

세계무예마스터십 현장



World Martial Arts Masterships Charter

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History

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Abbreviations

WMC	World Martial Arts Masterships Committee
Masterships	World Martial Arts Masterships
IF	International Federation
MO	Member Organizations
NMC	National Martial Arts Masterships Committee
OC	Organizing Committee
IOC	International Olympic Committee
GAISF	Global Association of International Sports Federations
OCA	Olympic Council of Asia
ANOC	Association of National Olympic Committees
TAFISA	The Association For International Sport for All
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
ICM	International Center for Martial Arts
GM	General Meeting
EB	Executive Board

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Inaugural Declaration

Martial art has been considered as a culturally valued practice in human history and tradition, pursuing the fundamental end of self-completion through self-defence. A variety of martial arts have been developed and disseminated with their own identity and integrity across the world. Nowadays, martial art have been regarded as an internationally and universally recognized human practice along with international martial art events. Unfortunately, mega events for martial art appear not to concretely hold their place as internationally recognized ones while the Olympic Games for sport is the global sporting festival without any doubt. We, martial artists, should make an overwhelming driving force of the global mega event for martial art, which is an intangible cultural heritage.

The World Martial Arts Masterships Committee (WMC) will promote martial art and encourage martial artists to get involved in World Martial Arts Masterships (Masterships) Movement. The WMC will guarantee the continuous hosting of Masterships, which is a global mega event for martial artists in the world. In addition, The WMC will play a significant role as a driving force and hub of world martial art, implementing Masterships Movement.

A variety of martial arts competitions as well as World Combat Games have been held at national and international levels by SportAccord, OCA, TAFISA and IFs. In addition to this, the Republic of Korea has built martial-art-related contents such as World Martial Arts Festival, Traditional Martial Arts Promotion Act, World Martial Arts Union and International Centre of Martial Arts. The establishment of the WMC results from this every effort of martial artists in the world. Furthermore, the WMC will provide human beings with the opportunity to participate in martial arts as a human right for that is the obligation of ours as martial artists.

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Chapter 1 World Martial Arts Masterships Movement

Article 1 Designation of Competition

1. The designation of this competition is "세계무예마스터십" in Korean and "World Martial Arts Masterships" in English, "Masterships" in short.
2. Masterships has three characteristics of "World", "Martial Arts" and "Masterships", "World" refers to the international competition. "Martial Arts" shows the core characteristic of the competition. "Masterships" symbolizes the competition itself.
3. Masterships refers to an international mega event for martial arts.
4. Masterships includes [World Kids Martial Arts Masterships and World Youth Martial Arts Masterships](#), which inculcate the values of martial art in the next generation. [<Amended, 2020.10.29.>](#)
5. Masterships is prepared for catastrophe and natural disasters, and includes [the World Online \(virtual\) Martial Arts Masterships in which martial artists, officials and the spectators can participate anywhere in the world where online is available. \[Newly inserted, 2020.10.29.\]](#)

Article 2 Designation of Committee

1. The designation of the committee as a governing body of Masterships is "세계무예마스터십 위원회" in Korean, "World Martial Arts Masterships Committee" in English, "WMC" in short.

Article 3 Objectives of Masterships Movement

1. Masterships Movement realizes the values of martial arts complying with Masterships Charter.
2. Masterships Movement encourages human beings to participate in a practice of martial art itself.
3. Masterships Movement plays a significant role in realizing the peace and coexistence of all human beings.
4. Masterships Movement carries out its mission to pass down martial art as intangible cultural heritage in the next generation.
5. Masterships Movement endeavors to fulfill its duty to spread the culture of the physical activity of human beings with international organizations such as UNESCO, IOC, GAISF, ANOC, ICM etc. [<Amended, 2020.2.28.>](#)

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Article 4 Composition of Masterships Movement Organizations

1. The fundamental constituents of Masterships Movement are the WMC, MOs and NMCs. The WMC is the supreme authority of World Martial Arts Masterships.
2. Masterships Movement cooperates with international organizations such as UNESCO, IOC, GAISF, ANOC, ICM etc. based on above mentioned fundamental constituents. [<Amended, 2020.2.28.>](#)
3. Masterships Movement encompasses all individuals such as affiliated martial artists, coaches, referees and officials with organizations above, and all organizations that the WMC approves or make agreements with.

