WORLD ASSOCIATION
OF KICKBOXING ORGANIZATIONS
DISCIPLINARY & ETHICAL COMMITTEE

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Dear President Nasser Nassiri, Dear Secretary General Sina Zahedi

Dear President Daniel Obon

Dear President Jason Lim

DECISION:

The Disciplinary Committee of WAKO decides that:

1. WAKO Chinese Tapei has not committed any violation of the WAKO Code of Ethics or any other WAKO regulations. Therefore NO sanctions are imposed.
2. WAKO Asia has published inappropriate content on their website in violation of the WAKO Code of Ethics and is therefore officially warned.

REASON:

On 25th of August the Kickboxing Federation of Singapore, submitted an official letter regarding the latest "Official Declaration" by WAKO Asia which attacks Singapore as follows:

> ***Dear Mr President,***
> *We would bring to your attention recent strong and unprovoked actions undertaken by WAKO Asia, under the leadership of Mr Nasser Nassiri, against Kickboxing Federation of Singapore ("KFS").*
> ***1. KFS publishes a Facebook Post***
> *1.1. On Tuesday, 23 August 2022 at 18:47 (+8 GMT), we published a post on Facebook, citing it as "Southeast Asia's very 1st Pointfighting Seminar" ("KFS Facebook Post"). Here is an extract of the post:*

Kickboxing Federation of Singapore is feeling accomplished at **Kickboxing Federation of Singapore**.

Published by Jason Lim · 23 August at 18:57 · Singapore ·

ANNOUNCEMENT!

SINGAPORE HOLDS SOUTH EAST ASIA'S VERY 1ST INTERNATIONAL POINT FIGHTING SEMINAR.

Kickboxing Federation of Singapore is pleased to announce the successful organisation of Singapore and South East Asia's very 1st Point Fighting Seminar.

International WAKO Kickboxing Tatami Development Seminar was initiated by WAKO Kickboxing World Tatami Chairman, Mr. Brian Beck, and fully supported by WAKO President, Mr. Roy Baker.

Singapore was chosen as host country because of it's ideal geographical location, good governance and low crime rates.

Singapore is the 1st country in South East Asia to have received and completed the FULL Tatami development syllabus directly from WAKO, making Singapore the only country in South East Asia to be in FULL COMPLIANCE with WAKO rules. Singapore is the only country in South East Asia to be internationally, accurately and highly trained, certified and proficient for the sport of Kickboxing by WAKO.

Singapore thanks WAKO for the trust and FULL support rendered in the development of Kickboxing in Singapore.

WAKO is the International Federation for the sport of Kickboxing in the world and is the only body recognised by Olympics for the sport of Kickboxing.

Being the International Body, WAKO is the highest authority in the world, higher than continental levels.

Stay tuned for more updates!

On Location: Active Zone, National Training Center for Kickboxing Federation of Singapore

#wako #wakosg #wakokickboxing #kickboxing #KickboxingSingapore #kickboxingtraining #wakosingapore #sgkickboxing #wecare #wakocares #snoc #snocac #athletescommission #futureleader #OneWAKO #gamechanger #trueasianpower #asianpower #singapore #makeadifference #leadership #leaders #worldchampionships #worldchamps #worldchampion

Fig 1. KFS Facebook Post (source)

Fig 2. Image which was included in KFS Facebook Post

1.2. The caption of the KFS Facebook Post read:

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1.3. The KFS Facebook Post was captioned as such for the following reasons:

1.3.1. To the best of our knowledge, in the context of Southeast Asia, there has never been a Point Fighting seminar organized by WAKO nor WAKO Asia;

1.3.2. The Tatami Seminar, from 17 to 21 Aug, organized by Mr Brian Beck was structured with the following program;

- *(i) 18 August 2022, Day 1: Point Fighting;*
- *(ii) 19 August 2022, Day 2: Light Contact;*
- *(iii) 20 August 2022, Day 3: Kick Light;*
- *(iv) 21 August 2022, Day 4 [last day]: Actual competition.*

1.3.3. The definition of a seminar can be defined as such: a meeting of a group of people with a teacher or expert for training, discussion, or study on a particular subject[1];

1.3.4. Mr Brian Beck holds the following position, qualifications and experiences;

- *(i) Chairman of the WAKO Tatami Committee[2];*
- *(ii) World Chief Referee for Tatami;*
- *(iii) WAKO Chief Examiner;*
- *(iv) Has 52 years of experience in Kickboxing;*
- *(v) Holds a 9th Dan black belt in Kickboxing;*
- *(vi) Well versed in multiple martial arts such as Taekwondo, Hapkido and more;*
- *(vii) Holds a degree in Sport Science and Anatomy.*

1.3.5. With the above positions, qualifications and experiences listed in 1.3.4, this would qualify Mr Brian Beck as an expert in the field of Kickboxing;

1.3.6. On Day 1, Mr Brian Beck spent 1 full day teaching and breaking down the entire Point Fighting discipline, ruleset, referee, judging and more. This is combined with 4-hours of practical training, with fighters and the referees-in-training themselves, joining the Point Fighting session. With 1.3.4 qualifying Brian Beck as a Kickboxing expert, the seminar criteria is fulfilled as stated point 1.3.3, where a seminar can be defined as 'a meeting of a group of people with an expert for training';

[1] Source: https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/seminar
[2] Source: https://wako.sport/committees/

1.3.7. This thereby qualifies as a Point Fighting Seminar, taught and conducted by Mr Brian Beck.

2. WAKO Asia Publishing an Official Declaration

2.1. On Tuesday, 23 August 2022 at 22:23 (+8 GMT), approximately 4 hours after the KFS Facebook Post, WAKO Asia published the following 'Official Declaration'[3] on Facebook ("WAKO Asia Official Declaration"), referencing the KFS Facebook Post:

Fig 3. WAKO Asia Official Declaration (source)

2.2. The caption of the WAKO Asia Facebook Post read:

OFFICIAL DECRLATION

Asian Kickboxing Confederation (WAKO ASIA) would like by the present to inform all interested parties that there were not any referee seminar for South East Asia.

In fact some wrong information is circulating that a seminar which were held in Singapore with 4-5 people is called « Sout East Asia's very 1st point fighting seminar ».

In fact misleading raised because there were a tentative of organization of international point fighting seminar in Singapore which end with participation of few local people and two dissidents members of Chinese Taipei kickboxing Association (who are not member of WAKO Chinese Taipei) and now by propaganda information attempt to make up it as South East Asia seminar.

[3] WAKO Asia Official Declaration:
https://www.facebook.com/wako.asia/posts/pfbid0wWCYGG3oUGRkJPwb7UsAa83g2d3uXY24CZc9WTKXvWq6yTaT7MVgMBi2VBb4MhDHl

Asian Kickboxing Confederation as the only recognized body in charge of Kickboxing in Asia (recognition granted by Olympic Council of Asia 50th Executive Board on 28 May 2007), would like to inform that such seminar had nothing and has nothing to do with South East Asia and Asian Kickboxing Confederation.
In addition the participation of two dissent personnes from Chinese Taipei mentioned above in such activity is in violation of both WAKO and WAKO ASIA rules and regulations.
The two individuals among the few in that activity are not members of WAKO Chinese Taipei and therefore are not members of WAKO ASIA and WAKO and could not and cannot take in any event without pre-approval of WAKO Chinese Taipei.
This official declaration is made to clarify the confusion situation created by propaganda post in that regards by concerned dissident members of WAKO Chinese Taipei.
Public Relations Department
Asian Kickboxing Confederation
2.3. We strongly refute the baseless allegations against the contents of the WAKO Asia Official Declaration on the following grounds:
*2.3.1. We refer to the first paragraph of the WAKO Asia Official Declaration: "Asian Kickboxing Confederation (WAKO ASIA) would like by the present to inform all interested parties that there were not any referee seminar for South East Asia" ("**1st Allegation**");*

(i) KFS strongly refutes this 1st Allegation on grounds that there was an actual referee seminar conducted by Mr Brian Beck;
(ii) For WAKO Asia to state that "there were not any referee seminar for South East Asia", it could imply either of these 2 conditions;
(a) There was no actual referee seminar conducted; or
(b) The person conducting the referee seminar is not qualified enough to run the seminar and certify the participants.
(iii) President of WAKO Asia, Mr Nasser Nassiri knows that Mr Brian Beck conducted the referee seminar because he reached out to Mr Brian Beck on several occasions, requesting him for a call;

Fig 4. Mr Nasser Nassiri WhatsApp-ed Mr Brian Beck, requesting for a call dated Tuesday 23 August 2022 at approximately 8:32pm (+8 GMT)

(iv) In order for WAKO Asia's 1st Allegation statement to be true, under Point 2.3.1(ii), either condition (a) or condition (b) must true, to support WAKO Asia's 1st Allegation. Condition (a) was false because there was an actual referee seminar conducted by Mr Brian Beck, in which Mr Brian Beck himself can confirm. This means for the 1st Allegation to be true, condition (b) must be true;

(v) From this 1st Allegation by WAKO Asia, is WAKO Asia implying that Mr Brian Beck, as the seminar presenter, is not qualified enough to run the referee seminar, thereby asserting WAKO Asia's position that "there were not any referee seminar for South East Asia"?

2.3.2. We refer to the second paragraph of the WAKO Asia Official Declaration: "In fact some wrong information is circulating that a seminar which were held in Singapore with 4-5 people is called « Sout East Asia's very 1st point fighting seminar ». " ("2nd Allegation");

(i) KFS strongly refutes this 2nd Allegation on grounds that Mr Brian Beck did conduct a Point Fighting seminar. As stated in point 1.3.7, Mr Brian Beck is an expert in Kickboxing, and the conditions of a seminar are met;

(ii) To our knowledge, there has never been a Point Fighting seminar held by a qualified WAKO expert;

(iii) We hereby request for WAKO Asia to prove there were other Point Fighting seminars conducted in Southeast Asia by a qualified WAKO official.

2.3.3. We refer to the fourth paragraph of the WAKO Asia Official Declaration: "Asian Kickboxing Confederation as the only recognized body in charge of Kickboxing in Asia (recognition granted by Olympic Council of Asia 50th Executive Board on 28 May 2007), would like to inform that such seminar had nothing and has nothing to do with South East Asia and Asian Kickboxing Confederation." ("3rd Allegation");

(i) KFS strongly refutes this 3rd Allegation on the following grounds that Singapore is one of 11 countries in Southeast Asia[4];

(ii) Firstly, if the sport of Kickboxing grows and develop in a country, does it not impact the region it is based in?

(iii) Secondly, we believe the following to be true:

(a) WAKO is recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC);

(b) The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) is under the IOC;

(c) WAKO is the International Federation (IF);

(d) WAKO Asia is only a continental federation designated to be in charge of Asia.

(iv) Based on the above pointer 2.3.3(iii) (a) through (d), how does WAKO Asia state that it is the "only recognized body in charge of Kickboxing in Asia"? Is not WAKO IF in charge of Asia too?

(v) Thirdly, WAKO Asia states "South East Asia and Asian Kickboxing Confederation". We would like to ask the following:

(a) What is the legitimacy of the "South East Asia… Kickboxing Confederation"?

[4] Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southeast_Asia

(b) Is WAKO aware of such developments in South East Asia? And if so, should not WAKO be informed of such developments?

(vi) We would like WAKO Asia to prove how Singapore's activities has "nothing to do with South East Asia", seeing that Singapore is legitimately part of Southeast Asia.

2.3.4. We refer to the fifth paragraph of the WAKO Asia Official Declaration: "In addition the participation of two dissent personnes from Chinese Taipei mentioned above in such activity is in violation of both WAKO and WAKO ASIA rules and regulations." ("4th Allegation");

(i) KFS strongly refutes this 4th Allegation on the following grounds:

(a) The "two dissident personnes from Chinese Taipei" are legitimate members of the National Federation ("NF") of Taiwan; and

(b) There is no evidence to prove that the "two dissident personnes from Chinese Taipei" is "in violation of both WAKO and WAKO ASIA rules and regulations".

(ii) We hereby ask proof from WAKO Asia to assert their 4th Allegation.

2.3.5. We refer to the sixth paragraph of the WAKO Asia Official Declaration: "The two individuals among the few in that activity are not members of WAKO Chinese Taipei and therefore are not members of WAKO ASIA and WAKO and could not and cannot take in any event without pre-approval of WAKO Chinese Taipei." ("5th Allegation");

(i) KFS strongly refutes this 5th Allegation on the grounds that the two individuals from WAKO Chinese Taipei are members of the NF, and thereby members of WAKO;

(ii) The WAKO Tatami Seminar was organized by KFS, with the full support of WAKO, WAKO President Roy Baker, and seminar presenter Mr Brian Beck. With WAKO's full support, it qualifies the seminar as a WAKO-level event. The 2 individuals as rightful members of the NF WAKO Chinese Taipei, are WAKO members, and thereby allowed to participate in the seminar;

(iii) We would like WAKO Asia to prove how the 2 individuals stated are "not members of WAKO Chinese Taipei and therefore not members of WAKO ASIA and WAKO".

3. Conclusion

3.1. For these allegations stated by WAKO Asia in the WAKO Asia Official Declaration, we quote maxim onus probandi actori incumbit, namely "he who asserts must prove."[5]

3.2. We hereby kindly seek WAKO Asia's to provide evidence to support the 5 Allegations stated in the WAKO Asia Official Declaration.

3.3. We reiterate our position once again that WAKO Asia's strong, unprovoked actions against KFS is uncalled for, baseless and drags the entire name of Mr Brian Beck and WAKO – the Olympic recognised body for Kickboxing, into disrepute.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Kickboxing Federation of Singapore

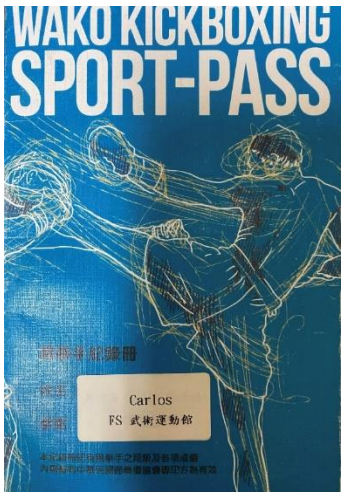
[5] https://jusmundi.com/en/document/wiki/en-burden-of-proof

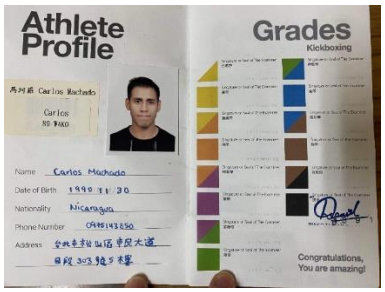
On 25th of August WAKO President Roy Baker confirmed that the seminars where approved as required by him and the Technical Direktor.

