



INVITATION LETTER

Dear Mr. President,

Dear Sir/Madam

After having successfully organized "SOFIA OPEN" – 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014 with over 1000 participants and "SOFIA CUP" – 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013, we are pleased and honored to invite you and your athletes to participate in the:

5th "SOFIA OPEN" 2018

WT G 1 INTERNATIONAL TAEKWONDO TOURNAMENT

Sofia, March 3rd and 4th, 2018

We are committed to make this event a successful one. We adhere to the highest standards of preparation in order to create an ideal atmosphere for all participating teams.

We hope you have a wonderful stay in Bulgaria and the charming city of Sofia, and that you enjoy your time together with all the other members of the Taekwondo family.

We are looking forward to receiving your confirmation of participation for this event no later than February 19th 2018.

We truly hope that we can welcome you to participate in "SOFIA OPEN 2018" INTERNATIONAL TAEKWONDO TOURNAMENT and wish you and your team a lot of success at this championship.

Sincerely Yours,



Dimitar Mihaylov

/Vice President of the Bulgarian Taekwondo Federation/

/President of the Organizing Committee/





SOFIA OPEN 2018

WT G1 INTERNATIONAL TAEKWONDO TOURNAMENT Sofia, 3rd and 4th March, 2018

Promoter: Bulgarian Taekwondo Federation – WTF
President: Mr. Slavi Binev – President - BTF

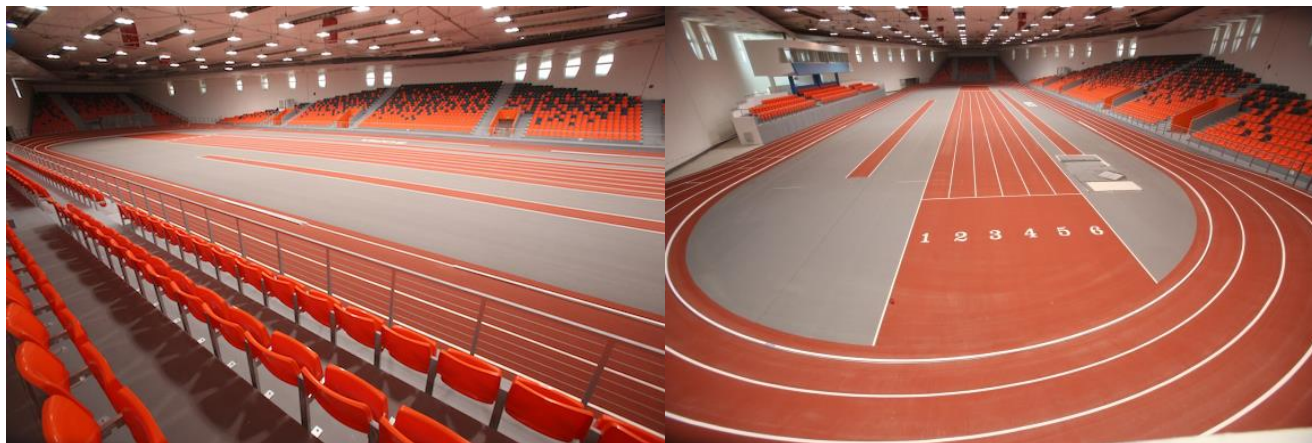
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Dates: 3rd and 4th March 2018

Place: Sports hall “Arena Asics” (ex Festivalna Hall),
35 Manastirska str., 1111 Sofia, Bulgaria

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/UUPaQH7JXoK2>





Application Deadline: 23:59 Bulgarian time on 19th February 2018

Online Registration: <https://worldtkd.simplycompete.com>

Entry fee and Payment: 80 € per competitor for **every applied competitor**.
Entry fee is payable only via bank account.

If an athlete registered online through the WT registration system does not take part in the competition for some reason, but he/she has not been removed from the list of participants before the deadline (19.02.2018), his/her team official must fully (100%) pay his/her entry fee for participation. Entry fee is not refundable at any time after the deadline.

All entry fees must be paid no later than 19th February 2018 to the following bank account:

Recipient: Taekwondo club Ramus
Name of Bank: First Investment Bank, Bulgaria
IBAN: BG39FINV91501203949844
BIC: FINVBGSF

Reason for payment: SO2018 + team name

A copy of the bank transfer must be sent to:

E-Mail: sofiaopen@ramustkd.org

Applications without a copy of the transfer are invalid.

All payments by bank transfer have to be done without any deduction of expenses! Any costs of the bank transfer (non-Euro zone) will be charged.

