



**European Qualification
Tournament for the Paris
2024 Paralympic Games**

Sofia, 8 March 2024





Dear friends,

In this Paralympic year, the stakes are high for all athletes and coaches. You all have been working hard and tirelessly to realize your Paralympic dreams.

The European Paralympic Qualification Tournament is the last possibility for you to win a quota for the 2024 Paris Paralympics. The competition is hard at this Tournament and only the best athlete's will be successful in Sofia.

I would like to thank the host of this Paralympic qualification tournament, Mr. Binev and the Bulgarian Taekwondo Federation for their kind hospitality.

I wish you all good luck in chasing your dreams and realizing your Paralympic aspirations!

Yours,

Sakis Pragalos

President European Taekwondo Union

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GLOBAL RANKING

G1 RANKING STATUS

- The most updated World Para Taekwondo Competition Rules will be applied.
- The latest updated World Para Taekwondo Classification Rules will be implemented for competition in the K44 Sport Classes at the Europe Qualification Tournament for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.
- Competitions will be held in a single elimination format with a one round duration of contest.
- ****NOTE that Article 10.5 of the World Para Taekwondo Competition Rules will be in effect.*** Athletes that fail weigh-in shall be **disqualified**. All athletes are required to be registered in the correct weight category by the registration deadline. **Weight categories will not be changed in the case the athlete does not pass weigh-in!**

ORGANIZER

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VENUE

Sports Hall “Eng. Yanko Yankov”

bul. “Vitosha” 14, 2100 Tsentar, Elin Pelin, Bulgaria

REGISTRATION & ACCREDITATION

6-7 March 2024

6 March 2024 14:00-18:00 hrs

7 March 2024 09:00-11:00 hrs

Location: Best Western Premier Sofia Airport Hotel, 11 Bruksel Blvrd, Sofia

COMPETITION DATES AND SCHEDULE

8 March 2024

All divisions and All categories

WEIGH-IN DATES, SCHEDULE & LOCATION

7 March 2024

10:00-12:00 hrs

Location: Best Western Premier Sofia Airport Hotel, 11 Bruksel Blvrd, Sofia

RANDOM WEIGH-IN

Location: **Sports Hall “Eng. Yanko Yankov”**

Random weigh in will start at **08:00 hrs.**

The names of the athletes for Random Weigh-in will be selected and announced at the venue prior to the Random Weigh-in, so athletes must be present in the venue for the selection of the names for Random Weigh-in.

DRAW SHEETS & BRACKET PUBLICATION

The draw sheets and brackets will be daily published, one (1) day before the start of competition at 19:00 hrs on the following (social) media platforms:

www.europetaekwondo.org/documents/



SEEDING

Athletes will be seeded in accordance with the most up to date WT World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Ranking.

HEAD OF TEAM MEETING

The Head of Team meeting for the European Qualification Tournament for Paris 2024 Paralympic Games will take place at 19:00 hrs at the **Best Western Premier Sofia Airport Hotel** on March 7th.

All information will be published on the following (social) media platforms:

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MEDICAL TEAM MEETING

The Medical Team meeting for the European Qualification Tournament for Paris 2024 Paralympic Games will take place at 18:00 hrs at the **Best Western Premier Sofia Airport Hotel** on March 7th.

All information will be published on the following (social) media platforms:

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COMPETITION RULES

KYORUGI

The WT Para Taekwondo Competition Rules as of May 2, 2023 will be implemented for the Para Taekwondo competitions of the K44 Sport Class.

Please note that Article 10.5 of the WT Para Taekwondo Competition Rules will be in effect. Athletes that fail weigh-in shall be disqualified. All athletes are required to be registered in the correct weight division by the end of registration deadline. Weight division will not be changed in the case the athlete does not pass weigh in!

COMPETITION SYSTEM KYORUGI

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The competitions in the K44 Sport Class will be held in single elimination tournament system.

