



HERE COME THE CHAMPIONS

KEY PRINCIPLES
AND
OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE

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“It’s a huge step forward for the sport. As an athlete, it’s important that we have the chance to compete regularly against the very best in the world and the **World Taekwondo GP™** series will give us those opportunities.”

Jade Jones

Gold medalist, London 2012

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- Brand new ELITE series
- Regular competition between top athletes
- Annual Series followed by Grand Final
- Launch in Manchester- Dec, 2013

ATHLETES AND QUALIFICATION

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WORLD TAEKWONDO GP™ SERIES



- Scheduled for the second half of each year
- 36 athletes per weight category invited to the Series
- Olympic weight categories
- Top 35 athletes qualify based on WTF Olympic Ranking
- 1 “wild card” to host country
- Maximum 2 athletes per weight category per country

WORLD TAEKWONDO GP™

FINAL



- Scheduled for December each year
- Top 8 ranked athletes qualify based on WTF Olympic Ranking
- No automatic qualification for host country
- Maximum 2 athletes per weight category per country



NEW WTF COMPETITION GRADING

ROAD TO THE WORLD TAEKWONDO GP™

COMPETITION GRADING



GRADE	COMPETITION
G1	WTF Sanctioned Tournaments
	World University Championships
	Multi-Sport Games
G2	WTF Sanctioned Tournaments
	Universiade
	CISM World Games
G4	World Taekwondo GP™ Series
	Continental Championships
	Continental Multi-Sport Games
G8	World Taekwondo GP™ Final
G12	WTF World Taekwondo Championships
G20	Summer Olympic Games

G1 SANCTIONED EVENTS



- Potential for many G1 events in a year
- No limit on participation
- Best 5 performances counted



G2 SANCTIONED EVENTS



- G1 events evaluated at the end of the year
- Awarded G2 status for next year
- Evaluation criteria set out in WTF World Ranking bylaw
- Best 3 performances counted

RANKING POINTS AND SEEDING

HIGH LEVEL COMPETITION



RANKING POINTS



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World Taekwondo GP™ SERIES

- Graded as a G4 event
- Quarterfinalists and above awarded ranking points

World Taekwondo GP™ FINAL

- Graded as a G8 event
- All 8 athletes awarded ranking points

SEEDING



World Taekwondo GP™ SERIES

- Top 4 athletes per weight category advance directly to Quarterfinals based on WTF Olympic Ranking
- Top 8 athletes per weight category out of the remaining 32 athletes seeded based on WTF Olympic Ranking

World Taekwondo GP™ FINAL

- All 8 athletes are seeded based on WTF Olympic Ranking
- Bronze medal contest to determine 3rd place

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WORLD TAEKWONDO GP™

SERIES



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WTF WORLD RANKING (JUNE 2013)

WOMEN'S UNDER 49KG

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Advance directly to QF

Seeded 1-8 based on WTF Olympic Rank

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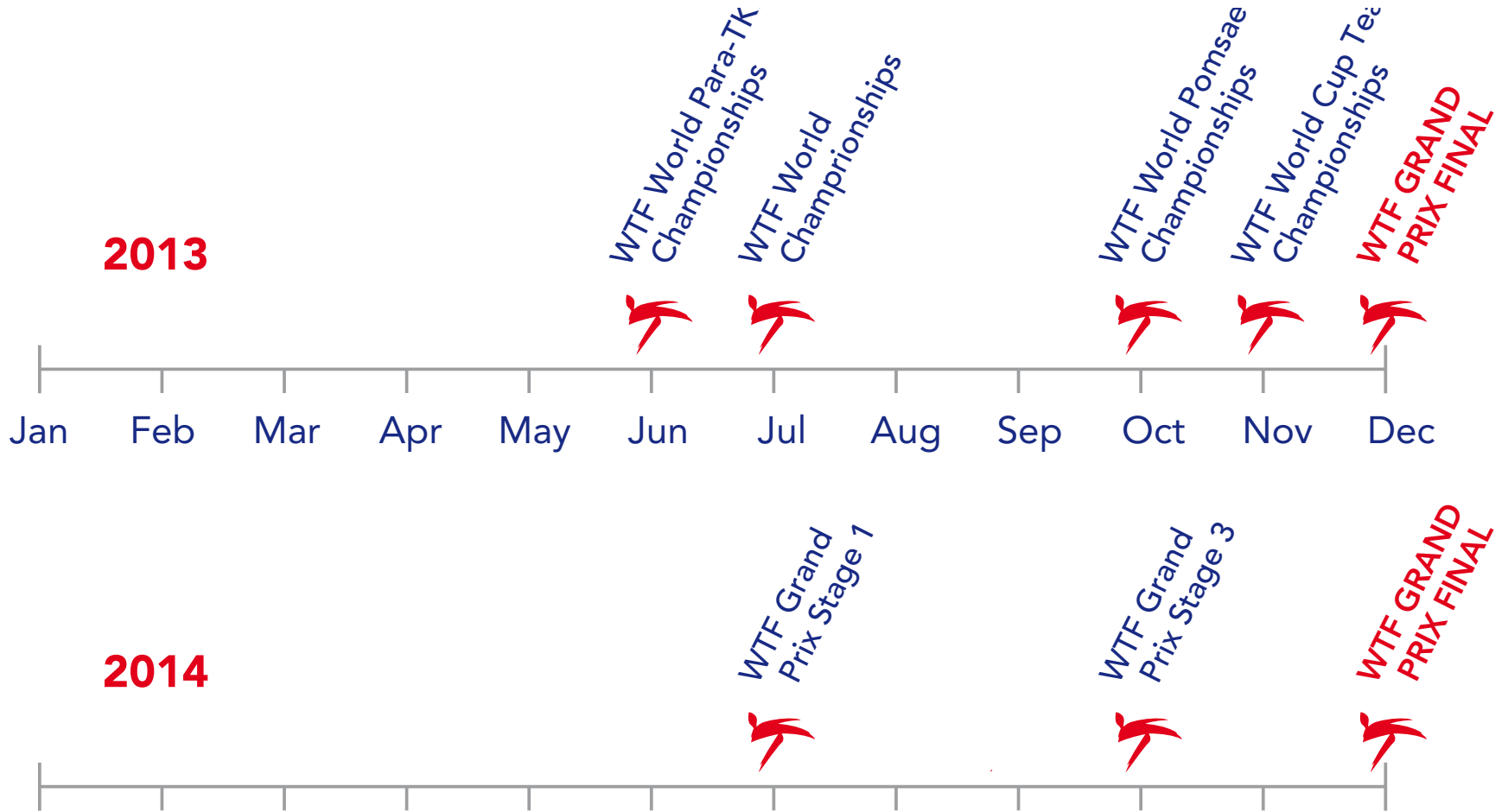
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WORLD TAEKWONDO GP™ SCHEDULE 2013-2014



