



**HERE COME THE CHAMPIONS**



October 15, 2013

Presidents and Secretaries General  
WTF Member National Associations

**Re: Invitation to the 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Grand Prix Final**

Dear Colleagues,

I have a great pleasure to extend a warm invitation to your association to participate in the 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Grand Prix Final to be held in Manchester, U.K. on December 13-15, 2013.

Following the successful presentation of taekwondo at the London 2012 Olympic Games in August 2012, the WTF has vigorously launched the Grand Prix event to provide top-ranking athletes around the world with an opportunity to compete each other with a great media exposure as well as to secure as best athletes as possible for the next Olympic Games in Rio in 2016.

Taekwondo was confirmed as one of the 25 core sports for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games by the IOC at its IOC Session in Buenos Aires, Argentina in September 2013, which was the result of the continued and concerted effort and cooperation among the global taekwondo family. Together with this, I believe the launch of the Grand Prix will be another milestone in the history of taekwondo movement.

The Grand Prix Final in Manchester will attract a keen attention from the global taekwondo family and the international media due to the importance of the event in the lead up to the next Olympic Games. I hope all invited athletes will come and enjoy the thrilling moments of competition and friendship at the 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Grand Prix Final in Manchester.

I look forward to seeing you at the first-ever Grand Prix Final in Manchester.

Sincerely yours,

*Chungwon Choue*

Chungwon Choue  
President  
World Taekwondo Federation



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## WELCOME

Dear Athletes & Officials

It is with eager anticipation and great excitement that I welcome you all to the WTF *Grand Prix*, here in Manchester.

To be able to host this inaugural *Grand Prix* is truly an honour, especially by having our President, Dr Choue and the rest of the WTF family with us on this most prestigious of occasions.

I must thank UK Sport and Manchester City Council for their outstanding support to enable us to be the first ever host of the event.

Our *Grand Prix* promises to be a spectacular three days of superbly entertaining taekwondo, where our sports superstars can showcase their talent as they set their sights on the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio. Of course our own Great Britain athletes will be out to do their very best and I know we will have a stadium full of their fans cheering them on.

I very much look forward to seeing you all in Manchester.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Tranter'.

Adrian Tranter

President

British Taekwondo

## OUTLINE

### WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix 2013 Final Manchester

<b>1. PROMOTER:</b>	WORLD TAEKWONDO FEDERATION (WTF)
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<b>WEB-SITE:</b>	<a href="http://www.wtf.org">http://www.wtf.org</a>

<b>2. ORGANIZING MNA:</b>	<b>BRITISH TAEKWONDO</b>
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<b>WEB-SITE:</b>	www.TaekwondoGP.com

<b>4. VENUE:</b>	<b>Manchester Central Convention Complex, Petersfield, Manchester, UK</b>
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#### 5. QUALIFICATIONS

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

<b>CRITERION #1:</b>	Holder of the nationality of the participating team
<b>CRITERION #2:</b>	An athlete must be the one invited by the WTF based on the WTF Olympic Ranking published in September. Invitation shall be extended to the pertinent member national taekwondo association that is recognised by the World Taekwondo Federation
<b>CRITERION #3:</b>	Holder of the Kukkiwon Poom or Dan Certificate (* A copy of the Dan certificate should be enclosed when registering for accreditation. 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 enclosed when registering for accreditation. Please refer to the Kukkiwon Web site ( <a href="http://www.kukkiwon.or.kr">www.kukkiwon.or.kr</a> ) for more information.)
<b>CRITERION #4:</b>	<b>An athlete must be 17 years old or older.</b> An athlete who was born in the year of 1996 or before is eligible to participation in the Championships.
<b>CRITERION #5:</b>	Holder of the WTF Global Athlete License (GAL) <b>*** WTF Global Athlete License (GAL) Rules stipulate that all athletes to participate in WTF-promoted championships, except World Para-Taekwondo Championships, should hold WTF GAL. Please take note that entry registration without GAL no. will not be considered as completed. Application for WTF GAL should be made only through Member National Association to Mr. Justin Tenbeth, GAL Project Manager in WTF Lausanne Office, at <a href="mailto:licence@wtf.org">licence@wtf.org</a>.</b>