CONTEST TIME

The duration of the contest shall be one round of five (5) minutes with one minute (1) timeout for each athlete. In the case of a tied score after the completion of the five (5) minute round, round of one (1) minute will be conducted as the Golden round, after a one (1) minute rest period. No timeout can be taken during the Golden Round.

Each coach will be allowed to call for one (1) minute timeout at any time during the one round contest.

The duration of contest may be adjusted to four (4) minutes or three (3) minutes upon the decision of the Technical Delegate for the pertinent Championships.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Qualification System for Paris 2024:

- According to WT Standing Procedures for the Paralympic Games Article 11 will be in effect for the Europe Qualification Tournament for Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.:
- Article 11.9.6 An MNA, other than the host country, may participate in Continental Qualification tournament as long as:

11.9.6.1 The athletes' gender and weight categories in the Continental Qualification tournament are not those for which the NPC already obtained a qualification slot through World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Ranking;

11.9.6.2 The number of athletes qualified through World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Ranking of the pertinent NPC does not exceed the minimum quota of three (3) men and three (3) women places respectively.

- Any country entering the Qualification Tournament must have an IPC recognized NPC.

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Holder of a valid 2024 WT Global Athlete License;
2. Member of the national team of a pertinent Member National Association, recognized by European Taekwondo Union or World Taekwondo;
3. Holder the nationality of the pertinent Member National Association.
4. Holder of a Para Taekwondo Dan issued by the WT or a MNA recognized 5-1 Geup
5. Athletes must go through International Classification in accordance with the WT Athlete Classification Rules and be assigned a Sport Class and Sport Class Status prior to the tournament.

Athletes found Not Eligible (NE) will not be able to compete.

6. An athlete in order to be eligible for participation must be born in 2008 or before for Kyorugi events. All competitors must prove their age by presenting their passport or identification card at the official weigh-in. For those athletes that are not adults, a written consent must be submitted (please find enclosed on the last pages) at the registration, signed by one of the parents or legal guardians, accepting their participation and all parts of the official invitation.
7. In case of a Refugee athlete, the athlete must meet following requirements:
 - Must hold the Refugee Status, documented by UNHCR or
 - Refugee Status documented by national agency, e.g. Department of Foreign Affairs or related/responsible department of the residing country
 - Must present the residence status within country in Europe region
8. In case of a Individual Neutral Athlete(AIN), the athlete must
 - Obtain AIN Status, screened and confirmed by World Taekwondo
 - Only athlete with AIN GAL Number can participate

COACH ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Minimum age of 18 years;
2. Valid World Para Taekwondo Coach Certificate Level I or above is required;
3. Holder of a valid 2024 WT Global Official License;
4. Coach is not allowed to wear a Dobok.
5. During the semi-finals and Finals all coaches are obliged to wear a formal outfit (suit/dress). During the preliminaries, quarter, coaches shall wear sportswear. Coaches that do not follow the dress code cannot enter the field of play.
6. In case of an Individual Neutral Support Personnel participating as a coach must obtain AIN status, screened and confirmed by World Taekwondo. Only coaches with AIN GOL Number can participate.

MEDAL EVENTS

The European Qualification tournament will qualify the number one (1) athlete in each medal event for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

The following medal events are applicable:

Kyorugi K44 Sport Class

The Para Taekwondo Kyorugi K44 Sport Classes are for athletes with a physical impairment.

SPORT CLASSES	
K44	
MALE EVENTS	FEMALE EVENTS
Under 58kg	Under 47kg
Under 63kg	Under 52kg
Under 70kg	Under 57kg
Under 80kg	Under 65kg
Over 80kg	Over 65kg

SPORT ENTRIES

Team entries will only be accepted through the WT GMS online registration system Simply Compete.