Article 5 Symbol of Masterships

1. As for the Masterships symbol, the symbol of the 2016 Cheongju World Martial Arts Masterships, the first Masterships shall be used.
2. Masterships symbol is leaned to the right in Earth's axial tilt. It harmoniously symbolizes the six continents with six colors of red, orange, yellow, green, blue and black.
3. Masterships symbol characterizes the variety of martial arts and martial artists with harmony.
4. Masterships symbol includes a number of the different types of drafts symbolizing 6 continents with its distinctive components.



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Article 6 Flag of Masterships

1. The symbol of the Masterships comprised of 6 colors is located at the center of white background.



Article 7 Theme and Slogan of Masterships

1. The theme of Masterships is "Harmony of the World Martial Arts"
2. The slogan of Masterships is "Martial Arts for One World! One World for Martial Arts!"
3. The Masterships theme and slogan indicate the will to disseminate Masterships Movement across the world, based on peace and unity of the world.

Article 8 Rights over Masterships Property

1. The property of Masterships encompasses all tangible and intangible assets related to Masterships. The rights of property include the use of and the profit arising from the Masterships, symbol, flag, theme, slogan, broadcast, advertisement, marketing and others.
2. The rights of Masterships property are reserved by the WMC, and the WMC has the obligation to protect the Masterships property.
3. Part or all rights of Masterships property shall be subject to approved by the WMC.
4. Revenues arising from the use of Masterships property need to be reverted to Masterships Movement, and members and organizations related to Masterships.

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Article 11 Members of the WMC

1. The status and obligations of a member are as follows:
 - 1.1. A member of the WMC is a natural person.
 - 1.2. A member of the WMC is not subject to any political, religious and commercial authority.
 - 1.3. A member of the WMC complies with Masterships Charter.
 - 1.4. A member of the WMC practices Masterships Movement and represents the WMC in the respective country and organization.
 - 1.5. A member of the WMC informs the President in case of any event which interrupts the Masterships Movement or violates Masterships Charter.
 - 1.6. A member of the WMC participates in the GM and the Commissions.
 - 1.7. A member of the WMC performs a task assigned by the President.
2. Composition of members
 - 2.1. No more than 20 presidents of IFs
 - 2.2. No more than 20 presidents of NMCs
 - 2.3. No more than 20 martial artists representing a single martial art of a IF, who are highly knowledgeable and experienced in the realm of the martial art
 - 2.4. No more than 30 individual members contributing to the development of world martial arts
 - 2.5. A single representative (mayor or governor) of hosting city or region
 - 2.6. No more than 20 representatives of international organizations related to martial art or sport, and presidents of educational or research institutions related to martial art or sport
 - 2.7. The total number of the WMC members may not exceed 111.
 - 2.8. The members stipulated in Article 11 clause 2.1., 2.2. & 2.3. shall maintain a majority of the entire members, and IFs stipulated in Article 11 clause 2.1. & 2.3. shall be in accordance with the Masterships held after the GM.

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Chapter 2 World Martial Arts Masterships Committee

Article 9 Status of the WMC

1. The WMC is an international non-profit, non-governmental organization as an incorporated association by the civil law of the Republic of Korea.
2. The WMC headquarter is located in Chungcheongbuk-do Province, Republic of Korea
3. The WMC is the supreme authority of the Masterships.

