



***PARA-KARATE COMMISSION RULES
(PKC RULES)***



1.- **GENERAL DISPOSITIONS**

1.1. **Role of the Para-Karate Commission**

Para-Karate refers to a type of Karate in which competition rules have been established in order to accommodate fair competitions among athletes with disabilities. Para-Karate is a fully integrated part of the operations of the World Karate Federation. The Para-Karate Commission (PKC) is the advisory and organizing body of WKF for Para-Karate matters. It will supervise Para-Karate activities performed under the auspices of the WKF and it represents the interests of Para-Karate and its athletes towards international sport organizations and representatives of the sport.

The Para-Karate Commission reverts to existing structures of the WKF.

The Para-Karate Commission reports to the WKF President, the Vice-President & Commissioner for Para-Karate.

1.2. **Members of the Para-Karate Commission**

The WKF PKC will be composed of the Para-Karate Chairman, appointed by the Executive Committee. The Chairman is the spokesperson for the commission. If necessary, a maximum of two (2) additional persons that the PKC Chairman may propose to the WKF President for each Championships with Para-Karate activities may be appointed by the WKF President.

The PKC members cannot act during their term as Coaches or Referees at World Championships or official WKF events. Any member doing so will be automatically excluded from the PKC membership.

2.- **PKC POWERS AND AUTHORITIES**

- 2.1. To advise the WKF Commissions in all kind of matters concerning Para-Karate.
- 2.2. To elaborate and present for the Executive Committee approval, through the Competition Rules Commission, all Rules and Regulations related with Para-Karate competition.
- 2.3. To organize meetings contributing to the proper feedback concerning Para-Karate of all WKF Continental Federations.
- 2.4. To study and propose in cooperation to the WKF Executive Committee, through the Competition Rules Commission, the modification of Para-Karate competition rules.
- 2.5. The PKC may, with the agreement of the President, convene meetings of its membership to discuss matters concerning the development of Para-Karate worldwide and to propose meetings with the Continental PKCs and/or other institutions that may contribute to the development of Para-Karate at an international level.



- 2.6. The meetings of the PKC will be internally coordinated and minuted. The minutes will be sent to the members of the PKC and the WKF President, with copy to the WKF HQ.
- 2.7. To perform the supervision of all Para-Karate World Championships and official WKF events with Para-Karate activities.
- 2.8. To hold before each World Championships a meeting with the Coaches of the National Federations during the regular Coach Meeting & Draw held by the Organising Commission Chairman.
- 2.9. To support the Referee Commission in order to brief the Referees to ensure that the Para-Karate Championships rules are consistently enforced.

3.- PKC CHAIRMAN POWERS AND AUTHORITIES

- 3.1. To represent the WKF-Para-Karate Commission.
- 3.2. To call for and chair the Para-Karate Commission meetings.
- 3.3. To elaborate the meeting agendas including items proposed by other participants of the meeting.
- 3.4. To take all necessary measures and provisions for the smooth running of the meetings.
- 3.5. To propose to the WKF President or Vice-President & Commissioner for Para-Karate all measures that in the opinion of the Para-Karate Commission, may lead to the betterment of the sport of Para-Karate.
- 3.6. To inform the SC Chairman of all the resolutions adopted by the PKC.

4.- OPERATION OF THE PKC

- 4.1. The WKF Para-Karate Commission shall meet in ordinary session at least once a year, during the World Para-Karate Championships. The meetings shall be convened by the PKC Chairman, enclosing the agenda proposed.
- 4.2. The PKC resolutions will be adopted by simple majority. In the event of a tie, the Chairman will have a casting vote.

5.- CODE OF CONDUCT

Para-athletes need special protection and care because of their special situation and position so Para-Karate athletes should feel free to bring any issue forward to the Para-Karate Commission as they can do in the Athletes Commission. Issues brought in the PKC by Para-Karate Athletes have to be treated discreetly by the PKC members.

Para-Karate Officials are expected to fulfil their tasks and act in line with WKF rules and steering documents, follow the WKF Disciplinary and Ethics Code and to observe confidentiality in their work.