



**Abidjan 2017 World Taekwondo Gran Prix Final  
(December 2-3, 2017) / Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire  
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October 31, 2017

Presidents and Secretaries General  
WT Member National Association

**Re: World Taekwondo GP Final & World Taekwondo Gala Awards & World Taekwondo Team Championships**

Dear beloved Taekwondo Family,

It is a great pleasure to extend an invitation to your member national association to participate in the World Taekwondo GP Final, World Taekwondo Gala Awards, and World Taekwondo Team Championships to be held on December 2-6, 2017 in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire.

The world's top sixteen taekwondo athletes in each weight category are expected to compete. It will be an exciting event to celebrate the 1<sup>st</sup> World Taekwondo GP Final in continent of Africa.

Also, I expect that the World Taekwondo Team Championships (December 5-6) will serve as an opportunity for the top elite teams to display their skills and togetherness. It will show you the thrilling moments of competition and friendship.

To commemorate the closing of this year, the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of World Taekwondo Gala Awards will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> of December and it will honor the accomplishments of the players, officials and national federations as the social event worldwide.

We look forward to seeing you and your teams in Abidjan.

Sincerely yours,

  
Chungwon Choue  
President



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INVITATION TO THE ABIDJAN 2017 WORLD TAEKWONDO GP FINAL**

## OUTLINE

### Abidjan 2017 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Final

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- 1. PROMOTER:** WORLD TAEKWONDO (WT)
- ADDRESS:** 5th Fl., Kolon Bldg., 15 Hyoja-ro, Jongno-gu,, Seoul, Korea, 110-040
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- E-MAIL:** [sport@wtf.org](mailto:sport@wtf.org) (Sport Department)
- WEB-SITE:** <http://www.worldtaekwondo.org>
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- 2. ORGANIZING MNA:** Federation Ivoirienne de Taekwondo
- ADDRESS:** Cocody-Angre Derriere le 22e arrondissement  
01-B.P.5451, Abidjan 01, Cote d'Ivoire
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- Website:** [www.fitkd.org](http://www.fitkd.org)
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- 3. Date:** December 2-3, 2017
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- 4. VENUE:** Palais des Sports de Treichville, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire
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- 5. QUALIFICATIONS**  
In accordance with *Article 4: Qualification of Contestant* of the WT Competition Rules, the contestant must be:
- CRITERION #1:** Holder of the nationality of the participating team
- CRITERION #2:** An athlete must be the one invited by the WT based on the WT Olympic Ranking published on **November, 2017** following Kimunyoung Cup International Open Taekwondo Championships. The Invitation shall be extended to the pertinent member national taekwondo association that is recognised by the World Taekwondo.
- CRITERION #3:** Holder of the Kukkiwon 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 ([www.kukkiwon.or.kr](http://www.kukkiwon.or.kr)) for more information.)
- CRITERION #4:** **An athlete must be 17 years old or older.** An athlete who was born in the year of 2000 or before is eligible to participation in the competition.
- CRITERION #5:** Holder of valid WT Global Athlete Licence (GAL).  
\* Any questions on the WT GAL please contact your assigned WTF GMS Manager
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- 6. COMPETITION RULES**  
WT Competition Rules shall be applied.

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**7. METHOD OF COMPETITION**

