



# WORLD MARTIAL ARTS COMMITTEE

## Guidelines

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### GUIDELINES OF THE WMAC



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## **Introduction:**

*These guidelines replace all previously issued guidelines. These guidelines are valid for all members. However, local requirements and circumstances may be taken into account if necessary. The official language of the IRC is English. These guidelines may be translated into other languages by the IRC. However, in case of discrepancies, only the official English version shall prevail. These guidelines may not be copied, published or distributed without specific written authorisation from WMAC or the IRC. This includes electronic, digital, physical and all other forms of reproduction. These guidelines can be downloaded free of charge as a PDF from the official WMAC website.*

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## International guidelines



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Dear reader,

We are very pleased to release version 2.0 of our World Martial Arts Committee Guidelines. We are proud to publish those WMAC guidelines for your use. This has been made possible entirely through the hard work and dedication of individuals from around the world. We would like to sincerely thank everyone for their co-operation.

All of the guidelines contained in this document apply to WMAC sanctioned events. In this case, they may not be deviated from except in exceptional circumstances and then only with the written permission of the IRC in conjunction with the Chief Referee (Supervisor) of the respective event. The instructions and decisions of the IRC with regard to these rules are decisive and binding. In the event of complaints/protests, his decision is decisive and final!

These guidelines can also be used for non-sanctioned events. In this case, the organiser of the event must include the following statement in writing in the announcement: "This event is organised in accordance with the official WMAC guidelines".

The World Martial Arts Committee is constantly endeavouring to develop further. We are constantly working on the development of our guidelines and their dissemination at events and tournaments. These guidelines should be checked before the events in order to discuss and incorporate any changes with us.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Harald Folladori'. The signature is written on a dark background.

Harald Folladori  
WMAC World President

# GUIDELINES OF THE WORLD MARTIAL ARTS COMMITTEE

(WMAC)

## **1. creation of the WMAC**

### ***History***

The WMAC emerged from the WMAGC = World Martial Arts Games Committee. This open, free committee (no association or club structure) was founded under the leadership of Kenneth Marchtaler (CAN) in 2005 as a NEW platform in the field of general martial arts.

The WMAGC was dissolved by Kenneth Marchtaler in 2013 and the individual member nations were to join TAFISA. In the same year, Harald Folladori (AUT) was appointed as the new WMAGC president, as Ken was already head of the Tafisa commission and a dual function could lead to conflicts of interest.

However, Harald Folladori wanted to maintain the community of members and presented a new forward-looking concept for a NEW structure at the WMAGC meeting. He thus founded the WMAC with a new focus on the association system and not just on a tournament.

The nations present welcomed the NEW concept and expressed their willingness to become members of the WMAC. Only Canada announced that it only wished to remain a member of TAFISA. As the TAFISA recognition of the WMAGC ceased with the founding of the WMAC, it was agreed to support the Tafisa World Games in 2014 and to submit a new application to include the WMAC in the TAFISA family.

## **2. structure of the WMAC**

### ***Association legalisation***

The WMAC is a registered division (martial arts section) of the NMAC Austria association (ZVR no.: 116240499) and serves to promote and practise martial arts worldwide. The WMAC is therefore a freely elected committee in the above-mentioned section.

### ***Brand protection***

The trade mark protection of the word and figurative mark WMAC is registered at the German Patent Office in the name of the President of WMAC - Harald Folladori.

The registered office of the WMAC is the respective club headquarters, i.e. ACHGASSE 25 C in 6900 Bregenz / Austria.

### ***Memberships and their guidelines in the WMAC***

All institutions (clubs, associations, legal entities, companies, individuals, etc.) can apply for membership of the WMAC, which can be downloaded free of charge from the homepage.

This will be checked by the responsible Secretary General and a favourable decision will be sent if the applicant is found to be suitable.

The membership fee must then be paid and all requested documents (contact persons, addresses, pictures, etc.) must be provided.

Membership entitles the holder to participate in all events organised or sanctioned by the WMAC (World Games, courses, World Championships and tournaments organised by sanctioned associations, etc.).

Membership of the WMAC is based solely on the sporting practice and representation of the interests of the sports recognised by us.

### ***Sports in the WMAC (martial arts)***

All sports recognised by the WMAC are listed on the homepage and will also be served at the WMAC tournaments if there are enough athletes participating. Please note that at least 3 participants must start in the respective categories (weight classes, divisions, etc.), otherwise these athletes will be grouped into the next higher class.

### ***Admission of NEW sports (only possible at the request of a member)***

If a new sport that has been thoroughly examined by the WMAC Rules Committee applies for inclusion, it will be authorised as a demonstration competition at the current World Games. If at least 3 athletes from 3 nations register to participate, this sport can be included. ATTENTION: This is ONLY done by decision of the WMAC Board. There is therefore NO entitlement to admission!