Article 10 Objectives and Roles of the WMC

1. The WMC shall endeavor to achieve the goal of Masterships Movement.
2. The WMC shall guarantee the continuous hosting of Masterships.
3. The WMC shall promote martial arts and encourage martial arts education to realize core values, which martial art aims at.
4. The WMC shall support martial art itself and Masterships in order to develop martial arts, organizations and competition related to martial art.
5. The WMC shall guarantee the independence and autonomy of MOs and NMCs.
6. The WMC shall pursue the universal values of peace and human dignity, and make a stand against any behaviors opposed to the values.
7. The WMC shall disagree over the political, religious and commercial abuse of martial art and martial artists.
8. The WMC shall ban any behaviors to interfere with fair competition, such as doping, match fixing etc.
9. The WMC shall protect and utilize the legacy of Masterships with sustainability.
10. The WMC shall disseminate martial arts as an intangible cultural heritage to the next generation, and encourage women to participate in martial arts.
11. The WMC shall cooperate with national and international martial arts organizations, international organizations and governments to strengthen the network.

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3. Election and term of a member
 - 3.1. The candidate for a WMC member shall apply for the WMC affiliation and the candidate shall be elected based on the recommendation of the EB to the GM. However, for the first year of the establishment of the WMC, the President shall appoint the WMC members within recommended candidates.
 - 3.2. The WMC may have honorary member and honorary president if necessary. The honorary member and the honorary president shall be proposed by the EB and appointed by the President. They may attend meetings and make statements during the meetings. <Amended, 2019.8.30.>
 - 3.3. A member defined in Article 11 clause 2.1., 2.2., 2.5., & 2.6. is an ex officio member and the term of the member follows the membership term of affiliated organizations with the member.
 - 3.4. A member defined in Article 11 clause 2.3. & 2.4. shall be given a four-year term and the member can serve consecutive terms.
 - 3.5. A single representative (mayor or governor) of the hosting city or region shall serve the term as an ex officio member and the term shall be from the date of the GM in which the host city is confirmed to the year of hosting the Masterships.
4. Withdrawal and expulsion of a member
 - 4.1. A member may submit a secession document and withdraw from the WMC.
 - 4.2. A member may not claim for the property such as annual membership fee, allotment and support payments that the member has already submitted when the member lose one's qualification or position.
 - 4.3. A member or honorary member, honorary president considered inappropriate for the violation of obligations stated in Masterships Charter as a member or honorary member, honorary president shall be expelled by a resolution of more than two-thirds of the attended members in the GM after the EB. <Amended, 2019.8.30., 2020.10.29.>
 - 4.4. <Delete, 2020.10.29.>
 - 4.5. In case a member does not attend the GM for two consecutive times or does not take an active part in the work of the WMC without submitting a written notification in advance, the memberships will be automatically revoked.

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Article 12 The WMC Organizations

1. The WMC is structured as below and its authority is exerted by them.
 - 1.1. The General Meeting
 - 1.2. The Executive Board
 - 1.3. The President

Article 13 General Meeting

1. The GM shall consist of the members or proxies for the members subject to Article 11 clause 2.1., 2.2., 2.3., 2.4., 2.5., & 2.6. and it is the supreme organization of WMC, which makes the final decisions.
2. The GM shall vote on the following matters.
 - 2.1. The amendment of Masterships Charter and the dissolution of the WMC
 - 2.2. Qualification and **disqualification of members, the honorary president, honorary members.** <Amended, 2020.10.29.>
 - 2.3. Election and dismissal of EB members
 - 2.4. Approval and withdrawal of MOs or NMCs
 - 2.5. Election of Masterships martial arts
 - 2.6. Election of Masterships hosting city
 - 2.7. Project planning, reviewing and approving of budget
 - 2.8. Project outcomes and balancing accounts
 - 2.9. Other important items
3. Ordinary GM and Extraordinary GM
 - 3.1. The Ordinary GM is held once a year at the International Congress, convened by the President. **and in the year the Masterships is held, it is held in the host country during the competition period. However, if it is difficult to convene members due to unavoidable catastrophe or natural disasters at home and abroad, the ordinary GM and extraordinary GM may be replaced with online or written meetings, postponed or canceled by the decision of the President.** <Amended, 2020.10.29.>
 - 3.2. The date and place of the Ordinary GM shall be notified to all the WMC members at least 60 days before the GM, and the agenda for the GM shall be notified to the members at least 30 days before the GM in writing.
 - 3.3. The GM for the election of the President shall be notified to the members in writing at least 40 days before the GM.

