

# STATUTES OF THE CHINESE TAIPEI TAEKWONDO ASSOCIATION

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## CHAPTER 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS

### Article 1

The name of this organization shall be the Chinese Taipei Taekwondo Association (hereinafter referred to as "the Association" or "CTTA").

### Article 2

The Association is a non-profit sports organization established in accordance with the law. Its mission is to develop the sport of Taekwondo, organize national and international Taekwondo competitions, enhance technical standards, promote sports for all, and strengthen the physical fitness of the nation.

### Article 3

The Association is a member of World Taekwondo (WT) and the Asian Taekwondo Union (ATU).

### Article 4

The competent authority of the Association is the Ministry of the Interior, and the supervisory authority for its purpose is the Ministry of Education. The Association shall be subject to the guidance and supervision of these authorities.

### Article 5

The organizational territory of the Association covers the entire national administrative area, with its headquarters located in the seat of the central government.

### Article 6

The responsibilities of the Association are as follows:

1. Establishing a registration and performance record management system for Taekwondo athletes.
2. Establishing a qualification certification, licensing, and management system for Taekwondo coaches and referees.
3. Organizing training seminars and continuing education for Taekwondo coaches, referees, and officials.
4. Establishing a selection system and training programs for Taekwondo coaches and athletes, and actively cultivating elite athletes.
5. Establishing a Taekwondo talent database and actively maintaining information security.
6. Establishing Taekwondo records and competition rules, collecting domestic and international sports information, and publishing materials or providing accurate sports information to members and the public through other means.
7. Assisting in Taekwondo sports science research and development.
8. Establishing an annual Taekwondo competition season system and organizing competitions and promotional activities.
9. Promoting international Taekwondo sports exchange activities.
10. Promoting Taekwondo as a recreational sport for all.
11. Establishing financial auditing and management mechanisms, and actively seeking social resources.
12. Promoting anti-doping policies in Taekwondo.
13. Administering Kup (grade) and Dan (degree) promotion examinations.

## CHAPTER 2: MEMBERSHIP

### Article 7

The membership of the Association is classified into the following three categories:

**1. Individual Members:** Any person who agrees with the mission of the Association, is at least twenty (20) years of age, completes a membership application form, obtains approval from the Council, and pays membership fees shall become an Individual Member. Individual Member delegates shall constitute twenty percent (20%) of the General Assembly and shall be elected by vote of all Individual Members of the Association.

**2. Organizational Members:** Any of the following institutions or organizations that agree with the mission of the Association, complete a membership application form, obtain approval from the Council, and pay membership fees shall become Organizational Members. Organizational Member delegates shall constitute eighty percent (80%) of the General Assembly and shall be elected by proportional regional voting, with each Organizational Member appointing one (1) representative:

- (1) Taekwondo Committees (Associations) under municipal Sports (General) Associations;

- (2) Taekwondo Committees (Associations) under county (city) Sports Associations;
- (3) School clubs at all levels affiliated with the Association;
- (4) Government-registered organizations related to the sports categories under the Association's responsibilities, represented by their legal representative;
- (5) Legally registered Dojangs (training centers) affiliated with the Association, represented by their owner or head coach.

**3. Associate Members:** Any person under twenty (20) years of age who holds a 1st Dan Black Belt certificate issued by the Association, completes a membership application form, obtains approval from the Council, and pays membership fees shall become an Associate Member. Associate Members shall not have the right to vote, to be elected, or to participate in decision-making.

The classification of members shall be recorded in the membership register.

Organizational Members and Member Delegates that are not Dojangs, clubs, or training centers shall be limited to legal representatives.

In accordance with Article 32 of the National Sports Act, when the Council reviews membership qualifications, it shall not refuse membership without justifiable cause.

## **Article 8**

Individual Members (Delegates) and Organizational Member Delegates shall have the right to vote, to be elected, and to participate in recalls.

Members who have been members for less than one (1) year shall not exercise the right to vote or to participate in recalls.

Each Individual Member (Delegate) and Organizational Member Delegate shall have one (1) vote for the rights specified in the first paragraph.

## **Article 9**

Members have the obligation to pay membership fees.

Members who fail to pay membership fees shall not enjoy membership rights. Members who fail to pay membership fees for two (2) consecutive years shall be deemed to have voluntarily withdrawn.

## **Article 10**

Individual Members and Organizational Members may request information regarding the National Team and special committees.