Registration of athletes is only possible with a valid 2024 WT Global Licence (GAL issued by assigned GMS club, Edition and MNA Administrators only). Please find below the direct link to the WT GMS platform:

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

Officials' Accreditation Cards Quotas		
Role	Female Team	
	Male Team	
Head of Team	1	
Manager	1	
Coach	1	1
Trainer	2	2
Team Doctor or Physio	1	

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

23 February 2024, 23:59 CET

This deadline is applicable for all sport entries, payments and admitting all required documents.

APPLICABLE FEES

Regular entry fee

€200 per registered athlete paid by February 23rd

Late entry fee

€300 per registered athlete paid after February 23rd

On-site Change of medal event (weight division)

NO CHANGES ARE ALLOWED AFTER DEADLINE

Additional Accreditation cards

€50 for each on-site approved additional requested Accreditation card.

Replacement of athletes

Athlete replacement after the registration deadline is only possible in case of injury or medical illness and shall be handled case by case by WT/ETU. Requests to replace athlete can be done by submitting the Late Athlete Replacement Form along with medical documents written by a medical professional in English to sport@worldtaekwondo.org no later than maximum 48 hours prior to the Head of Team Meeting.

€200 per athlete

PAYMENT ENTRY

All entry fees shall be paid in advance to ETU. Cash payments will **not** be accepted. All bank transfer shall be paid to the following bank account:

Beneficiary: BF PO TAEKWON-DO - STIL VTF
Name of the bank: FIRST INVESTMENT BANK,
Bulgaria, Sofia
IBAN: BG58FINV915010E0114323
BIC/SWIFT: FINVBGSF
Bank address: Boulevard
"Dragan Tsankov" 36

NOTE: Bank transaction expenses should be set to "OUR". If set to "SHA" then the team may be asked to pay at Registration & Accreditation Centre any differences that may occur at the final amount remitted.

Payment reference

EQTPARA2024 plus TEAM NAME

Example

EQTPARA2024 ITALY NATIONAL TEAM

PROOF OF PAYMENT REQUIREMENT

All teams are required to send proof of payment (copy of bank transfer) to office@taekwondo-bulgaria.org within one (1) week after registration in Simply Compete or submit it at the registration appointment booking platform. Taekwondo Europe has the right to delete sport entries from teams that do not send proof of payment from the system in order for other athletes to register and to prevent 'ghost athletes'.

Any athlete registering on-line who does not take part in the competition and who has not been removed from the entry list before the deadline (23rd February 2024), is liable for paying his/her entry-fee in full. (For any athlete not presenting at registration, his/her team or official will be liable for ensuring full payment has been received, prior to the team's participation). If a team does not show up at the event and has not requested a participation cancellation before the deadline, it will be requested to settle the payment of the entry fees in full (100%).

NO REFUND

European Taekwondo Union and/or the Organizing Committee do not refund entry fees paid.



ACCREDITATION CARD DISTRIBUTION

Registered teams only receive the athlete and official's accreditation cards if all financial obligations have been fulfilled. For all registered athletes, the entry fee has to be paid before the accreditation cards will be distributed to the respective team.

SPORT EQUIPMENT

PSS – system

KPNP Protector and Scoring System (PSS) will be used at the event.

Mats

WT recognized mats will be used at the event

Dobok and protective equipment

Athletes can only use WT recognized products while participating at the event. See a list of recognized products at: <http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/wtpartners-wt/recognize.html>

All participating athletes must wear WT-recognized Kyorugi competition uniform.

IDENTIFICATION OF NPC CODE AND MANUFACTURER

- National Flag shall be located between 3cm and 3.5cm below the right shoulder on Kyorugi Competition uniform.
- NPC Code must be printed at the back of the upper garment, font of the letters shall be ion bold “Verdana”. NPC Code is a three-letter National Paralympic Committee abbreviation, and it shall be printed at the back in black and centered at 5cm or higher from the bottom line of the upper garment within the size of 30cm width x 12cm height.
- Manufacturer’s identifications(name, designation trademark, logo or any distinctive sign of the manufacturer) shall be located one for the top within 30cm² and between 3 to 3.5cm below the shoulder line of the left arm, one for bottoms within 30cm² located above the knee and center of the right leg, and one for Kyorugi belt within 6cm² at the end of the belt.
- All participating athletes must wear WT-recognized Kyorugi competition uniform.