On 25th of August Mr. Brian Beck sent a statement to WAKO (President Roy Baker and Vizepresident Espen Lund) as follows:

Dear Roy, Espen,
I have just recently arrived home last night after A very long and tiring flight (18 hours) from conducting and overseeing their tournament in Singapore, which was a very successful week of tatami seminars with presentations, practical training and written exams, All 10 participants including 2 from Chinese Taipei, worked and trained very hard from 9am till 6pm for 5 days solid, and then did more training and learning how to apply the correct Wako rules and hand signals at their tournament all day Sunday!
Then when I return home I am greeted with a Facebook post from Nasser Nissiri slagging off this beautiful hard working group of Wako people saying it wasn't an official referees seminar for South East Asia!
He also writes about the two participants from Wako Chinese Taipei, stating that they were dissidents and was not Wako members!
This is not true as I was shown the Wako Chinese Taipei membership documents, including their grades, Their memberships expire October 2022,
I have attached all these documents plus the Facebook post from Nasser Nassiri,
This is not very nice to read and not good publicity for Wako,
The President of Singapore Jason Lim send me the post and is not happy with what's been written about the seminars and Singapore kickboxing federation!
Could you please look into this as I think it's damaging Wako IF reputation!
Thank you, Regards, Brian
Brian W Beck, Wako World Chief Referee, Chairman Wako IF World Tatami Referee's Committee

Attached Mr. Brian Beck sent some pictures showing the participants:

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Date of Birth 1990 11 20
Nationality Nicaragua
Phone Number 0985143250
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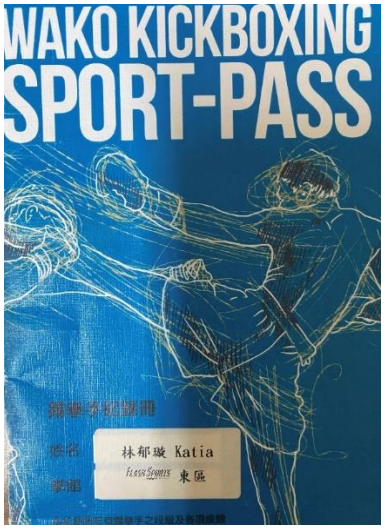
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SPORT-PASS
林郁璇 Katia
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Athlete Profile
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Name Katia Lin
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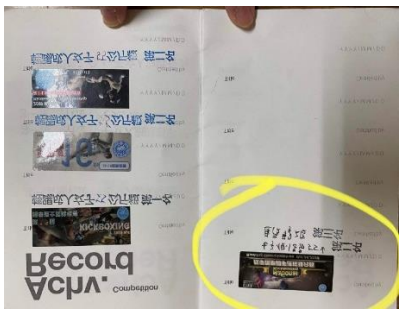
Phone Number 0919607015
Congratulations, You are amazing!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On 25th of August Mr. Carlos Machado sent a statement to WAKO (Vizepresident Espen Lund) as follows:

Hello Sr

Hope you are doing well. I email you because after joining a seminar held in Singapore gave by Mr. Brian Beck on Tatami Rules, my National Association in Taiwan contacted WAKO Asia saying that myself and the another member who traveled with me to Singapore "we are dissidents of WAKO Chinese Taipei (we are not members of WAKO Asia and WAKO IF). In here Mr. Daniel Obon has made a lot of confusions with the membership's fees and statutes of members, manipulating the BYLAWS of the Association (which this is a internal matter issue I will solve).

I know for the participation of events abroad we have to go through NA, but in these times I don't trust my NA now because all the issues arise during these years. Mr. Daniel and/or Teddy Mss. Tseng are avoiding any communication with WAKO IF, and they don't pass information about international events to the rest of members (They just pass the Asian activities and just limit the number of participants to 2 or 4 people who can join). We both are members of WAKO Chinese Taipei long way back, and we have proof of that. We even have been ignored to pay the memberships since last year. However, this publication, which I screenshot from a private Facebook, it isn't even an Official Facebook Page or account. Then after I privately messaged, and gave me those messages that only impose fears and threats, they block me. I don't know if is Mr. Nassiri or is Mr. Obon managing that account, but I remember it is from Byskek, Kyrskistan.

I just want to let you know this, and hope you can do something about it because this is abuse of power and imposing of fear and threats towards WAKO athletes and members. If you have any doubts you can contact Mr. Bryan Beck. We just want to learn and educate ourselves from professionals in WAKO.

Best Regards Sr, Carlos Machado

Attached Mr. Carlos Machado sent some pictures:


Wako Asia Wakoasia
Excuse me Public Relations Department of WAKO ASIA, regarding your recent post let me pronounce myself. Firstly, this account seems is not an official page. I even can not reply the post you made few hours ago, because this is a private account. Second, let me clarify this by private message: these two dissidents you mentioned are WAKO Chinese Taipei MEMBERS long way back: we have been certified as national instructor, referees, black belts, and have participated in many national competitions as stuff member, referee, coach and competitors, and even one of these two dissidents was a board member's director of the NA here in Taiwan. And you said WAKO Chinese Taipei doesn't recognize us, then I think you are out of your mind publishing this nonsense information and not being informed properly by WAKO Chinese Taipei. Or, WAKO
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reasons than favor them.
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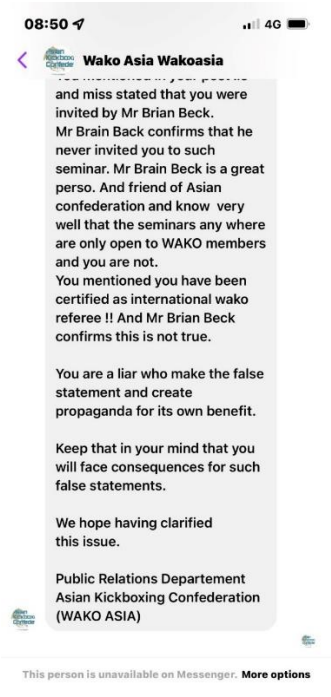
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Wako Asia Wakoasia
and miss stated that you were invited by Mr Brian Beck.
Mr Brain Back confirms that he never invited you to such seminar. Mr Brain Beck is a great perso. And friend of Asian confederation and know very well that the seminars any where are only open to WAKO members and you are not.
You mentioned you have been certified as international wako referee !! And Mr Brian Beck confirms this is not true.
You are a liar who make the false statement and create propaganda for its own benefit.
Keep that in your mind that you will face consequences for such false statements.
We hope having clarified this issue.
Public Relations Departement Asian Kickboxing Confederation (WAKO ASIA)
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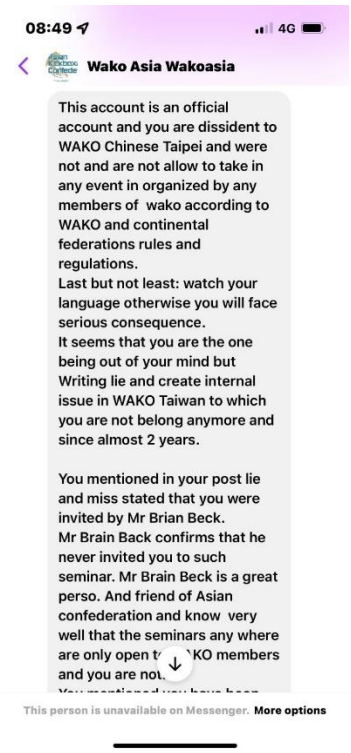
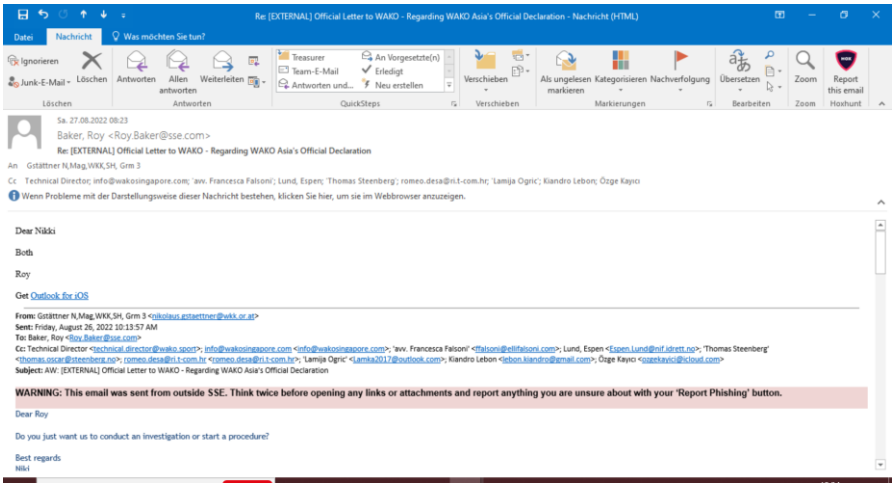


On 27th of August President Roy Baker gave the order to start a procedure.



On 27th of August WAKO Singapore sent an additional email as follows:

Dear Roy, Nikki and members of WAKO Ethical, Disciplinary and Legal Committee,

1. On behalf of Kickboxing Federation of Singapore, we hereby submit an updated letter and report. We were recently made aware that WAKO Asia issued serious threats to the 2 individuals from Taiwan for their participation in our seminar, which was conducted by Mr Brian Beck.

2. With reference to the WAKO Statutes and the WAKO Code of Ethics, we strongly believe that such actions undertaken by WAKO Asia -the baseless public allegations against Singapore and threats issued, constitute a flagrant violation and breach of several provisions of WAKO's Statutes and Code of Ethics.

3. WAKO Asia's actions, intimidation and threats jeopardizes the image of WAKO with adverse implications.
4. We implore WAKO and the WAKO Board to look into this senseless, unprovoked attack on Singapore and the 2 members from Taiwan.
5. Should you require any further assistance or clarification, we will be happy to support WAKO.
Thank you very much.
Warmest Regards, Administration | Kickboxing Federation of Singapore

The updates in the report are as follows:

Dear Mr President,
We would bring to your attention recent strong and unprovoked actions undertaken by WAKO Asia, under the leadership of Mr Nasser Nassiri, against Kickboxing Federation of Singapore ("KFS") and 2 individuals from WAKO Chinese Taipei. We believe these actions undermine the integrity of our federation, and ultimately the integrity of WAKO as a whole.
2. WAKO Asia Publishing an Official Declaration
2.3.1.

(vi) We cite the provisions of the WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.5, which states: "They shall refrain from any behaviour which might jeopardize the Sport of Kickboxing, and they must not act in any manner likely to tarnish the reputation and image of WAKO.";
(vii) We cite the provisions of the WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.7, which states: "The Parties shall represent WAKO vis-à-vis third parties honestly, respectably and with integrity.";
(viii) WAKO Asia is in breach of the WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.5 and Article 2.7 as it wrote a written official declaration which casts doubt on the WAKO and Mr Brian Beck, jeopardizing reputation of WAKO.
(ix) We hereby request proof from WAKO Asia to assert their 1st Allegation.

2.3.4. We refer to the fourth paragraph, first sentence of the WAKO Asia Official Declaration: "Asian Kickboxing Confederation as the only recognized body in charge of Kickboxing in Asia (recognition granted by Olympic Council of Asia 50th Executive Board on 28 May 2007)…" ("1st Statement");

(i) We cite the provisions of the WAKO Statutes Article 44bis.2[6], which states: "The Continental Federations shall closely collaborate with WAKO within their areas of jurisdiction. They shall recognize the supreme authority of WAKO in all matters concerning the Sport of Kickboxing.";
(ii) We highlight the use of the word "only [7]" in the 1st Statement. The word "only" means: used to show that there is a single one… or that there are no others.

[6] https://wako.sport/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/WAKO-Statutes_revised_Antalya_OGA_2019.pdf
[7] https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/only

(iii) As cited in the WAKO Statutes Article 44bis.2., the "Continental Federation shall recognize the supreme authority of WAKO in all matters concerning the Sport of kickboxing".

(a) Firstly, this is interpreted that WAKO Asia shall recognize WAKO as the supreme authority in all matters concerning the Sport of Kickboxing;

(b) Secondly, this is interpreted that WAKO's authority is higher than the Continental Federation;

(c) Thirdly, this is interpreted that WAKO is the supreme authority in all continents where there is a Continental Federation for the sport of Kickboxing.

(iv) Henceforth, there are actually two bodies in charge of the Sport of Kickboxing in Asia. WAKO and WAKO Asia;

(v) WAKO Asia stated that the "Asian Kickboxing Confederation as the only recognized body in charge of Kickboxing in Asia…". Does WAKO Asia attempt to mislead stakeholders of the Sport of kickboxing, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the general public by stating that WAKO Asia is the "only" recognized body in charge of Asia?

(vi) Does WAKO Asia attempt to override the authority of WAKO, such that even WAKO cannot be "in charge of Kickboxing in Asia"?

(vii) We request for WAKO Asia to state their position for the 1st Statement.

2.3.5. We refer to the fifth paragraph of the WAKO Asia Official Declaration: "In addition the participation of two dissent personnes from Chinese Taipei mentioned above in such activity is in violation of both WAKO and WAKO ASIA rules and regulations." ("4th Allegation");

(i) KFS strongly refutes this 4th Allegation on the following grounds:

(a) The "two dissident personnes from Chinese Taipei" are legitimate members of the National Federation ("NF") of Taiwan; and

(b) There is no evidence to prove that the "two dissident personnes from Chinese Taipei" is "in violation of both WAKO and WAKO ASIA rules and regulations".

(ii) We cite the provisions of the WAKO Code of Ethics Article 2.1, Article 2.1.1, Article 2.1.4, Article 2.1.10, which states: "All Parties shall show commitment to an ethical attitude while fulfilling their task. They shall pledge to behave in accordance with all ethical principles set forth in the present Code of Ethics such as, by way of example but not limited to, the following:

2.1.1 Human Dignity;

2.1.4 Friendship, mutual aid and fair play;

2.1.10 Non defamatory approach to any party";

(iii) WAKO Asia openly proclaims the two individuals from WAKO Chinese Taipei as "two dissident personnes", without proof or verification. The strong statement from the 4th Allegation connotates an attack on the Human Dignity of the two individuals, does not promote Friendship and is a defamatory approach.

(iv) Therefore, WAKO Asia is in breach of the WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.1.1, Article 2.1.4 and Article 2.1.10.

(v) We hereby ask proof from WAKO Asia to assert their 4th Allegation.

2.3.6. We refer to the sixth paragraph of the WAKO Asia Official Declaration: "The two individuals among the few in that activity are not members of WAKO Chinese Taipei and therefore are not members of WAKO ASIA and WAKO and could not and cannot take in any event without pre-approval of WAKO Chinese Taipei." ("5th Allegation");

(i) KFS strongly refutes this 5th Allegation on the grounds that the two individuals from are members of WAKO Chinese Taipei, and thereby members of WAKO;

(ii) The WAKO Tatami Referee Seminar was organized by KFS, with the full support of WAKO, WAKO President Roy Baker, and seminar presenter Mr Brian Beck. With WAKO's full support, it qualifies the seminar as a WAKO-level event. The 2 individuals as rightful members of the NF WAKO Chinese Taipei, are WAKO members, and thereby allowed to participate in the seminar;

(iii) We cite the provisions of the WAKO Statutes (As Amended on the 25th of November 2019) Article 13.1.b[8], which states: "The Members of WAKO shall have the following obligations: to comply with applicable laws, their own statutes and regulations, and generally accepted notions of good governance. For the avoidance of doubt, generally accepted notions of good governance include, inter alia, democratic elections and decision-making, separation of powers, the rule of law, transparency, and zero tolerance towards any form of discrimination, physical or mental abuse, abuse of powers, corruption or manipulation of sporting competitions.";

(iv) We cite the provisions of the WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.1.2[9] and Article 2.1.5, which states: "All Parties shall show commitment to an ethical attitude while fulfilling their task. They shall pledge to behave in accordance with all ethical principles set forth in the present Code of Ethics such as, by way of example but not limited to, the following:

> *2.1.2 Non-discrimination, either on the basis of race, gender, nationality, ethnic origin, religion, philosophical or political opinions, nationality, sexual preference or any other grounds;*
> *2.1.5 Integrity"*

(v) How is WAKO Asia aware of the national membership status of the 2 individuals in WAKO Chinese Taipei? One would presume this information can only be supplied by the NF of the 2 individuals concerned, which is WAKO Chinese Taipei;

(vi) The 2 individuals highlighted are:

(a) Mr Carlos Machado; and

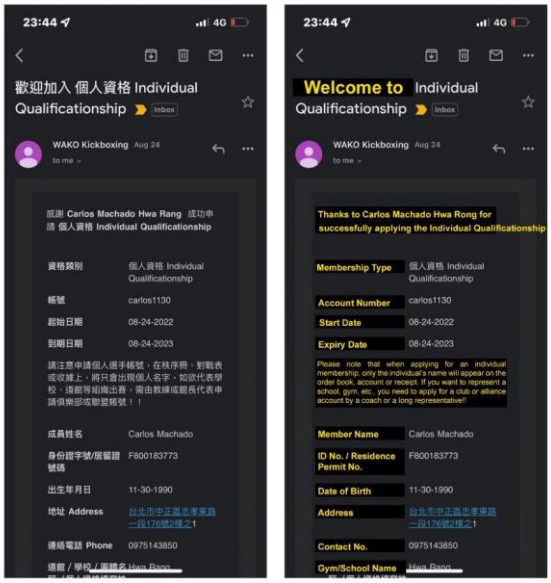
[8] https://wako.sport/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/WAKO-Statutes_revised_Antalya_OGA_2019.pdf

[9] https://wako.sport/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/33.-WAKO-Code-of-Ethics_Final_Amended-28_8_2016.pdf

(b) Ms Katia Lin Yu-Shih.