Such information requests shall be submitted in writing. Upon receipt of the application, the Association shall provide the information promptly through oral, written, internet transmission, or other appropriate means.

## **Article 11**

Members have the obligation to comply with the Statutes and resolutions of the Association.

When a member violates laws, the Statutes, or fails to comply with General Assembly

resolutions, the matter shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee for discussion. Upon resolution by the Council, a warning or suspension may be imposed. In cases of serious harm to the Association, expulsion may be decided by the General Assembly.

## **Article 12**

A Member (Member Delegate) shall be removed from membership under any of the following circumstances:

1. Death;
2. Loss of membership qualifications;
3. Expulsion by resolution of the General Assembly.

## **Article 13**

A member may submit a written statement to the Association to withdraw from membership. Unless the member does not hold the status of a Council member, Supervisory Board member, or staff member, the withdrawal shall take effect upon receipt of the statement by the Association. Otherwise, the member shall state the reasons in writing, and the withdrawal shall be subject to confirmation by the Council.

## **Article 14**

When a member who has been removed, withdrawn, or suspended applies for reinstatement of membership or rights, unless there is justifiable cause, the member shall pay all outstanding membership fees. Members who have been removed or withdrawn shall not be entitled to a refund of any fees already paid.

# **CHAPTER 3: ORGANIZATION AND POWERS**

## **Article 15**

The General Assembly shall be the supreme authority of the Association.

When the number of Individual Members and Organizational Members exceeds three hundred (300), delegates may be elected by regional proportion to convene the General Assembly and exercise membership rights.

The term of office for Member Delegates shall be four (4) years. The number and election method of delegates shall be determined by the Council, approved by the General Assembly, submitted to the Ministry of Education for approval, and then filed with the Ministry of the Interior for record.

## **Article 16**

The powers of the General Assembly are as follows:

1. Adoption and amendment of the Statutes;
2. Resolution on the amount and method of registration fees, annual fees, special fees, and member donations;
3. Resolution on annual work plans, reports, budgets, and final accounts;

4. Resolution on expulsion of Members (Member Delegates);
5. Resolution on the disposal, encumbrance, and purchase of real property;
6. Resolution on the dissolution of the Association;
7. Resolution on other major matters.

The scope of major matters referred to in the preceding paragraph, item 7, shall be determined by the Council.

## **Article 17**

The election and recall of Council members and Supervisory Board members shall be conducted by vote of all Member Delegates.

## **Article 18**

The Association shall have thirty-five (35) Council members (including one (1) President), of which seven (7) shall be Athlete Representatives. The remaining seats shall be allocated between Individual Member representatives and Organizational Member representatives according to their ranking in the election results, provided that neither category shall exceed one-half (1/2) of the total number of Council members.

When electing Council members as specified in the preceding paragraph, alternate Council members of each category may also be elected based on vote count, not exceeding one-third (1/3) of the total. In case of a vacancy, the alternate shall fill the position in order according to their category.

The President of the Association shall be an ex-officio Council member and shall be elected by all Council members through secret ballot with single nomination. The President may appoint Vice Presidents from among the Council members. Candidates for President shall first select and register their category for candidacy. If no member registers for the presidential candidacy, the President shall be elected by all Council members.

The method for electing the President, Council members, and Supervisory Board members shall be conducted in accordance with the "Principles for the Election of President, Council Members, and Supervisory Board Members of the Association."

When conducting elections as prescribed in the Statutes, the Association may, upon application by a candidate, provide the membership roster (including Organizational Member Delegates). The content shall be limited to what is necessary for the candidate to conduct election activities. The candidate shall pledge that the roster will only be used for the current election. Violators shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee for sanctions and transferred to judicial authorities in accordance with the Personal Data Protection Act.

## **Article 19**

The Association shall establish a neutral Electoral Commission to conduct all elections and recalls of Member Delegates, President, Council members, and Supervisory Board members.

The Electoral Commission shall consist of seven (7) to nine (9) members, including one (1) convener who shall be a reputable member of the public. The Electoral Commission members and convener shall be appointed by the President upon approval by the Council. Their term of office shall be the same as that of the President, and they shall serve without remuneration. The

dismissal and replacement of members shall require Council approval and be filed with the Ministry of Education for record.

The organizational bylaws and member list of the Electoral Commission shall be filed with the Ministry of Education for record.

