



OUTLINE

Malabo 2025 World Taekwondo Women's Open Championships
November 14-16, 2025 / Malabo, Equatorial Guinea



September 10, 2025

Presidents and Secretaries General
WT Member National Association

Re: Malabo 2025 World Taekwondo Women's Open Championships

Dear beloved Taekwondo Family,

It is with great pride and excitement that I invite you to the Malabo 2025 World Taekwondo Women's Open Championships, to be held in the historic and dynamic city of Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, from November 14-16, 2025. This event marks a truly historic milestone, as it will be the first-ever World Taekwondo promoted event hosted in Equatorial Guinea and the first edition of the Women's Open Championships to be staged on the African continent.

We are confident that the Malabo 2025 edition will build on this legacy, providing a platform for the world's best female athletes to showcase their skills and inspire the next generation of Taekwondo athletes.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the Federación Equatoguineana de Taekwondo for its dedication and tireless efforts in preparing for this historic event. I also thank the City of Malabo for its generous support and commitment in welcoming our global Taekwondo family.

The Malabo 2025 World Taekwondo Women's Open Championships will be a celebration of sporting excellence as well as the values of inclusivity, empowerment, and unity that define Taekwondo. This event will bring together nations from every corner of the globe, reinforcing our shared commitment to advancing opportunities for women in sport.

Let us come together in Malabo to celebrate the discipline, strength, and excellence of Taekwondo, and to write a new chapter in our sport's inspiring journey. I look forward to welcoming you all to Equatorial Guinea for what promises to be a truly historic and unforgettable championships.

Sincerely yours,

Chungwon Choue
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President

Malabo 2025 World Taekwondo Women's Open Championships

1. PROMOTER: WORLD TAEKWONDO(WT)

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2. ORGANIZING MNA: Federacion Equatoguineana de Taekwondo

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3. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE: Federacion Equatoguineana de Taekwondo

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4. VENUE: Polideportivo del Estadio de Malabo

ADDRESS: PQG8+4JQ, Malabo, Equatorial Guinea

5. QUALIFICATIONS

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

CRITERION #1:	Participating contestants must be women.
CRITERION #2:	Holder of the nationality of the participating team.
CRITERION #3:	Holder of the Kukkiwon Poom or Dan Certificate. (* A copy of the Poom certificate should be enclosed when registering for accreditation. In case a contestant has applied for a Kukkiwon Poom certificate but has not received it yet, a copy of the Poom application form and the remittance certificate sent to the Kukkiwon must be enclosed when registering for accreditation. Please refer to the Kukkiwon Website (www.kukkiwon.or.kr) for more information.)
CRITERION #4:	An athlete must be 17 years old or older in the year of the Malabo 2025 Women's Open Championships. Athlete who was born in 2008 or before is eligible to participate in the competition.
CRITERION #5:	Holder of an active WT Global Athlete License (GAL) *** Any questions on the WT GAL, please contact your assigned WT GMS Manager.

6. COMPETITION RULES

The latest published WT Competition Rules & Interpretation shall be applied.

7. METHOD OF COMPETITION

- i. Single elimination system
- ii. Grade: G-4
- iii. Number of athletes: No limit.
- iv. Seeding and drawing of lots: For every weight category, regardless of number of athletes all the athletes will be seeded based on the WT World Ranking published in November.

8. CONTEST TIME

Best of 3 system [2 minutes x 3(2) round with 1 minute break]

9. CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

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

10. 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).

i. WT Online Registration

Online National Team Entry will only be accepted through the WT online registration system, <https://worldtkd.simplycompete.com> and registration is only possible with an approved WT Global Licence. MNA assigned GMS admins will be notified via email once online registration is open. Entry submission for the athletes after the deadline will not be accepted under any circumstances.

11. WEIGHT CATEGORIES

Women's division	
Under 46kg	Not exceeding 46kg
Under 49kg	Over 46kg & not exceeding 49kg
Under 53kg	Over 49kg & not exceeding 53kg
Under 57kg	Over 53kg & not exceeding 57kg
Under 62kg	Over 57kg & not exceeding 62kg
Under 67kg	Over 62kg & not exceeding 67kg
Under 73kg	Over 67kg & not exceeding 73kg
Over 73kg	Over 73kg

12. ENTRY TIMELINE & ENTRY FEES PAYMENT

Participating teams shall pay entry fee via online payment through the GMS system. If online payment is not feasible, WT will accept payment in cash in USD at the registration center in Malabo. Athletes shall not be allowed to compete without successful payment of entry fee to the Organizing Committee.

EARLY REGISTRATION (DISCOUNTED) FEES: National teams that complete their registration during this period will be charged A discounted registration fee:

- **Registration Fee:** \$ 75 USD per athlete
- **Registration Period:** September 10, 2025, 17:00 to September 25, 2025, 17:00 local Swiss time.

REGULAR REGISTRATION FEES: National teams that complete their registration during this period will be charged the regular registration fee.