(vii) We have documentary proof that both Mr Carlos Machado and Ms Katia Lin Yu-Shih are current members of WAKO Chinese Taipei. The following below provides documentary proof of their membership status:

(a) Mr Carlos Machado's WAKO Chinese Taipei membership status is active till 24 August 2023, as seen in Exhibit 5 below;



MR CARLOS MACHADO
Original Proof of Membership
Expiring 24 August 2023

MR CARLOS MACHADO
Original Proof of Membership
Expiring 24 August 2023
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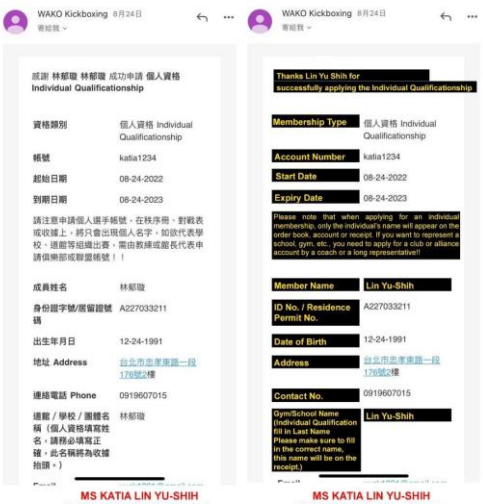
Exhibit 5. Membership status of Mr Carlos Machado

(b) Mr Katia Lin Yu-Shih's membership status is active till 24 August 2023, as seen in Exhibit 6 below;



MS KATIA LIN YU-SHIH
Original Proof of Membership
Expiring 24 August 2023

MS KATIA LIN YU-SHIH
Original Proof of Membership
Expiring 24 August 2023
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Exhibit 6. Membership status of Ms Katia Lin Yu-Shih

(c) Mr Carlos Machado has been with WAKO Chinese Taipei since 2012, and has even served on the Board. Ms Katia Lin Yu-Shih has been a member of

WAKO Chinese Taipei since 2015, and has been actively participating in national tournaments.

(viii) With reference to the WAKO Statutes Article 13.1.b., how is WAKO Chinese Taipei complying with "good governance" and acting with Integrity when it supplies false information to WAKO Asia about Mr Carlos Machado and Ms Katia Lin Yu-Shih's membership status, in an attempt to discredit them and convolute the WAKO and WAKO Asia statutes and bylaws to their advantage?

(ix) As rightful members of WAKO Chinese Taipei, WAKO Asia and WAKO, both Mr Carlos Machado and Ms Katia Lin Yu-Shih have the right to participate in any events of WAKO Chinese Taipei, WAKO Asia, WAKO and WAKO National Federations;

(x) WAKO Asia and WAKO Chinese Taipei are in breach of the WAKO Statutes Article 13.1.b and the WAKO Code of Ethics Article 2.1.2 and Article 2.1.5 for discriminating against the 2 individuals, by publicly stating that they are not allowed to participate in WAKO-related events;

(xi) WAKO Chinese Taipei is in breach of the WAKO Code of Ethics Article 2.1.5, for acting unethically and without Integrity by supplying false information to WAKO Asia;

(xii) We request WAKO Asia and WAKO Chinese Taipei to prove how the 2 individuals stated are "not members of WAKO Chinese Taipei and therefore not members of WAKO ASIA and WAKO".

3. Mr Carlos Machado, posts on Facebook about the WAKO Tatami Seminar

3.1. On Tuesday, 23 August 2022 at 19:05 (+8 GMT), Mr Carlos Machado posted on Facebook, thanking Mr Brian Beck and KFS ("Carlos Facebook Post"). The post can be seen below:

Exhibit 7. Carlos Facebook Post

3.2. The caption of Mr Carlos Machado's Facebook Post read:

I am so grateful to be specially accepted by Mr. Brian Beck, WAKO IF World Chief Referee and Tatami Committee Chairman and join his amazing "Wako Tatami Referee & Judge Seminar" held in Singapore. Referees in Kickboxing and any other field need to be educated and trained by professionals in the field. We went through the three main tatami disciplines in WAKO: Point Fighting, Light Contact and Kick Light. Many changes were made to the

WAKO rules, specially for the tatami disciplines which came into effect on 1st January 2021. As a referee, coach or competitor is a obligation to be up-to-date with the latest rules. This is the first of such seminar organized in Southeast Asia with so hight and professional standards
I also wants to thanks Kickboxing Federation of Singapore team for their hospitality.
4. Seminar Participant, Mr Carlos Machado, Clarified with WAKO Asia
4.1. On Wednesday, 25 August 2022, at 00:20 (+8 GMT), Mr Carlos Machado messaged WAKO Asia on Facebook, 2 hours after the WAKO Asia Official Declaration. Mr Carlos Machado's message can be seen below:

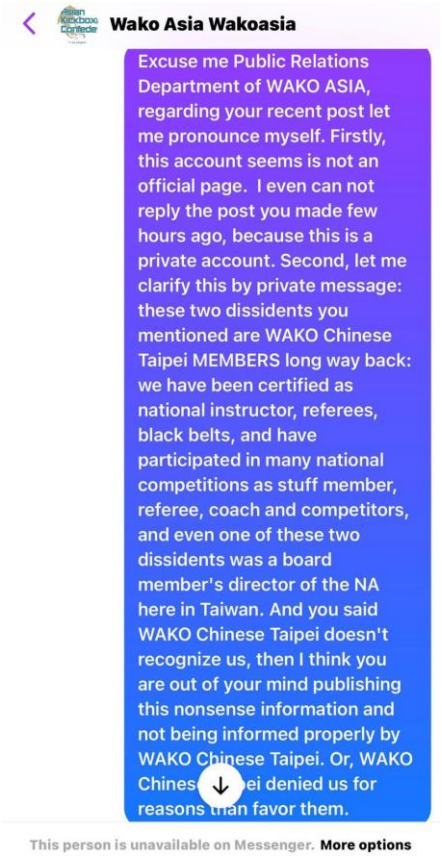

Exhibit 8. Mr Carlos Machado's message to WAKO Asia via Facebook
4.2. The extract of Mr Carlos Machado's message read:
Excuse me Public Relations Department of WAKO ASIA, regarding your recent post let me pronounce myself. Firstly, this account seems is not an official page. I even can not reply the post you made few hours ago, because this is a private account.
Second, let me clarify this by private message: these two dissidents you mentioned are WAKO Chinese Taipei MEMBERS long way back: we have been certified as national instructor, referees, black belts, and have participated in many national competitions as stuff member, referee, coach and competitors, and even one of these two dissidents was a board member's director of the NA here in Taiwan. And you said WAKO Chinese Taipei doesn't recognize us, then I think you are out of your mind publishing this

nonsense information and not being informed properly by WAKO Chinese Taipei. Or, WAKO Chinese Taipei denied us for reasons than favor them.
4.3. WAKO Asia has made the settings of his Facebook page such that only "Facebook Friends" of WAKO Asia are allowed to comment on the page's post. As Carlos was not a Facebook Friend of WAKO Asia, he was unable to clarify the contents of the WAKO Asia Official Declaration publicly, through the comment section;
4.4. Mr Carlos took the effort to clarify the contents of the WAKO Asia Official Declaration, privately. This was an effort to protect the integrity of WAKO Asia and WAKO.
5. Threats made by WAKO Asia
5.1. On Wednesday, 25 August 2022, at 00:31 (+8 GMT), WAKO Asia responded to Mr Carlos Machado with threats ("WAKO Asia Message"). WAKO Asia's response is as below:

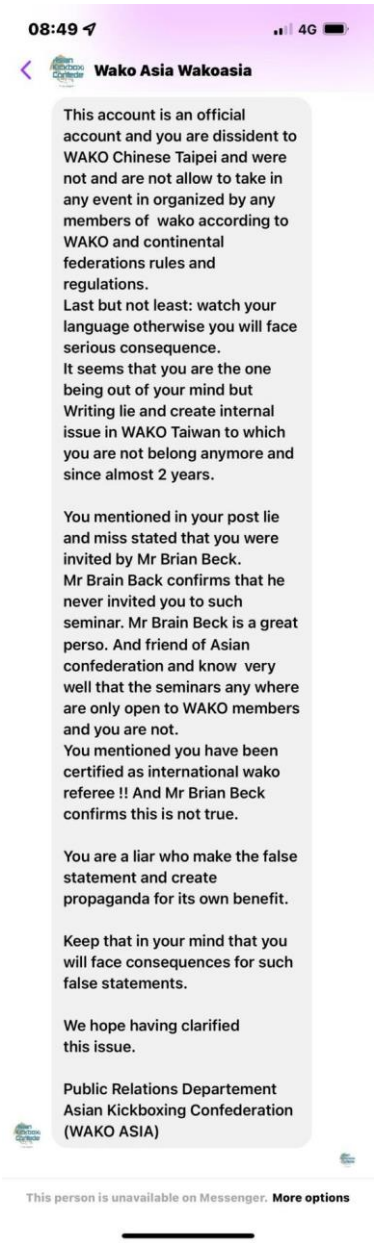

Exhibit 9. Response from WAKO Asia to Mr Carlos Machado

5.2. The extract of WAKO Asia's message read:
This account is an official account and you are a dissident to WAKO Chinese Taipei and were not and are not allow to take in any event organized by any members of wako according to WAKO and continental federation rules and regulations.
Last but not least: watch your language otherwise you will face serious consequence.
It seems that you are the one being out of your mind but Writing lie and create internal issue in WAKO Taiwan to which you are not belong anymore and since almost 2 years.
You mention in your post lie and miss stated that you were invited by Mr Brian Beck. Mr Brain Back confirms that he never invited you to such seminar. Mr Brain Beck is a great perso. And friend of Asian confederation and know very well that the seminars any where are only open to WAKO members and you are not.
You mentioned you have been certified as international wako referee!! And Mr Brian Beck confirms this is not true.
You are a liar who make the false statement and create propaganda for its own benefit.
Keep that in your mind that you will face consequences for such false statements.
We hope having clarified this issue.
Public Relations Department Asian Kickboxing Confederation (WAKO ASIA)
5.3. WAKO Asia's response to Mr Carlos Machado, took reference from the Carlos Facebook Post and the KFS Facebook Post. Mr Carlos Machado informed KFS of WAKO Asia's response, as it included serious threats, which goes against the values of the Olympic Movement, WAKO's Statutes and By-laws;
5.4. KFS notes the following breaches by WAKO Asia, with reference to the WAKO Statutes and the WAKO Code of Ethics:
5.4.1. We refer to the second paragraph of the WAKO Asia Message: "Last but not least: watch your language otherwise you will face serious consequence." ("1st Threat");
5.4.2. We refer to the seventh paragraph of the WAKO Asia Message: "Keep that in your mind that you will face consequences for such false statements." ("2nd Threat");

(i) A threat[10] can be defined as any or a combination of the following:
(a) a suggestion that something unpleasant or violent will happen, especially if a particular action or order is not followed;
(b) a statement that someone will be hurt or harmed, especially if the person does not do something in particular; or
(c) the possibility that something unwanted will happen, or a person or thing that is likely to cause something unwanted to happen.
(ii) From the tone and words used in the WAKO Asia Message as identified in the second and seventh paragraph, it implies all 3

[10] Definition of "threat": https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/threat

definitions of a threat, as defined in paragraph 5.4.2(i)(a) through (c);
(iii) We refer to the second paragraph in the WAKO Asia Message, whereby WAKO Asia warns Mr Carlos Machado to "watch your language", otherwise Mr Carlos Machado "will face serious consequences". The choice of words used in the 1st Threat; "serious consequences" denotes imminent danger to Mr Carlos. The act of issuing the 1st Threat and 2nd Threat to Mr Carlos Machado amounts to Criminal Intimidation, potentially liable for court prosecution as a criminal offence;
(iv) WAKO Asia adopts an aggressive and offensive position by making 2 Threats to Mr Carlos Machado in a single message;
(v) KFS strongly condemns this act from WAKO Asia, which amounts to "physical or mental abuse" and "abuse of powers";
(vi) We cite the provisions of the WAKO Statutes (As Amended on the 25th of November 2019) Article 13.1.b[11], which states: "The Members of WAKO shall have the following obligations: to comply with applicable laws, their own statutes and regulations, and generally accepted notions of good governance. For the avoidance of doubt, generally accepted notions of good governance include, inter alia, democratic elections and decision-making, separation of powers, the rule of law, transparency, and zero tolerance towards any form of discrimination, physical or mental abuse, abuse of powers, corruption or manipulation of sporting competitions.";
(vii) We cite the provisions of the WAKO Statutes (As Amended on the 25th of November 2019) Article 44.f[12].,pertaining to Continental Federation, which states: "The Applicant's dealings have been and continue to be in compliance with applicable laws, its own statutes and regulations, and generally accepted notions of good governance. For the avoidance of doubt, generally accepted notions of good governance include, inter alia, democratic elections and decision-making, separation of powers, the rule of law, transparency, and zero tolerance towards any form of discrimination, physical or mental abuse, abuse of powers, corruption or manipulation of sporting competitions.";
(viii) We cite the provisions of the WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.1, Article 2.1.3, Article 2.1.5, Article 2.1.8 and Article 2.1.10[13], which applies to all members of WAKO, including Continental Federations, which has been defined in Article 1. The WAKO Code of Ethics Article 2.1 states: "All Parties shall show commitment to an ethical attitude while fulfilling their task. They shall pledge to behave in accordance with all ethical principles set forth in the present Code of Ethics such as, by way of example but not limited to, the following:

[11] https://wako.sport/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/WAKO-Statutes_revised_Antalya_OGA_2019.pdf
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2.1.3 Non-violence, including abstaining from any kind of pressure and harassment, whether physical, mental, professional or sexual;
2.1.5 Integrity;
2.1.8 Promotion of the Olympic Movement ideals and principles;
2.1.10 Non defamatory approach to any party";

(ix) We cite the provisions of the WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.2, which states: "All individuals participating in meetings such as Board Members, Staff, Member representatives and guests shall be treated with dignity, honouring their uniqueness and value. There will be no tolerance for abuse, the use of derogatory remarks, personal insults, threats or any form of discrimination. Participants must deal with each other in an open, inclusive, honest and respectful fashion. Participants will respect the views of others and allow others the opportunity to speak without interruption within the drawn time limit. Individual participants will not seek to dominate proceedings. Participants will conduct meetings using the WAKO code of conduct.";

(x) We cite the provisions of the WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.5, which states: "They shall refrain from any behaviour which might jeopardize the Sport of Kickboxing, and they must not act in any manner likely to tarnish the reputation and image of WAKO.";

(xi) We cite the provisions of the WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.6, which states: "The Parties shall not abuse their position as part of their function in any way, especially to take advantage of their function for private aims or gains.";

(xii) We cite the provisions of the WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.7, which states: "The Parties shall represent WAKO vis-à-vis third parties honestly, respectably and with integrity.";

(xiii) WAKO Asia is a Continental Federation and a Member of WAKO. It has an obligation to adopt zero tolerance towards any form of physical or mental abuse and adopt zero tolerance towards abuse of powers. With reference to the WAKO Code of Ethics, WAKO Asia "shall pledge to behave in accordance with all ethical principles set forth in the present Code of Ethics", however, the behaviour of WAKO Asia is in flagrant breach of the WAKO Code of Ethics as it abuses its power to issue unwarranted threats;

(xiv) For issuing the 1st Threat and 2nd Threat, and acting in an unethical manner to Mr Carlos Machado, WAKO Asia is in breach of the following;

(a) WAKO Statutes, Article 13.1.b;
(b) WAKO Statutes, Article 44.f;
(c) WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.1;
(d) WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.1.3;
(e) WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.1.5;

(f) WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.1.8;
(g) WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.1.10;
(h) WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.2;
(i) WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.5;
(j) WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.6;
(k) WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.7.