#### 6. COMPETITION RULES

WTF Competition Rules in force as of the start of the competition

**7. METHOD OF COMPETITION**

- i. Single elimination system
- ii. Grade: G8
- iii. Number of athletes: 32 per division (\*Although this is GP Final, the number of athletes is exceptionally increased to give fair opportunities to MNAs to be involved in the first GP.)
- iv. Selection of athletes: Top 31 athletes per Olympic category based on the WTF Olympic ranking to be published early September. The last event before release of this ranking will be 2013 Argentina Open to be held on Aug 31 - Sept 1.
- v. Host country: 1 athlete from the host country per Olympic division shall be additionally invited.
- vi. Maximum quotas per MNA: 2 athletes per weight division
- vii. Seeding and drawing of lots: Top eight (8) ranked athletes based on WTF Olympic Ranking of September shall be seeded 1-8. The remaining twenty four (24) will be drawn randomly.
- viii. Confirmation timeline
  - WTF will send out the invitation to the pertinent MNA first week of September.
  - The invited MNA is requested to confirm participation of its athlete(s) within 2 weeks from the date of receipt of the invitation. Once the MNA confirms participation, it cannot change the athlete(s).
  - If a MNA withdraws participation of its athlete(s) before November 13, 2013, he/she will be replaced by the next highest ranked athlete of the WTF Olympic Ranking (September version), not necessarily by an athlete of the same nationality.
  - If a MNA withdraws participation of its athlete(s) on November 13 or after, his/her place will be cancelled and will not be replaced.

**8. CONTEST TIME**

2 minutes x 3 rounds with 1 minute break

**9. WEIGHT DIVISIONS**

Men's division		Women's division	
Under 58kg	Not exceeding 58 kg	Under 49kg	Not exceeding 49 kg
Under 68kg	Over 58 kg & Not exceeding 68 kg	Under 57kg	Over 49 kg & Not exceeding 57 kg
Under 80kg	Over 68 kg & Not exceeding 80 kg	Under 67kg	Over 57 kg & Not exceeding 67 kg
Over 80kg	Over 87 kg	Over 67kg	Over 73 kg

**10. CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATING TEAMS**

- i. Round-trip Airfare and Accommodation

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

- ii. Entry Fees

The OC shall collect the entry fees from the participating national teams. The national team shall pay an entry fee to the Organizing Committee **by cash in US\$ only** at the accreditation center(s) in Manchester, UK prior to the start of the Championships. Athletes shall not be allowed to compete without successful payment of entry fee to the Organizing Committee.

- Entry fee of US\$50 per athlete
- Entry will be accepted only when the forms are completely filled out with all required information and signed by the President of the pertinent member national association, excluding TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemption) which can be submitted to the WTF by no later than 30 days before the tournament. For detailed information on TUE, please see the following page of the WTF website:  
[http://www.wtf.org/wtf\\_eng/site/anti\\_doping/06\\_therapeutic\\_use\\_exemptions.html](http://www.wtf.org/wtf_eng/site/anti_doping/06_therapeutic_use_exemptions.html)
- Entry deadline is **November 13, 2013** local time in Switzerland and Entry will be only accepted via online registration.
- Entry submission after November 13, 2013 local time in Switzerland will be not accepted under any circumstances.
- Entry fee of US\$50 per athlete will not be charged in case of cancellation of participation until November 13, 2013 local time in Switzerland. Entry fee must be paid in case of the notice of cancellation of participating athletes after November 13, 2013 local time in Switzerland or no-show.

- Athletes: Member national association can submit entry by online for the athletes invited by the WTF. A member national association can send a maximum 2 athletes per weight division provided that these athletes are the ones invited by the WTF. The host member national association is able to send 1 additional athlete per weight division meaning that a maximum of 3 athletes per weight division can participate if 2 athletes are invited through ranking. No additional athletes are accepted. No reserve athlete is accepted. No entry will be accepted or modified at the accreditation center(s) in Manchester.
- Team officials: Member national association can register by online for maximum one (1) Head of team per country, one (1) manager per team, two (2) coaches per team, one (1) team doctor per team, one (1) trainer per team.
- MNA officials: three (3) Member National Association (MNA) officials per country can be registered by online.
- Penalty: Penalty of US\$100 per person shall be paid to the Organizing Committee at the accreditation center in Manchester in the following cases.
  - 1) any team official who is not registered online wants to be accredited at the accreditation center in Manchester although the total number of team officials does not exceed the designated number,
  - 2) In case of exceeding designated number of MNA officials wants to be accredited at the accreditation center in Manchester or any MNA official who is not registered online wants to be accredited at the accreditation center in Manchester.

iii. **Entry Registration (Online registration only)**

**Entry will be accepted only by online and online entry registration. The website will be announced in due time. Login ID and Password for each Member National Association (MNA) for online registration will be sent to each MNA.**

iv. **Ground transportation**

Ground transportation will be provided for national teams on arrival and departure free of charge, only for teams who book via the official event agent and provided that the Organizing Committee has been informed of the date, time, and flight number of the national team's arrival and departure at the latest by **the designated deadline (November 2nd, 2013)**. All hotels are within walking distance of the venue so no further transportation is provided unless specifically requested and at additional cost.