## **Article 20**

The powers of the Council are as follows:

1. Review of Member (Member Delegate) qualifications;
2. Resolution on voting methods for the election and recall of Council members, Supervisory Board members, and the President;
3. Resolution on the resignation of Council members and the President;
4. Appointment and dismissal of staff;
5. In accordance with the responsibilities of Article 6 of the Association, formulating medium and long-term development plans, and accordingly drafting annual work plans, reports, budgets, and final accounts;
6. Regulations and allocation of Dan promotion fees;
7. Other matters to be executed.

## **Article 21**

The Association shall have one (1) President who shall internally supervise the affairs of the Association and externally represent the Association, convene and chair the General Assembly and Council meetings.

When the President is unable to perform duties, one Vice President shall be designated to act on behalf of the President. If no designation is made or designation is not possible, the Vice Presidents shall select one among themselves to act. If the Vice Presidents cannot select among themselves, the Council members shall select one to act.

In case of a vacancy in the presidency, a by-election shall be held within one (1) month.

When the General Assembly or Council of the Association cannot be convened in accordance with the law, the Ministry of the Interior may designate one Vice President to convene the meeting.

## **Article 22**

The Association shall have eleven (11) Supervisory Board members, elected by the Member Delegates, to form the Supervisory Board.

When electing Supervisory Board members as specified in the preceding paragraph, three (3) alternate Supervisory Board members may also be elected based on vote count. In case of a vacancy, the alternates shall fill the position in order.

## **Article 23**

The powers of the Supervisory Board are as follows:

1. Supervision of the execution of Council work;

2. Review of annual final accounts;
3. Election and recall of Standing Supervisors;
4. Resolution on the resignation of Supervisory Board members and Standing Supervisors;
5. Other matters to be supervised.

## **Article 24**

The Supervisory Board shall have three (3) Standing Supervisors, elected by the Supervisory Board members from among themselves, to supervise daily affairs. The Supervisory Board members shall elect one Standing Supervisor to serve as the Convener of the Supervisory Board and chair Supervisory Board meetings.

When the Convener of the Supervisory Board is unable to perform duties, one Standing Supervisor shall be designated to act. If no designation is made or designation is not possible, the Standing Supervisors shall select one among themselves to act. If the Standing Supervisors cannot select among themselves, the Supervisory Board members shall select one to act.

In case of a vacancy of the Convener of the Supervisory Board (Standing Supervisor), a by-election shall be held within one (1) month.

When the Supervisory Board cannot be convened in accordance with the law, the Ministry of the Interior may designate one Supervisory Board member to convene the meeting.

## **Article 25**

Council members and Supervisory Board members shall serve without remuneration. The term of office shall be four (4) years, and they may be re-elected. The President may only serve two (2) consecutive terms. The term of office of the President, Council members, and Supervisory Board members shall be calculated from the date of the first Council meeting of the current term.

Current political appointees of central government agencies and central-level elected representatives shall not serve as Council members or Supervisory Board members as specified in the preceding paragraph.

Any changes to the President, Council members, or Supervisory Board members shall be reported to the Ministry of Education for approval within thirty (30) days, and then filed with the Ministry of the Interior for record.

## **Article 26**

A Council member or Supervisory Board member shall be removed from office under any of the following circumstances:

1. Loss of Member (Member Delegate) qualifications;
2. Resignation approved by resolution of the Council or Supervisory Board;
3. Recall or removal;
4. Suspension period exceeding one-half (1/2) of the term of office.

Persons serving as Council members or Supervisory Board members of the Association who have a spouse, blood relative within the third degree of kinship, or in-law within the first degree of kinship relationship with another person shall not:

1. Simultaneously serve as Council member and Supervisory Board member respectively;
2. Simultaneously serve as Council members;
3. Simultaneously serve as Supervisory Board members.

## **Article 27**

The Association shall have one (1) Secretary General who shall handle the affairs of the Association under the direction of the President, and may have Deputy Secretaries General and other full-time staff to handle Association affairs.

The Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General of the Association shall be persons with sports expertise or management experience. At least one of them shall have sports expertise.

The employment of staff by the Association shall be selected by the President in accordance with the qualifications stipulated in these Statutes, approved by the Council, and filed with the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Education for record.

The staff specified in the first paragraph shall not be Vice Presidents, Council members, Supervisory Board members, Standing Supervisors, or the President.