5.4.3. We refer to the fourth paragraph of the WAKO Asia Message: "You mention in your post lie and miss stated that you were invited by Mr Brian Beck. Mr Brain Back confirms that he never invited you to such seminar. Mr Brain Beck is a great perso. And friend of Asian confederation and know very well that the seminars any where are only open to WAKO members and you are not." ("6th Allegation");

(i) KFS refutes this 6th Allegation on grounds that we can prove that Mr Brian Beck did indeed invite Mr Carlos Machado and his wife, Ms Katia Lin Yu-Shih, who are both from Taiwan, for the seminar;

(ii) We refer to Exhibit 10, a WhatsApp message from Mr Brian Beck on Wednesday 24 August 2022 at 11:41 (+8 GMT), whom reiterated his position that the "2 people from Taiwan could come to the seminar";

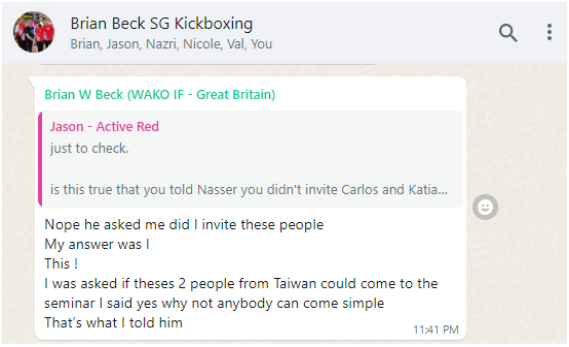

Exhibit 10. WhatsApp message from Mr Brian Beck regarding the invitation to Taiwan

(iii) Mr Brian Beck's WhatsApp message read:

Nope he asked me did I invite these people
My answer was I
This!
I was asked if theses 2 people from Taiwan could come to the seminar I said yes why not anybody can come simple
That's what I told him

(iv) It was reported that Mr Brian Beck spoke to persons Mr Nasser Nassiri and Mr Daniel Obon, who was the former president of WAKO Chinese Taipei, between 23 to 24 August 2022;

(v) As Mr Brian confirms in the Exhibit 10. WhatsApp message, he invited the 2 persons from WAKO Chinese Taipei to attend the seminar;

(vi) Hence, WAKO Asia's assertion in the 6th Allegation is completely different from Mr Brian Beck's message;

(vii) We cite the provisions of the WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.1.5 which states: "All Parties shall show commitment to an ethical attitude while fulfilling their task. They shall pledge to behave in

accordance with all ethical principles set forth in the present Code of Ethics such as, by way of example but not limited to, the following: 2.1.5 Integrity";

(viii) WAKO Asia is in breach of the WAKO Code of Ethics Article 2.1.5, by acting without integrity, convoluting Mr Brian Beck's original message from its original intent and meaning;

(ix) We request WAKO Asia to state their position for the 6th Allegation of the WAKO Asia Message;

(x) With our evidence set forth from paragraph 5.4.3(ii) through (v), we assert our position that the 6th Allegation is false.

5.4.4. We refer to the fifth paragraph of the WAKO Asia Message: "You mentioned you have been certified as international wako referee!! And Mr Brian Beck confirms this is not true." ("7th Allegation").

(i) KFS strongly refutes this 7th Allegation on grounds that Mr Brian Beck has confirmed that participants who attend the seminar and pass the exam, are qualified as international WAKO referees;

(ii) We refer to Exhibit 11, a WhatsApp message from Mr Brian Beck on Wednesday 24 August 2022 at 11:52 (+8 GMT), who confirmed that participants who attend and "passed the exam" would be "qualified to referee any WAKO tournament";

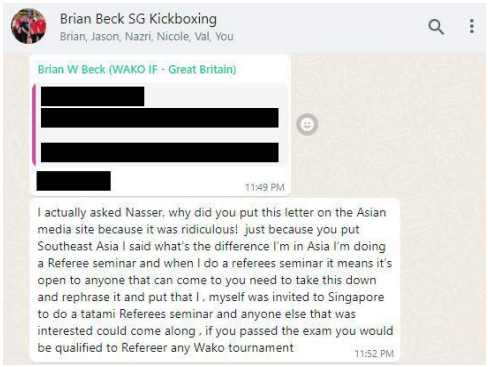

Exhibit 11. WhatsApp message from Mr Brian Beck, confirming that participants who attend the seminar and pass the exam will be qualified as international WAKO referees

(iii) Mr Brian Beck's WhatsApp message read:

> *I actually asked Nasser, why did you put this letter on the Asian media site because it was ridiculous! just because you put Southeast Asia I said what's the difference I'm in Asia I'm doing a Referee seminar and when I do a referees seminar it means it's open to anyone that can come to you need to take this down and rephrase it and put that I, myself was invited to Singapore to do a tatami Referees seminar and anyone else that was interested could come along , if you passed the exam you would be qualified to Refereer any Wako tournament*

(iv) As Mr Brian Beck stated, 2 conditions need to be met before one is certified as an international WAKO referee:

(a) Physically attend the seminar; and

(b) Pass the exam.

(v) KFS can confirm that both Mr Carlos Machado and Ms Katia Lin Yu-Shih have met both conditions. We have documentary proof of both their exam papers, Mr Carlos Machado scored 101 out of 107 and Ms Katia Lin Yu-Shih scored 97 out of 107;

(vi) With the evidence set forth from paragraph 5.4.3 (ii) through (v), we assert our position that the 7th Allegation is false;

(vii) We cite the provisions of the WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.1.5 which states: "All Parties shall show commitment to an ethical attitude while fulfilling their task. They shall pledge to behave in accordance with all ethical principles set forth in the present Code of Ethics such as, by way of example but not limited to, the following: 2.1.5 Integrity";

(viii) WAKO Asia is in breach of the WAKO Code of Ethics Article 2.1.5 as it acted without Integrity, by pronouncing a false statement, to Mr Carlos Machado;

(ix) We hereby request WAKO Asia to state their position and provide evidence to support the 7th Allegation.

5.4.5. We refer to the fourth paragraph of the WAKO Asia Message: "You mention in your post lie and miss stated that you were invited by Mr Brian Beck." ("2nd Statement");

(i) WAKO Asia stated in the 2nd Statement that Mr Carlos Machado "…post lie and miss stated…". We can confirm the 2nd Statement by WAKO Asia to be false, with the evidence provided by Mr Brian Beck as seen in paragraph 5.4.2.

5.4.6. We refer to the sixth paragraph of the WAKO Asia Message: "You are a liar who make the false statement and create propaganda for its own benefit." ("3rd Statement");

(i) WAKO Asia is a Continental Federation entrusted with the duty of governing the sport of Kickboxing in Asia. The 2nd and 3rd Statement by WAKO Asia constitutes defamatory statements against Mr Carlos Machado, amounting to an abuse of power, with WAKO Asia using its position to undermine individuals;

(ii) We cite the provisions of the WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.1, Article 2.1.3, Article 2.1.5 and Article 2.1.10, which applies to all members of WAKO, including Continental Federations. It states: "All Parties shall show commitment to an ethical attitude while fulfilling their task. They shall pledge to behave in accordance with all ethical principles set forth in the present Code of Ethics such as, by way of example but not limited to, the following:
2.1.3 Non-violence, including abstaining from any kind of pressure and harassment, whether physical, mental, professional or sexual;
2.1.5 Integrity;
2.1.10 Non defamatory approach to any party";

(iii) WAKO Asia is in breach of Article 2.1.3 by issuing the 1st Threat and 2nd Threat;

(iv) WAKO Asia is in breach of Article 2.1.5 by acting without Integrity with baseless public allegations, posted on the WAKO Asia Facebook page as an Official Declaration;

(v) WAKO Asia is in breach of Article 2.1.10 by issuing a defamatory 2nd and 3rd Statement in the WAKO Asia Message towards Mr Carlos Machado;

(vi) We request WAKO Asia to state its position for the 2nd and 3rd Statement.

5.4.7. We refer to the fifth paragraph, second sentence of the WAKO Asia Message: "You mentioned you have been certified as international wako referee!! And Mr Brian Beck confirms this is not true." ("4th Statement");

(i) With the evidence set forth in paragraph 5.4.4, Mr Brian Beck confirms that participants who attend the seminar and pass the exam are certified as international WAKO Referees. Hence, we can confirm the 4th Statement by WAKO Asia to be false;

(ii) We cite the provisions of the WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.1.5 which states: "All Parties shall show commitment to an ethical attitude while fulfilling their task. They shall pledge to behave in accordance with all ethical principles set forth in the present Code of Ethics such as, by way of example but not limited to, the following: 5 Integrity";

(iii) WAKO Asia is in breach of the WAKO Code of Ethics Article 2.1.5 as it has acted unethically without Integrity, using the words of Mr Brian Beck and WAKO Asia's authority, to convey a false statement to Mr Carlos Machado, in an attempt to deceive him;

(iv) We hereby request WAKO Asia to state its position for the 4th Statement.

6. WAKO Asia in breach of WAKO Statutes Article 44

6.1. We cite the provisions of the WAKO Statutes (As Amended on the 25th of November 2019) Article 44.f.13,pertaining to Continental Federation, which states: "The Applicant's dealings have been and continue to be in compliance with applicable laws, its own statutes and regulations, and generally accepted notions of good governance. For the avoidance of doubt, generally accepted notions of good governance include, inter alia, democratic elections and decision-making, separation of powers, the rule of law, transparency, and zero tolerance towards any form of discrimination, physical or mental abuse, abuse of powers, corruption or manipulation of sporting competitions.";

6.2. WAKO Asia issued 5 baseless Allegations and 1 misleading Statement in the WAKO Asia Official Declaration, 2 Allegations and 3 false Statements to Mr Carlos Machado in the WAKO Asia Message;

6.3. WAKO Asia uses its authority as the Continental Federation to assert what is "true" and "false", thereby implying differing truthful statements from other parties as "false" or a "lie", in an effort to undermine the credibility of these truthful statements;

6.4. We strongly believe that such actions amount to a flagrant abuse of power, which Continental Federations are required to hold zero tolerance against, according to Article 44.f. of the WAKO Statutes.

7. Conclusion

7.1. For these allegations posted publicly by WAKO Asia in the WAKO Asia Official Declaration, we invoke the maxim onus probandi actori incumbit, namely "he who asserts must prove."

7.2. We request WAKO Asia to provide evidence to support the 5 Allegations stated in the WAKO Asia Official Declaration, and the 2 Allegations and 4 Statements in the WAKO Asia Message to Mr Carlos Machado.

7.3. WAKO Chinese Taipei is in breach of the WAKO Statutes Article 13.1.b and the WAKO Code of Ethics Article 2.1.5 by supplying false information to WAKO Asia unethically in order to discriminate the participation of 2 individuals from Taiwan who are members of WAKO Chinese Taipei;

7.4. WAKO Asia's behaviour is highly unbecoming of a Continental Federation. A Continental Federation should behave with dignity and treat members with respect, in accordance with the Olympic Movement and Olympic principles15. WAKO Asia initiated the following unprovoked actions:

7.4.1. WAKO Asia issued an unwarranted 1st Threat and 2nd Threat towards Mr Carlos Machado, potentially amounting to a criminal offence which can be prosecuted in court;

7.4.2. Issued the WAKO Asia Official Declaration which contained 5 Allegations we believe to be untrue and 1 misleading Statement. The contents of this post are set to confuse members of the public, with intent to undermine the reputation of KFS and the 2 members of WAKO Chinese Taipei;

7.4.3. WAKO Asia made 3 false statements to Mr Carlos Machado, as seen in the WAKO Asia Message in paragraph 5.1 and 5.2;

7.4.4. WAKO Asia has been shown to be in breach of the following WAKO Statutes and WAKO Code of Ethics provisions:

(i) WAKO Statutes, Article 132.3.6, 5.4.2;
(ii) WAKO Statutes, Article 445.4.2, 6.1;
(iii) WAKO Statutes, Article 44bis2.3.4;
(iv) WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.12.3.5, 5.4.2, 5.4.6;
(v) WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.1.12.3.5;
(vi) WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.1.22.3.6;
(vii) WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.1.35.4.2, 5.4.6;
(viii) WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.1.52.3.6, 5.4.2, 5.4.3, 5.4.4, 5.4.6, 5.4.7;
(ix) WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.1.85.4.2;
(x) WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.1.102.3.5, 5.4.2, 5.4.6;
(xi) WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.25.4.2;
(xii) WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.52.3.1, 5.4.2;
(xiii) WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.65.4.2;
(xiv) WAKO Code of Ethics, Article 2.72.3.1, 5.4.2.

7.4.5. We believe that WAKO Asia's egregious behaviour, based on his actions from paragraph 7.4.1 through 7.4.4, is highly detrimental to WAKO, WAKO's member and its stakeholders.
7.5. We reiterate our position once again that WAKO Asia's strong, unprovoked actions against KFS, Mr Carlos Machado and Ms Katia Lin Yu-Shih (both persons whom are from Taiwan) are uncalled for, baseless and drags the entire name of Mr Brian Beck and WAKO – the Olympic recognised body for Kickboxing, into disrepute.
Thank you.
Sincerely, Kickboxing Federation of Singapore

On 30th of August the Disciplinary and Ethical Committee informed President Mr. Jason Lim that the WAKO Disciplinary and Ethical Committee intends to conduct disciplinary proceedings against WAKO Asia. During the proceedings the accused shall of course be given the opportunity to make a statement. The most appropriate way would be to send WAKO Asia the complaint of WAKO Singapore. However, the letter also contains messages from other people (e.g. Mr Brian Beck, Mr RB etc. and also pictures). Therefore, from a data protection point of view, the DEC asked for the consent of all these people for forwarding. The DEC asked to provide them with this consent and a version of the document without images by 05th of September 2022.

On 05th of August the Kickboxing Federation of Singapore sent the requested document and an email as follows:

Dear Nikki,
On behalf of Kickboxing Federation of Singapore, attached is the version of the document without any images.
We have attained the consent from the parties involved in our complaint (Mr Brian Beck, Mr Carlos Machado, Mr Roy Baker).
Please let us know if you require any further information.
Thank you very much.
Warmest Regards,
Administration | Kickboxing Federation of Singapore

On 06th of August the Kickboxing Federation of Singapore was asked to send the consent in written form.

On 09th of August the WAKO Disciplinary and Ethical Committe held a meeting and decided to start the disciplinary proceedings against WAKO Asia and WAKO Taipei.

On 10th of August Kickboxing Federation of Singapore sent the requested written consent of Mr. Roy Baker, Mr. Brian Beck, Mrs. Lin Yu-Shih(Katia) and Mr. Carlos Machado.