- **Registration Fee:** \$ 100 USD per athlete.
- **Registration Period:** September 25, 2025, 17:01 to October 15, 2025, 17:00 Local Swiss time.

13. LATE ATHLETE REPLACEMENT

- i. Late Athlete Replacement due to injury shall be handled case by case.
- ii. The team wishing to replace an athlete after the regular registration deadline must complete the Late Athlete Replacement Form attached to this outline and submit it to the WT Sport and Event Management Department at sport@worldtaekwondo.org no later than November 11, 2025, at 14:00 (local time). Please note that replacements are only permitted within the same weight category. No requests for replacement will be accepted after the deadline.
- iii. In case of replacements made 10 days or less before the 1st day of competition, OC cannot guarantee Visa issuance for replaced athletes.
- iv. Please refer to the appendix for the Late Athlete Replacement form.

14. WEIGH-IN

- i. General weigh-in of the contestants shall take place on the day before their respective weight category.
- ii. Random weigh-in of the contestants shall take place in the morning on the competition day of their respective weight category except W+73.
- iii. Random weigh-in shall take place to following number of athletes with 5% allowance as below tables.
- iv. During the weigh-in, female contestants shall wear underpants and brassier. However, contestants may weigh-in in the nude if they want to do so.

No. of contestants in weight category	No. (%) of random weigh-in contestants
More than 32	20%
17-32	6
9-16	4
4-8	2
Below 4	0

Weight Category	5% allowance
W-46	Not exceeding 48.3kg
W-49	Not exceeding 51.5kg
W-53	Not exceeding 55.7kg
W-57	Not exceeding 59.9kg
W-62	Not exceeding 65.1kg
W-67	Not exceeding 70.4kg
W-73	Not exceeding 76.7kg

15. CLASSIFICATION OF RESULTS

i. Awards

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

1st PLACE:	GOLD MEDAL & CERTIFICATE
2nd PLACE:	SILVER MEDAL & CERTIFICATE
3rd PLACE:	BRONZE MEDAL & CERTIFICATE
3rd PLACE:	BRONZE MEDAL & CERTIFICATE

ii. Ranking Points

Ranking points will be reflected on WT World Ranking and WT Olympic Ranking of December. The points per winners of the championships shall be allocated as follows.

Position	Ranking Point
1st place	40.00
2nd place	24.00
3rd place	14.40
5th place	8.64
9th place	6.05
17th place	4.23
33rd place	2.96
65th place	2.07

16. WT-RECOGNIZED TAEKWONDO COMPETITION UNIFORM AND PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- i. **KPNP Protector and Scoring System (PSS)** including Head PSS will be used for the competition.
- ii. Participating contestants are required to wear WT-recognized competition uniforms or Dobok and WT-recognized protective equipment. The latest version of WT-recognized manufacturers' list is available at the website of WT (<http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/wtpartners-wt/recognize.html>)
- iii. The Organizing Committee will provide the Protector and Scoring System (PSS) for 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 competition uniforms/Dobok and protective equipment. Any contestant who wears unofficial competition uniforms/Dobok or protective equipment will not be permitted to compete.
- v. The top has to cover completely the buttocks. However, the bottom of top should be more than 15cm above the knee cap.
- vi. Instant Video Replay (IVR) System will be used.
- vii. Wireless communication system between referee and review jury will be used from Semi-Final.

17. IDENTIFICATION OF NOC CODE AND MANUFACTURER

- i. National flag shall be located between 3cm and 3.5cm below the right shoulder line of right arm.
- ii. NOC Code is a three-letter National Olympic Committee abbreviation, and **it must 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 identifications (name, designation trademark, logo or any distinctive sign of the manufacture) 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 centre of the right leg, and one for Kyorugi belt within 6cm² at the end of the belt.

18. 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 for all medallists as well as random selection basis. The WT and/or WADA may carry out random out-of-competition testing prior to the competition.
- 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>

19. HEAD OF TEAM MEETING & DRAWING OF LOTS

- i. The Head of Team Meeting shall be conducted two (2) days prior to the start of the 1st day of competition that is November 12, in the presence of the WT officials and the representatives of the participating nations.
- ii. At least one representative from each team must attend the head of team meeting. In case of no representative can be at the meeting, the team must designate a proxy and inform technical delegate or WT Sport & Event Management department before the meeting.
- iii. Drawing of lots will take place each day following the completion of General Weigh-in. Draw will be published on WT website within four hours after the Weigh-in.

20. 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.

21. ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORTATION

All accredited teams participating at the event shall mandatorily book their hotel accommodation via the Organizing Committee.

The participating teams are required to submit the Accommodation form (the link will be sent soon), available on the WT GMS registration system – worldtkd.simplycompete.com by no later than **October 24, 2025**. No other registration method will be accepted. The Accommodation guide will also be available on the WT GMS platform.