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7. Written resolution and minutes
 - 7.1. The President may decide in writing if he/she needs minor or urgent matters to be submitted to GM by omitting the process of the summoning of GM. In this case, the President shall report the resolution to the next GM.
 - 7.2. The Secretary General shall take the minutes on the proceedings and decisions of the GM, and shall keep it in the Secretariat by receiving sign or seal from two or more members appointed by the President.
[Newly inserted, 2019.8.30.]

Article 14 Executive Board

1. The Executive Board (EB) consists of no more than 10 people including the President, Vice President(s), the Secretary General and other members. The EB is the greatest organization in the management and execution of WMC.
2. Roles of the EB are as follows:
 - 2.1. to monitor the observance of Masterships Charter
 - 2.2. to approve internal governance regulations
 - 2.3. to set agenda and procedure for the GM
 - 2.4. to submit a report to the GM on any proposed change of Masterships Charter
 - 2.5. to submit a report to the GM on the qualification and disqualification of members
 - 2.6. to submit a report to the GM on the qualification and disqualification of EB members
 - 2.7. to submit a report to the GM on the approval and withdrawal of official MOs or NMCs
 - 2.8. to decide the approval and withdrawal of associate MOs and **observers** and inform the GM of it <Amended, 2020.10.29.>
 - 2.9. to submit a report to the GM on a selected list of the martial arts
 - 2.10. to submit a report to the GM on a selected list of candidate cities
 - 2.11. to submit a report to the GM on project planning, reviewing and approving of budget, project outcomes, and balancing accounts
 - 2.12. to inform the GM of the matters after dealing with significant and emergent matters
 - 2.13. to execute matters decided or delegated by the GM
 - 2.14. to manage other undertakings needed to achieve the goals of the WMC

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- 3.4. The GM may only vote the proposed agenda. Matters which are not listed on the agenda of the GM may be discussed only if attendees agree unanimously.
- 3.5. In case of emergent matters, the notification period of the GM(the extraordinary GM) may be shortened.
- 3.6. The Extraordinary GM may be held by the President within 30 days in the following cases:
 - 3.6.1. In case the President deems it necessary.
 - 3.6.2. Call of meeting by a majority of the presiding EB.
 - 3.6.3. Call of meeting from more than one third of the members in total.
4. Chairperson
 - 4.1. The Chairperson of the GM is the President
 - 4.2. In case the President is in one's absence or incapacity, a Vice-President may act as proxy.
 - 4.3. An ad interim chairperson must be elected among the members when deliberating the agenda related to the President's impeachment.
5. Quorum for Resolution of the GM
 - 5.1. The GM, excluding the items stipulated in the Masterships Charter, must be opened by a majority of the members and shall be voted based on the majority of attendees, and shall be rejected in case of equal number in votes.
 - 5.2. When a member pursuant to Article 11 clause 2.1., 2.2., 2.5., & 2.6. is unable to attend the GM due to inevitable circumstances, a proxy may be appointed to attend the GM.
 - 5.3. When a proxy pursuant to Article 11 clause 2.1., 2.2., 2.5., & 2.6. is appointed, it must be notified to the GM **in writing with the power of attorney** at least 5 days before the opening of the GM. <Amended, 2020.10.29.>
 - 5.4. When a proxy pursuant to Article 11 clause 2.1., 2.2., 2.5., & 2.6. is appointed, rights of the member shall only be valid in the GM.
 - 5.5. <Delete, 2019.8.30.>
6. Exclusion of Resolution
 - 6.1. The Chairperson or members is unable to vote in any of the following circumstances.
 - 6.1.1. In case of voting for the election or dismissal of the President or EB members directly related to oneself.
 - 6.1.2. In case the understandings between the WMC and oneself contradicts in the agendas related to voting the host city or monetary assets.