On 13th of August WAKO Chinese Taipei, President Horacio Daniel Obon was informed that the Kickboxing Federation of Singapore has brought charges against WAKO Chinese Taipei and that WAKO Chinese Taipei is accused that they have violated the provisions of WAKO, in particular the Code of Ethics and the Disciplinary Code. The

exact allegations was sent in an enclosed letter from the Kickboxing Federation of Singapore. The Disciplinary and Ethical Committee has decided to initiate proceedings against WAKO Chinese Taipei for violating the WAKO regulations. Mr Daniel Obon was asked to submit a statement on the allegations until September 27th.

On 13th of August WAKO ASIA, President Nasser Nassiri and Secretary General Sina Zahedi was informed that the Kickboxing Federation of Singapore has brought charges against WAKO Asia and that WAKO Asia is accused that they have violated the provisions of WAKO, in particular the Code of Ethics and the Disciplinary Code. The exact allegations was sent in an enclosed letter from the Kickboxing Federation of Singapore. The Disciplinary and Ethical Committee has decided to initiate proceedings against WAKO Asia for violating the WAKO regulations. Mr. Nasser Nassiri was asked to submit a statement on the allegations until September 27th.

On 27th of September WAKO Asia requested an extension of a 14-day deadline.

On 27th of September WAKO Chinese Taipei requested an extension of a 14-day deadline.

On 27th WAKO Chinese Taipei sent an email as follows:

Dear Mr. Mag. Nikolaus Gstättner
Kindly find attached our official response to the letter from the WAKO Disciplinary committee. Also find enclosed 8 other files attached to the letter.
We prepared the documentation in a very short time and it was not properly reviewed. Earlier I requested more time that if agreed we can take 14 days to make a more thorough review.
Best regards, Daniel Obon
Chinese Taipei Kickboxing Association, Founder Honorary President, Member of the Board

On 27th Mr. Obon sent an statement as follows:

Mr. Nikolaus Gstättner
Chairman
WAKO Disciplinary and Ethical Committee
Date: 26 September 2022
N°: 2022-09/015
By Email: nikolaus.gstaettner@wkk.or.at
cc: president@wako.sport
Subject: False accusation from Kickboxing Federation of Singapore and the Official Complaint of Kickboxing Association of Chinese Taipei (WAKO Chinese Taipei)

Dear Mr Nikolaus Gstättner,
By the present, I inform you my protest and disappointment on your letter and in particular defamatory letter and false accusation on the paper-head

of Kickboxing Federation of Singapore which you have forwarded to me together with your letter on 23/09/2022 and our decision to file an official complain to the author of such unethical defamatory act.

I have to inform you that I noticed that this letter in paper head of Kickboxing federation of Singapore before any thing has not any legal value as it have not any signature and nature of legal representative which is consider that his author is identifiable.

I noticed among WAKO official documents there is a particular document discoing the rules and regulations for any complaint and in particular the criteria in stage 1 of initial assessment requires that the complainant should be identified.

This is not the case as the letter of complaint which you sent to me has not name, position and signature of the author. In addition, the same WAKO official document requires that once these criteria are satisfied, a copy of the complaint and any supporting documentation is sent to disciplinary committee and the copy of letter and these supporting documentation

Moreover in order to apply a legal lawsuit against the author I issue to the member asking for their comment.

In that regards, I noticed that the complaint letter in addition that its author is not identified, refers also to various enclosed which were remove intentionally. We can notice the mention of "image intentionally removed" in many paragraphs and pages.

To temove the documentation to which the complaint letter relies and are considerate as supporting documents make the letter of compliant more unlawful with the goal to hide the inormation from WAKO and myself.

This will violate my right to having all supporting documentation according to WAKO official document.

The two above reasons cited above should be enough sufficient to request WAKO to reject this unlawful complaint for noncompliance with WAKO rules and procedure.

However, I have to request you to inform us who is the author of that defamatory letter which is now circulating to the members of your committee.

Nevertheless, because of mutual respect with WAKO and you as the member of the Board and chairman of the Disciplinary committee I want to express without any prejudice to me and our association the motivation of such letter and defamatory false accusation. It seems that the only reason of making such letter is to cover the illegal behavior and intentional violation of the WAKO rules committed by the leaders of the Kickboxing Federation of Singapore inviting and allowing two former members of our association Mr Carlos Machado and his wife Katia Lin who are considered as dissidents to participate to the WAKO international seminar which they hosted on the weekend of 21th of August in Singapore.

For your information, on August 23rd, 2022 I was informed by some of the members of our association that the two former members participated in that seminar in Singapore and published the post in Facebook that they were

invited by Mr Brian Beck the WAKO Tatami chief referee. (See enclosed 1, the post of Mr Machado on August 23rd).
I have immediately wrote a complaint letter to Mr. Nasser NASSIRI, President of WAKO Asia and communicated all information as I have already informed Mr. Nassiri last year by an official letter that Mr Carlos Machado Mrs. Katia Lin are out of our association. (See enclose 2) I had the opportunity to contact Mr. Nassiri on August 23rd and confirmed him one more time that they are still out of our association and considerate as dissident continuing activities and propaganda against WAKO Chinese Taipei. (See enclose 3) I informed Mr. Nassiri that our association want to send official complaint letter to WAKO President Mr. Roy Baker as well but Mr. Nassiri recommend me to first contact Mr. Baker and explain to him the situation and he ensure to me doing the same in his side.
In relation to that post made by Mr. Carlos Machado, I personally contacted on August 23rd Mr. Brian Beck and questioned him about the post which was published by Mr. Machado stating that he was invited by Mr. Brian Beck. Mr. Beck informed me that he did not know them before and met them for the first time in hotel at the breakfast. Mr. Beck confirmed to me that he has not dealing with participants in any seminar and he just run the seminar. I had very cordial discussion with Mr. Beck as well as Mr Baker and every thing went smoothly.
Shortly after, during the same day, I was contacted by many members of our association questioning me about the post of Kickboxing Federation of Singapore related to the seminar and questioning me and association what is the reason that they were not invited by our Association and WAKO ASIA. Some of them have also contact WAKO ASIA in that regards.
I again contacted Mr Nassiri and seek for clarification. Mr. Nassiri informed me that he is in Iran and has limited internet connection and not at all to the Facebook and informed me that he informed office manager of WAKO ASIA to look at that issue and contact the person in charge of media who works as consultant for media.
I was requested to send all information to WAKO ASIA office at attention of the person in charge of PR Department which I have done immediately. I was informed later on that there was a clarification by PR Department through the post in Facebook.
During my telephone call with Mr Baker, I explained in detail that Mr Carlos Machado and Mrs. Katia Lin are not members of WAKO Chinese Taipei and have left our organization almost two years ago and have not taken part in any event since then. Since we only hear from them by their dissident activities against our association and we are currently in legal conflict with them.
Mr. Roy Baker informed me that they claimed to be members of WAKO Chinese Taipei and informed me that they sent to him the copy of proof of their memberships. I have requested Mr Baker to send me what he may received because it can only be a false one. Proof confirming Mr Machado and Mrs Lin were not member of our association at the time of seminar in Singapore and still are not member. Later on, the secretary of our Association

informed me that we have received on August 24th at 10:25 am (probably shortly after they informed Mr Baker that they are member) from Mr Carlos Machado and Mrs. Katia Lin, two online applications for qualification (which is only for participation in annual competition) with corresponding fee. These are probably the same document which the defamatory false accusation letter on paperhead of Kickboxing Federation of Singapore refer without disclosing these letter and their contain.

I am sending you enclose these two applications which these two dissidents members did to mislead WAKO president and other involved persons. (See enclosed 4, 5 and 6) Enclosed 4 and 5 refer to their online application and enclosed 6 showing that both applications times and the fact that both of the application are pending.

They have visited the website of association and created new users in order to apply for the qualification as they are well informed that their previous username is blocked.

However all application almost new users and old users will be automatically classified as pending application until decision of association secretary office. If the application is not approved the amount which have been paid online will be rejected by association and will return to them by our bank. This is exactly what is happened with them and their applications as you can notice both application were rejected. (See enclose 7 and 8) To made up two new applications on August 24th which is pending will not allow them to memberships status of our association and neither can justify their participation in earlier seminar without our association knowledge and approval.

We were informed that above said seminar was held between August 17 to 21st 2022 and it is clearly demonstrated that Mr. Carlos Machado and Mrs. Katia Lin were not members of our association and do not had any pending application before that date. Mr Carlos Machado and Mrs. Katia Lin may have provided partially screenshot which mention they have applied online on August 24 2022 and any case which clearly shows that during the seminar dates they did not have any credential or status of memberships with WAKO Chinese Taipei. Everyone can notice that this fact.

These applications were pending at the time and rejected. It is clear that they try to cover their wrong doing allowing these dissidents former members to participate in the seminar, they try to mislead President of WAKO and WAKO Disciplinary committee.

This is unacceptable and we find Singapore Kickboxing Federation defamatory false accusation very unethical with attention to mislead the involved persons. I would like to question you that in your own country which organization can confirm if you are member of your federation or not? I think your answer will be "my national Kickboxing federation". Therefore, the Chinese Taipei Kickboxing Association (WAKO Chinese Taipei) confirm one more thime that Mr. Carlos Marchado and Mrs Katia Lin are not members of our association since more than 2 years and not allowed to take part in Seminar organized in Singapore in compliance of WAKO rules and regulations.

I do not believe that me or our association made any wrong doing, we are developing Kickboxing in Chinese Taipei for more than 10 years, the country where we stooped the activities of many Kickboxing groups conducting parallel and similar activities then WAKO.
I hope that I answered to your inquiry in that regards and remind at your disposal if you need more information.
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Daniel OBON
Fonder Honorary President, Member of the Board, Delegate for all international affairs

Attachment 1

中華民國踢拳道協會
CHINESE TAIPEI KICKBOXING ASSOCIATION

Mr. Nasser NASSIRI
President
Asian Kickboxing Confederation
(WAKO ASIA)

Date: 02 August 2021
N°: 2021-08/015

By Email: nassiri@wakoasia.com, wakoasia@wakoplanet.com

Subject: Former members activities against Chinese Taipei Kickboxing Association (WAKO Chinese Taipei)

Dear President,

On behalf of Chinese Taipei Kickboxing Association, I would like to inform you that two former members of our association Mr. Carlos Machado and his wife Mrs. Katia Lin since they left the association, continue spreading propaganda against WAKO Chinese Taipei and its management.

They have left our organization and are involved in various activities against our board members and the association.

We would like by the present letter to officially inform you that Chinese Taipei Kickboxing Association dose not consent the participation of Mr. Carlos Machado and Mrs. Katia Lin in upcoming online Kickboxing seminar organized by WAKO ASIA.

You are kindly requested to deny such request in case it come to your attention.

We apologize for the possible confusion these people could cause.

Yours in Sport

Daniel OBON
President

Copy: Mr. Euncheon JEONG,
Chairman of Technical Committee of WAKO ASIA

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Attachment 2

中華民國踢拳道協會
CHINESE TAIPEI KICKBOXING ASSOCIATION

Mr. Nasser NASSIRI
President
Asian Kickboxing Confederation
(WAKO ASIA)

Date: 23 August 2022
N°: 2022-08/48

By Email: nassiri@wakoasia.com, wakoasia@wakoplanet.com

Subject: Dissident members of Association participation in an official seminar held by WAKO in Singapore

Dear President,

Unfortunately, one more time I have to come to you about the two dissident members of our Association Mr. Carlos Machado and his wife Mrs. Katia Lin about who I have spoken with you today.

We have informed you officially by our last year communication that the two above named persons are not any more members of Chinese Taipei Kickboxing Association and the fact that they are conducting the activities against our association, its management and members of the Board.

Today, we have received various propaganda messages visa different media channels, referring to their invitation in WAKO official Point Fighting seminar in Singapore.

In one of the posts published by Mr. Carlos Machado in his Facebook account, he claims he was invited by Mr. Brian Beck, the Chairman of WAKO referee Tatami committee, (see enclosed the copy of the post).

I have contacted Mr Brian Beck who confirmed to me that he did not know these people to invite them and he was just in Singapore for conducting seminar and he has nothing to do with the invitation of participants.

In addition, the two dissidents' persons, claiming having received the certification of being International WAKO referee.

During my telephone conversation of today with Mr. Brian Beck, we have concluded that they could only be invited by Singapore Kickboxing Federation which was the host of such seminar.

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CHINESE TAIPEI KICKBOXING ASSOCIATION

I believe that by both WAKO and WAKO ASIA statutes, rules and regulations the participation in any activities, competition and seminars are reserved only to WAKO National members.

By the present letter, I would like to seek for your assistance to clarify the irregular participation of Mr. Carlos Machado and Mrs. Katia Lin in above mentioned seminar.

I would like to inform you that we will also inform Mr Roy BAKER, the President of WAKO about that issue and file the complaint against Singapore Kickboxing Federation for such intentional conduct. Please consider this letter as official complaint of our association against Kickboxing Federation of Singpore and Mr. Carlos Machado and Mrs. Katia Lin.

I would like to remind you that in September 2019, when we were the host of training camps, 3 members of Singapore Kickboxing Association have showed up for the seminar and were not able to provide the entire cost of their accommodation which finally I was obliged personally to deal with the payment. Of course, at that time, I received an appreciation letter with many thanks which you were also in copy.

However, since December 2019 and the incident which have been created by two of their members in Manila occupying the hotel room without authorization and registration which end to their suspension, they have taken different position against us and invitation of the dissent members of our association to an official WAKO seminar without our preapproval is one of the acts, which of course hurt activities and position of the Chinese Taipei Kickboxing Association (WAKO Chinese Taipei) in the country where there are many dissident Kickboxing groups. One more time, we would like to confirm that Mr. Carlos Machado and Mrs. Katia Lin are not currently members of Chinese Taipei Kickboxing Association (WAKO Chinese Taipei) and could not participate in above mentioned seminar in Singapore.

Yours in Sport

Daniel OBON
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Attachment 3

User **Carlos Machado Hwa Rang** has just subscribed for subscription plan 個人資格 **Individual Qualificationship**. The subscription detail is as follow:

資格類別	個人資格 Individual Qualificationship
帳號	carlos1130
起始日期	08-24-2022
到期日期	08-24-2023

請注意申請個人選手帳號，在秩序冊、對戰表或收據上，將只會出現個人名字，如欲代表學校、道館等組織出賽，需由教練或館長代表申請俱樂部或聯盟帳號！！

成員姓名	Carlos Machado
身份證字號/居留證號碼	F800183773
出生年月日	11-30-1990
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Regards,

WAKO - Flash Sports

Attachment 4

User 林郁璇 林郁璇 has just subscribed for subscription plan 個人資格 **Individual Qualificationship**. The subscription detail is as follow:

資格類別	個人資格 Individual Qualificationship
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到期日期	08-24-2023

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成員姓名	林郁璇
身份證字號/居留證號碼	A227033211
出生年月日	12-24-1991
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連絡電話 **Phone**	0919607015
道館 / 學校 / 團體名稱（個人資格填寫姓名，請務必填寫正確，此名稱將為收據抬頭。）	林郁璇
Email	xuck1991@gmail.com
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Regards,

WAKO - Flash Sports

Attachment 5

First Name	Last Name	Plan	Start Date / End Date	Created Date	Gross Amount	Status	ID
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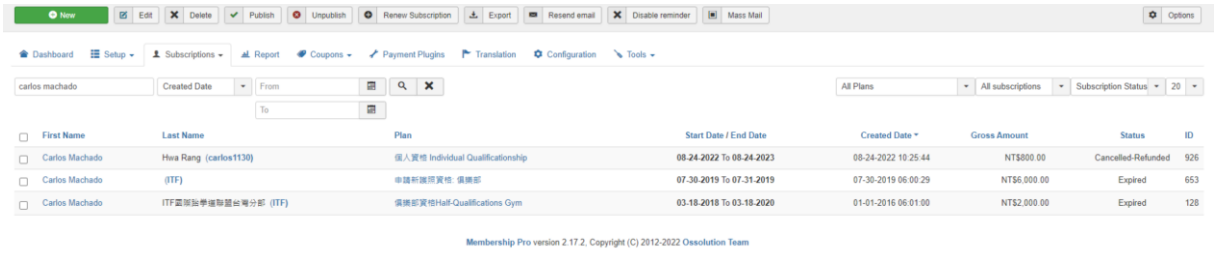

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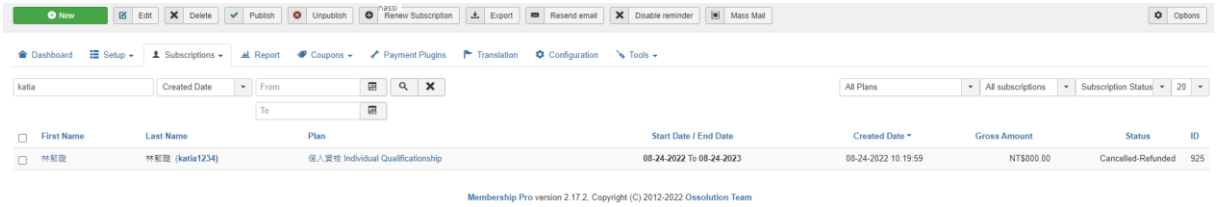


Attachment 8

On 10th of October WAKO Asia sent an email as follows:

Dear Niki,

I am following the below correspondences. As you are informed, we were all in Jesolo since 1st October and some of others just return home. This is my case and I return to Paris just this evening. As you were informed by my email of 2 October, I have already sent you preliminary response on 27 September with various attached which have not been reviewed by legal committee of WAKO ASIA neither our Lawyer.