### **3. job description in the WMAC**

#### ***Rules committee / at least 3 independent judges***

These judges meet at least once a year at the World Martial Art Games and organise referee seminars. They are also responsible for maintaining and implementing the rules and regulations.

#### ***Cashier / Finances***

He is responsible for the membership fees/dues and their appropriate use for the WMAC. All amounts over 500€ can only be paid together with the President. An annual sending of the account movements to the WMAC board members is possible at any time by simple request.

He is therefore responsible for the membership fees and manages them in the interests of the WMAC.

#### ***Sports manager /administration of the recognised sports of the WMAC***

The sports manager is responsible for the administration of the respective sports in the WMAC. He is the contact person for the respective sports and the seat of the examination board (certification of athletes, graduations, certificates, passports, etc.). It is also the highest authority in the awarding of DAN diplomas and HONOUR certificates. It appoints national examiners to control the examination guidelines of the respective systems / sports in the WMAC.

#### ***Event manager / event team of the WMAC (tournaments, courses etc.)***

The Event Manager is responsible for the realisation of all events organised by the WMAC, in particular the World Games. He checks the local conditions such as cubature, infrastructure, catchment area and connection to the transport network. The application for the respective venue is only submitted to the Executive Board and voted on once a cost-benefit analysis has been completed.

The event manager draws up the invitation to tender and the organisation of the event and works directly with the organiser using a checklist. He is on site at every event and manages the event together with a tournament director appointed by him. The Tournament Director is usually the organiser, as he has to coordinate all activities with local volunteers.

#### ***Secretary General***

The Secretary General is the executive arm of the WMAC. He is authorised to fully represent the President in his rights and duties.

He represents the WMAC vis-à-vis third parties and is authorised to issue instructions.

The GS is therefore the highest authority of the WMAC after the President. He is present at all WMAC events, chairs the meetings of the Board of Directors, convenes the respective World Meetings of the member representatives and documents them.

### ***Chairman of the Member Representatives***

This function includes the information and recruitment centre in the WMAC. The Chairman is the link between the individual members and the WMAC Board. He looks after the international, national and supporting members and recruits NEW members.

In consultation with the WMAC Board, the Chairman prepares the annual members' meetings and presents the latest information from the WMAC at these meetings.

The Chairman is elected directly by the representatives and is NOT bound by instructions. He is therefore the direct contact person for matters concerning members.

### ***Vice President***

The Vice President is the direct representative of the President in public relations (PR). The Vice President represents the WMAC at public events and safeguards its interests vis-à-vis third parties. However, the Vice President has only limited authority and is not involved in the management of the association. He is the second face of the WMAC and holds discussions with members, helps with award ceremonies and prepares administrative documents such as certificates and diplomas.

### ***President***

The President is the highest authority in the WMAC and manages it together with the Executive Board. He is subject to instructions in all areas (with the exception of finances and the rules committee) and manages the WMAC in accordance with its democratic guidelines.

The President represents the face of the WMAC and bears responsibility in all areas. He is the highest representative and works for the well-being of the sporting development of the WMAC. He is responsible in the delegated sense and is to be represented by the General Secretary and/or Vice-President.

## **4. guidelines of the WMAC**

Member status = see registration form ( [www.wmac-world.com](http://www.wmac-world.com) )

The WMAC distinguishes between 3 different types of membership:

1. *Supporting* individual members (a 80€) *Supporting Members*
2. National Members (a 120€) *National Members*
3. International Members (a 200€) *International Members*
4. Honorary members no membership fee

All members receive their membership (see Structure / Members) on the basis of the required documents and payment of the annual membership fee by 31 January of the following year at the latest.

All members have the right to participate in events organised by the WMAC and its partners, to use the WMAC logo, to obtain WMAC passports, to use WMAC rules and regulations, to request diplomas with international recognition and to place their own events on the WMAC media platforms.

Furthermore, so-called WMAC Pro titles/belts may be fought for in the various sports, thus giving the respective representatives and promoters the opportunity to organise paid sports galas.

Members may also use the WMAC's media platform (homepage, Facebook, event adverts, etc.) as part of their sporting activities.

ATTENTION: WMAC membership is always based on the calendar year, a right to membership can NOT be obtained. This depends on activity, loyalty and compliance with our structures. In the event of gross misconduct, the WMAC Board can decide on immediate resignation (majority vote) and exclude the member from all events and the WMAC community with immediate effect. This may well apply to just one person (e.g. representative) and not to the organisation behind it.

## **5. WMAC Board of Directors / Election proposals**

Every national / international member has the opportunity to get involved in the WMAC Board and actively participate in an office.