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WORLD TAEKWONDO GP™ SCHEDULE 2015-2016



WORLD TAEKWONDO GP™ LAUNCH

MANCHESTER 2013



INTRODUCTION



- First World Taekwondo GP™
- Manchester Central Arena
- December 13-15

THE COMPETITION



- G8 Competition for launch event
- 36 athletes per weight category
- Athlete selection after WTF World Taekwondo Championships in Puebla

THE EVENT



- Building on the success of London 2012
- Creating an exciting show for the audience
- A platform to create stars of Taekwondo

CREATING THE SHOW



- Sports presentation to engage the crowd and focus on athletes
- Show-type lighting and sound
- Music introductions for athletes
- In-venue sports announcer



CREATING THE STARS



- Focus on athletes
- Schedules to maximize athlete exposure on broadcast and media
- In-venue flash interviews
- Social media interactions



COMPETITION SCHEDULE



Day 1

- 2 men's and 2 women's weight categories down to semi-final stage

Day 2

- Remaining 2 men's and 2 women's weight categories down to semi-final stage
- Semi-finals and finals of Day 1 divisions

Day 3

- Remaining matches of Day 2 categories until Finals
- Final show

OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION

ROAD TO RIO 2016



OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE



Qualification by WTF Olympic Ranking

- 48 athletes qualify through WTF Olympic Ranking
- Top 6 ranked athletes from each Olympic weight category
- No qualification tournament
- Maximum 1 athlete per weight category per country

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Qualify for OG
through WTF
Olympic Ranking

OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE (CONTD.)



- National quota of 2 male and 2 female shall still be applied for Continental Qualification Tournament after deduction of the quotas obtained through WTF Olympic Ranking
- Athletes not qualifying through WTF Olympic Ranking can qualify through Continental Qualification Tournament and Wild Cards (4)



GUIDELINES FOR INVITATION



- WTF publishes WTF Olympic Ranking on August 1, 2013 reflecting results of 2013 WTF World Taekwondo Championships Puebla
- WTF sends out the Olympic weight division choice form to MNAs by no later than August 17, 2013
- WTF receives the Olympic weight division choice form from MNAs by August 31, 2013 (within 2 weeks from the notice)

GUIDELINES FOR INVITATION (CONTD.)



- WTF publishes WTF Olympic Ranking on September 1, 2013 reflecting changes of athletes' Olympic weight divisions
- WTF invites top 35 athletes in each weight division by no later than September 10, 2013 based on WTF Olympic Ranking as of September 1, 2013. WTF Olympic Ranking of either October or November or December version shall not affect the invitation
- An MNA, on behalf of its pertinent NOC, may send maximum two (2) athletes per weight division among those athletes invited by the WTF

GUIDELINES FOR INVITATION (CONTD.)



- One (1) athlete from the host country shall also be invited in addition to the athletes invited through ranking. If the host country does not use its allotted invitation place, the next highest ranked athlete whose MNA has not exceeded its maximum quotas shall be invited
- Each MNA is requested to confirm participation of its athlete(s) within 2 weeks from the date of receipt of the invitation. Once the MNA confirms participation, it cannot change the athlete

GUIDELINES FOR INVITATION (CONTD.)



- If an athlete withdraws and communicates this to the WTF before November 13, 2013, he/she will be replaced by the next highest ranked athlete of the WTF Olympic Ranking, not necessarily by an athlete with the same nationality
- If an athlete withdraws and communicates this to the WTF after November 13, 2013, his/her place will be cancelled and will not be replaced
- Competition system shall be same of WTF World Taekwondo Grand-Prix Series (no bronze medal contest) with grade of G-8; therefore ranking points from the 2013 WTF World Grand-Prix Final shall be awarded as follows
 - 1st place: 80 pts
 - 2nd place: 48 pts
 - 3rd places: 28.8 pts
 - 5th places: 17.28 pts

PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

SALÓN GOBERNADORES

JULY 15 - 21 AT 14:00



- English: July 15
- Spanish: July 16
- French: July 17
- Chinese: July 18
- Russian: July 19
- Korean: July 20
- Arabic: July 21



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