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SELECTION OF OLYMPIC WEIGHT CATEGORY FOR 2023, SUBMISSION DEADLINE 25 JANUARY 2023

Presidents and Secretary Generals, Member National Associations

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish you a happy new year and hope this letter finds you well.

As you are aware at the start of each year the Olympic Weight Category selection window opens as detailed in Article 1.3.1 of the <u>WT Ranking Bylaw</u>, the choice of the Olympic Weight Category can be determined for a period of one year from January 1st to December 31st, every year during a onetime window of **January 1st to 25th**. This window for 2023 is open. During this 25-day window the **MNA only** can submit a list of athletes and their choice of Olympic Weight Category. You are requested to review Article 1.3 of the WT Ranking Bylaw to better understand the importance of selection of an Olympic weight category. All senior Kyorugi athletes are encouraged to select an Olympic weight category.

To make the selection you simply need to enter the name, WT license number and the Olympic Weight Category to be selected in the prescribed format on the spreadsheet sent with this letter which can be accessed from <u>HERE</u>. Please ensure that the completed spreadsheet is provided to my colleague Mr. Kabir Kar by **January 25th**, **2023**, after this date no requests will be accepted and there will be no changes of Olympic weight category allowed until the Olympic weight category selection period in January 2024.

It is recommended to pay particular attention to the selection of athletes **who turn 17 years old in 2023** in case he/she earned ranking points at the past YOG, World Taekwondo Junior Championships and Continental Championships (ref. WT Ranking Bylaw, Article 2.7.3). If an athlete has earned a medal at one of the aforesaid events, then he/she must declare an Olympic Weight Category in the year they turn 17 to earn ranking points if an Olympic weight category is not declared points for the aforesaid events will not be awarded.

Please note if an athlete already has an Olympic Weight Category selected and no change is required you do not have to provide the selection again as previously selected Olympic Weight

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Categories are retained till a change is declared.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Kar with any queries at kabir.gms@worldtaekwondo.org.

Sincerely yours,

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