

# **TOURNAMENT HOSTING CRITERIA**

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NL WTF TKD Association

Criteria For Hosting a Qualifier or the Provincials

## **INTRODUCTION**

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Any member club wishing to host a provincial or qualifier tournament, on behalf of the Association, must ensure by agreeing to in writing to the Tournament Committee chair, upon acceptance of hosting the event, as approved by the committee on behalf of the Association:

Minimum eligibility to host a Qualifier or Provincial Tournament:

- i. Club must be a paid up member for the current year and be in good standing with the Association
- ii. Club must submit request in writing c/o the Tournament Director/Chair requesting to host a specific tournament with an outline of specifics around the Tournament. (ie. date, location, and that hosting criteria will be met.)
- iii. Club must meet the minimum requirements as outlined by the Board/Committee and confirm in writing of their commitment to do so.
- iv. For the 2006 calendar year and forward any club wanting to host a specific tournament must submit their proposal to the Committee by no later than December (or at a date as determined by the committee). (i.e. for 2007, requests must be made to the committee in writing no later than December in 2006).
- v. All fees owing to the Association must be paid in full at the time of the application and the applicant must also be a current member prior to their hosting a tournament.

## **Committee Decisions**

- i. Notification of approval or rejection of an application will be sent to the applicant no later than 30 days after the deadline date for applications.
- ii. If an application is rejected due to its failing to meet Association requirements and there are no other bids for the same time period submitted, the applicant may reapply within 7 days of receipt of the rejection notice and must clearly address how the deficiencies in the original application will be rectified.
- iii. The committee will reply within 14 days of the second (revised) application.

- iv. Committee will make every reasonable effort to distribute sanctioned tournaments around the province to accommodate the members regarding travel costs.
- v. A club may not be awarded more than 1 qualifier or provincial Tournament in the same year, unless no one else is willing or able to host the event.

## **Tournament Timelines**

Commencing in March of each year, and prior to the Nationals the Association will host a West and East coast qualifier and the provincials. Competitors who are ranked Red Stripe and higher only need to attend one qualifier to attend the provincials. For any Black Belt to attend nationals as a member of Team Newfoundland and Labrador they must attend one qualifier and the provincials to be recommended by their head coach for the provincial president's approval.

## **Attendance at Tournaments**

- For any competitor or coach from Newfoundland and Labrador to compete at a Qualifier or the Provincial tournament, they and their club must be a paid member in good standing prior to the commencement of the tournament.
- Only paid members of the Newfoundland and Labrador WTF Tae Kwon Do Association are covered under the Association's insurance policy. The Association will bear no responsibility for any injury occurring to any competitor who is not a member of the association and is not covered under the Associations insurance policy.
- In order for a paid member to compete at the provincials, he/she must have paid their tournament fees, competed or showed up ready to compete in their regional qualifier during the calendar year. Note: This pertains to anyone from the belt level Red Stripe and up from the date when they obtained their Red Stripe. If Not, they are not permitted to attend the provincials.
- A Black belt must compete in their regional qualifier and the provincials in order to represent Team Newfoundland and Labrador at the Nationals. However, if a Black Belt or Red Stripe and higher wants to attend the other regional qualifiers, and meet all criteria they can do so.

## **Uniforms**

- All WTF style competitors must wear a white uniform at Qualifiers or the Provincial tournament. If not, they will not be allowed to compete.

Other martial Arts styles can wear their own uniform but must follow WTF rules.

- Anyone attending the Nationals must wear the Team Newfoundland and Labrador designated attire.
- Coaches must either wear their full white uniform or a Club Team suit and an appropriate dress shirt.
- Referees/Judges: must wear the appropriate outfit as directed by the Referee Committee.

## **Equipment**

- All competitors must have the following equipment when sparring and pass the inspection desk prior to their match
- Head gear (WTF Approved)
- Mouth Guard (mandatory unless documentation from a physician is provided)
- New WTF style chest protector that covers the full back of the competitor
- Groin guard for males and females
- Instep protector (colored belts only)
- Shin guards
- Fore arm guards

## **Judging/Refereeing**

- All Judges and referees must be at least 16 years of age for Provincials and Qualifiers and have a certificate confirming their training as approved by the Provincial Referee committee.
- WTF Canada rules and divisions apply unless notified and approved otherwise by the Provincial Board
- Electronic scoring system to be used for at least the Black Belt matches. (This system to be provided by the Provincial Association)
- Judges for Poomse must be familiar in judging Poomse and should be equal in Belt level or higher to the competitor they are judging.
- Referee decision is final unless overturned by the Arbitration committee.