SPONSOR’S IDENTIFICATION

- ONE sponsor’s identification(logo) is allowed to each of competition uniform’s top and bottoms
- The sponsor’s identification shall be located within 50cm² except the location of WT logo, manufacturer’s identification, national flag, and NPC code.

FIELD OF PLAY REGULATIONS

By accepting a European Taekwondo Union accreditation card, all accredited persons agree to comply with the Field of Play regulations applicable at ETU events.

AWARDS

Individual awards

- 1 Gold and Paralympic Ticket for 1st place athlete
- 1 Silver for second place athlete
- 1 Bronze medal for the 3rd place athlete
- 1 Certificate for the 4th place athlete

ANTI-DOPING

- 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 for selected medalists, while random tests will be conducted to the rest of the athletes. The WT and/or WADA may carry out random out-of-competition testing prior to the championships.
- iii. TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemption)
Athletes who take any substance or medicine listed in the “Prohibited List” of the WT Anti-Doping Rules and Anti-Doping Code of World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) for therapeutic purposes are requested to submit TUE applications via ADAMS, together with the required medical information. If you do not have an ADAMS account yet, please contact tue@ita.sport to have it set up.

Otherwise, please download the TUE Application Form [HERE](#) and once duly completed and signed, send it together with the required medical file to tue@ita.sport with copy to antidoping@worldtaekwondo.org. by at least 30 days before the first competition day. For more details, please see the following page of the WT website:

http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/anti_doping-wt/therapeutic.html

- iv. WT Mouth guard, Taping and Bracing rules
<http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/WT-Mouthguard-brace-taping-and-padding-rules-5-29-2019.pdf>

MEDIA AND PRESS

Media accreditation

Registered media and press officials or official photographers are entitled to receive a media and press accreditation card. For more information please contact the European Taekwondo Union at media@europetaekwondo.org.

Photo positions

All accredited photographers are only allowed to use the designated photo positions while working in the Field of Play. By accepting a media and press accreditation, the accredited person agrees to follow at all times the instructions of the European Taekwondo Union Media and Press officer

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel accommodation

All participating teams and officials may book their hotel accommodation via the OC minimum 2 nights per accredited person. The OC provides hotel rooms in each price range, but make sure you make your bookings early to avoid missing out the preferred hotel rooms. Please refer to the accommodation guide for further information and send to: accommodation@taekwondo-bulgaria.org

NOTE: Transportation it's not included in the accommodation prices.

PLEASE FIND THE ACCOMMODATION FORM ON SIMPLY COMPETE

Accommodation fee if you did not book your stay via OC:

150 euro per accredited team member should be paid directly to OC.

office@taekwondo-bulgaria.org

Transportation

For transportation between the airport, hotel, sports hall and via-versa for all teams, guests and visitors please refer to the transportation form and send it to: info@intercars.bg

PLEASE FIND THE TRANSPORTATION FORM ON SIMPLY COMPETE

HASH TAGS & SOCIAL MEDIA

Hash tags

European Taekwondo Union uses the following hash tags:

#ETU

#EuropeanTaekwondoUnion

#TKDEQT2024

Social media platforms

European Taekwondo Union is present at the following social media platforms:

Facebook: @europeantaekwoundunion

Instagram: @europeantaekwoundunion

Twitter: @europeantaekwoundunion

YouTube Channel: European Taekwondo Union

INDEMNITIES

It is the responsibility of each registering team to ensure that their athletes and team officials have filled out the indemnification forms correctly and have duly signed them, thereby indemnifying WT, ETU, the Organizing Committee and all other officials and athletes from any claims of injuries, losses or otherwise arising in the course of participation at the European Qualification Tournament 2024 or any activities linked therewith. It is the responsibility of each registered team to ensure and guarantee that sufficient insurance coverage has been arranged for all athletes, team officials and other participants. Without sufficient insurance coverage, teams will not be allowed to compete.