Application is only valid when payment has been done to the bank account at the same time of registration and when payments of all entry fees have been received 3 days after registration. If payment has not been received in due time those registered athletes will be removed from the online registration again.



Change of category: *Change of category will be possible during the Registration and Weigh-in – against an additional fee of 30 euros for each change.*

Competition Rules: The last WT Competition rules will be apply

Protector and Scoring System: **WT approved PSS (Daedo Generation 2) will be used.**

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, sensor socks, shin and forearm guards for their personal use. All competitors must use WT-approved equipment.

Instant Video Replay will be used for all courts.

Conditions of participation

Proof of membership by valid national Federation passport with WTE/WT membership. All contestants have to proof their age and nationality by presenting national ID or passport at weigh-in.

Those who are not recognized as adults by law in their own country must submit a passport or identification card together with a written consent (liability declaration) of their parents or lawful guardian accepting the participation and all parts of the official invitation.

All participants require a **WT Global Licence** and **WT Event Pass** (GAL – Global Athlete License or GOL – Global Official License) and must be a member of a National Taekwondo Federation affiliated to the WT. This membership must be proved at registration by providing a valid WT Global Licence. **Onsite registration for WT Global License is not possible.** Registration must be done in advance.

The WT Event Pass is a mandatory requirement for all athletes and officials (Coach, Referee, Official, Doctor, Physio & Executives) who wish to participate in any World Taekwondo (WT) recognized event.

The WT Licence must be valid or renewed for 2018. Entry fees are obligated at all times. All participants of the Sofia Open 2018 (officials & contestants) are responsible that they are registered and approved through their respective WT Member National Association at least 1 month before the tournament it is required for.

Method of competition: Single elimination tournament according to WT Competition Rules.

Age Groups:

- Seniors: born in 2000 and older (WT G1 ranking)
- Juniors: born in 2001, 2002, 2003
- Cadets: born in 2004, 2005 and 2006
- Children: born in 2007, 2008 and 2009

Athletes born in 2001 could compete either in Juniors or in Seniors.

Categories:

Seniors Male: -54kg, -58kg, -63kg, -68kg, -74kg, -80kg, -87kg, +87kg;

Seniors Female: -46kg, -49kg, -53kg, -57kg, -62kg, -67kg, -73kg, +73kg

Juniors Male: -45kg, -48kg, -51kg, -55kg, -59kg, -63kg, -68kg, -73kg, -78kg, +78kg

Junior Female: -42kg, -44kg, -46kg, -49kg, -52kg, -55kg, -59kg, -63kg, -68kg, +68 kg

Cadets Male: -33kg, -37kg, -41kg, -45kg, -49kg, -53kg, -57kg, -61kg, -65kg, +65kg



Cadets Female: -29kg, -33kg, -37kg, -41kg, -44kg, -47kg, -51kg, -55kg, -59kg, +59 kg
Children Male and Female: -27kg, -30kg, -33kg, -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, +57kg

Graduation:

Children and Cadets must hold at least 6th Gup.
Juniors & Seniors must hold at least 2nd Gup.

Match duration:

Seniors, Juniors and Cadets: 3 x 1,5 min (30 sec. break)
Children: 2 x 1,5 min (30 sec. break)

The contests duration is subject to change by the Organizing Committee.

Recognized brands

Recognized brands Participating contestants are required to wear WT recognized doboks, belts and WT-recognized protective equipment. The latest version of WT-recognized manufacturers' list is available at the website of WT: <http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/wtf-partners/recognized/>

Liability

All competitors participate at their own risk. The online registration implies that the competitors agree to assume all responsibility for themselves and to release all other parties from any and all liability which may directly or indirectly result. The organizer is in no way responsible for any damage caused to a person or their belongings.

Awards

Medals for the places 1 to 3 individual results.
Team cups will be awarded to the three best teams in each division.

The team ranking is based on the following point system: every gold medal – 7 points, every silver medal – 3 points and every bronze medal – 1 point

Coaches

For every five contestants within the same team, one coach is granted free admission, with a maximum of four coaches. Every additional coach above the maximum allowed number should pay 25 euro admission. Coaches can enter the competition area only with proper sport shoes and proper tracksuit. Before weigh-in all coaches must have the Special ID-Cards for their teams. Weigh-in and entry to the sports hall only with Special ID-Cards. Special ID-Cards for all competitors and coaches. The following accreditations will be provided to team member on request to the OC:

Role	Male Team	Female Team
MNA Official	3	
Head of Team	1	
Manager	1	
Trainer	1	1
Team Doctor	2	



The trainers will not be allowed to the competition area
To register a Doctor – Proof of Medical Doctor/Physio therapist certificate in English.