**11. CLASSIFICATION OF RESULTS**

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

<b>1<sup>st</sup> PLACE:</b>	GOLD MEDAL & CERTIFICATE
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE:</b>	SILVER MEDAL & CERTIFICATE
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE:</b>	BRONZE MEDAL & CERTIFICATE
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE:</b>	BRONZE MEDAL & CERTIFICATE

The athletes who advance to round of 8 or above will get ranking point. The points will be reflected on WTF World Ranking and WTF Olympic Ranking. The ranking points per winners of the championships shall be allocated as follows.

Position	Ranking Point
1st place	80
2nd place	48
3rd places	28.8
5th places	17.28

**12. TEAM ENTRIES PER COUNTRY (MAXIMUM 29 MEMBERS)**

POSITION	MAX. NO. OF MEMBERS	
	MALE	FEMALE
HEAD OF TEAM:	1	
MANAGER:	1	1
COACH:	2	2

TRAINER:	2	2
TEAM DOCTOR:	1	1
CONTESTANTS:	8	8

### 13. INTERNATIONAL REFEREES

The WTF will appoint a total of 56 International Referees. The appointed international referees shall officiate at the WT World Taekwondo GP 2013 Final Manchester; the following conditions shall apply:

- i. International Referees are required to pay for their own roundtrip airfares.
- ii. The Organizing Committee shall pay for the expenses for six (6) nights' stay of room and board.  
**Check-in: December 10 / Check-out: December 16**
- iii. The Organizing Committee shall pay a per diem of US\$100 to the selected International Referees for competition period (total three days; US\$300 per referee).

### 14. TECHNICAL DELEGATE AND COMPETITION SUPERVISORY BOARD

The WTF will appoint one (1) Technical Delegate and up to four (4) members of the Competition Supervisory Board. The following conditions shall apply:

- i. The Organizing Committee shall pay for the expenses for up to seven (7) nights' stay of room and board.  
**Check-in from: December 9 / Check-out: December 16.**
- ii. The Organizing Committee shall pay a per diem of US\$100 to the Technical Delegate and the members of the Competition Supervisory Board for competition period (total three days; US\$300 per person).

### 15. WTF-RECOGNIZED TAEKWONDO UNIFORM (DOBOK) AND PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- i. Protector and Scoring System (PSS) will be used for the Championships.
- ii. Participating contestants are required to wear WTF-recognized doboks and WTF-recognized protective equipment. The latest version of WTF-recognized manufacturers' list is available at the website of WTF ([http://www.wtf.org/wtf\\_eng/site/about\\_wtf/recognized.html](http://www.wtf.org/wtf_eng/site/about_wtf/recognized.html)).
- iii. The Organizing Committee will provide Protector and Scoring System (PSS) and the head protector 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 doboks and protective equipment. **Any contestant who wears unofficial doboks or protective equipment will not be permitted to compete.** Organizing Committee shall prepare white masking tapes to cover up any kind of identification of the manufacturers not recognized by the WTF.
- v. Instant Video Replay (IVR) System will be used.

### 16. IDENTIFICATION OF NOC CODE AND MANUFACTURER

- i. National flag shall be located between 3cm and 3.4cm below the right shoulder line of upper garment.
- ii. NOC Code is a three-letter National Olympic Committee abbreviation, and it shall be printed at the back in black and centred 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 identification (name, designation trademark, logo or any distinctive sign of the manufacturer) shall be located one per garment within 20cm<sup>2</sup> except at the location of the WTF logo.

### 17. MEDICAL CONTROL

- i. The WTF 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 on random selection basis. The WTF and/or WADA may carry out random out-of-competition testing prior to the championships. Therefore, all participating contestants are required to submit their latest and most accurate Athlete Location (Whereabouts Info) Forms to the WTF.
- iii. TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemption)  
Athletes who take any substance or medicine listed in the "Prohibited List" of the WTF Anti-Doping Rules and Anti-Doping Code of World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) for therapeutic purposes are requested to visit the website of WADA and make online filing of their TUE applications on ADAMS <http://www.wada-ama.org/en/ADAMS/> and report to the WTF Sports Division at [sport@wtf.org](mailto:sport@wtf.org) **by no later than November 13, 2013**. For more details, please see the following page of the WTF website:

[http://www.wtf.org/wtf\\_eng/site/anti\\_doping/06\\_therapeutic\\_use\\_exemptions.html](http://www.wtf.org/wtf_eng/site/anti_doping/06_therapeutic_use_exemptions.html)

For ADAMS login, please contact National Anti-Doping Organization (NADO) in your country or WTF Sports Division at [sport@wtf.org](mailto:sport@wtf.org).

