

TERMS OF REFERENCE / CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership

Membership of the NL WTF TKD Association shall consist of:

4.1 INDIVIDUALS

Those who train in the Martial Art and Sport of Taekwondo and who are enrolled in a Club which is registered, and in good standing with the NL WTF TKD Association.

Definitions:

- Black Belt: one who is in possession of a WTF Kukkiwon Dan/Poom Certificate
- Kukkiwon in Progress: one who has passed black belt exam but has yet to receive the Kukkiwon Dan/Poom Certificate
- Colour Belt: one who is training in Taekwondo but has yet to reach the rank of Black Belt.

4.11 Kukkiwon Certification - The NL WTF TKD Association only recognizes Dan/Poom certification issued by the World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) Headquarters, Kukkiwon. In keeping with WTF Canada policy, all Masters must submit their applications for Kukkiwon certification through the WTF Canada head office. Instructors under the rank of 5th Dan may direct Kukkiwon applications to the National office via their respective Master / Grandmaster.

4.12 - All members in good standing 18 years of age and older are entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Parents or legal guardians are entitled to one vote per dependent member under the age of 18. Members under the age of 18 do not need to be present at the AGM for their parent/guardian to vote. A member is considered to be in 'good standing' when membership fees are paid in full by September 30th of that year, and has no levies or other funds owing to the NL WTF TKD and is not under any sanctions or disciplinary actions.

4.13 Membership Fees - All membership fees must be paid when due (September 30th). New members of a registered club are required to immediately register and remit applicable annual dues to the NL WTF TKD Association.

If Individual Members fail to submit all relevant fees and documentation when due they:

- Will not be covered under any insurance policies of the NL WTF TKD Association
- Will be refused participation in all Provincial events and tournaments as well as National tournaments requiring Association approval
- Will not be eligible for any grants or subsidies levied through the Association or requiring Association approval
- Will not be eligible to be elected to the Board of Directors (BOD)
- Will have no voting privileges

4.14 - The Association will maintain a database of all individual members in good standing. This database will be used to determine eligibility for all Association sanctioned tournaments, seminars, training sessions, funding, etc., for which membership is required.

4.15 - All individual members must be enrolled in a club registered with NL WTF TKD.

4.2 CLUBS

Clubs are the primary means of promotion and development of the sport of Taekwondo throughout the Province. A 'club' is not a member of the Association and, therefore its owners or chief instructors are not entitled to any additional votes in any affairs of the NL WTF TKD Association.

To be registered by the NL WTF TKD Association, a club must have a fully accredited instructor. A fully accredited instructor is one who:

- Is a resident of Newfoundland and Labrador and 19 years of age or older
- Is a holder of a WTF Kukkiwon Dan Certificate, minimum Second Dan
- Possesses current NCCP coaching courses, Provincial refereeing and First Aid certifications
- Is able to present a Certificate of Conduct of good standing

Any instructor who cannot present a Certificate of Conduct in good standing must disclose this in writing to the Association Executive. The matter will be referred to the Ethics and Sanctions Committee for review and advise the Association of the appropriate course of action. All matters will be kept in strict confidence.

4.2.1 Branch Club - Any club operated by or affiliated with a club whose instructor is registered with the Association, but operating out of different geographical locations. Branch clubs must have an instructor who:

- Is a resident of Newfoundland and Labrador and 18 years of age or older
- Is a holder of a WTF Kukkiwon Dan Certificate, minimum First Dan
- Possesses minimum NCCP coaching qualification, Level 1, Provincial refereeing and First Aid certifications
- Presents a Certificate of Conduct of good standing

4.2.2 Club/Branch Club Membership Fees - A club / branch club must remit its annual membership fees when due, no later than September 30, and also ensure its members remit their Association application forms and membership fees when due. Clubs shall assist in the administration of all membership fees and application forms and forward the same to the Association.

For a new club to be approved for membership in the Association, proof of the above criteria must be presented to the Association's Board of Directors upon application for membership.

4.2.3 - Failure of Clubs/Instructors to submit all relevant fees and documentation will result in the following:

- Refused participation in Provincially sanctioned events and tournaments
- Refused participation in Nationally sanctioned events and tournaments requiring Association approval
- Members enrolled with delinquent clubs will be refused participation in all Provincial tournaments as well as National tournaments requiring Association approval
- Members enrolled in delinquent clubs will not be eligible to vote at an AGM or Special meeting
- Will not be eligible to host Provincially sanctioned events and tournaments
- Will not be eligible for any grants or subsidies levied through the Association or requiring Association approval
- Will lose insurance coverage as arranged by the NL WTF TKD Association
- The NL WTF TKD Association reserves the right to notify the membership of delinquent clubs

The Association will maintain a database of all clubs in good standing. This database will be used to determine eligibility for all Association sanctioned tournaments, seminars, training sessions, funding, etc., for which membership is required.