The responsibilities and delegation of authority of staff shall be separately determined by the Council.

## **Article 28**

The Association shall not employ the spouse or blood relatives or in-laws within the third degree of kinship of the current President or Secretary General as full-time staff. This provision shall also apply to those already employed before the President or Secretary General assumed office.

## **Article 29**

The following persons shall not serve as President or Secretary General of the Association:

1. Those who have been sentenced to imprisonment or above and the sentence has not been executed or completed. However, this does not apply to those who have received a suspended sentence;
2. Those who have been adjudicated for security measures and the adjudication has not been executed or completed;
3. Those who have been declared bankrupt and have not been rehabilitated;
4. Those who have been placed under guardianship or assistantship and the order has not been revoked.

## **Article 30**

The Association shall, based on operational needs, invite experts, scholars, reputable members of the public, or legal professionals from relevant fields to establish the following special committees, working groups, or other internal operational organizations: Selection Committee, Coaching Committee, Referee and Competition Committee, Appeals and Arbitration Committee, Poomsae and Martial Arts Development Committee, Disciplinary Committee, Athletes Committee, Dan Promotion Committee, School Development Committee at All Levels, Para Taekwondo Development Committee, and Anti-Doping Committee. The organizational bylaws of these committees shall take effect upon approval by the Council, and the same shall apply to

amendments.

In principle, committee members of each special committee specified in the preceding paragraph shall include at least one-third (1/3) representation of each gender.

The organizational bylaws and member lists of each special committee specified in the preceding paragraph shall be filed with the Ministry of Education for record.

The Association shall establish the following standing committees: 9th Dan Technical Research and Development Committee and Coaches Welfare Committee.

The organizational bylaws of each standing committee specified in the preceding paragraph shall take effect upon approval by the Council, and the same shall apply to amendments.

### **Article 31**

The Association may appoint Honorary Presidents and advisors through the Council.

### **Article 32**

Members, athletes, coaches, or local sports organizations may file an appeal with the Association if they disagree with the Association's decision on the following matters:

1. Violations of competition rules by athletes or coaches;
2. Rights and obligations of athletes or coaches regarding National Team selection, training, competition eligibility, nomination, or other matters;
3. Rights and obligations arising from sponsorship contracts between athletes and third parties, or between the Association and third parties;
4. Membership qualifications or rights and obligations of local sports organizations joining the Association;
5. Decisions made by the Association regarding suspension or expulsion of Individual Members (Delegates), Organizational Members, and Organizational Member Delegates;
6. Cases where Individual Members (Delegates) and Organizational Member Delegates believe their rights have been impaired due to the Association's failure to act within two (2) months from the date of receipt of their application;
7. Other disputes between the Association and members.

The Association shall establish the organizational bylaws of the Appeals and Arbitration Committee, specifying the organization and personnel for receiving appeals, appeal processing procedures, and remedies for decisions on appeals.

The Association shall make a decision on the appeal within thirty (30) days from the day following receipt of the appeal. If necessary, the period may be extended by up to thirty (30) days.

## **CHAPTER 4: MEETINGS**

### **Article 33**

The General Assembly shall be divided into ordinary meetings and extraordinary meetings, both convened by the President. Except for extraordinary meetings due to emergency situations,

written notice shall be given fifteen (15) days in advance.

Ordinary meetings shall be held once a year. Extraordinary meetings shall be convened when the Council deems necessary, upon request by at least one-fifth (1/5) of the Member Delegates, or upon request by the Supervisory Board.

After the Association completes legal person registration, extraordinary meetings may be convened upon request by at least one-tenth (1/10) of the Member Delegates.

The General Assembly may be convened by video conference or other methods announced by the central competent authority, with attendance and voting conducted in accordance with electronic equipment functions. However, matters involving elections, by-elections, or recalls shall be conducted through in-person meetings.

#### **Article 34**

A Member Delegate who is unable to attend the General Assembly in person may authorize another Member Delegate to act as proxy in writing. Each Member Delegate may act as proxy for only one (1) person.

#### **Article 35**

Unless otherwise provided in these Statutes, resolutions of the General Assembly shall require the attendance of more than one-half (1/2) of the Member Delegates and the approval of the majority of those present. However, resolutions on the following matters shall require the approval of at least two-thirds (2/3) of those present:

1. Adoption and amendment of the Statutes;
2. Expulsion of Members (Member Delegates);
3. Recall of Council members or Supervisory Board members;
4. Disposal, encumbrance, and purchase of real property;
5. Dissolution of the Association;
6. Other major matters related to the rights and obligations of members.

