any, as specified by the WTF in the outline of the championships.

2. Compulsory WTF Global Athlete Licence

All athletes (juniors and seniors, Kyorugi and Poomsae) must present a valid WTF Global Athlete licence in order to be eligible to participate in a WTF-promoted championships.

The following competitions are defined as WTF-promoted championships according to these Global Athlete Licence Rules:

1. WTF (Men's and Women's) World Taekwondo Championships
2. WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships
3. WTF World Cup Taekwondo Team Championships
4. WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships
5. WTF World Taekwondo Tour
6. WTF World Qualification Tournament for Olympic Games
7. WTF Continental Qualification Tournaments for Olympic Games
8. WTF Qualification Tournament for Youth Olympic Games

The mandatory WTF Global Athlete Licence will be phased into WTF-sanctioned events on a schedule to be determined by the WTF but no earlier than January 1st 2013.

3. Conditions to obtain a WTF Global Athlete Licence

The WTF Global Athlete Licence will only be issued to athletes who:

- have personally signed Appendix 1 of the WTF Global Athlete Licence Rules (WTF Athlete Licence application form). Through their signature, athletes consent and agree to comply with and be bound by the WTF Statutes and all the other rules of the WTF;
- through their signature, athletes (or the legal guardians in case the athlete is a minor) also consent and agree to the creation of their profile in World Anti-Doping Association(WADA) Doping Control Clearing House (ADAMS), and/or any other authorized National Anti-Doping Organizations (NADOs) similar system under WTF's agreement for the sharing of information, and to the entry on their doping control, Whereabouts and Therapeutic Use Exemptions related data in such systems.
- through their signature athletes also consent and agree to be filmed, televised, photographed, identified and otherwise recorded during any of WTF-promoted and/or WTF-recognized championships for broadcasting and other purposes for promotion of the events by the WTF and/or the OC with an approval by the WTF.
- have their Member National Association (MNA) submit the excel spreadsheet Appendix 2 - 'Bulk registration and online upload of WTF Global Athlete Licence individuals' to ensure their athletes are registered online.

- belong to a WTF affiliated Member National Association that is in good standing;
- have obtained the signature of the President or the Secretary General of their affiliated Member National Association on the application form.
- have provided all the information requested in **Appendix 1** and **Appendix 2**.
- have paid the fee for the WTF Athlete Licence.

4. Global Athlete Licence Check

At registration

The WTF and the Organising Committees of the events mentioned in Article 2 of the present rules must control the Athlete Licences of all athletes at the latest at the nominative entry deadline.

The registration of an athlete who does not have or has not requested a WTF Global Athlete Licence to WTF is considered as non-accepted.

The WTF Sports Division and/or Organising Committee must inform the affiliated federation of the athlete(s) concerned.

If an athlete does not have a WTF Global Athlete Licence but it has already been requested to the WTF before the nominative entry deadline, and the WTF is in possession of all the required information, the athlete may be allowed by the Organising Committee to participate in the event if s/he presents his/her issued WTF Global Athlete Licence at accreditation.

At accreditation

Athletes who do not present a valid WTF Global Athlete Licence card at accreditation are not allowed to compete.

Should an athlete not be able to show his/her WTF Global Athlete Licence at accreditation, the Organising Committee may check on the WTF Global Athlete Licence System through a secure login and password to be given to the Organizing Committee temporarily in regard to the related championships whether the respective athlete has a valid WTF Global Athlete Licence or not. If this can be verified in due time by the Organising Committee, the athlete may participate in the

competition by paying an additional penalty fee of US\$20 per athlete to the Organising Committee. This fee is on top of the US\$30 WTF Global Athlete licence fee.

Should an athlete present an invalid licence card or the validity of the forgotten licence card may not be verified by the Organising Committee, the athlete shall not be allowed to compete.

5. Validity of the WTF Global Athlete Licence

The initial WTF Global Athlete Licence is valid from May 1st 2011 or the date it is issued by WTF until December 31st 2012 (20 months) and then can be renewed from January 1st 2013.

6. List of WTF Global Athlete Licence Holders

An MNA will be able to check online through entering their provided ID and password to see what athletes have an approved licence or not. This list will be updated weekly and shall include all WTF Global Athlete Licences which are valid at that time.

WTF Global Athlete Licences which have expired shall not show the athlete licence card under the athletes profile on the monitor at the time of online check. The number of WTF Global Athlete Licence shall remain the same when the expired WTF Global Athlete Licence is restored through a due procedure and payment for renewal.