The President of the WMAC also has the option of co-opting persons from among the members (with the exception of honorary members) and then having the member's function and status confirmed by a majority vote at the next Board meeting.

### ***Voting procedure / Voting rights***

The WMAC is an association that is structured according to democratic principles. All elections are therefore effective with a simple majority decision. Each board member has ONE vote. Exceptions are the Rules Committee and the representatives. Here, only the Chairman is authorised to vote. Elections are conducted openly by a show of hands or, if requested, by secret ballot. These elections are chaired by the President, in his absence by the Secretary General and in his absence by the Vice President.

The Executive Board consists of:

1. the President
2. the Vice President
3. The Secretary General
4. The Chairman of the Member Representatives
5. The Chairman of the Rules Committee
6. the sports manager
7. the event manager
8. the treasurer

The WMAC Board is quorate if at least 50% of the Board members are present at a meeting.

### ***Right of veto / convening of a general meeting / submission of motions to the WMAC Board:***

The President has a so-called RIGHT OF Veto in controversial matters. This means that he can use the right of veto to refer Board resolutions back to the Board for reconsideration and that the Board must pass a new resolution after a period of at least 24 hours and a maximum of 3 months. It can therefore impose a so-called pause for reflection, but NOT prevent a majority decision. This right of veto can only be exercised once per matter.

Every WMAC member has the right to submit motions to the VS. These motions must be submitted in writing to the WMAC headquarters ([headquarter@wmac-world.com](mailto:headquarter@wmac-world.com)) at least 2 weeks before the meeting.

A simple majority of the members of the Executive Board is required to convene an extraordinary meeting of the Executive Board. A request to this effect must also be submitted in writing to the WMAC headquarters.

### ***Election periods in the WMAC (by simple majority decision)***

Board members	every 4 years	(Board of Directors autonomous)
Rules Committee	every 2 years	(independently or at the request of the President)

### ***Communication levels in the WMAC***

All WMAC Board communications are to be directed ONLY to WMAC members. The mail/postal mailing list may NOT be forwarded to third parties without the EXPRESS consent of the Board.

Communication with the respective members/representatives must always be communicated to the Chairman by copy (mail cc) or, if necessary, only via him.

### ***Official contact persons of the WMAC***

All official outputs (media, homepage, certificates and the like) may ONLY be disseminated via the responsibilities listed below.

Press releases	= General Secretary / Vice President
Events	= General Secretary / Event Manager / Vice President
Judges / Rules	= Rules Commission / President
Diplomas and passports	= Sports Manager / Chairman Representatives
Members	= Chairman Representatives / <i>President</i>
Finances	= Treasurer / President
Documents	= President

### **General WMAC rules**

All sport-specific regulations can be found in the GENEREL RULES. The same applies to professional sport and national team selection. The guidelines regarding sporting, fair and decent co-operation are also regulated here.

### **Orientation and declaration of intent of the WMAC**

The WMAC is not geared towards material gain and therefore all financial resources are earmarked for specific purposes. Our association sees itself as a pioneer of clean, fair and yet tough competition - combined with the values that make our society worth striving for. Playing sport together on the basis of the UN Charter. Realising that SPORT unites not divides and that we are all ambassadors of modern martial arts. This is precisely why we often serve as role models for young people. We see this principle as a guideline for our mentality and as a responsibility.

### **Delimitations of the WMAC**

We see ourselves as representatives of clean sport - both human and physical. Doping, violence, mistreatment, abuse of authority etc. and marginalisation of ANY kind are NOT part of the TUGENDENCES of our members. We value and respect life and are committed to the weaker members of society. Especially the protection of children and young people - the fight against all kinds of CRIMINAL, SITUAL or VIOLENT excesses are not marginalised, but at the centre of our agenda. Our members appreciate this and it motivates us to continue to work harder. Our success proves us RIGHT and this agenda remains our top priority for the good of our society. This also includes an open approach and immediate, decisive action (despite the presumption of innocence) by our top officials.

### **Special functions & persons in the WMAC**

Marginalised groups and minorities in particular are not excluded from the WMAC, but have their own contact persons and linguistic rohe right up to the board.

After each BOD election, persons are nominated to represent this agenda to third parties. These athlete representatives / ambassadors - are divided into the following AREAS and should conscientiously fulfil their task at all major events, including at the WMAC BOARD MEETINGS.

They bring ideas, problems and improvements to the table, as well as honest feedback from their point of view.

- 1.KINDER** ambassadors in sport
- 2.WOMEN** ambassadors in sport
- 3.HANDICAP** ambassadors in sport
- 4.ATHLETEN** Ambassadors in sport