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Presidents and Secretaries General,
World Taekwondo Member National Associations

MUJU TAEKWONDWON 2025 WORLD TAEKWONDO GRAND PRIX CHALLENGE

Dear Taekwondo family,

It is with heartfelt enthusiasm that we welcome you to the Muju Taekwondowon 2025 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Challenge, taking place from August 28 to 31 in the Republic of Korea. This landmark occasion not only celebrates our shared passion for Taekwondo but also ignites the path forward to the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games.

Muju will once again open its arms to aspiring athletes from around the world—those ready to make their mark and step onto the global stage. This event offers a unique opportunity for rising stars to demonstrate their talent, gain invaluable experience, and embrace the Olympic dream.

We are confident that the 2025 edition will build on the proud legacy of the Grand Prix Challenge, inspiring a new generation of champions and unforgettable moments of perseverance and triumph.

Our deepest gratitude goes to the Korea Taekwondo Association and all organizing partners. Your unwavering dedication has made this event possible, fueling the continued growth of our sport and empowering athletes worldwide.

Sincerely yours,



Chungwon Choue
President

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OUTLINE

**MUJU TAEKWONDOWON 2025 WORLD TAEKWONDO
GRAND PRIX CHALLENGE**

Event Date: August 28 - 31, 2025

1. PROMOTER: WORLD TAEKWONDO (WT)

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2. ORGANIZING MNA: Korea Taekwondo Association

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3. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE: Taekwondo Promotion Foundation

ADDRESS: 1482 Museol-ro, Seolcheon-myeon, Muju-gun, Jeollabuk-do Korea
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4. VENUE: Taekwondowon 1482 Museol-ro, Seolcheon-myeon, Muju-gun, Jeollabuk-do 55547 Korea

5. QUALIFICATIONS

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

CRITERION #1:	Holder of an active WT Global Athlete Licence(GAL) * Any questions on the WT GAL please contact your assigned WT GMS Manager
CRITERION #2:	Holder of the Kukkiwon Dan or Poom Certificate (* A copy of the Dan certificate should be uploaded to GMS when registering for the event. In case a contestant has applied for a Kukkiwon Dan certificate but has not received it yet, a copy of the Dan application form and the remittance certificate sent to the Kukkiwon must be uploaded to GMS when registering for the event. Please refer to the Kukkiwon Website (www.kukkiwon.or.kr) for more information.)

CRITERION #3:	An athlete must be 17 years old or older. An athlete who was born in the year of 2008 or before is eligible to participate in the competition.
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6. COMPETITION RULES

WT Competition Rules as of September 30, 2024 shall be applied.

7. METHOD OF COMPETITION

- i. Best of 3 System shall be applied
- ii. Single elimination system with bronze medal contest
- iii. Event Grade: G-2
- iv. Number of athletes: Maximum 400 athletes for 8 weight categories
(Maximum 50 athletes per weight category without exceeding maximum quota per nation - 4)
- v. Maximum quotas per Nationality: Maximum four (4) athletes per weight category

8. CONTEST TIME

2 minutes x 2 (3) round with 1 minute break for all matches

9. CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

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

10. WT GLOBAL LICENCE & ONLINE REGISTRATION

- i. WT Global License Registration
All athletes and team officials must FIRST be registered with active WT Global Athlete License (GAL) or Global Official License (GOL).
- ii. Entry will only be accepted through the WT online registration system and registration is only possible with a valid WT Global Licence. Team GMS admins will be notified via email once online registration is open. All athletes and officials must be registered under team name "Country Name", for example "**Uzbekistan National Team**" or "**Uzbekistan team**"

11. WEIGHT CATEGORIES

Men's division		Women's division	
Under 58kg	Not exceeding 58 kg	Under 49kg	Not exceeding 49 kg
Under 68kg	Over 58 kg & Not exceeding 68 kg	Under 57kg	Over 49 kg & Not exceeding 57 kg
Under 80kg	Over 68 kg & Not exceeding 80 kg	Under 67kg	Over 57 kg & Not exceeding 67 kg
Over 80kg	Over 80 kg	Over 67kg	Over 67 kg