7. Application procedure and fee

In order for an MNA to successfully register their athlete(s) for a WTF Global Athlete Licence they must do the following in order:

- 1) To complete in full for all athletes the MNA would like to register the excel document titled `Appendix 2 - Bulk registration and online upload of WTF Global Athlete Licence individuals`. This document after completion must be sent to licence@wtf.org. Incomplete or inaccurate spreadsheets will be returned to the sender.
- 2) Once the MNA`s spreadsheet is approved by WTF the MNA`s athletes information will be uploaded to the online registration system. The MNA`s chosen athlete licence contact will then receive login details to allow their MNA to be able to go online and upload the completed PDF signed licence application form along with the 3 mandatory documents (Passport Copy, Kukkiwon Poom/Dan certificate and color ID picture) for each athlete.

- 3) Each MNA will receive an invoice for the total number of registered athletes listed on the Appendix 2 – Bulk online upload spreadsheet. This invoice must be paid by wire/bank transfer within 30 days of the issued date.
- 4) Only once payment has been received and verified by WTF will the Global Athlete Licences of the MNA's athletes be approved. Each MNA will be able to check online at any time to see whether Global Athlete Licences they applied for have been approved or not.

NB: Please be aware that each MNA will only have access to and ability to view the details on their own MNA athletes. If any changes of the records are needed, MNAs shall email the WTF Lausanne office at licence@wtf.org for the change with related verification documents, if needed.

The bulk registration and online upload excel spreadsheet and complete individual application for a Global Athlete Licence must be made at least by the entry deadline of the first championships for which Global Athlete Licence is required for the athletes during the pertinent licence period.

Both the bulk registration excel spreadsheet and the PDF application form for WTF Global Athlete Licence are available on the WTF website (www.wtf.org) or from the WTF Lausanne office upon written request. The bulk registration excel spreadsheet must be emailed to licence@wtf.org first in order to register your athletes online. Individual PDF applications may be filled in at any time and uploaded online (through your provided ID and password) or sent to the WTF Lausanne office by e-mail, fax or by post.

The WTF Global Athlete Licence fee is US\$30 per athlete per licence period with the initial licence period being from May 1st 2011 until December 31st 2012.

This fee includes:

- A WTF Global Athlete Licence card used to verify the athlete at all WTF-promoted championships listed in Article 2 of these Rules.
- Eligibility for the athlete to compete in all WTF-promoted championships.
- Each athlete will be able to login to confirm his/her Global Athlete Licence provided the MNA provides a valid email address of the athlete. If the athlete does not have an email address then the MNA can provide their official MNA email address.

8. WTF Global Athlete Licence – Payment method

Once each MNA has provided their athletes data by completing Appendix 2 - Bulk registration and online upload of WTF Global Athlete licence individuals` excel spreadsheet and the spreadsheet has been approved by WTF, the MNA will receive an invoice from WTF via email to their registered email account for the total amount due. This amount must be paid within 30 days of the invoice date and the payment should be made to the following account:

Bank Name: BBVA Compass Bank

Account Name: WTF International
Foundation

Bank Address: 17218 Preston Road
Dallas, Texas, 75252
USA

Account Number: 2516066698

Swift Code: CPASUS44

Routing or ABA No: 111907445

Reference Name: The name of the sender at the time of remittance of the fees should be “WTF Global Athlete Licence – Name of MNA”.

All WTF Global Athlete Licence fees must be paid by the MNA by **bank transfer to the WTF International Foundation** located in the USA only after the MNA receives the invoice via email from WTF Lausanne office.

The licence fee of US\$30 per athlete, per licence period must be paid in United States Dollars (USD).

Please inform Mr. Justin Tenbeth at licence@wtf.org when you have remitted the fees to the above mentioned bank account of the WTF International Foundation.

Eligibility for MNA to use 2011 WTF Development Fund to pay Global Athlete Licence fees

- 1) MNAs from countries where it is unable to remit foreign exchanges, especially US dollars, to outside the pertinent country and
- 2) MNAs who are not `Demoted Members` stipulated in Article 14.3.(B), Article 16.4 of the WTF Statutes with reference to the Article 34.A of the WTF Statutes
- 3) In case of 2011 Development Fund, MNAs are required to contact in advance WTF International Affairs Division at intl@wtf.org to check for which WTF-promoted championships their 2011 Development Fund can be used.

9. Information requested for the WTF Global Athlete Licence application form

The WTF Athlete Licence Application Form (Appendix 1) must be fully completed by the respective MNA for each athlete and include the signature of the athlete (and the legal guardian in case the athlete is a minor), the signature of the President or Secretary General of the affiliated MNA and the stamp of the affiliated MNA.

This form must be scanned and uploaded online (through provided ID number and password) or emailed, faxed or posted to the WTF Lausanne office.