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3. Convene and Resolution of the EB
 - 3.1. The EB is convened by the President upon request
 - 3.2. The agenda, date and place must be specified and notified to the EB at least 15 days before the common commencement of meeting summoned by the EB.
 - 3.3. The EB may be convened within a week in case of urgency or at the request of over half of EB members.
 - 3.4. The EB must be opened by a majority of EB members and a matter shall be decided by the majority of attendees.
 - 3.5. In case of urgency, a written resolution may be submitted to a vote via fax or email. The President has to inform the next EB of the result.
 - 3.6. The EB may hold meetings in the form of video-conference, tele-meeting or others.
4. Election, term and duty of EB members
 - 4.1. EB members including Vice-President(s) and the Secretary General are nominated by the President and elected through the GM. However, the President shall appoint EB members in the year of the establishment of WMC.
 - 4.2. In case of filling a vacancy, the President nominates one of the members as a EB member, and then the EB decides and elects the EB member. The result must be reported in the next GM.
 - 4.3. The term of a EB member is 4 years and may be subject to one consecutive term. The term shall be equivalent to the term of the GM.
 - 4.4. The term of EB member filling in a vacancy shall be the remaining term of the predecessor.
 - 4.5. An EB member shall execute one's duty until the successor is inaugurated.
 - 4.6. Vice President(s) shall assist the President and the Vice President may replace the duty as chairperson in one's absence or incapacity.
 - 4.7. A EB member shall exercise the rights for Masterships Movement.
5. Qualification Forfeiture of a EB member
 - 5.1. Dissolution or withdrawal of a IF or a NMC that has elected a EB member
 - 5.2. Resignation by oneself
 - 5.3. Dismissal from the GM due to violation of Masterships Charter
 - 5.4. Dismissal or replacement from an organization after being elected as an pursuant to Article 11 clause 2.1., 2.2., 2.3., 2.5., & 2.6. is affiliated

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Article 15 President

1. The President is elected in the GM, and a candidate for the election shall announce one's candidacy at least 50 days before the GM. <Amended, 2020.10.29.>
- 1.1. The election commission to manage the election of the next President is recommended by the EB 60 days before the election day and consists of one chairperson and three members. It is in charge of all matters related to the announcement on election, registration of candidates, voting progress, the counting of votes, announcement of the winners, and all other matters. [Newly inserted, 2020.10.29.]
- 1.2. Anyone who wishes to run for the next President (hereinafter referred to as a candidate) must register at the election commission 30 days before the election day with a letter of recommendation of at least 10 members with the right to vote, a copy of the candidate's biography, and a copy of the candidate's statement. [Newly inserted, 2020.10.29.]
- 1.3. Elections are made by secret ballot with more than half of enrolled members attend, and if there are more than two candidates, the person who receives the majority of the votes of the attending members shall be elected. However, as a result of the first round of voting, if no one has voted the majority of the attending members, a final ballot will be conducted with the most voted and the runner-up as candidates, and the majority of the voters will be elected as a president. Even if there is only one candidate, the approval of the majority of the attending members must be obtained by the method of Article 1.2. [Newly inserted, 2020.10.29.]
2. The term of the President is 4 years and one can serve consecutive terms once. The term shall be equivalent to the term of the GM. However, the first term of the first President is 5 years.
3. The President represents the WMC, directs all undertakings of the WMC and serves as a chairman of the WMC meetings.
4. The President nominates EB members including Vice President(s).
5. The President appoints the Secretary General, and the term of office of the Secretary General is 4 years, not based on the number of days but the ordinary GM. The Secretary General manages the general undertakings of the WMC under the supervision of the President. <Amended, 2020.10.29.>

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2. The WMC may grant part of its revenue to Masterships related organizations in order to disseminate the values of Masterships Movement.
3. The financial sources of expenses necessary for carrying out the business of WMC and operating the committee are dues of NMC and IF, profits arising from basic property, donations and support funds, project profits, subsidies of the central and local governments, subventions and subsidies of public organizations, and others incomes. WMC shall disclose the annual donation amount raised and its usage on its official website until March 31 of the following year. [Newly inserted, 2020.10.29.]