- i. Single elimination system including **Bronze medal contest**
- ii. Grade: G8
- iii. Number of Courts: Two (2)
- iv. Number of athletes: Maximum 16 per division
- v. Selection of athletes: Top 16 athletes per Olympic category based on the WT Olympic ranking published in November 2017. The last event before release of this ranking will be the Kimunyoung Cup International Open Taekwondo Championships (October 28<sup>th</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup>)
- vi. Maximum quotas per MNA: 2 athletes per weight division
- vii. Host Country: **One (1) athlete from the host country shall be invited in weight division(s) where host country athlete was not invited through WT Olympic ranking in November 2017. There is no host country seeding for GP Final.**
- viii. Seeding and drawing of lots: **All ranked athletes based on WT Olympic Ranking of November shall be seeded accordingly.**
- ix. **Confirmation timeline**
  - WT will send out the invitation to the pertinent MNA first week of November.
  - **The invited MNA is requested to send written confirmation on participation of its athlete(s) to WT sport department via [sport@wtf.org](mailto:sport@wtf.org) no later than November 14<sup>th</sup>. After the MNA confirms participation via e-mail, MNA shall register the athlete(s) through online registration system, simply compete.**
  - If a MNA withdraws participation of its athlete(s), he/she will be replaced by the next highest ranked athlete of the WT Olympic Ranking (November version).
  - **If registered athlete does not participate in GP Final without prior notice to the WT sport department by 5:00 pm in Swiss Time, November 24<sup>th</sup>, he or she won't be invited for next GP Final regardless of their WT Olympic ranking**

**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**

Round-trip Airfare and Accommodation

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

**To register, an athlete is required to be in the proper physical condition to compete in Abidjan 2017 GP Final. Any athlete who withdraws after weigh-in will be subject to an investigation as to whether or not the withdrawal was in bad faith. (Bad faith includes, but is not limited to, having an prior illness or injury such that it was unreasonable to expect the athlete to be able to compete at the time of the weigh-in.) The burden will be on the athlete to demonstrate that the withdrawal was not in bad faith. If the investigation panel determines that the withdrawal was in bad faith the athlete will be suspended for up to 6 months, and the athlete and members of the athlete's entourage may be subject to an additional Ethics investigation.**

**11. WT GLOBAL LICENCE & ONLINE REGISTRATION**

All Athletes and Team officials must FIRST be registered with a WT Global Athlete Licence (GAL) or Global Official Licence (GOL).

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### i. WT Online Registration

Online National Team Entry will only be accepted through the WT online registration system, simply compete and registration is only possible with a valid WT Global Licence. National Team GMS admins will be notified via email once online registration is open.

## 12. 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 WT Registration Center in Abidjan prior to the start of the competition. Athletes shall not be allowed to compete without successful payment of entry fee to the Organizing Committee.

**REGULAR ENTRY FEES:** The national teams completing their registration during this period will be charged the regular registration fee.

- US \$100 per athlete.
- Regular entry fee period will begin on **November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017, 17:00 Local Swiss Time.**
- Regular entry fee period will end on **November 14<sup>th</sup> 2017, 17:00 Local Swiss Time.**

**Quota Completion Entry Fees:** The national teams who are informed regarding the remaining quotas in each category after the end of Regular Registration will be charged the regular registration fee.

- US \$100 per athlete.
- Quota Completion fee period will begin on **November 15<sup>th</sup> 2017, 17:00 Local Swiss Time.**
- Quota Completion fee period will end on **November 24<sup>th</sup> 2017, 17:00 Local Swiss Time.**

## 13. ENTRY DEADLINES & IMPORTANT DATES

- Entry deadline for Regular Registration Period is **November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 17:00 Local Swiss Time.** Entry submission after this date will be not accepted under any circumstances.
  - Entry deadline for Quota Completion Registration Period is **November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 17:00 Local Swiss Time.** Registration after this date will be not accepted under any circumstances.
  - In case of replacement of an injured athlete, an MNA may replace this athlete no later than **November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 17:00 Local Swiss Time**
  - The registered athletes (only injured athlete) or team officials may be replaced **without any penalty** until **November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**
  - Entry fee of US\$100 per athlete will not be charged in case of cancellation of participation until **November 24<sup>th</sup>** Entry fee must be paid in case of the cancellation of participating athletes after **November 24<sup>th</sup>** or no-show.
- Athletes: Member national associations have to submit entry online by logging into the WT GMS for the athletes invited by the WT. A member national association can send a maximum 2 athletes per weight division provided that these athletes are the ones invited by the WT. No additional athletes are accepted. No reserve athlete is accepted. No entry will be accepted or modified at the accreditation center(s) in Abidjan.
  - Team officials: Member national association have to register online by logging in to the WT GMS 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, two (2) trainers per team.
  - MNA officials: three (3) Member National Association (MNA) officials per country can be registered online by logging in to the WT GMS.
  - Penalty: Penalty of US\$100 per person shall be paid to the Organizing Committee at the accreditation center in Abidjan in the following cases.
    - 1) Any team official who is not registered online wants to be accredited at the accreditation center in Abidjan 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 Abidjan or any MNA official who is not registered online wants to be accredited at the accreditation center in Abidjan.
  - Any changes or additions that are made to a national team list after **November 24<sup>th</sup>** will be charged a US\$100 penalty in addition to the registration fees. This penalty will be considered the onsite fee for