12. REGISTRATION FEES AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

Each team is required to complete the registration fee payment via online payment through the GMS system. If online payment is not feasible, bank transfer is accepted as an alternative. In such cases, teams must send proof of payment to sport@worldtaekwondo.org promptly. Athletes will be eligible to participate only if the USD 100 registration fee (excluding transaction fees) is successfully paid within the designated registration period. **Please note that athletes whose payment is not confirmed within the registration period will not be included in the final entry list and therefore cannot take part in the competition.** Athletes that cancel

due to medical reasons and are authorized by WT Medical Chair, shall not be charged an entry fee.

Holder of Account	WORLD TAEKWONDO
Account No.	776-910009-50432
Bank	KEB Hana Bank
Branch	KCCI
Swift Code	KOEXKRSE / KOEXKRSEXXX
Bank Address	045-13 39, Sejong-daero, Jung-gu, Seoul

REGISTRATION FEES: Teams must **complete registration and submit the registration fee** during this period.

- US \$100 per athlete.
- Regular Registration fee period will begin on June 5th, 17:00 Local Swiss Time.
- Regular Registration fee period will end on July 10th, 17:00 Local Swiss Time.

Following close of Registration Period:

Following the end of the registration on **July 10th**, the WT Sport & Event Management Department will review the online registration list and athletes list ***will be posted on the WT website GP Challenge notice section*** from **July 14th**. ***Athletes who are not selected within athletes list will be automatically excluded from the GMS registration.***

13. LATE ATHLETE REPLACEMENT

- Late Athlete Replacement due to injury will be handled case by case – MNA must inform WT Sport & Event Management Department for any decision related to the Late Athlete Replacement. Late Athlete Replacement is only applicable for athletes within same weight category.
- Late Athlete Replacement requests will be accepted up to 48 hours before the Head of Team Meeting (Local time). **After the mentioned period, there is no Late Athlete Replacement case accepted under any circumstances.**

14. REGISTRATION TIMELINE

- Registration will open 12 weeks before the competition starts (June 5th) and close 7 weeks before the start of the competition (July 10th) to ensure time for visa applications.
- Once the MNA makes registration on GMS, no changes shall be made – changes include but not limited to the athletes' name, weight categories, or other details related to participating athletes – after the registration deadline except for Late Athlete Replacement.
- The list of selected athletes will be published or communicated within 1 week from the registration deadline.
- Athletes registered but not selected will be removed from GMS registration for the event.

15. REGISTRATION GUIDELINE

POSITION	MAX. NO. OF MEMBERS	
	MALE	FEMALE
HEAD OF TEAM	1	
MANAGER	1	1
COACH	3	3
TRAINER	2	2
TEAM MEDICAL STAFF	3	3

CONTESTANTS

4 per weight category

4 per weight category

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- i. The registered athletes or team officials may be replaced **without any penalty** until **July 10th**. Entry fee of \$100 per athlete will be charged in case of cancellation of participation after **July 10th**.
 - **Team officials:** MNAs have to register online by logging in to the WT GMS (Refer to 15. Team Entries per country)
 - **Penalty:** Penalty of US\$100 per person shall be paid to the World Taekwondo in the following cases.
 1. Any team official who is not registered online wants to be accredited at the accreditation center in Muju although the total number of team officials does not exceed the designated number.
 2. In case of exceeding designated number of MNA officials wants to be accredited at the accreditation center in Muju or any MNA official who is not registered online wants to be accredited at the accreditation center in Muju.
 3. Any changes or additions to team official after July 10th. This penalty will be considered the onsite fee for approved additions or changes to the national team list.
 - **Any WT Global License registration completed onsite will be charged a \$50 onsite processing fee for each required WT Global License.**

16. ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA

- i. Athletes who meet the eligibility criteria may register and participate through their Member National Associations (MNAs).
- ii. **Each MNA may register up to four (4) athletes per weight category.**
- iii. Maximum 50 athletes per weight category will be included in the athletes list. The selection is made based on the order of registration on GMS (first-come, first-served basis).
 - A. In case registration made by a MNA exceeds 4 athletes in each weight category, very first 4 athletes in the order of registration will be selected.
 - B. In case more than 4 athletes are registered by a MNA simultaneously, 4 athletes with the higher ranking on the registration date will be selected.
- iv. Athletes who registered but not selected will be placed on a waitlist. If a selected athlete withdraws, WT may allocate the spot to the next athlete on the waitlist in order of registration made on GMS.
- v. During the designated registration period, if an athlete requests a change to a different weight category, the date and time of the request shall be considered the official registration time for the new weight category. The athlete's placement in the new weight category shall be based on the order in which change requests are received, regardless of their original registration.
- vi. WT may replace athlete no later than August 19th.

17. ATHLETE QUOTA

- i. Maximum four (4) athletes per weight category for each MNA
- ii. Host Country: The host country will be secured up to 4 athletes per weight category.

18. INVITATION TO 2026 WORLD TAEKWONDO GRAND PRIX SERIES 2

- i. Athletes who are placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd (Gold Medalist, Silver Medalist, and Bronze Medalist) will receive an invitation to the 2026 WT Grand Prix Series 2.
- ii. The maximum invitation quota to the 2026 WT Grand Prix Series 2 is limited to one (1) athlete per MNA in each weight category.

19. WITHDRAWAL PENALTIES

- vii. Penalty

- Any confirmed athlete who withdraws within two (2) weeks before 00:00 Swiss local time on the date of Head of Team Meeting, for any reason (including medical purposes), will not be allowed to participate in the next GP Challenge.
- All selected athletes should apply and obtain entry visa in advance. No athlete will be excused for cancelling the registration due to visa except athletes additionally selected as a replacement after August 10th the abovementioned penalty will be given to the athlete.

20. CLASSIFICATION OF RESULTS

Medals will be awarded to the top athletes in the respective weight category of the pertinent competition:

1st PLACE: GOLD MEDAL & CERTIFICATE & Invitation to 2026 WT Grand Prix Series 2 & KRW 3,500,000

2nd PLACE: SILVER MEDAL & CERTIFICATE & Invitation to 2026 WT Grand Prix Series 2 & KRW 2,000,000

3rd PLACE: BRONZE MEDAL & CERTIFICATE & Invitation to 2026 WT Grand Prix Series 2 & KRW 1,500,000

* Maximum invitation quota to 2026 WT Grand Prix Series 2 is 1 (one) per nation. If the 1st and 2nd placed athletes are from the same nation, the invitation to 2026 WT Grand Prix Series 2 will be granted to the 1st placed athlete, and the quota for 2nd place will be allocated to next highest-ranked athlete from a different nation.

** The prize money will be paid in Korean Won (KRW) in accordance with the subsidy regulations of the Republic of Korea. Applicable taxes will be deducted in accordance with each recipient's national tax policy. The remaining amount will then be converted and transferred in United States Dollars (USD), using the KRW-USD exchange rate applicable on the date of the transaction.

For allocation of invitation to 2026 WT Grand Prix Series 2, athletes ranking within Muju 2025 World Taekwondo Grand Prix Challenge shall be allocated as follows.

Position	Remark
1 st place	Gold Medalist
2 nd place	Silver Medalist
3 rd place	Winner of Bronze Medal Contest
4 th place	Loser of Bronze Medal Contest
5 th place	Loser to 1 st placed athlete at Quarter-Final
6 th place	Loser to 2 nd Placed athlete at Quarter-Final
7 th place	Loser to 3 rd Placed athlete at Quarter-Final
8 th Place	Loser to 4 th Placed athlete at Quarter-Final

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

Standing	Ranking Point
1 st place	20.00
2 nd place	12.00
3 rd place	7.20
4 th place	4.32
5 th place	3.02

