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Subject: Invitation Belgian Open Taekwondo Championships 2008

Dear President,

Dear Sir,

Dear Madam,

We have the honour and great pleasure to invite you and your team to the 29th International Open Belgian Championships. In 2008 this tournament will be organized in Herentals, Bloso Sports center, on April 5-6th 2008.

As one of the eight officially recognized A-class tournaments in Europe we expect 800 competitors from over 30 countries around the world.

This year the organizing committee intends again to have a maximum of 800 competitors.

We make this arrangement to be able to keep our timetable.

Please, mark your calendar and be sure not to miss this high-level championship in Europe.

Yours sincerely,

Steven Put,

President.

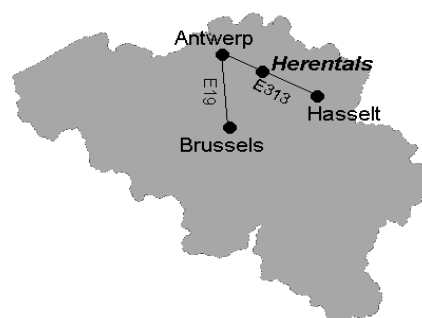


Organization

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Tournament info

Place	Bloso sportscenter "Netepark" Vorselaarsebaan 60 B-2200 Herentals
Date	April 5 th – April 6 th 2008



Timetable

Friday, April 4th 2008

16h00 – 21h00 weigh-in for both competition days, however, **competitors for the Saturday competition do have priority. No coaches allowed in the weigh-in room.**

Saturday, April 5th 2008

09h00	Contests Juniors female: -42 -44 -46 -49 -52 -55 -59 -63 -68 +68 (all categories) Seniors female: -47 -55 -63 -72 Juniors male: -45 -51 -59 -68 -78 Seniors male: -54 -62 -72 -84
15h00 – 16h00	weigh-in for competitions on Sunday. No coaches allowed.

Sunday, April 6th 2008

09h00	Contests Seniors female: -51 -59 -67 +72 Juniors male: -48 -55 -63 -73 +78 Seniors male: -58 -67 -78 +84
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Practical info

- There will be 8 competition areas, all with electronic score board system.
- WTF competition rules.
- Mode: single elimination tournament system
Qualifying rounds, ¼ finals and ½ finals, finals: 3 x 2 minutes



- our system will work with fighting numbers, so that all competitors and coaches will know when and where they have to fight
- **protest:** only the official coach is allowed to protest the LSC, immediately after the end of the contest. An amount of 40 euro will have to be paid for each complaint and will be returned if the complaint has been accepted.

Contestants

- Only members of national federations affiliated with WTF are allowed to compete. Upon registration, the contestants must prove their membership by means of a valid license.
- Male and female
- **Age:** Juniors (14 – 17 years)
seniors (16 years and older)
(reference date: December 31st 2008)
- **Graduation:** 2nd kup or higher
- **weight classes:** WTF-regulations
- **Equipment:** Head gear and groin guard, trunk protector (hoogoo), forearm and shin guards and **mouthpiece** will be brought by the contestants, which is compulsory.
- **Liability:** All contestants will participate at their own risk. Under no circumstances, the organization can be held responsible for any loss or damage to individuals or equipment. All contestants must bring their own documents and forms for any medical treatment in Belgium. If not, this will have to be paid in cash.
- **Honours:**

Individuals	1st, 2nd and two 3rd places
National Teams	1st, 2nd and 3rd place
Clubs/Unions	1st, 2nd and 3rd place

Teams

Coaches

For every 5 contestants within the same team, one coach is granted free admission.

1-5 contestants	1 coach
6-10 contestants	2 coaches

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Coaches shall not wear dobok.

Coaches do not have access to the weigh-in room.

Head of team

A head of team is granted free admission only for **national teams**. All heads of team of the national teams are invited on the VIP reception.

Medical staff

If you bring your own team doctor or other members of the medical staff, please let us know in advance.

Referees

All referees will be contacted and invited by our Referee Committee. They will receive 50 Euro for each competition day. Transport will be arranged for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Housing will be arranged for Friday-Saturday and Saturday-Sunday overnight. All referees will stay at hotel "De Zalm".

If you want to bring a referee, please let us know in advance! Referees who appear unannounced are not allowed to the competition.

The referee briefing will be on Saturday, 8.00h in the sports hall.



Press

Filming and photographing is **not** allowed on the competition area, unless for press members. If you want to bring a photographer or a journalist, please mention it on your subscription form.

Admission fees

Since the Open Belgian Championship is constantly growing, we need to take a firmer approach as far as financial matters are concerned. All registered athletes have to be payed – no restitution.

Contestants		45 Euro (*)
World and/or olympic medallists		free
Spectators	adult	5 Euro
	-12 years	free

(*) Contestants who pay in advance and subscribe by our website before the deadline get 5 Euro reduction and pay only 40 Euro!
→ www.taekwondo.be - Belgian Open

The payment is to be done by international bank transfer.

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The costs of the banktransfer (non-Euro zone) will be charged.

No VISA. No restitutions can be made.



Deadlines

The deadline to subscribe the contestants is:

March 25th (subscription deadline)

You can make changes in weight class, etc. (for free) until

April 1st (modification deadline)

Changes after the modification deadline will be charged 5 Euros administration fee for each person who changes.

Maximum number of contestants: 800.

Hotel accommodation

Please note that there is **no weigh-in** in the morning, only the evening prior to the competition. This means the weigh-in for the competitions on Saturday is on Friday evening, the weigh-in for the competitions on Sunday is on Saturday evening.

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In Sports Teaming we have found a partner that will provide a high level of service for transportation, accommodation and meals during the 2008 Open Belgian Taekwondo Championships. Sports Teaming will contribute to an even more successful organisation by offering all participating athletes, team officials etc, accurate and sufficient information through their website as well as providing an easy online booking system. Sports Teaming representatives will be present during the 2008 OBK to guide and assist where necessary which will enable you to focus on your competition.

For more information please visit www.sportsteaming.com