#### **Article 36**

The Council shall meet once every six (6) months, and the Supervisory Board shall meet once every six (6) months. Joint meetings or extraordinary meetings may be convened when necessary.

Except for extraordinary meetings, written notice shall be given seven (7) days in advance for the meetings specified in the preceding paragraph. Resolutions shall require the attendance of more than one-half (1/2) of the Council members or Supervisory Board members and the approval of the majority of those present.

#### **Article 37**

Council members shall attend Council meetings, and Supervisory Board members shall attend Supervisory Board meetings. Attendance by proxy is not permitted for Council or Supervisory Board meetings. Council members or Supervisory Board members who are absent from two (2) consecutive Council or Supervisory Board meetings without justifiable cause shall be deemed to have resigned.

Council meetings, Supervisory Board meetings, and joint Council and Supervisory Board meetings may be convened by video conference or other methods announced by the central competent authority, with attendance and voting conducted in accordance with electronic equipment functions. However, matters involving elections, by-elections, or recalls shall be conducted through in-person meetings.

## **CHAPTER 5: FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING**

### **Article 38**

The sources of the Association's funds are as follows:

1. Registration fees, payable upon admission:
  - (1) Individual Members: NT\$500;
  - (2) Organizational Members: Municipal Sports (General) Association Taekwondo Committees (Associations), County (City) Sports Association Taekwondo Committees (Associations), school clubs at all levels, and government-registered organizations related to Taekwondo: NT\$500; legally registered Dojangs affiliated with the Association: NT\$3,000;
  - (3) Associate Members: NT\$200.
2. Annual fees, payable from January 1 to January 30 of each year:
  - (1) Individual Members: NT\$300;
  - (2) Organizational Members: Municipal Sports (General) Association Taekwondo Committees (Associations), County (City) Sports Association Taekwondo Committees (Associations), school clubs at all levels, and government-registered organizations related to Taekwondo: NT\$1,000; legally registered Dojangs affiliated with the Association: NT\$2,000;
  - (3) Associate Members: NT\$200;
  - (4) New members shall pay annual fees together with registration fees upon admission.
3. Dan promotion fees;
4. Program fees;
5. Member donations;
6. Commission income;
7. Funds and interest;
8. Subsidies from the government and related agencies;
9. Corporate donations;
10. Other income.

### **Article 39**

The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year, from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

### **Article 40**

The budget and final accounts of the Association shall be filed with the Ministry of Education for record.

Two (2) months before the beginning of each fiscal year, the Council shall prepare the annual work plan, income and expenditure budget, and staff salary schedule, which shall be submitted to the General Assembly for approval (if the General Assembly cannot be held as scheduled, approval by the joint Council and Supervisory Board meeting shall be obtained first), and filed with the Ministry of the Interior for record before the beginning of the fiscal year. Within two (2) months after the end of the fiscal year, the Council shall prepare the annual work report, income and expenditure final accounts, cash receipts and disbursements statement, balance sheet, property inventory, and fund income and expenditure statement, submit them to the Supervisory Board for review, prepare a review opinion and return them to the Council, submit them to the General Assembly for approval, and file them with the Ministry of the Interior for record by the end of May (if the General Assembly cannot be held as scheduled, file with the Ministry of the Interior first).

By the end of May of each year, the Association shall have its final accounts and financial statements audited and certified by a certified public accountant approved by the Ministry of Education, and file them with the Ministry of Education for record and public announcement.

#### **Article 41**

Upon dissolution, the remaining assets of the Association shall belong to the local self-governing body where it is located or an institution or organization designated by the Ministry of the Interior.

#### **Article 42**

Regarding matters specified in Article 37, Paragraph 1 of the National Sports Act, if athletes, coaches, or local sports organizations disagree with the Association's appeal decision, they may apply for arbitration with a sports dispute arbitration institution approved by the Ministry of Education.

### **CHAPTER 6: SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS**

#### **Article 43**

Matters not provided for in these Statutes shall be handled in accordance with relevant laws and regulations.

#### **Article 44**

These Statutes shall be adopted by the General Assembly, approved by the Ministry of Education, and filed with the Ministry of the Interior for record before taking effect. The same shall apply to amendments.

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