

## Taekwondo New Zealand Update – September 2018

Dear Instructors,

We ask that you kindly pass this update to your members and interested parties.

### **TNZ Board Dispute Ends**

Firstly, we are pleased to announce that the dispute within the Taekwondo New Zealand (TNZ) Board is now over and our united Interim Board is committed to normalising the organisation as soon as possible. This includes our working closely with World Taekwondo, WT Oceania Taekwondo and other key-stakeholders such as Sport New Zealand, the NZ Olympic Committee and High-Performance Sport NZ on delivering positive outcomes for our community of clubs and athletes and building a stable platform for the future of Taekwondo in New Zealand.

### **Normalisation**

Our immediate priority is the normalisation and resumption of our systems and services for members as soon as possible. We will continue to provide regular updates to you all on what's happening, what we need your help with, and what our future plans are.

### **Official TNZ Email Address**

Please note that we have a new email address for all official TNZ communications or if you need to contact us. This is as follows: [interimboardtnz@gmail.com](mailto:interimboardtnz@gmail.com)

The old email addresses are currently not valid or official TNZ email accounts, and should you receive any notifications from either, please ignore them. The currently invalid email accounts include: [treasurer@taekwondonz.com](mailto:treasurer@taekwondonz.com) & [secretary@taekwondonz.com](mailto:secretary@taekwondonz.com)

### **TNZ Membership Registration**

We have agreed with World Taekwondo (WT) that going forward the Global Management System (GMS) is best placed to hold the registration details of TNZ members. This is something WT and GMS are currently recommending and encouraging, not just for New Zealand but all WT member national associations, which TNZ's Interim Board supports.

By utilising WT's secure GMS, we will have an accurate and verifiable count of all members throughout New Zealand and their membership status. This will allow us to work together with clubs and improve the delivery of our services to members. It will also enable all TNZ members to efficiently secure and update GALs / GOLs for international competition.

In terms of the details required for member registration at local club level, we are currently working with WT's GMS team on keeping this process simple and easy to use, and will provide further details shortly.

### **TNZ 2018 Membership Fee Invoices (IMPORTANT)**

We are aware some clubs may have recently received 2018 membership fee invoices from the following email address: [treasurer@taekwondonz.com](mailto:treasurer@taekwondonz.com)

Please note that going forward these invoices are not valid, and should be ignored and not paid.

However, if payment has already been made, we ask clubs to please advise the details back to us including a copy of the invoice, amount paid, payment method and any receipt provided. We will ensure any payments that have already been made are accounted for in your current 2018 membership. We apologise for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.

### **Treasurer Position**

The position of TNZ Treasurer is currently vacant. The Interim Board is in the process of engaging an independent service provider or person to take care of the ongoing accounting and Treasurer duties for the organisation.

### **2018 - 2020**

Many of you will be aware that athletes with international and representation goals are starting to focus on the next two years - culminating in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Our mission is to provide these athletes with a supportive pathway towards 2020 and beyond. With this in mind we will shortly be releasing the Selection Criteria for the 2019 World Championships, the 2019 Pacific Games and the 2020 Olympics.

TNZ has been working closely with the NZOC on these documents and criteria in recent months and we will be commencing this process within the next few weeks.

For all interested athletes, it is vitally important you pay attention to future communications, so you are fully informed. There will be more national and international competition details to be added to the outline below over the coming weeks. For now, we can confirm the following international schedule, which we will send teams to:

#### **As follows:**

November 2018	World Poomsae Championships (Chinese Taipei)
May 2019	WT 2019 Kyorugi World Championships (Manchester, UK)
July 2019	World University Games (Turin, Italy)
July 2019	Oceania Championships (Apia, Samoa)
July 2019	Pacific Games (Apia, Samoa)

Note 1: We are expecting there will also be a Presidents Cup early in 2019 prior to the Oceania's and are awaiting confirmation from WT Oceania.

Note 2: In 2019, we expect to be holding at least three (3) TNZ Regional competitions in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch and a NZ Open. Dates will be announced soon.

Going forward, TNZ will also be regularly holding a series of training camps to assist with athlete development, community engagement, health, training, conditioning and the selection process for the above competitions.

A TNZ Selection panel will be announced in the coming weeks and an approved WT Coaching Course is being planned for next year to coincide with the 2019 TNZ Open. Further details to be advised.

### **Oceania Olympic Taekwondo Selection Event**

The selection event for the Tokyo Olympics will be held in February 2020, coinciding with other WT selection events around the world. TNZ expects all athletes interested in selection for the Olympics will make themselves available for the training camps and competitions outlined above.

For those who are able, we would also encourage you to attend other international tournaments and TNZ will work with you, your clubs and your coaches to help facilitate this process.

**Para Taekwondo**

TNZ, with the support of WT Oceania Taekwondo, will also shortly start looking for and identifying Para Taekwondo athletes who we hope can ultimately compete at the 2020 Para-Olympics in Tokyo. World Taekwondo will be providing training support to para athletes over the next 18 months. Hence, we are asking all clubs to look within their wider communities for athletes who might be interested in following this pathway towards the Olympics in 2020. More information will be released on this soon.

Lastly, the TNZ Interim Board would like to thank you all for your patience over this difficult period. We are encouraged by the recent ending of the dispute and delighted with the momentum towards normalisation that has already occurred in recent weeks.

There is a lot to do, especially over the coming months and we will be working very hard to bring all clubs back under the TNZ banner as soon as possible so we can all move forward positively for the benefit of our clubs, athletes and families.

Yours sincerely

**Taekwondo New Zealand**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kenneth Schunken", is written over the printed name and title.

**Kenneth Schunken**  
**Acting Interim Board Chair**  
**On behalf of the TNZ Interim Board**