Apparently, the email of 27 September (see attached) did not reach you. I did not receive a reply when question you and Barbara if the letter and its exhibits were received.

During the last 10 days in Jesolo, I really did not have time to go over that issue in detail as there were more important issues which are still pending such as finalization of organization of Asian Championships and General Assembly that we plan to held in December during Asian Championships.

In addition, I have also to deal with personal business while I am not at 100% with my health condition.

It is my and also the legal committee opinion that this simple case has been rendered more complex than you can imagine attentionally in order to create confusion among involved people. Therefore, both legal committee and the lawyer of WAKO ASIA requested that all information and documents should be carefully reviewed before any official communication also because of existing the current civil legal procedure linking to the parties involved.

In myside, I have many medical examinations starting tomorrow, to get ready for a day hospitalization on 17 October and hopefully if I can have clearance, I may attend Cambodia from 21st to 28th October and then to the 5th November in Bangkok for finalization of Asian Championships and General Assembly.

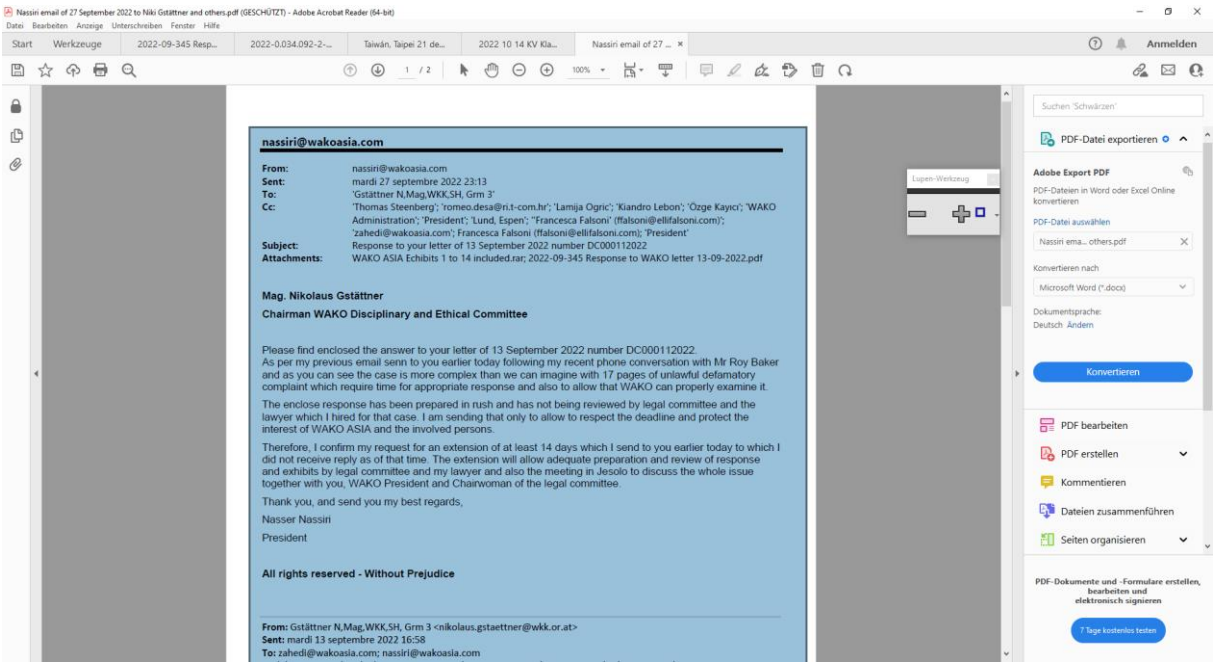
For your information the dates of Asian Championships are from 10 to 18 December included and the major preparation will take place in November and early December.

Unfortunately, is not easy when someone has its own business, personal issues in particular health issue to deal with.

Therefore, I have to request for an additional extension which will allow adequate preparation.

I do not believe that there is any rush, therefore if you can take into consideration the above-mentioned difficulties and to extend the deadline sometimes after Asian Championships and General Assembly, I will be better

devoted myself to preparation of Asian Championships and General Assembly and adequate preparation of response.
Thank you and best regards,
Nasser



nassiri@wakoasia.com

From: nassiri@wakoasia.com
Sent: mardi 27 septembre 2022 23:13
To: 'Gstättner N,Mag,WKK,SH, Grm 3'
Cc: 'Thomas Steenberg'; 'romeo.desa@ri.t-com.hr'; 'Lamija Ogric'; 'Kiandro Lebon'; 'Özge Kaycı'; 'WAKO Administration'; 'President'; 'Lund, Espen'; "Francesca Falsoni' (ffalsoni@ellifalsoni.com)'; 'zahedi@wakoasia.com'; Francesca Falsoni (ffalsoni@ellifalsoni.com); 'President'
Subject: Response to your letter of 13 September 2022 number DC00112022
Attachments: WAKO ASIA Echibits 1 to 14 included.rar; 2022-09-345 Response to WAKO letter 13-09-2022.pdf

Mag. Nikolaus Gstättner
Chairman WAKO Disciplinary and Ethical Committee

Please find enclosed the answer to your letter of 13 September 2022 number DC00112022.
As per my previous email senn to you earlier today following my recent phone conversation with Mr Roy Baker and as you can see the case is more complex than we can imagine with 17 pages of unlawful defamatory complaint which require time for appropriate response and also to allow that WAKO can properly examine it.

The enclose response has been prepared in rush and has not being reviewed by legal committee and the lawyer which I hired for that case. I am sending that only to allow to respect the deadline and protect the interest of WAKO ASIA and the involved persons.

Therefore, I confirm my request for an extension of at least 14 days which I send to you earlier today to which I did not receive reply as of that time. The extension will allow adequate preparation and review of response and exhibits by legal committee and my lawyer and also the meeting in Jesolo to discuss the whole issue together with you, WAKO President and Chairwoman of the legal committee.

Thank you, and send you my best regards,

Nasser Nassiri

President

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From: Gstättner N,Mag,WKK,SH, Grm 3 <nikolaus.gstaettner@wkk.or.at>
Sent: mardi 13 septembre 2022 16:58
To: zahedi@wakoasia.com; nassiri@wakoasia.com

Attachment to the mail of WAKO Asia

On 11th of October WAKO Chinese Taipei sent an email as follows:

Dear Nikki,
Last 10 days as you know we were all too busy during the championships in Italy and I had not enough time to properly review with my legal committee the letters. After the championships I had 2 days transit and I couldn't reach my office yet. Kindly extend more days the deadline so that we can prepare the documents properly
Daniel Obon, Chinese Taipei Kickboxing

On 11th of October the WAKO Ethical- and Disciplinary Committee informed WAKO Asia about the extension of the deadline in this matter to 02nd of November 2022. An extension of the deadline until the end of December was rejected because both parties have the right to a speedy procedure and a quick decision. An organisation such as WAKO Asia must be able to make a statement on the allegations in this matter within a period of more than six weeks. WAKO Asia was informed that if WAKO Asia would have an agreement with the complainant for a longer period of time to respond, the WAKO Disciplinary and Ethical Committee will also consider a further extension of the deadline. Such an agreement between WAKO Asia and the complainant must be received in writing by the WAKO Disciplinary and Ethical Committee within the time limit.

On 11th of October the WAKO Ethical- and Disciplinary Committee informed WAKO Chinese Taipei about the extension of the deadline in this matter to 02nd of November 2022.

On 17th of October WAKO Asia send an email as follows:

Dear Nikki,
Please take time to download the file which was preliminary response and its exhibit sent to you on 11 October 2022.
Take in consideration that the response need to be review in detail by myself, legal committee, and lawyer.
I had many personal issues last since I return back from Jesolo and still not have time to meet with lawyer and legal committee.
I will do my best, but please keep the file and its exhibits as preliminary responses.
You can download the preliminary response and its Exhibits in the following link: https://we.tl/t-bEDPu9l0Ly
With the best regards, Nasser

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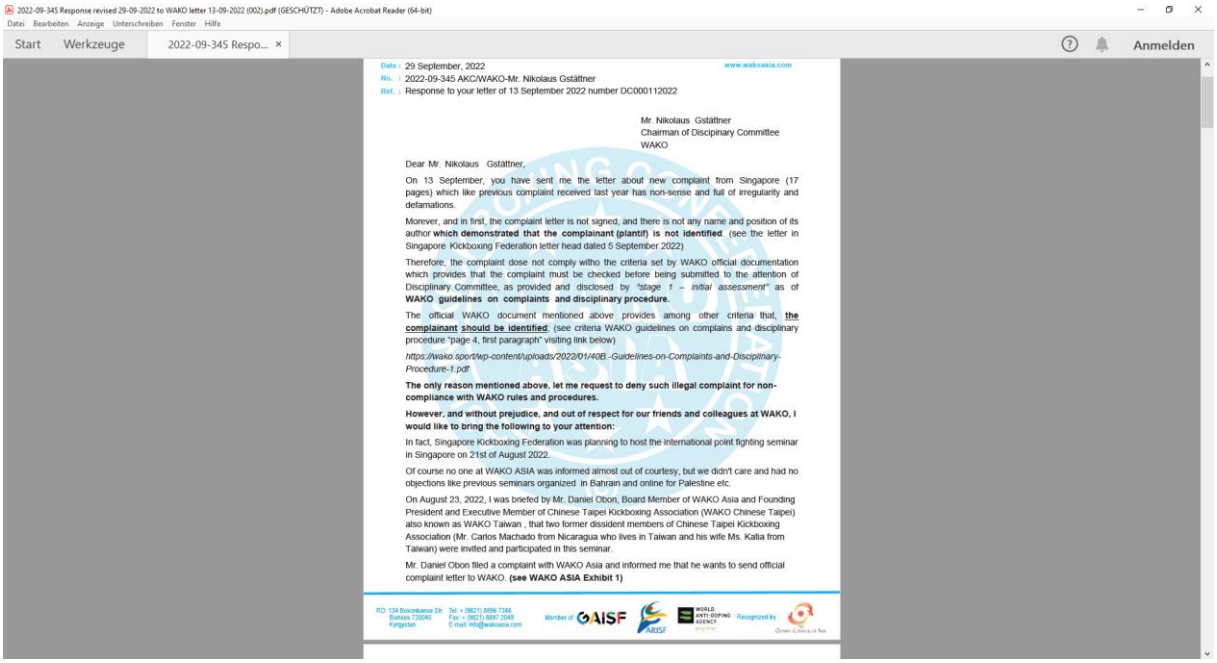