Please fill out the Personal Indemnity Forms and return them to the Organizing Committee before 23rd February 2024. Each participant (athletes, team officials, etc.) has to fill out the indemnification form.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

All participating athletes, coaches, team officials, technical officials and participants at ETU events shall have mandatorily an international medical insurance that covers medical care(COVID included) and in case of emergency, repatriation to the country of origin, valid on the days present in the host country of the event. ETU nor the Organizing Committee shall be responsible to cover any medical costs incurred for medical treatment before, on or during the competition or repatriation in the broadest sense of the word. All relevant documents proving that such an insurance is present, including insurance policy papers, should be taken to the event in case a medical situation occurs.

Each MNA, Team doctor or team medical staff must ensure their athletes and team officials have valid international health insurance that covers medical and emergency care at the designated hospitals in Bulgaria before arrival to the venue.

NON EU CITIZENS ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Due to Bulgarian Government decision all participants at sport event need permission from the Bulgarian Ministry of Youth and Sport to enter in the country. The decision does not apply to the countries members of European Union, Schengen agreement and the following countries: San Marino, Principality of Andorra, Principality of Monaco, Vatican City, The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Georgia, Republic of Albania, Ukraine, Republic of North Macedonia, Republic of Serbia, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Republic of Moldova, Israel, Republic of Belarus and Republic of Turkey.

Representatives from other countries not listed above, need to contact:
office@taekwondo-bulgaria.org in order to start the process for permission issuance.

The visa procedure is different for every country, please apply as soon as possible.

INTERNATIONAL REFEREES

World Taekwondo will appoint the International Referees. The appointed international Referees shall officiate at the European Qualification Tournament the following conditions shall apply:

- i. International Referees are required to pay for their own round-trip airfares.
- ii. The Organizing Committee shall cover the expenses for three (3) nights stay of room and board.
- iii. Check in: March 6th & Check out: March 9th. The Organizing Committee shall pay a per diem of USD \$150 to the selected International Referees for competition period (total 1 day: USD \$150 per referee). The Referee training will take place on **March 7th, 09:00-18:00**

VENUE ACCESS

All accredited persons have free access to enter the venue.

For spectators, online tickets will be available on: <https://www.eventim.bg/en/>

Time Schedule

Will be updated on 29th February 2024

6 March

14:00 – 18:00 Registration and Accreditation / LOCATION: Best Western Premier Sofia Hotel

7 March

09:00 – 18:00 Referee Training / LOCATION: Platinum Image Hotel

09:00 – 11:00 Registration and Accreditation / LOCATION: Best Western Premier Sofia Hotel

10:00 – 12:00 Weigh-in all categories / LOCATION: Best Western Premier Sofia Hotel

18:00 – 19:00 Medical Meeting / LOCATION: Best Western Premier Sofia Hotel

19:00 – 20:00 Head of Team Meeting/Draws / LOCATION: Best Western Premier Sofia Hotel

8 March

08:00 Random Weigh-in LOCATION: Sports Hall

09:00 – 13:00 Session 1 LOCATION: Sports Hall

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 18:30 Session 2 LOCATION: Sports Hall

19:00 – 20:00 Awarding Ceremony LOCATION: Sports Hall

PERSONAL INDEMNIFICATION FORM

THIS INDEMNIFICATION, HOLD HARMLESS, RELEASE AND CONSENT NOT TO SUE executed this on: _____ (insert date of signing).

I, the undersigned, certify that I will indemnify, hold harmless and release the European Taekwondo Union, World Taekwondo and the Organizing Committee, its executive board members, directors, officers, members, employees, consultants, agents, attorneys, contractors (including without limitation sponsors, suppliers, licensees and other representatives (each, an "Indemnitee" and, collectively, "Indemnitees"), from and against any and all damages, injuries, penalties, fines, claims, suits, liabilities, costs, attorneys' fees court costs and expenses of every kind and nature suffered by or asserted against the Indemnitee as a direct or indirect result of participating in the European Qualification Tournament 2024 in the broadest sense of the word.