9 th place	2.12
17 th Place	1.48
33 rd Place	1.04

21. WT-RECOGNIZED TAEKWONDO UNIFORM AND PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- i. **The KPNP (K2 Series) Protector and Scoring System (PSS) including PSS Headgear** will be used for the competition.
- ii. Participating contestants are required to wear WT-recognized Kyorugi competition uniform and WT-recognized protective equipment. The latest version of WT-recognized manufacturers' list is available at the website of WT (<http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/wtf-partners/recognized>).
- iii. The Organizing Committee will provide Protector and Scoring System (PSS) to the participating contestants. Participating contestants are required to bring their own groin guards, mouthguard, 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 competition uniform and protective equipment. **Any contestant who wears unofficial competition uniform or protective equipment will not be permitted to enter Field of Play and 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.

22. IDENTIFICATION OF NOC CODE AND MANUFACTURER

- i. National flag shall be located between 3 to 3.5cm below from the shoulder line of the right arm.
- ii. NOC Code is a three-letter National Olympic Committee abbreviation, and it shall 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 manufacturer) shall be located one for the top of Kyorugi competition uniform within 30cm² and between 3 to 3.5cm below the shoulder line of the left arm, one for bottoms of Kyorugi competition uniform 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.

23. SPONSOR'S IDENTIFICATION

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

24. 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 medalists 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/viewer_pdf/external/pdfs-2.1.266-dist/web/viewer.html?file=http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/att_file/documents/WT-Mouthguard-brace-taping-and-padding-rules_FINAL_Feb-10-2020.pdf

25. HEAD OF TEAM MEETING

- i. The head of team meeting shall be conducted two (2) days prior to the start of the competition that is August 26th, 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.

26. SEEDING AND DRAWING OF LOTS

- i. All ranked athletes based on 2025 August WT Olympic ranking shall be seeded accordingly.
- ii. In case of athletes without WT Olympic ranking as of 2025 August shall be seeded randomly among those without WT Olympic ranking.
- iii. Host Country Seeding: There is no host country seeding for GP Challenge.
- iv. Draw of Lots will be conducted one (1) day before the competition following the general weigh in.
- v. Draw will be uploaded on WT website – GP Challenge notice page.

27. WEIGH-IN

- i. General weigh-in of the contestants shall take place on the day before their respective weight category.
- ii. Random weigh-in shall be conducted in the morning on the day of competition for each athlete's respective weight category, excluding M+80kg and W+67kg.
- iii. Random weigh-in shall apply to following number of contestants per each weight category with 5% allowance as below.

Weight Category	5% allowance	Weight Category	5% allowance
M-58kg	Not exceeding 60.9kg	W-49kg	Not exceeding 51.5kg
M-68kg	Not exceeding 71.4kg	W-57kg	Not exceeding 59.9kg
M-80kg	Not exceeding 84.0kg	W-67kg	Not exceeding 70.4kg

Number of contestants in weight category	Number (%) of random weigh-in contestants
More than 32	20%
17-32	6
9-16	4
4-8	2
Below 4	0

- iv. During the weigh-in, male contestants shall wear underpants and female contestants shall wear underpants and brassieres. However, contestants may weigh-in in the nude if they wish to do so.

28. INDEMNITIES

- i. All participants shall be responsible for own 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.

29. ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORTATION

Participating teams are required to complete the Accommodation Booking Form (available on Simply Compete) and return it to mujuchallenge@tpf.or.kr **by no later than July 18th**.

When you submit the booking form the OC will send a confirmation letter with the invoice.

All accommodation rates are quoted in KRW and included bed and all taxes, Wi-Fi, airport transfers and shuttle services to the training and competition venue.

30. VISA INFORMATION

The Organizing Committee can provide Visa invitation letters for visa applications.

Please send invitation letter request form via email mujuchallenge@tpf.or.kr **by no later than July 18th**.

