



WT agreement with Kukkiwon

A new agreement has been entered into between World Taekwondo (WT) and Kukkiwon.

John Kotsifas President of Oceania Taekwondo said, “over many years a variety of agreements have been entered into with Kukkiwon but invariably, none were ever properly complied with by Kukkiwon.

Whether the current agreement will be honoured by Kukkiwon remains to be seen but we are all hopeful that it will”.

WT set up an ad hoc committee to discuss what changes needed to be made and President Kotsifas was part of that committee.

Aspects of the agreement include:

Kukkiwon will no longer recognise any organisations that purport to represent or be connected with Kukkiwon other than the Member National Association of each country (MNA).

- In Australia for example, an organisation known as Kukkiwon Australia will cease to be recognised by Kukkiwon and no applications for Kukkiwon certificates will be permitted by this organisation.
- Persons who previously used this organisation to lodge their Kukkiwon applications will now need to do so via Taekwondo Australia (the MNA).
- Kukkiwon will still permit applications from Master’s outside of the MNA, however Kukkiwon and the MNA will now be able to enter into discussions and reach agreement on such matters, particularly what if any, Kukkiwon applications are permitted outside of the MNA. As there are over 205 MNA’s worldwide, this process will take some time (even years).
- Kukkiwon will assist MA’s by providing education materials
- Continental Unions (CU) will be able to process Kukkiwon applications for its MNA’s where necessary and where the MNA does not have the capacity to do so. This affectively means that apart from Australia and

New Zealand, all other Oceania MNA's can make applications for Kukkiwon certificates via Oceania Taekwondo.

- Oceania Taekwondo is also able to conduct Dan promotion tests for individuals and MNA's that do not have the capacity to do this themselves.
- Oceania MNAs can make initial inquiries for assistance to OT's Secretary General, Mr Stuart Lee.
- Kukkiwon Dan certificates will from now on, bear the names and signatures of the MNA, CU, WT and Kukkiwon presidents.

There are other aspects of this agreement which will be finalised over the coming months and further details will be provided once finalised.

Kindest Regards

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