By signing and submitting the form below, I accept and agree to the terms and covenants contained in this Indemnification, hold harmless, release and consent not to sue.

I verify that by signing and submitting this form, that I have read and agree to all of the terms and conditions provided above.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature:

In case the person involved is a minor, the legal guardian has to sign:
Name: _____
Relation towards the
minor _____
Date: _____
Signature:

Please send this form to: office@taekwondo-bulgaria.org



LIABILITY DECLARATION
(only for under aged athletes)

My name:

I live in:

I am the parent/guardian of:

Date of birth (competitor): ____/____/____

I declare that I accept the participation of _____ at the European Qualification Tournament 2024 on 8 March 2024 and that I accept all parts of the official invitation of this tournament.

For physical reasons nothing speaks against a participation of the aforementioned athlete and I understand that all competitors are considered to participate at their own risk, especially risks of COVID19 infection and COVID19 related complications in the midst of current COVID pandemic. European Taekwondo Union, World Taekwondo and the Organizing Committee assume no responsibility for any damages, injuries or losses. All athletes must bring their own documents and the forms or any medical insurance in Bulgaria.

Place: _____ Date: _____

Signature of the parents/legal guardian:

Please send this form to: office@taekwondo-bulgaria.org



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LATE ATHLETE REPLACEMENT REQUEST FORM

Please send to: info@europetaekwondo.org

Athlete to be removed from the team list:

Name of the Member National Association: _____

Athlete name and surname: _____

Gender: MALE FEMALE

WT GAL Number: _____

Date of birth: _____

Weight category: _____

Date and place of injury: _____

Medical condition: _____

A separate certificate by the medical doctor on the athlete's injury and medical condition should be attached in the language of the pertinent country and in English.

Athlete to be added to the team list:

Athlete name and surname: _____

Gender: MALE FEMALE

WT GAL Number: _____

Date of birth: _____

Weight category: _____

Date and place of injury: _____

Passport number: _____

Kukkiwon dan certificate number: _____

Name of MNA President:

Signature of MNA President:

Stamp of the MNA:

* IMPORTANT: This form will be accepted only if medical confirmation in writing in English from the responsible medical doctor is attached to this form after due evaluation of the ETU.

Guideline on Refugee Athlete For Continental Qualification Tournament Paris 2024 Olympic Games

1. The eligible refugee athlete must have official refugee status before the entry deadline of the pertinent continental qualification tournament, meaning that an athlete whose status is in process of examination will not be accepted to compete.
2. The refugee certificate issued by either governmental authorities of current residing country or the UNHCR will only be accepted.
3. In addition to the certificate, official endorsement letter from MNA of current residing country must be presented.
4. The refugee athletes must have either qualified to international standards in the recent past or have the potential to reach Olympic standard which shall be determine by one of following criteria:
 - Be a medal winner (1st or 2nd or 3rd places) at any of the G ranked senior kyorugi competitions enlisted on the WT event calendar between June 1, 2022 and May 1, 2024.
 - Be ranked within 20th place at least once in the WT World Ranking between June 1, 2022 and May 1, 2024.
 - Have advanced to round of 16 or higher at WT World Taekwondo Championships between June 1, 2022 and May 1, 2024.
 - Have advanced to quarter-finals or higher at two-year cycle Continental Taekwondo Championships held between June 1, 2022 and May 1, 2024.
 - Be the 1st place of national taekwondo championships held between June 1, 2022 and May 1, 2024.

**** In case the athlete currently resides in a refugee camp, he/she can be exempted from article 3 & 4.**

5. To register the refugee athlete, the abovementioned required documents shall be submitted to the WT Sport & Event Management Department
(sport@worldtaekwondo.org)