Chapter 3 Member Organizations

Article 19 Recognition of MOs

1. The WMC has the rights to approve a member organization to have competence over one single martial art and member countries to a certain extent.
2. MOs of WMC have three types: Official MO, Associate MO and Observer. <Amended, 2020.10.29.>
- 2.1. "Official MO" refers to a IF that is an organization for an official martial art approved by the EM then by the GM resolution, exercising the rights and obligations of Masterships.
- 2.2. "Associate MO" refers to a martial art organization, which is recognized through the EB, exercising limited rights and obligations of Masterships.
- 2.3. The Observer refers to a martial arts organization, which is temporarily recognized through the EB. The rights and obligations of Masterships is not applicable to Recognized Member Association. <Amended, 2020.10.29.>
3. A MO must comply with Masterships Charter, and the WMC shall set forth the conditions and procedure for the recognition or procedure of MOs separately.
4. A MO must pay for admission membership fee and annual membership fee, set forth in the GM.

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6. In case the President is in one's absence or incapacity, one of the Vice Presidents may replace the duty of the President. The President may be elected in the next GM.

Article 16 Commissions

1. A Commission shall be organized for the purpose of advising the GM, the EB or the President when necessary.
2. The President establishes a commission when necessary, and decides its dissolution when it has fulfilled its task.
3. A meeting of a commission is held with prior agreement of the President and the President holds supreme authority over the meeting when attending the meeting.
4. WMC members shall belong to at least one commission, and a chairperson of the commission must have the membership of WMC.
5. An individual except WMC members must get the approval of the EB to be a commission member.
6. The regulations of the commission shall be approved by the EB.
7. Other conditions related to the operation and organization of commissions shall be in accordance with the commission operation regulations. [Newly inserted, 2020.10.29.]

Article 17 Languages

1. Official languages of the WMC are Korean and English.
2. Simultaneous interpretation of Korean and English must be provided at all meetings including the GM.
3. In case when the English and Korean translation contradicts in the Masterships Charter and any other documents, the English shall prevail. However, if a special clause exists in writing, it shall be applicable. <Amended, 2017.11.3.>

Article 18 Resources

1. The WMC may accept donation, and other supports to fulfill its tasks and may carry out intended businesses by exercising the rights on assets set forth in Article 8.

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Article 20 Obligations and Roles of MOs

1. A MO shall comply with Masterships Charter and shall encourage the dissemination of the Masterships Movement.
2. A MO has independence and autonomy from other martial arts and organizations in accordance with the Masterships Charter.
3. A MO cooperates with the WMC for continuous and successful hosting of Masterships.
4. A MO actively participates in the WMC meetings.
5. A MO implements various programs to develop and promote martial art, cooperating with of the WMC, NMCs and other martial-art-related international organizations.
6. A MO shall endeavor to promote the welfare for martial artists.

Chapter 4 National Martial Arts Masterships Committees

Article 21 Composition and Roles of NMCs

1. In case a NMC is organized, the NMC informs of the WMC, and is approved by the EB then by the GM.
2. A NMC disseminates Masterships Movement in accordance with Masterships Charter and cooperates closely in establishing OC when hosting Masterships in its country.
3. A NMC recognizes a national martial arts organization as MO.
4. A NMC disseminates and develops martial arts as intangible cultural heritage, cooperating with a national UNESCO commission, and national physical education and sporting organizations.
5. A NMC sustains and develops the originality and distinctiveness of national martial art.
6. The National Martial Arts Masterships Committee must submit a report to the WMC Secretariat every year after its composition. [Newly inserted, 2020.10.29.]
7. The National Martial Arts Masterships Committee must pay the membership fee and annual fee as determined by the GM. [Newly inserted, 2020.10.29.]
8. Other matters including organization, approval, and authority are subject to the Regulations of the National Martial Arts Masterships Committee. [Newly inserted, 2020.10.29.]

