



World Para Taekwondo Newsletter

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Focus turns to first ever Para Taekwondo Poomsae Worlds in Bahrain



Nine nations register for Poomsae Worlds



An amazing display of skill, focus and technique is on the cards as athletes of P20, P30, P70 and P50 are set to compete in Poomsae Worlds followed by Para Taekwondo Open (Kyorugi) in Bahrain.

After the incredible Paris 2024 Paralympic Games, the focus turns to the World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Championships (G14), which will be held for the first time ever as its own Championships in Manama, Bahrain on November 26-27, 2024.

The Poomsae Worlds will include sport classes for athletes with an intellectual impairment (P20), neurological impairment (P30), short stature (P70) and athletes using assistive devices (P50).

The Championships will be followed by Bahrain 2024 Para Taekwondo Open (G2) on November 29, 2024, the last entry level Kyorugi tournament of 2024 that will give all athletes the opportunity to start the LA28 Paralympic cycle.

Ten countries including **Great Britain, Croatia, Germany, Australia, Kazakhstan, Honduras, Mozambique, Iran, Singapore**, and host **Bahrain** have already registered for the Championships.

The official signing ceremony took place recently where **Dr. Chungwon Choue**, President of the World Taekwondo and **Ali Mohamed Almajed**, Secretary General

of the Bahrain Paralympic Committee signed a Memorandum of Understanding to confirm these two global Para Taekwondo sporting events in Bahrain.

The announcement also coincided with the World Taekwondo's attendance at the largest International School Sports event in history, the International School Sports Games held in the Kingdom of Bahrain under the royal patronage of His Majesty **King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa**, and ongoing until October 31.

Dr Choue praised the close, productive collaboration with the Bahrain Paralympic Committee, expressing his appreciation for Bahrain's commitment to establishing itself as a global sporting destination and a supportive platform for Para athletes from around the world to showcase their skills.

He reaffirmed the federation's confidence in Bahrain's ability to deliver a successful Bahrain Para Taekwondo Open 2024 and the first-ever First World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Championships - Bahrain 2024, marking a historic milestone for the sport.





Usman Dildar re-appointed as Para Taekwondo Committee Chair



World Taekwondo has made a series of appointments to leadership positions for its Committees and Technical Commission, ensuring the sport continues to thrive across all areas.

Newly appointed Chairs and Vice-Chairs will begin their

two-year terms in November 2024.

Great Britain's **Usman Dildar** has been re-appointed as Chair of the Para Taekwondo Committee, with Spain's **Paula Remirez** becoming the new Vice-Chair.

We send our heartiest congratulations to Mr Dildar and Ms. Remirez on their appointments. Their appointments have come at a crucial time when Para Taekwondo is growing and pushing for its inclusion of Poomsae in the LA 2028 Paralympic Games.

Last year, the World Para Taekwondo Championships in Veracruz was successfully held under the chairmanship of Mr. Dildar as did several Grand Prix's and continental championships.



Zakia awarded with Alice Milliat Award in Paris

Refugee Para Taekwondo Zakia Khudadadi, who won the historic Paralympic bronze medal at Paris 2024, added another feature to her glittering hat when she won the prestigious 1st International Award at the 4th Alice Milliat Trophy Ceremony.

Named after Alice Milliat, pioneer of gender equality in Sport, the trophies celebrate people and organisations that promote gender equality via initiatives that grow women's sport. The Foundation presented 7 trophies ranging from Media Partner, non-profit organization to Personality of the year.

Pierre Rabadan, Paris Deputy Mayor in charge of Sport, the Olympic and Paralympic Games, opened the ceremony and said: "Zakia (Khudadadi) is a symbol of what women can do if they get support, and even beyond what she can imagine".

Pierre Rabadan also declared that he was very proud to hand over the trophy to Khudadadi because he knows it was a full chain of solidarity that enabled her to leave Afghanistan and find a new home to practice Taekwondo.

While receiving the award, Khudadadi said “My Paralympic medal is not just a personal achievement, it’s a collective medal, a symbol for the millions of Afghan women, and for the millions of refugees that are disabled. It’s a symbol of Freedom, Equality and Peace. We are together so that Freedom comes back in my country.”



WT team attend IPC Regional sports programme

A World Taekwondo team of educators, led by Para Taekwondo Committee Chair Usman Dildar, attended the IPC Regional Sports Programme in Tokyo from October 18 to 20.

The team held various classifiers and coaches courses to the participating nations that are part of the three-day programme. The Classifier educators were Dr. Ala Rashad and Ms. Ashanti Ramirez and for the Coach course Mr. Usman Dildar and Ms. Paula Ramirez.

The world body has been prioritising educating its classifiers and coaches in order to have healthy competitions, get more athletes classified and coached and in a way help the Paralympic Movement further grow.

Apart from in-person courses, there has been various online courses that World Taekwondo has been emphasising on over the years and this new initiatives will help knowledge sharing and enhance the capabilities of coaches and classifiers across various continents.

Calendar



2024

- **World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Championships - Bahrain 2024 (G14)**

Registrations close November 12, 2024

World Para Taekwondo Coach certification Level 2 required

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Around the World

WT sends condolences to Kazakh Omirali's family



World Taekwondo sends its deepest condolences to family and friends of Kazakhstan's Para Taekwondoin Nyshan Omirali who passed away on October 1, in Zhambyl region.

Omirali was one of the pioneers of the sport in the central Asian nation, having won titles at the world championships in Moscow 2014 and London 2017 (K42 +75kg).

He was also a silver medallist at the Asian Championship (Ho Chi Minh City, 2022) and silver medallist at the Asian Para Games 2022 in Hangzhou.

He also represented Kazakhstan at the Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024 Paralympic Games in Men K44 +80kg.

World Taekwondo discuss future event with Qatar NPC

A World Taekwondo team, led by President Dr. Chungwon Choue and Para Taekwondo Committee chair Usman Dildar met with the Qatar Paralympic Committee to discuss the development of the sport in the region and future events in Doha, the capital of the country.



Meeting took place with various officials of the Committee with developments expected to take place in the near future.

World Taekwondo is making effort to promote the sport, including Para Taekwondo, across the globe and recently in West Asian region with the 1st Para Taekwondo Poomsae Championships set to take place in Bahrain next month.

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