## **Poomse**

All WTF/ TKD competitors are required to perform WTF recognized forms as per their belt level as follows:

- White: Basic One

- Yellow Stripe: Basic Two
- Yellow: Taeguek One
- Green Stripe: Taeguek Two
- Green: Taeguek Three
- Blue Stripe: Taeguek four
- Blue: Taeguek five
- Red Stripe: Taeguek six
- Red: Taeguek seven
- Black Stripe: Taeguek eight
- 1st Dan/Poome: Koryo
- 2nd Dan/Poome: Keumgang
- 3rd Dan/Poome: Taebek
- 4th Dan/Poome: Pyumgwom

Note: If a competitor has to restart their form, they will be given by the score keeper a 1 point deduction, or if they have to restart their form a 2nd time they will receive a total deduction of 2 points by the scorekeeper. If they do not complete all of their form, they receive no score.

## **Tournament Fees/Refunds**

Tournament fees, including late fees, for Sanctioned Tournaments, Qualifiers and The Provincials will be set a registration fee of \$50.00 for one, two or three events (i.e. Poomse, Sparring, and Board Breaking) and a late fee will be set at \$ 20.00. Refunds are the responsibility of the host club. If a competitor is unable to compete due to a personal injury (with Doctor's note) or for serious health reasons in their immediate family, there may be a 50% refund, with a written request to the Tournament Committee prior to the commencement of the Qualifier or Provincial explaining why they cannot compete. As previously stated in the "Attendance at Tournaments" Section (article V) they may be able to have the competition counted as attendance at a qualifier. However, the competitor should compete in at least one qualifier a year in order to compete at the Provincials. If a competitor only has a division in poomse and no sparring division they will not receive a rebate or any portion thereof. However, if a competitor needs to be credited with a qualifier or the Provincials to attend the nationals, there will be no refund. No refunds will be provided due to weather.

## **Ring Size/Equipment**

- Mats must be used
- Minimum of three rings with the centre ring 12 m X 12 m (or as determined by WTF Canada) and the other two rings no smaller than 7 m X 7 m.

## Competition Area

At each Qualifier and the Provincials the competition area should also include the following:

a. Inspection desk:

When each competitor and coach is called by the M.C. (which will occur 3Xs) if the competitor fails to show up after the initial call, (Failing to show after the 3rd call, the competitor is disqualified), they must proceed to the inspection desk and be inspected to ensure they have the proper equipment on prior to proceeding to the holding area of their assigned ring.

The inspection desk must have at least a male and female inspector. No one is released from the inspection desk until they pass inspection. (If someone does not have the proper equipment, or has something that is not permitted he/she may be disqualified) Note: They will have 5 minutes to pass inspection.

b. Competition area:

Is only to be open to the following:

- o Referees
- o Judges
- o Times Keepers/Score Keeper
- o Tournament Officials
- o Board/Committee Members
- o V.I.P.s
- o Masters/Grand Masters
- o Competitors and Coaches called by M.C.

Note: Once someone's division is over, they are to leave the contest area.

c. Head Table:

A head table, for each ring, is to be set up with a timekeeper and recorder and one runner for award of medals etc. ( all 16 years of age and over). Each head table is to have a list of their divisions, score sheets, score board, tied up belt to throw into ring, stopwatch, spare paper, list of Korean terminology.

Note: A runner can be used between more then one ring and may be 14 years or older

d. Competition Site:

Would also include:

- o male and female change rooms
- o canteen on or near (within walking distance) of premises
- o assigned warm up area
- o adequate seating for spectators and competitors
- o First Aid services

e. Scoring of Points:

- o One point for a body shot to the chest protector
- o 2 points for head shots (14 and older)
- o An extra point awarded for a knockdown

Note: Effective immediately , headshots will only be allowed for competitors who are black belts and at least age 14

f. Coaches (Qualifiers and Provincials):

All teams must provide the names of their coaches to the host club 2 weeks prior to the tournament in order to coach .

g. Rounds:

- o Juniors 8 and under: 2 one and one-half minute rounds, rest 60 seconds
- o 9 and older: 2 two minute rounds, rest 60 seconds
- o Black belts: 3 two minute rounds, rest one minute

h. Divisions:

Will be established based upon WTF Canada categories

Note: these divisions may be adjusted if all Head Coaches from each club in attendance agree to the change. If no agreement can be reached, the WTF Canada divisions will be implemented.