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Chapter 5 World Martial Arts Masterships

Article 22 Hosting of Masterships

1. The World Martial Arts Masterships, World Youth Martial Arts Masterships, and World Kids Martial Arts Masterships shall be hosted every 4 years, and a host city or region shall be selected at least 2 years before the concerned Masterships, and the World Online(virtual) Martial Arts Masterships can be hosted every year. However, when it is inevitable, the hosting cycle and the timing of selecting a host city or region can be adjusted. <Amended, 2017.11.3., 2019.8.30., 2020.10.29.>
- 1.1. If it is difficult to hold the World Martial Arts Masterships, World Youth Martial Arts Masterships, and World Kids Martial Arts Masterships due to a catastrophe or natural disaster in the host city or international community, it can be held as online(virtual) competitions. [Newly inserted, 2020.10.29.]
2. Both the EB and OC cooperate and decide on matters directly related to Masterships such as celebration date, opening and closing ceremony, victory ceremony, stadiums, villages and others.
3. Masterships shall be held in a city or region.
4. The central and local government of the host city or region must actively cooperate with the WMC, the NMC and the OC.
5. The candidate city or region of Masterships is selected by the EB and a host city or region is elected by the GM.
6. In case designation of the Masterships cannot be hosted due to inevitable circumstances the designation of the host city or region shall be cancelled.
7. The WMC shall not be financially liable for the cancellation of host city or region and cannot infringe the rights of the WMC.

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Article 26 Entries

1. Only MOs approved by the WMC can participate and the WMC shall send invitation letters to MOs at least one year before opening ceremony.
2. A MO shall send entries to OC within the deadline set forth by OC. OC approved by the WMC receives the entries.
3. A MO encourages martial artists at international level to participate in Masterships. Both MOs and OC prohibit any kind of disadvantage to a martial artist for application for the Masterships, unless it contradicts with the purpose of the Masterships Movement.
4. In case there is a problem with application, the EB shall decide.

Article 27 World Anti-Doping Code

1. The WMC, MOs, NMCs and martial artists comply with World Anti-Doping Code.
2. National Anti-Doping Agency under World Anti-Doping Agency implements World Anti-Doping Code in Masterships, and Masterships may not
3. **Until WMC joins the World Anti-Doping Agency, only MOs who have already joined the World Anti-Doping Agency are subject to sanctions by the World Anti-Doping Code, and after registration is complete, all events are subject to sanctions by the World Anti-Doping Code.** <Amended, 2020.10.29.>

Article 28 Masterships Martial Arts Programs

1. Masterships martial arts programs shall include martial arts that the WMC has approved for Masterships. However, as for the first Cheongju Masterships, martial arts shall be selected by OC.
2. The limit of Masterships martial arts shall be 25 martial arts. Masterships martial arts are subject to final approval of the EB then by the GM.
3. There are three types of martial arts : official martial art and demonstration martial arts and special events. The decision on this matter is made by the GM after the EB, considering the level and qualification of the MOs. Just in case of martial arts with conflicts or rivalry issues against the martial arts of Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF), this matter shall be decided after discussion with GAISF. <Amended, 2020.2.28.>

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Article 23 Application to host Masterships

1. An applicant city or region for hosting Masterships must submit the bid application to the WMC.
2. Countries and cities wishing to host the Masterships must compose and operate a separate bid committee, and apply to WMC with a guarantee written by the head of the host city or region with the following documents two years before the event. However, if unavoidable, the timing of application for the competition can be adjusted. <Amended, 2020.10.29.>
3. The documents to be applied to WMC include the status of facility and spectator accommodation plan of each stadium, the stadium facility plan, opinions on stadium facility design of IF in the case of stadiums that require accreditation, the method of procuring the required budget directly used, the lodging and transportation plan of the squad, and other conditions related to bidding application shall be following World Martial Arts Masterships Operation Rules. [Newly inserted, 2020.10.29.]