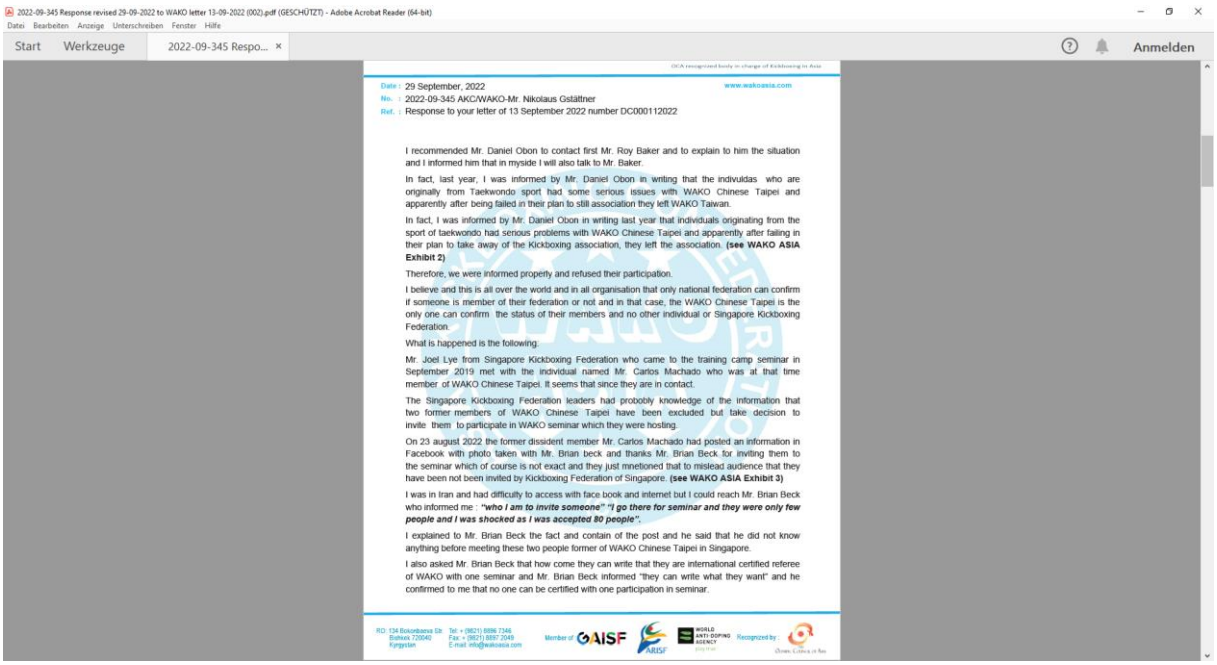
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I recommended Mr. Daniel Obon to contact first Mr. Roy Baker and to explain to him the situation and I informed him that in myside I will also talk to Mr. Baker.
In fact, last year, I was informed by Mr. Daniel Obon in writing that the indivuldas who are originally from Taekwondo sport had some serious issues with WAKO Chinese Taipei and apparently after being failed in their plan to still association they left WAKO Taiwan.
In fact, I was informed by Mr. Daniel Obon in writing last year that individuals originating from the sport of taekwondo had serious problems with WAKO Chinese Taipei and apparently after failing in their plan to take away of the Kickboxing association, they left the association. (see WAKO ASIA Exhibit 2)
Therefore, we were informed properly and refused their participation.
I believe and this is all over the world and in all organisation that only national federation can confirm if someone is member of their federation or not and in that case, the WAKO Chinese Taipei is the only one can confirm the status of their members and no other individual or Singapore Kickboxing Federation.
What is happened is the following:
Mr. Joel Lye from Singapore Kickboxing Federation who came to the training camp seminar in September 2019 met with the individual named Mr. Carlos Machado who was at that time member of WAKO Chinese Taipei. It seems that since they are in contact.
The Singapore Kickboxing Federation leaders had probobly knowledge of the information that two former members of WAKO Chinese Taipei have been excluded but take decision to invite them to participate in WAKO seminar which they were hosting.
On 23 august 2022 the former dissident member Mr. Carlos Machado had posted an information in Facebook with photo taken with Mr. Brian beck and thanks Mr. Brian Beck for inviting them to the seminar which of course is not exact and they just mnetioned that to mislead audience that they have been not been invited by Kickboxing Federation of Singapore. (see WAKO ASIA Exhibit 3)
I was in Iran and had difficulty to access with face book and internet but I could reach Mr. Brian Beck who informed me : "who I am to invite someone" "I go there for seminar and they were only few people and I was shocked as I was accepted 80 people".
I explained to Mr. Brian Beck the fact and contain of the post and he said that he did not know anything before meeting these two people former of WAKO Chinese Taipei in Singapore.
I also asked Mr. Brian Beck that how come they can write that they are international certified referee of WAKO with one seminar and Mr. Brian Beck informed "they can write what they want" and he confirmed to me that no one can be certified with one participation in seminar.
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Same day, on 23 august 2022 the person who works as service provider for WAKO Asia as public relations corresponding agent contacted office and informed Secretary General that Mr. Jason Lim has posted information about seminar and qualified the seminar conducted in Singapore as "first ever point fighting seminar in south East Asia". She informed office that "there are some confusions and people sending different messages to Facebook and Instagram message platform requesting clarification".
She also informed office that she received message from different people from Chinese Taipei about participation of two former members of WAKO Chinese Taipei in WAKO seminar in Singapore and asking why they were not invited by WAKO ASIA and WAKO Chinese Taipei.
She was asked to clarify that the seminar "had nothing and has nothing to do with south East Asia and Asian Kickboxing Confederation" and also that the two individuals from WAKO Chinese Taipei are not members of WAKO Chinese Taipei and were not allowed by rules and regulations of WAKO and WAKO Asia to take part in any seminar which are reserved only to WAKO members.
In additional, what Mr. Jason Lim stated in his post of 23 August 2022: "Kickboxing Federation of Singapore is pleased to announce the successful organisation of Singapore and South East Asia's very 1st Point Fighting Seminar", (see WAKO ASIA Exhibit 4), is not exact and considerate as propaganda information for simple reason that, firstly on 22 August 2022 Singapore Kickboxing Federation declared that the seminar was "1st international WAKO Kickboxing Tatami Development seminar in Singapore" (see WAKO ASIA Exhibit 5), and secondly WAKO ASIA have conducted many seminars in particular for Point Fighting in Vietnam and Thailand in 2008/2009 and again in 2017 and 2018 in Indonesia and not to forget that we have organised the technical seminar in both ring and tatami in March 2019 in Singapore.
As demonstrated above and supported by WAKO ASIA Exhibits 5, Kickboxing Federation of Singapore have tried to conduct the seminar with the name of "1st international WAKO Kickboxing Tatami Development seminar" and such was announced by Kickboxing Federation of Singapore. However, as they had only few people including the two dissident's former members of WAKO Chinese Taipei, they attempted to change the title of seminar probably in order to hide the impact of not having participants if such was international.
It is note that at the same period between 17-21 August it was declared by Kickboxing Federation of Singapore by various posts the existence of "Singapore Kickboxing Festival 2022" (see WAKO ASIA Exhibits 6 and 7).
On 23 August 2022, Mr. Jason Lim posted the information stating among other that Singapore Kickboxing Federation organized "1st international WAKO Kickboxing Tatami Development seminar" and Singapore Kickboxing Federation is leading country in Kickboxing in south East Asia....
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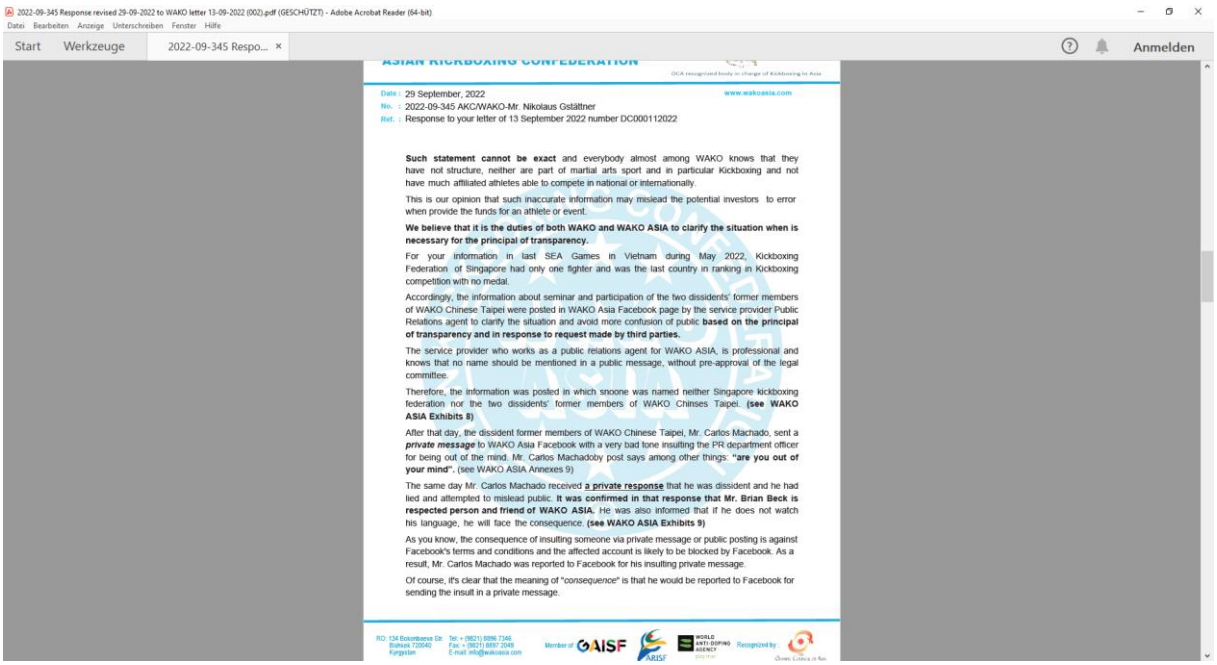

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Such statement cannot be exact and everybody almost among WAKO knows that they have not structure, neither are part of martial arts sport and in particular Kickboxing and not have much affiliated athletes able to compete in national or internationally.

This is our opinion that such inaccurate information may mislead the potential investors to error when provide the funds for an athlete or event.

We believe that it is the duties of both WAKO and WAKO ASIA to clarify the situation when is necessary for the principal of transparency.

For your information in last SEA Games in Vietnam during May 2022, Kickboxing Federation of Singapore had only one fighter and was the last country in ranking in Kickboxing competition with no medal.

Accordingly, the information about seminar and participation of the two dissidents' former members of WAKO Chinese Taipei were posted in WAKO Asia Facebook page by the service provider Public Relations agent to clarify the situation and avoid more confusion of public **based on the principal of transparency and in response to request made by third parties.**

The service provider who works as a public relations agent for WAKO ASIA, is professional and knows that no name should be mentioned in a public message, without pre-approval of the legal committee.

Therefore, the information was posted in which snoone was named neither Singapore kickboxing federation nor the two dissidents' former members of WAKO Chinses Taipei. **(see WAKO ASIA Exhibits 8)**

After that day, the dissident former members of WAKO Chinese Taipei, Mr. Carlos Machado, sent a ***private message*** to WAKO Asia Facebook with a very bad tone insulting the PR department officer for being out of the mind. Mr. Carlos Machadoby post says among other things: **"are you out of your mind"**, (see WAKO ASIA Annexes 9)

The same day Mr. Carlos Machado received **a private response** that he was dissident and he had lied and attempted to mislead public. **It was confirmed in that response that Mr. Brian Beck is respected person and friend of WAKO ASIA.** He was also informed that if he does not watch his language, he will face the consequence. **(see WAKO ASIA Exhibits 9)**

As you know, the consequence of insulting someone via private message or public posting is against Facebook's terms and conditions and the affected account is likely to be blocked by Facebook. As a result, Mr. Carlos Machado was reported to Facebook for his insulting private message.

Of course, it's clear that the meaning of "*consequence*" is that he would be reported to Facebook for sending the insult in a private message.

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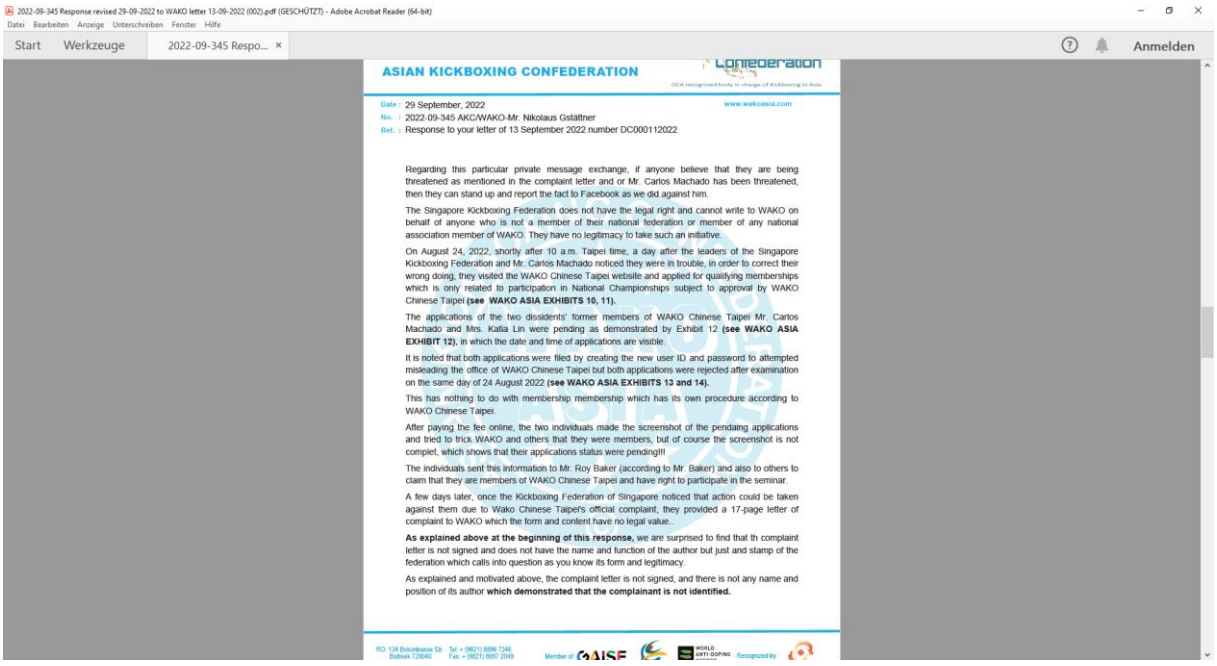

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Regarding this particular private message exchange, if anyone believe that they are being threatened as mentioned in the complaint letter and or Mr. Carlos Machado has been threatened, then they can stand up and report the fact to Facebook as we did against him.

The Singapore Kickboxing Federation does not have the legal right and cannot write to WAKO on behalf of anyone who is not a member of their national federation or member of any national association member of WAKO. They have no legitimacy to take such an initiative.

On August 24, 2022, shortly after 10 a.m. Taipei time, a day after the leaders of the Singapore Kickboxing Federation and Mr. Carlos Machado noticed they were in trouble, in order to correct their wrong doing, they visited the WAKO Chinese Taipei website and applied for qualifying memberships which is only related to participation in National Championships subject to approval by WAKO Chinese Taipei **(see WAKO ASIA EXHIBITS 10, 11).**

The applications of the two dissidents' former members of WAKO Chinese Taipei Mr. Carlos Machado and Mrs. Katia Lin were pending as demonstrated by Exhibit 12 **(see WAKO ASIA EXHIBIT 12),** in which the date and time of applications are visible.

It is noted that both applications were filed by creating the new user ID and password to attempted misleading the office of WAKO Chinese Taipei but both applications were rejected after examination on the same day of 24 August 2022 **(see WAKO ASIA EXHIBITS 13 and 14).**

This has nothing to do with membership membership which has its own procedure according to WAKO Chinese Taipei.

After paying the fee online, the two individuals made the screenshot of the pendaing applications and tried to trick WAKO and others that they were members, but of course the screenshot is not complet, which shows that their applications status were pending!!!

The individuals sent this information to Mr. Roy Baker (according to Mr. Baker) and also to others to claim that they are members of WAKO Chinese Taipei and have right to participate in the seminar.

A few days later, once the Kickboxing Federation of Singapore noticed that action could be taken against them due to Wako Chinese Taipei's official complaint, they provided a 17-page letter of complaint to WAKO which the form and content have no legal value..

As explained above at the beginning of this response, we are surprised to find that th complaint letter is not signed and does not have the name and function of the author but just and stamp of the federation which calls into question as you know its form and legitimacy.

As explained and motivated above, the complaint letter is not signed, and there is not any name and position of its author **which demonstrated that the complainant is not identified.**

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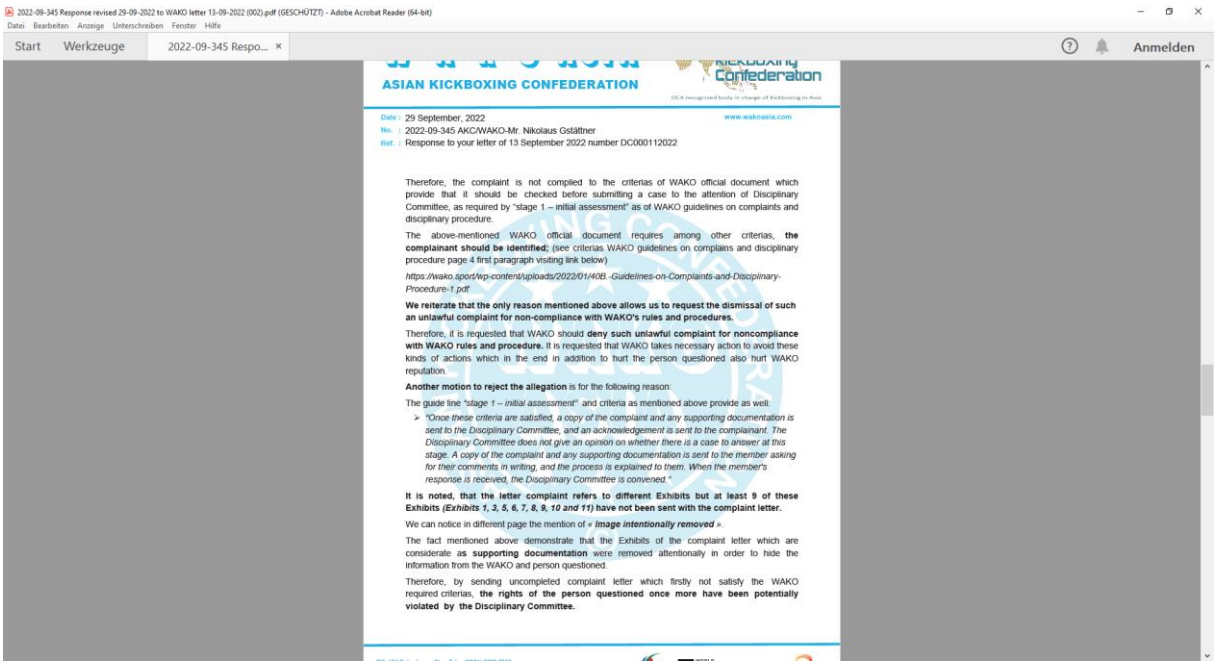

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Therefore, the complaint is not complied to the criterias of WAKO official document which provide that it should be checked before submitting a case to the attention of Disciplinary Committee, as required by "stage 1 – initial assessment" as of WAKO guidelines on complaints and disciplinary procedure.