Note: If an athlete refuses to compete, they can do so on their own accord with no grounds for a refund or complaint.

i. Rules:

WTF Canada rules and sanctions will be followed and adhered to unless amended by the Board of NL and it is up to the coaches to familiarize themselves with them.

j. Arbitration Board:

Tournament Committee will appoint an Arbitration Board of a maximum of 3 people plus one extra for each Qualifier and the Provincials. A complaint can be heard from any division or competitor as long as the coach puts in writing within 20 minutes of the division ending, the grounds for the arbitration from the rule book and a \$100.00 non refundable fee to be paid to the Provincial Association. The fee will be reimbursed only if they win their complaint. Note: complaints must be made by athlete's coach

k. Weigh In:

All black belts competing in (Sparring) must weigh in prior to the competition at the time and location as determined by the host club. Anyone failing to weigh in will be disqualified with no refund. Any exceptions must be approved, prior to the Tournament by the Tournament Committee and presented to the Tournament Host in writing via email or letter prior to the commencement of the weight ins.

l. Professional Conduct:

All coaches, athletes, referees, parents and spectators are expected to act in a manner conducive to the Tenets of TKD. If there are any issues to be discussed, it must be done in a private and respectful manner or in writing to the Sanctions committee. Anyone creating a disturbance or partaking in blatant demonstrations of disrespect will be escorted off the premises.

m. Venue:

Preferably a heated arena or a gym where the competition area is sectioned off from spectators.

n. Opening Ceremony (Qualifier/Provincials):

The flowing anthems must, at a minimum, be played prior to each Qualifier and Provincials event:

- o Canadian
- o Korean

(Provincials and Qualifiers only)

- Flags: The following flags must be displayed; Newfoundland, Canadian, WTF and Korean
- Head Table: For Specials Guest, Board of Directors, Masters, Head Instructors and V.I.P.S.
- Parading of Teams: Each Club must be announced and paraded onto the competition area and line up in front of the head table and flags. Once everyone is lined up, the Head Instructor of each club must join the Head Table for the anthems and greetings.
- Competition Results for Qualifiers/Provincials: Host Club must submit within 5 days of tournament to the Tournament Director the results of the Tournament with a list of names of each medallist and the team with the most points for the tournament for both sparring and forms as follows:
  - Gold 3pts
  - Silver 2 pts
  - Bronze 1pt
- Awarding Medals: All Competitors will receive either a medal or trophy for their achievements ie: 1st, 2nd, 3rd place standing. However in Jr. C division only it will be 1,2,3 and all other competitors will receive participation medals for each event they compete in..
- Awards Podium: An awards podium must be available and used for the presentation of medals/awards.
- Male/Female Jr./Sr. athlete of the Tournament: a special trophy will be presented to the top athlete who obtained the most points at each Qualifier and the Provincials for the following 4 divisions: Male/ Female Senior and Male/Female Jr.

Note: Pts are based on combination of forms and sparring

Note: Trophies are to be paid for by the host club.

- Athletes Team of the Year Award: At the Provincials the Team (Club) who achieved the most Points from the 2 qualifiers and the Provincials for the year combined, will be presented with a trophy or plaque for the 1st place and 2nd place Team of the Year . Also, the JR/SR male/female athlete of the year will be presented with a trophy or plaque for their

achievement at the 2 Qualifiers and Provincials for that year based upon the most points obtained by a competitor in any one of their respective 4 divisions.

Note: These trophy's will be paid for by the association.

- Scoring System: Electronic scoring system must, as a minimum, be used for Black Belt competition and a manual system that can be viewed by the spectators used for the other 2 rings.

Note: a 3rd manual system as backup for the electronic system must be available.

- Pre Tournament Meeting: Referee Chair must hold a meeting prior to the competition with all referees and coaches to review rules and expectations as per WTF Canada and the associations code of conduct.
- Referees/Judges: all referees and judges must have some recognized training and be at least 16 years old. The tournament host will provide a lunch at the host cost , to all referees and judges helping run the tournament

Poomse Judging:

- Must have a table with one score keeper,
- Will be done by show of hands. In the event of a tie the competitors will do the form together; after they finish they will be asked to turn around and the judges will decide by show of hands either right or left.

## **Tournament (Guidelines) Rules: Are developed and amended by WTF Canada**

These rules are to be reviewed at least annually by the Committee and Board and it must include a review for membership feedback / input

Non WTF TKD Competitors: A club hosting a tournament may allow non WTF TKD students to compete at a qualifier or the provincials. They must, however, wear their own required uniform, provide their own gear, or have access to it when competing as required by NL (WTF) rules, sign a waiver, and abide by the NL (WTF) TKD rules.

Board Breaking Tournament: Can be sanctioned by the association. However, the competitors may not count their points towards the Athlete of the year or Team award. These competitors must have a separate registration form and fee, competitors provide their own boards etc. and the

event cannot be held as part of the Qualifiers and Provincials, but it can be held prior to (day before) or right after the tournament. Judging will be the same set up as for Poomse.