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approved additions or changes to the national team list.

- Any WT Global Licence registration completed onsite will be charged a US\$30 onsite processing fee for each WT Global Licence required.

**14. CLASSIFICATION OF RESULTS**

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

<b>1<sup>st</sup> PLACE:</b>	<b>USD 6'000, GOLD MEDAL &amp; CERTIFICATE</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE:</b>	<b>USD 3'000, SILVER MEDAL &amp; CERTIFICATE</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE:</b>	<b>USD 1'000, BRONZE MEDAL &amp; CERTIFICATE</b>

All athletes 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
1 <sup>st</sup> place	80
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	48
3 <sup>rd</sup> places	28.8
4 <sup>th</sup> places	17.28
5 <sup>th</sup> places	12.10
9 <sup>th</sup> places	8.47

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

POSITION	MAX. NO. OF MEMBERS	
	MALE	FEMALE
HEAD OF TEAM:	1	
MANAGER (Head Coach):	1	1
COACH:	2	2
TRAINER:	2	2
TEAM DOCTOR:	1	1
CONTESTANTS:	8	8

**16. INTERNATIONAL REFEREES**

The WT will appoint a total of 40 International Referees. The appointed international referees shall officiate at the Abidjan 2017 World Taekwondo GP Final & World Taekwondo Team Championships; the following conditions shall apply:

- International Referees are required to pay for their own roundtrip airfares.
- The Organizing Committee shall pay for the expenses for eight (8) nights' stay of room and board.  
**Check-in: November 29 / Check-out: December 7**
- The Organizing Committee shall pay a per diem of US\$100 to the selected International Referees for competition period (total five days; US\$500 per referee including Team Championships)

**17. 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:

- The Organizing Committee shall pay for the expenses for up to eight (8) nights' stay of room and board.  
**Check-in from: November 29 / Check-out: December 7**
- 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 five days; US\$500 per person including Team Championships).

**18. WT-RECOGNIZED TAEKWONDO UNIFORM (DOBOK) AND PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

- Daedo Protector and Scoring System (PSS) including Head PSS will be used for the competition.
- Participating contestants are required to wear WT-recognized doboks and WT-recognized protective

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- equipment. The latest version of WT-recognized manufacturers' list is available at the website of WT (<http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/wtf-partners/recognized/>)
- iii. The Organizing Committee will provide Protector and Scoring System (PSS) 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.
  - v. Instant Video Replay (IVR) System will be used.
  - vi. Wireless communication system between referee and review jury will be used from Semi-Final.

**19. 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 WT or WTF logo.

**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 on random selection basis. The WTF and/or WADA may carry out random out-of-competition testing prior to the competition. Therefore, all participating contestants are required to submit their latest and most accurate Athlete Location (Whereabouts Info) Forms to the WT.
- 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 Department at [marcoienna@wtf.org](mailto:marcoienna@wtf.org) by no later than November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017. For more details, please see the following page of the WT website: <http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/medical-anti-doping/anti-doping/therapeutic-use-exemptions-tues/>  
For ADAMS login, please contact National Anti-Doping Organization (NADO) in your country or WT Sports Department at [marcoienna@wtf.org](mailto:marcoienna@wtf.org)

**21. 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 competition that is November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in the presence of the WT officials and the representatives of the participating nations.