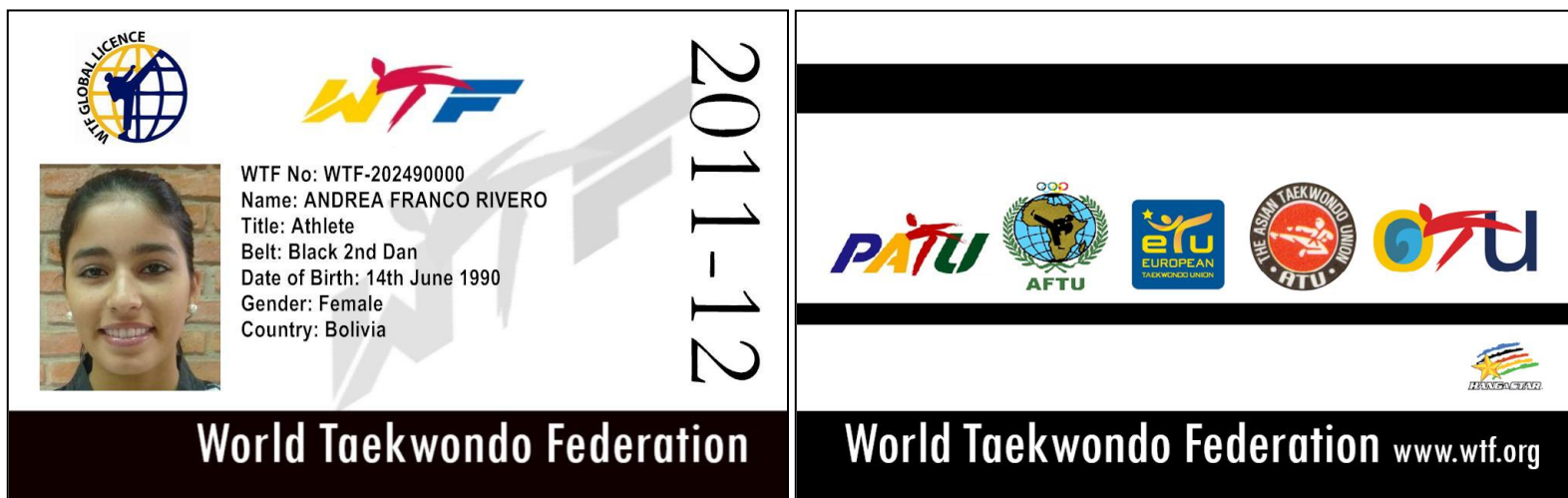
An application form that is not 100% complete is considered as invalid and the licence will not be issued.

The respective affiliated Member National Association (MNA) is fully responsible for all information and documents provided with the individual application form. The forms and documents can be submitted only through the MNA.

All the above requirements are compulsory in order to obtain a Global Athlete Licence.

10. Content of the WTF Global Athlete Licence

The Global Athlete Licence will be a plastic-coated card in the format 85mm x 54mm with a magnetic strip and a sample of the WTF Global Athlete Licence card is shown below. The Athlete Preferred First and Last Name will appear on the licence card.



11. Renewal of the Licence

The initial Global Athlete Licence is valid from May 1st 2011 until December 31st 2012. It must be renewed in due time before its expiry date. An application for renewal must be made at the latest one (1) month prior to the expiry date (November 30th 2012). Applications for renewal are accepted six (6) months prior to the expiry date. The next licence period is undetermined at this point.

12. Changes to the Global Athlete Licence Card

If an athlete's name changes (e.g. marriage) during the course of an Athlete Licence period, this must be informed to WTF Lausanne office immediately. The new passport and new Kukkiwon Dan certificate of the athlete which bear new name of the athlete must be sent to licence@wtf.org and then a new Global Athlete Licence card will be issued at the next WTF Global Athlete Licence-required championships. A US\$10 administration fee will apply.

Request for new Global Athlete Licence cards due to a Poom or Dan promotion of an athlete will only be accepted for the next official Global Athlete Licence period. However an MNA will be able to at anytime update online their athletes' Poom/Dan grade and new Kukkiwon certificate with a notice to WTF Lausanne office.

13. Loss of the Global Athlete Licence Card

In case of a lost licence card, the WTF Lausanne office must be informed immediately and a new card (without further application) will be issued to replace the lost card. The new licence will be distributed to the relevant MNA at the next licence championships. A cost of US\$10 will be charged.

14. Violations against WTF Global Athlete Licence Rules

As mentioned in Art 2 of these Rules, the Global Athlete Licence is compulsory and must be presented at all WTF-promoted championships.

Should the WTF Global Athlete Licence Rules be violated, i.e. an athlete competes with an invalid or without a valid licence, the athlete will be disqualified and the medals and prize money, if any, shall be returned.



For every single violation, the organising member national association of the WTF athlete licence-required championships shall be put to disciplinary actions and/or fined with the amount of US\$2,000.

The WTF reserves the right to withdraw the Global Athlete Licence from an athlete in case of a disciplinary action taken against the Global Athlete Licence holder.

Lausanne, 13th January 2011.

Appendix:

Appendix 1 - WTF Global Athlete Licence Application Form

Appendix 2 - Bulk registration and online upload of WTF Global Athlete Licence individuals