Once the Accommodation form has been submitted, you will be contacted by OC's Accommodation Department, which will provide an invoice for payment of the room reservation. Payment will be made at the accreditation desk, after confirmation of the purchase order. The reservation will be waived, and the rooms won't be held for the respective team if purchase order is not sent within the due time.

Ground transportation will be provided on arrival and departure from Malabo International airport (SSG) free of charge, only for teams, which book by sending the Transportation form (the link will send it soon), available on WT GMS platform. Deadline for Transportation form submission **October 24, 2025**.

22. VISA INFORMATION

- Once the registration is finalized on October 15, WT will provide list of registered athletes, coaches, team officials, etc. to Organizing Committee for issuance of the visa.
- Valid Passport Copy and Proof of registration will be required to share with the OC through the following link : <https://forms.gle/bKaQ5aDf9Ch9r6WKA>
- Issuance of visa is expected to take up to 15 days

23. COACH'S REQUIREMENTS

All coaches are required to hold a WT Coach Certificate Level II. Coaches who do not hold a Level II coach certificate will be removed from the registration and not allowed to coach at the championships.

All Coaches are required to wear formal attire, such as a tie, jacket, dress shirt (long or short), and trousers, from the semi-final matches onward. If any coach refuses to wear the aforementioned attire, he or she will not be allowed to coach at the Malabo 2025 World Taekwondo Women's Open Championships.

24. TEAM DOCTOR'S MEETING

In order to receive accreditation card, all registered team doctors or physicians must attend team doctor's meeting on November 12, 2025.

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TIMETABLE (Subject To Change)

Date	Time	Event	Place
Nov 9	0900-1800	Arrival	
Nov 10	0900-2000	Onsite Registration	Bisilia Palace Hotel
Nov 11	0900-2000	Team Training	Bisilia Palace Hotel
Nov 12	1400-1600	Head of Team Meeting	Bisilia Palace Hotel (Athlete HQ hotel)
	1600-1700	Team Doctors Meeting	Bisilia Palace Hotel (Athlete HQ hotel)
Nov 13	0900-1200	Referee Training	HOTEL ANDA CHINA II (referee hotel)
	1000-1200	General Weigh-in W-53 W-67 W-73	POLIDEPORTIVO DE MALABO
	1500-1800	Referee Training	POLIDEPORTIVO DE MALABO
Nov 14	0800	Random Weigh-in W-53 W-67 W-73	POLIDEPORTIVO DE MALABO
	0900-1200	Preliminaries W-53 W-67 W-73	
	1000-1200	General Weigh-in W-49 W-57	POLIDEPORTIVO DE MALABO
	1200-1300	Lunch Break	POLIDEPORTIVO DE MALABO
	1300-1500	Round of 16 and QF	
	1500-1600	Session Break	
	1600-1800	Semi-Finals & Finals & Awarding Ceremony	
Nov 15	0800	Random Weigh-in W-49 W-57	POLIDEPORTIVO DE MALABO
	0900-1200	Preliminaries W-49 W-57	
	1000-1200	General Weigh-in W-46 W-62 W+73	POLIDEPORTIVO DE MALABO
	1200-1300	Lunch Break	POLIDEPORTIVO DE MALABO
	1300-1630	Round of 16, QF & Semi-Finals	
	1630-1700	Session Break	
	1700-1830	Opening Ceremony	
	1830-1900	Finals & Awarding Ceremony	
Nov 16	0800	Random Weigh-in W-46 W-62	POLIDEPORTIVO DE MALABO
	0900-1200	Preliminaries W-46 W-62 W+73	
	1200-1300	Lunch Break	POLIDEPORTIVO DE MALABO
	1300-1500	Round of 16 and QF	
	1500-1600	Session Break	
	1600-1800	Semi-Finals, Finals & Awarding Ceremony	
Nov 17		Departure	

ATHLETE LATE REPLACEMENT FORM

TO: WORLD TAEKWONDO

EMAIL: sport@worldtaekwondo.org

NAME OF COMPETITION: Malabo 2025 WORLD TAEKWONDO WOMEN'S OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

ATHLETE TO BE REMOVED FROM THE ENTRY

NAME OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	
ATHLETE NAME (<u>Family name in capital letter</u>)	
GENDER	<input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
WT GAL NUMBER	
DATE OF BIRTH (DAY/ MONTH/ YEAR)	
WEIGHT CATEGORY	KG
DATE AND PLACE OF INJURY	
MEDICAL CONDITION	
NAME OF MNA PRESIDENT	
SIGNATURE OF MNA PRESIDENT	

** 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 ENTRY

NATIONALITY		PHOTO
ATHLETE NAME (<u>Family name in capital letter</u>)		
GENDER	<input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE	
WT GAL Number		
DATE OF BIRTH (DAY/ MONTH/ YEAR)		
COUNTRY OF BIRTH		
WEIGHT CATEGORY	KG	
PASSPORT NUMBER		
KUKKIWON DAN CERTIFICATE NUMBER		

MNA PRESIDENT SIGNATURE & STAMP

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** 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 WT.*