**22. 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 wish to do so.

**23. 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.

**24. ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORTATION**

OC will send it out separate invitation packet shortly.



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**25. VISA INFORMATION**

The Organising Committee can provide recommendation letters for visa applications.

However, MNA's are required to check the Cote d'Ivoire 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 Cote d'Ivoire and can only offer assistance. It is the responsibility of each athlete and MNA to apply for and secure the correct entry visa for Cote d'Ivoire.

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.

**26. COACH'S ATTIRE**

All Coaches are required to wear formal suit such as tie, jacket, dress shirt (long or short), and trouser during all matches. If any coach refuses to wear abovementioned attire, he or she won't be coaching for Abidjan 2017 GP Final as well as next GP Series.

**27. TEAM DOCTOR'S MEETING**

In order to receive accreditation card, all registered team doctors or physicians must attend team doctor's meeting on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**28. World Taekwondo Gala Awards 2017**

On the evening of December 4<sup>th</sup>, WT Gala Awards 2017 will be held, and all GP final athletes and coaches required to attend. (Mandatory). During Gala Awards, Player of the Year (Male / Female), Coach of the Year, Referee of the Year (Male / Female), and MNA of the Year will be announced and awarded with prizes. All attendees are required to wear suit and dress, and recommended color code is black and white.

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**TIMETABLE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

Date	Time	Event	Place
Nov. 28 –29	0900-1800	Arrival and registration of teams	TBD
Nov. 29-Dec. 1	0900-1800	Training	Palais des Sports de Treichville
Nov. 30- Dec. 1	0900-1800	Referee meeting and training	Palais des Sports de Treichville
Nov. 30	1400-1600	Team Doctor's Meeting	Palais des Sports de Treichville
Nov. 30	1600-1800	Head of Team Meeting and Drawing of Lots	Palais des Sports de Treichville
Dec. 1	1000-1200	Weigh-in for (W-49kg, M-80kg , W+67kg, M-58kg,)	Palais des Sports de Treichville
Dec. 2	0900-1200	Round of 16 (W-49kg, M-80kg , W+67kg, M-58kg,)	Palais des Sports de Treichville
	1000-1200	Weigh-in for (W-57kg, M+80kg , W-67kg, M-68kg )	Palais des Sports de Treichville
	1200-1400	Lunch break	
	1400-1530	Quarterfinals (W-49kg, M-80kg , W+67kg, M-58kg,)	Palais des Sports de Treichville
	1530-1700	Session break	
	1700-1900	Semi-finals (W-49kg, M-80kg , W+67kg, M-58kg,)	Palais des Sports de Treichville
	1900-2100	Bronze medal contests and Finals (W-49kg, M-80kg , W+67kg, M-58kg,)	Palais des Sports de Treichville
	2100-2120	Awarding Ceremony	Palais des Sports de Treichville
Dec. 3	0900-1200	Round of 16 (W-57kg, M+80kg , W-67kg, M-68kg )	Palais des Sports de Treichville
	1200-1400	Lunch break	
	1400-1530	Quarterfinals (W-57kg, M+80kg , W-67kg, M-68kg )	Palais des Sports de Treichville
	1530-1700	Session break	
	1700-1900	Semi-finals (W-57kg, M+80kg, W-67kg, M-68kg,)	Palais des Sports de Treichville
	1900-2100	Bronze medal contests and Finals (W-57kg, M+80kg, W-67kg, M-68kg,)	Palais des Sports de Treichville
	2100-2120	Awarding Ceremony	Palais des Sports de Treichville





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Dec 4	1000-1200	Weigh-in for Team	Palais des Sports de Treichville
	1000-1200	Head of Team Meeting and Drawing of Lots	Palais des Sports de Treichville
	1900	World Taekwondo Gala Awards 2017	TBD
Dec 5-6	TBC	World Taekwondo Team Championships	Palais des Sports de Treichville