Protest

Only the official coach is allowed to protest, immediately after the end of the contest. An amount of € 100 (Euro) will have to be paid for each protest. The decision of the referee chairman is final.

Referees

All referees will be contacted and invited by the Referee Committee.

Hotel and Full board accommodation will be provided for the International referees from 2nd March until 5th March 2018.

For information: referees@ramutkd.org

Admission/ Tickets

Up to 5 years old: admission is free

One day ticket: 5 BGN

Visa

All teams who require a visa invitation should send Appendix 1 – Visa Detail Form to the Bulgarian Taekwondo Federation (office@taekwondo-bulgaria.org or sofiaopen@ramustkd.org).

Accommodation

The Organizing Committee offers assistance for the accommodation of teams for the championship at preferential rates for the official hotels of the championship.

Official hotels for the tournament:

Hotel	Website	Single room	Double room	Triple room	Reservation	Promo code
Novotel Sofia	http://www.novotel.com/ 4 stars	65€	75€	90€	H8468-RE@accor.com and hotels@ramustkd.org	S018G1
Best Western Hotel Europe	http://www.hotel-europe-bg.com/ 4 stars	65€	75€	90€	hotels@ramustkd.org <i>Apartments available</i>	
Best Western Premier	http://hotelpremiersofia.com 4 stars	60€	75€	95€	reservations@hotelpremiersofia.com and hotels@ramustkd.org	S02018G1
Best Western Expo	http://www.hotelexposofia.com 4 stars	60€	75€		reservations@hotelpremiersofia.com and hotels@ramustkd.org	S02018G1
Spa Hotel Tsarsko Selo	http://www.tsarskoselo-bg.com/ 4 stars	50€	65€	90€	hotels@ramustkd.org	



Metropolitan	http://metropolitanhotelsofia.com/ 4 stars	80€	100€	140€	hotels@ramustkd.org	
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Those prices are available in euro per room and include breakfast, free Wi-Fi, fitness and parking until 30.01.2018. After 30.01.2018 the prices could be increased. For reservations please send an email to the hotel e-mail with a copy to hotels@ramustkd.org

For more information according accommodation and transportation: hotels@ramustkd.org or dimitar.mihaylov@abv.bg

Transportation

The Organizing Committee offers assistance for the transportation of teams for the championship at preferential rates. For more information please contact hotels@ramustkd.org

Distances

Novotel Sofia - 2,2 km away from the Sports Hall, 8,4 km away from the airport – **next to Novotel Sofia is one of the biggest malls in Sofia – The Mall.**

Best Western Hotel Europe - 1,4 km away from the Sport Hall, 6,5 km from the airport

Best Western Premier - 5 km away from the Sports Hall, 2,4 km away from the airport – free shuttle available

Best Western Expo - 3,8 km away from the Sports Hall, 7,8 km from the airport

Spa Hotel Tsarsko Selo – 9.2 km away from the Sports Hall, 12,2 km away from the airport

Metropolitan Hotel Sofia - 4.2 km away from the Sports Hall, 3,7 km away from the airport







Timetable

2nd of March 2018:

14:00 - 20:00 – Registration and Weigh-in, **Sports hall “Arena Asics” (ex Festivalna Hall),**

35 Manastirska str., 1111 Sofia, Bulgaria – for **all athletes.**

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3rd of March 2018: Saturday (Cadets and Juniors) – Sports Hall Arena Asics

08:00 – Referee meeting

08:30 – Head-of-Team Meeting

08:45 – Inspection area opens and start checking the athletes for the first matches

09:00 – Start of matches

14:00 – 16:00 – Weigh-in competitors competing on Sunday – in the sports hall

17:00 – Finals and Award Ceremony

4th of March 2018: Sunday (Seniors and Children) – Sports Hall Arena Asics

08:00 – Referee meeting

08:30 – Head-of-Team Meeting

08:45 – Equipment checkpoints open up and start checking the athletes for the first matches

09:00 – Start of matches

17:00 – Finals and Award Ceremony

5th of March 2018: Monday – Departure of teams

The Organizers reserve the right to make changes in the outline if necessary.





DECLARATION OF CONTEST

As legal guardian I herewith declare my consent that my son/my daughter may participate as an active player at the following championship:

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I do know that Taekwondo is a Full Contact Competition Sport, where injuries cannot be excluded. Neither the organizer nor the promoter of the event can be held responsible for any damages or injuries and therefore I declare that there exists a valid insurance that will cover costs of possible injuries for my son/my daughter or that I will accept all costs in connection with possible injuries or damages by myself.

Name of Guardian

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Point of Relationship

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Date Signature

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Signature

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