#### **18. HEAD OF TEAM MEETING & DRAWING OF LOTS SESSION**

- i. The head of team meeting and the drawing of lots session shall be conducted two (2) days prior to the start of the championships that is December 11, 2013, in the presence of the WTF officials and the representatives of the participating nations.
- 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, WTF officials or Organizing Committee 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. WEIGH-IN**

- i. Weigh-in of the contestants shall take place on the day before their respective weight category.
- ii. 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.

#### **20. INDEMNITIES**

- i. The respective national taekwondo associations shall be responsible for ensuring that their participants have validly completed and signed the official participation forms, thus indemnifying the organizers and its officials and/or staff/ volunteers, WTF and/or its officials/ staff, any Technical Officials and other contestants of the Championships from any claims of injuries, losses, fatalities or otherwise arising in the course of participation in this championships or any activities thereto.
- ii. The respective national taekwondo associations shall be responsible for ensuring that all officials and participants are covered with effective travel & medical insurance coverage.
- iii. Participants without proper participation entry forms and effective insurance coverage will not be allowed to compete at the championships.
- iv. The Organizing Committee will acquire general Public Liability event insurance.

#### **21. NATIONAL FLAG AND ANTHEM**

Every participating national taekwondo association is required to bring along the following items:

- i. Two (2) IOC-recognized national flags
  - Size: 90cm x 130cm
- ii. CD or DVD of the pertinent IOC-recognized national anthem

#### **22. ACCOMMODATION**

The participating teams are required to submit the hotel reservation to Organizing Committee by **no later than November 2nd, 2013**. The list of official hotels and hotel reservation forms are included in this invitation pack.

#### **23. VISA INFORMATION**

The Organising Committee can provide recommendation letters for visa applications.

However, MNA's are required to check the UK entry visa application waiting times in their own countries and submit requests for recommendation letters to the organising committee.

The Organising Committee cannot guarantee entry into the UK and can only offer assistance. It is the responsibility of each athlete and MNA to apply for and secure the correct entry visa for the UK.

MNA's are requested to complete the attached visa application recommendation form at least one week before the waiting time deadline in their own country.

#### **24. ATHLETE REPLACEMENT**

Athletes cannot be replaced after confirmation of the member national association. In the event that a confirmed athlete cannot compete due to injury after November 13, 2013, the pertinent MNA shall submit the late replacement form together with medical certificate written by medical doctor in English to the WTF at [sport@wtf.org](mailto:sport@wtf.org). The request may be accepted by the WTF upon review the request provided that the replacing athlete is ranked within the invitation places.

**TIMETABLE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

WTF World Taekwondo Grand Prix 2013 Final Manchester  
December 13-15, 2013 / Manchester, UK

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Place</b>
Dec 9-12	0900-1800	Arrival and registration of teams	Registration centre
Dec 10-15	0900-1800	Training	Manchester Central
Dec 11-12	0900-1800	Referee meeting and training (training at the venue on 12th)	Referee hotel or venue
Dec 11	1400-1800	Head of Team Meeting and Drawing of Lots	Manchester Central
Dec 12	1500-1700	Weigh-in for F-49kg, F+67kg and M+80kg	Manchester Central
Dec 13	0930-1230	Competitions (F-49kg, F+67kg and M+80kg)	Manchester Central
	1230-1400	Lunch break	
	1400-1630	Round of 16 and quarterfinals (F-49kg, F+67kg and M+80kg)	Manchester Central
	1500-1700	Weigh-in for F-67kg, M-58kg and M-80kg	Manchester Central
	1630-1830	Session break	
	1830-2100	Semi-finals and finals (F-49kg, F+67kg and M+80kg)	Manchester Central
	2100-2130	Awarding ceremony	Manchester Central
Dec 14	0930-1230	Competitions (F-67kg, M-58kg and M-80kg)	Manchester Central
	1230-1400	Lunch break	
	1400-1630	Round of 16 and quarterfinals (F-67kg, M-58kg and M-80kg)	Manchester Central
	1500-1700	Weigh-in for F-57kg and M-68kg	Manchester Central
	1630-1830	Session break	
	1830-2100	Semi-finals and finals (F-67kg, M-58kg and M-80kg)	Manchester Central
	2100-2130	Awarding ceremony	Manchester Central
Dec 15	1030-1415	Competitions and quarterfinals (F-57kg and M-68kg)	Manchester Central
	1415-1600	Lunch break	
	1600-1800	Semi-finals and finals (F-57kg and M-68kg)	Manchester Central
	1800-1830	Awarding ceremony	Manchester Central
Dec 16		Departure of the teams	