Please make sure to check if your country is eligible for K-ETA (<http://www.korea-visa/>) before requesting a visa invitation letter. Visa invitation letter is available for the registered participants upon registration, and it is the responsibility of each athlete and MNA to apply for and secure the correct entry visa for Korea. Please keep in mind that the process time to obtain a Korean visa.

31. COACH'S REQUIREMENTS

All coaches are required to hold **WT Coach Certificate Level II (2)**. Coaches those do not hold Level II coach certificate will be deleted from the registration and not allowed to coach.

All coaches are required to wear formal suit such as tie, jacket, dress shirt (long or short), trousers, and sport shoes during Semi-Finals and Finals. If any coach refuses to wear abovementioned attire, he or she will not be allowed to coach for Muju 2025 World Taekwondo GP Challenge as well as Bangkok 2025 World Taekwondo GP Challenge.

32. TEAM DOCTOR'S MEETING

In order to receive accreditation card, all registered team medical staff must attend team doctor's meeting on August 26th, 2025.

TIMETABLE

(Subject to Change)

Date	Time	Event	Place
August 25	10:00 -18:00	Team Arrival & Registration	
	09:00-18:00	Team Training	
August 26	11:00-12:00	Team Doctors Meeting	Administration Center
	13:00-15:00	Head of Team Meeting	Administration Center
August 27	10:00-12:00	General weigh-in for M-80kg, W-49kg	T1 Arena
	10:00-12:00	Referee Training – Morning Session	T1 Arena
	14:00-18:00	Referee Training – Afternoon Session	T1 Arena
August 28	08:00	Random weigh-in for M-80kg and W-49kg	T1 Arena
	10:00-12:00	General weigh-in for M-68kg, W+67kg	T1 Arena
	09:00-14:00	Round of 64, Round of 32 for DAY 1: M-80kg, W-49kg	T1 Arena
	14:00-15:00	Lunch break	T1 Arena
	15:00-17:00	Round of 16, Quarterfinals,	T1 Arena
	17:00-17:30	Session break	T1 Arena
	17:30-19:30	Semi-Finals, Bronze medal contest, Finals and Victory Ceremonies (Bronze medal contest and Finals will take place in main court)	T1 Arena
August 29	08:00	Random weigh-in for M-68kg	T1 Arena
	10:00-12:00	General weigh-in for M-58kg, W-67kg	T1 Arena
	09:00-14:00	Round of 64, Round of 32 for DAY 1: M-68kg, W+67kg	T1 Arena
	14:00-15:00	Lunch break	T1 Arena
	15:00-17:00	Round of 16, Quarterfinals	T1 Arena
	17:00-17:30	Session break	T1 Arena
	17:30-19:30	Semi-Finals, Bronze medal contest, Finals and Victory Ceremonies (Bronze medal contest and Finals will take place in main court)	T1 Arena
August 30	08:00	Random weigh-in for M-58kg, W-67kg	T1 Arena
	10:00-12:00	General weigh-in for M+80kg, W-57kg	T1 Arena
	09:00-14:00	Round of 64, Round of 32 for DAY 2: M-58kg, W-67kg	T1 Arena
	14:00-15:00	Lunch break	T1 Arena
	15:00-17:00	Round of 16, Quarter finals	T1 Arena
	17:00-17:30	Session break	T1 Arena
	17:30-19:30	Semi-Finals, Bronze medal contest, Finals and Victory Ceremonies (Bronze medal contest and Finals will take place in main court)	T1 Arena

Date	Time	Event	Place
August 31	08:00	Random weigh-in for W-57kg	T1 Arena
	09:00-14:00	Round of 64, Round of 32 for DAY 3: M+80kg, W-57kg	T1 Arena
	14:00-15:00	Lunch break	T1 Arena
	15:00-17:00	Round of 16, Quarterfinals	T1 Arena
	17:00-17:30	Session break	T1 Arena
	17:30-19:30	Semi-Finals, Bronze medal contest, Finals and Victory Ceremonies (Bronze medal contest and Finals will take place in main court)	T1 Arena