Article 24 OC

1. OC is established and managed, in cooperation with the corresponding central and local government, and NMC.
2. **OC must be supervised by WMC Secretariat on its establishment and management, and should report it to the EB.** <Amended, 2020.10.29.>
3. Both the EB and OC cooperate and decide important matters to operate Masterships.

Article 25 Eligibility

1. The eligibility of participating martial artist lies in the participating eligibility of MO. However, it shall not violate the eligibility set forth separately by the WMC.
2. A martial artist with dual nationality shall represent one country on a final entry.
3. Age limit depends on the criteria of a MO on the condition that there is not age limit set forth by the WMC.

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4. **Matters on the selection and operation of martial arts and the decision of events are cooperated with and decided by WMC, MO, and OC, based on the recommendation of the WMC and EB.** <Amended, 2020.10.29.>
5. A martial art of the Masterships preserves and develops its own uniqueness and identity, and one martial art shall not infringe on the other martial art's uniqueness and identity. Moreover, the Masterships prohibits any kind of competition between martial arts.

Article 29 Protocol

1. Both the WMC and OC cooperate on protocol, and the EB has the right over final decision on protocol.
2. All WMC members have the rights over protocol for Masterships and related **events including the opening and closing ceremony. The protocol for the WMC Members is in accordance with the Regulations of the Competition.** <Amended, 2020.10.29.>
3. During Masterships, the President, Honorary President, Honorary member, Vice Presidents, EB members, other members take precedence followed by OC members, representatives of MOs (not included as WMC member), and representatives of NMCs (not included as WMC member). <Amended, 2019.8.30.>

Chapter 6 Sanctions

Article 30 Sanctions on Individuals

1. Sanctions on WMC members
 - 1.1. In case a WMC member violates Masterships Charter or one's action defame the dignity of the WMC. The WMC imposes sanctions on the WMC member pursuant to Article 11 clause 4.3, 4.4, and 4.5.
2. Sanctions on martial artists, officers and referees.
 - 2.1. In case a martial artist, an officer or a referee violates Masterships Charter or World Anti-Doping Code, or one's action defames the dignity of the WMC, the EB imposes sanctions specified by the WMC.
 - 2.2. The EB informs a NMC and a MO of the sanctions imposed by the EB. The NMC and the MO must comply with the sanction.
 - 2.3. The EB must inform the GM on the implementation of the sanctions.

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Article 31 Sanctions on Organizations

1. Sanctions on MOs

- 1.1. In case a MO violates Masterships Charter or World Anti-Doping Code, or the MOs defame the WMC's dignity, the EB imposes sanctions specified by the WMC.
- 1.2. A MO may be expelled in accordance with the deliberation of the EB then by the GM.

2. Sanctions on NMCs

- 2.1. In case a NMC violates Masterships Charter or World Anti-Doping Code, or the NMC defame the dignity of the WMC, the EB imposes sanctions specified by the WMC.
- 2.2. A NMC may be expelled by the deliberation of the EB then by the GM.

3. Sanctions on OC

- 3.1. In case OC violates Masterships Charter or World Anti-Doping Code, or the OC defames the dignity of the WMC, the EB imposes sanctions specified by the WMC.
- 3.2. The withdrawal of the right to host Masterships and of the withdrawal of the right of host city or region shall be decided by the EB then the GM.
- 3.3. The withdrawal of the right of applicant city or region shall be determined by the EB.

Article 32 Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)

1. The WMC recognizes the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), the headquarters of which are located in Lausanne, Switzerland, and complies with CAS Code in order to resolve disputes between the WMC, individuals and organizations related to Article 30 and 31.
2. Individuals and organizations related to Article 30 and 31 may duly lodge appeals with the CAS against sanctions by the WMC, and the WMC complies with decisions by the CAS. [Newly inserted, 2020.2.28.]