



WORLD ASSOCIATION OF KICKBOXING ORGANIZATIONS

TO ALL WAKO MEMBERS

BY E-MAIL

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RE: WAKO PRESIDENT NEWSLETTER

Dear all colleagues in WAKO,

It is my pleasure to write this newsletter in order to inform and involve everyone in our WAKO development. We are in constant progress and we are moving towards the IOC, which is our ultimate goal. Please find below some practical information.

WAKO will improve its presence in many ways. Both to secure information from WAKO HQ to all of you. Secondly we will be more active in all medias creating concepts that will both raise awareness about our wonderful and intense sport and for marketing us.

Committees

With new development projects and focus, the new WAKO IF Board have restructured our committee section. Please find the new restructured and complete WAKO Committees at www.wakoweb.com. Responsibilities will be found under the By-Laws section that will be finalized during March.

Guidelines

We have established a lot of new Guidelines that you can find as well on WAKO web, please click [here](#).

The Guidelines set forth the main principles on how we organize and make certain priorities in WAKO. As the world governing body responsible for creating, managing, coordinating and organizing Kickboxing activities in all the 5 Continents. We have a huge responsibility both nationally and internationally. In order to fulfill our goal, to be recognized in the IOC movement and be integrated into the IOC, we need to ensure our development is fundamentally in-line with the Olympic Movement and its various charters, whose principles and focus are integrated as part of our organization. These Guidelines are proposals and priorities made to encourage your national federation to use and implement them as best practices in sport governance and infrastructure. These are not official rules but good practices which also support good governance and create opportunities for all levels of athletes. When national federations implement them and WAKO IF supports and implements them as well within its own working environment you will find and recognize a healthy organization working in the same direction enforcing the same principles.

Within these files you will find WAKO Guidelines on the following subjects:



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Integrity – Fair Play – Anti-Doping – Women – Entourage – Medical Awareness – Career Development – Education of Athletes (Athlete Learning Gateway) – Good Governance - Constant Development – Social Integration ... and more to come.

Under these documents you will find also the new **Ethical Code** and I want to emphasize that you all adopt this important document. Please follow this code as a back bone of your national federation.

Universities

Some time ago we sent out a link for a survey to be answered about university and students. We have received answers from N.28 countries, for which we thank you. I kindly ask those national federations not answering the survey, please fill in the questionnaire by clicking [this link](#).

It takes 5 minutes of your time and for WAKO it is very important information to make progress accordingly.

Social responsibility

We want everybody's attention to report on Social integration within your federation. If you have a project you need attention of please inform WAKO by mailing me directly. Projects about integration, inclusion, disability, charity and focus on kickboxing as a tool to take social responsibility needs to be emphasized.

Please report us concerning what you are going to do on this matter, the goal of the project and its results. Include pictures.

It is also my pleasure to inform briefly that WAKO will establish a yearly Fair Play Prize and we will do so under the patronage of the International Fair Play Committee, an organization recognized by the IOC.

IOC Application

WAKO are in progress sending our application for recognition. This is a main focus for many in our organization these days and that's why this process is on development. We'll keep you informed about the progress and please inform us about everything that you think can strengthen WAKO.

Good luck with all your activities, preparation, development. Please make your effort to make Kickboxing play an important role in your society.

With my best regards,

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