The above-mentioned WAKO official document requires among other criterias, **the complainant should be identified;** (see criterias WAKO guidelines on complains and disciplinary procedure page 4 first paragraph visiting link below)

https://wako.sport/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/40B.-Guidelines-on-Complaints-and-Disciplinary-Procedure-1.pdf

We reiterate that the only reason mentioned above allows us to request the dismissal of such an unlawful complaint for non-compliance with WAKO's rules and procedures.

Therefore, it is requested that WAKO should **deny such unlawful complaint for noncompliance with WAKO rules and procedure.** It is requested that WAKO takes necessary action to avoid these kinds of actions which in the end in addition to hurt the person questioned also hurt WAKO reputation.

Another motion to reject the allegation is for the following reason:

The guide line *"stage 1 – initial assessment"* and criteria as mentioned above provide as well:

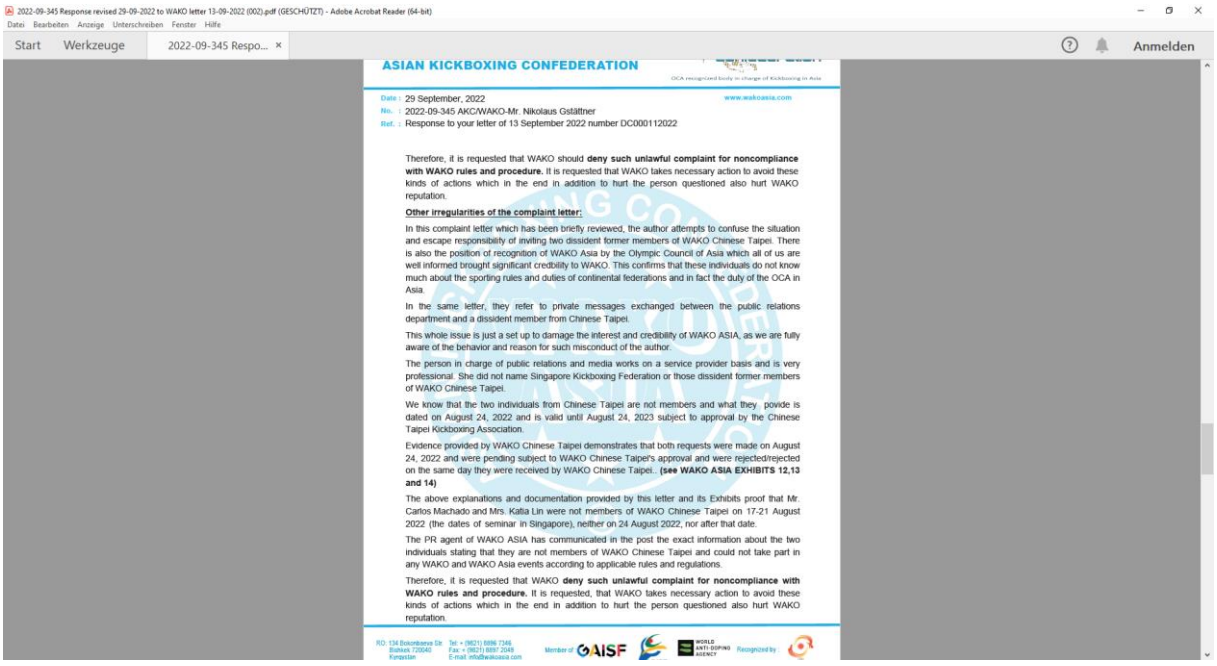
- *"Once these criteria are satisfied, a copy of the complaint and any supporting documentation is sent to the Disciplinary Committee, and an acknowledgement is sent to the complainant. The Disciplinary Committee does not give an opinion on whether there is a case to answer at this stage. A copy of the complaint and any supporting documentation is sent to the member asking for their comments in writing, and the process is explained to them. When the member's response is received, the Disciplinary Committee is convened."*

It is noted, that the letter complaint refers to different Exhibits but at least 9 of these Exhibits *(Exhibits 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11)* have not been sent with the complaint letter.

We can notice in different page the mention of ***« Image intentionally removed »***.

The fact mentioned above demonstrate that the Exhibits of the complaint letter which are considerate **as supporting documentation** were removed attentionally in order to hide the information from the WAKO and person questioned.

Therefore, by sending uncompleted complaint letter which firstly not satisfy the WAKO required criterias, **the rights of the person questioned once more have been potentially violated by the Disciplinary Committee.**



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Other irregularities of the complaint letter:

In this complaint letter which has been briefly reviewed, the author attempts to confuse the situation and escape responsibility of inviting two dissident former members of WAKO Chinese Taipei. There is also the position of recognition of WAKO Asia by the Olympic Council of Asia which all of us are well informed brought significant credibility to WAKO. This confirms that these individuals do not know much about the sporting rules and duties of continental federations and in fact the duty of the OCA in Asia.

In the same letter, they refer to private messages exchanged between the public relations department and a dissident member from Chinese Taipei.

This whole issue is just a set up to damage the interest and credibility of WAKO ASIA, as we are fully aware of the behavior and reason for such misconduct of the author.

The person in charge of public relations and media works on a service provider basis and is very professional. She did not name Singapore Kickboxing Federation or those dissident former members of WAKO Chinese Taipei.

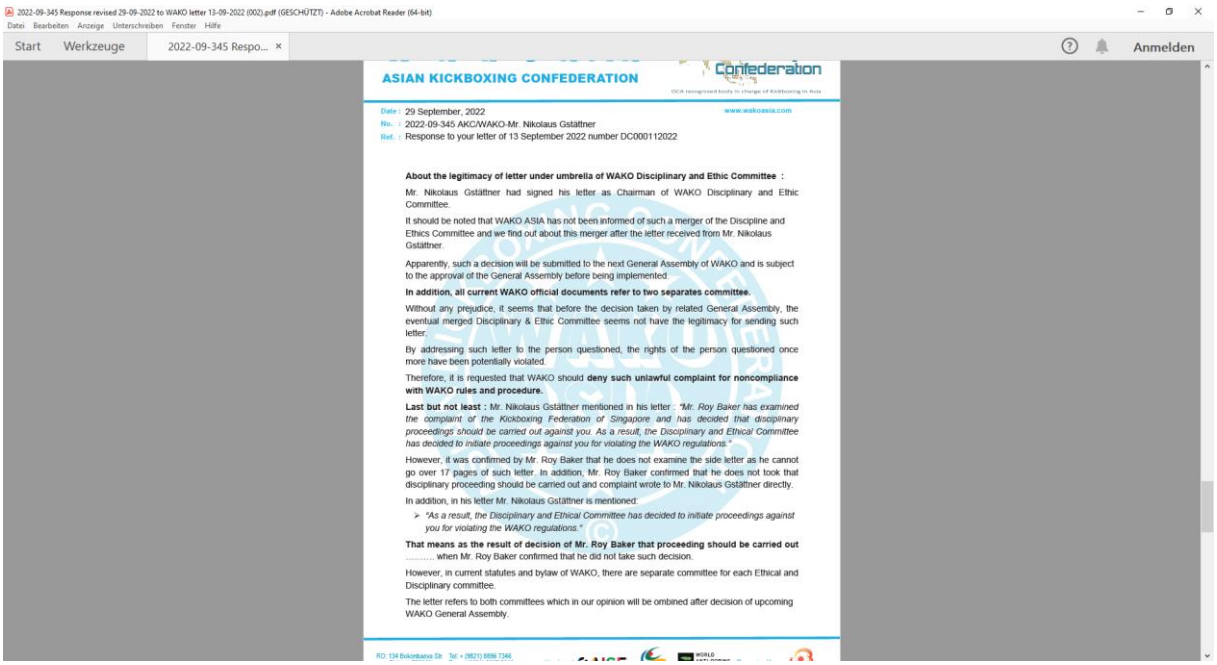
We know that the two individuals from Chinese Taipei are not members and what they provide is dated on August 24, 2022 and is valid until August 24, 2023 subject to approval by the Chinese Taipei Kickboxing Association.

Evidence provided by WAKO Chinese Taipei demonstrates that both requests were made on August 24, 2022 and were pending subject to WAKO Chinese Taipei's approval and were rejected/rejected on the same day they were received by WAKO Chinese Taipei. **(see WAKO ASIA EXHIBITS 12,13 and 14)**

The above explanations and documentation provided by this letter and its Exhibits proof that Mr. Carlos Machado and Mrs. Katia Lin were not members of WAKO Chinese Taipei on 17-21 August 2022 (the dates of seminar in Singapore), neither on 24 August 2022, nor after that date.

The PR agent of WAKO ASIA has communicated in the post the exact information about the two individuals stating that they are not members of WAKO Chinese Taipei and could not take part in any WAKO and WAKO Asia events according to applicable rules and regulations.

Therefore, it is requested that WAKO **deny such unlawful complaint for noncompliance with WAKO rules and procedure.** It is requested, that WAKO takes necessary action to avoid these kinds of actions which in the end in addition to hurt the person questioned also hurt WAKO reputation.



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About the legitimacy of letter under umbrella of WAKO Disciplinary and Ethic Committee :

Mr. Nikolaus Gstättner had signed his letter as Chairman of WAKO Disciplinary and Ethic Committee.

It should be noted that WAKO ASIA has not been informed of such a merger of the Discipline and Ethics Committee and we find out about this merger after the letter received from Mr. Nikolaus Gstättner.

Apparently, such a decision will be submitted to the next General Assembly of WAKO and is subject to the approval of the General Assembly before being implemented.

In addition, all current WAKO official documents refer to two separates committee.

Without any prejudice, it seems that before the decision taken by related General Assembly, the eventual merged Disciplinary & Ethic Committee seems not have the legitimacy for sending such letter.

By addressing such letter to the person questioned, the rights of the person questioned once more have been potentially violated.

Therefore, it is requested that WAKO should **deny such unlawful complaint for noncompliance with WAKO rules and procedure.**

Last but not least : Mr. Nikolaus Gstättner mentioned in his letter *"Mr. Roy Baker has examined the complaint of the Kickboxing Federation of Singapore and has decided that disciplinary proceedings should be carried out against you. As a result, the Disciplinary and Ethical Committee has decided to initiate proceedings against you for violating the WAKO regulations."*

However, it was confirmed by Mr. Roy Baker that he does not examine the side letter as he cannot go over 17 pages of such letter. In addition, Mr. Roy Baker confirmed that he does not took that disciplinary proceeding should be carried out and complaint wrote to Mr. Nikolaus Gstättner directly.

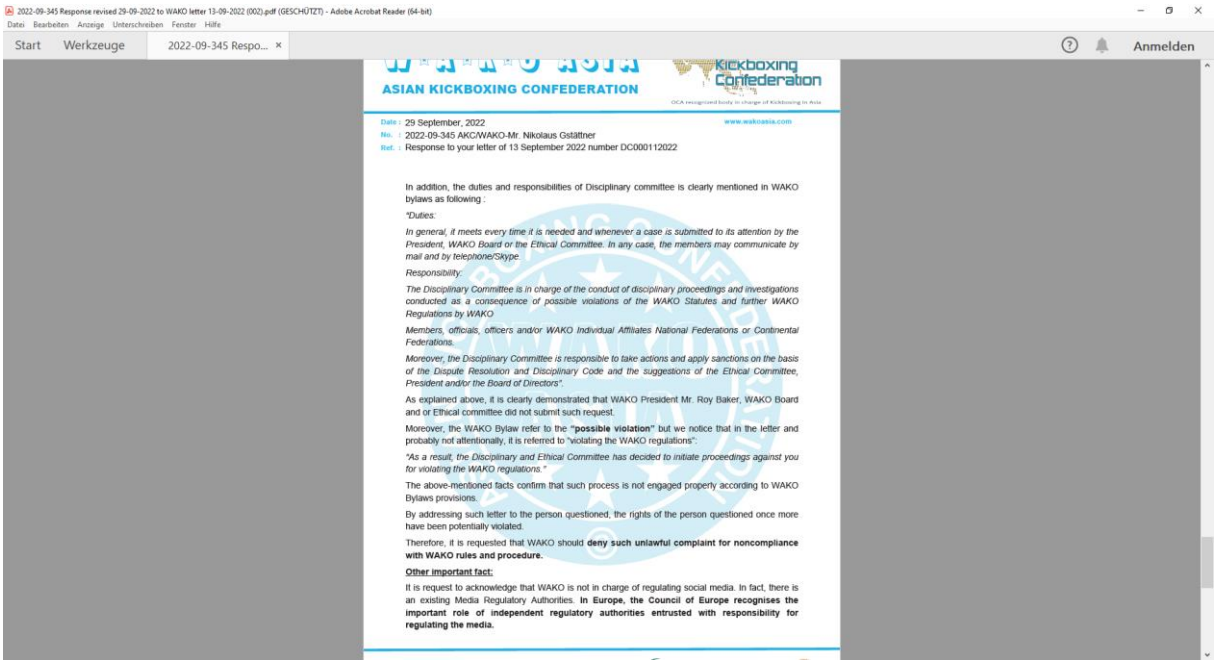
In addition, in his letter Mr. Nikolaus Gstättner is mentioned:

- *"As a result, the Disciplinary and Ethical Committee has decided to initiate proceedings against you for violating the WAKO regulations."*

That means as the result of decision of Mr. Roy Baker that proceeding should be carried out ..... when Mr. Roy Baker confirmed that he did not take such decision.

However, in current statutes and bylaw of WAKO, there are separate committee for each Ethical and Disciplinary committee.

The letter refers to both committees which in our opinion will be ombined after decision of upcoming WAKO General Assembly.



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In addition, the duties and responsibilities of Disciplinary committee is clearly mentioned in WAKO bylaws as following :

"Duties:

In general, it meets every time it is needed and whenever a case is submitted to its attention by the President, WAKO Board or the Ethical Committee. In any case, the members may communicate by mail and by telephone/Skype.

Responsibility:

The Disciplinary Committee is in charge of the conduct of disciplinary proceedings and investigations conducted as a consequence of possible violations of the WAKO Statutes and further WAKO Regulations by WAKO

Members, officials, officers and/or WAKO Individual Affiliates National Federations or Continental Federations.

Moreover, the Disciplinary Committee is responsible to take actions and apply sanctions on the basis of the Dispute Resolution and Disciplinary Code and the suggestions of the Ethical Committee, President and/or the Board of Directors".

As explained above, it is clearly demonstrated that WAKO President Mr. Roy Baker, WAKO Board and or Ethical committee did not submit such request.

Moreover, the WAKO Bylaw refer to the **"possible violation"** but we notice that in the letter and probably not attentionally, it is referred to "violating the WAKO regulations":

"As a result, the Disciplinary and Ethical Committee has decided to initiate proceedings against you for violating the WAKO regulations."

The above-mentioned facts confirm that such process is not engaged properly according to WAKO Bylaws provisions.

By addressing such letter to the person questioned, the rights of the person questioned once more have been potentially violated.

Therefore, it is requested that WAKO should **deny such unlawful complaint for noncompliance with WAKO rules and procedure.**

Other important fact:

It is request to acknowledge that WAKO is not in charge of regulating social media. In fact, there is an existing Media Regulatory Authorities. **In Europe, the Council of Europe recognises the important role of independent regulatory authorities entrusted with responsibility for regulating the media.**

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A regulation framework must guarantee freedom of expression whilst at the same time ensuring a balance between this freedom and other legitimate rights and interests. For this purpose, specially appointed national regulatory authorities (NRAs) enjoying genuine independence, guaranteed by law and borne out in practice, have an important role to play.

In addition, there is not any regulation in WAKO rules and regulations concerning Facebook, private message by media tolls and in media posts. In fact, only Facebook can regulate the rules of publishing a post in Facebook including messages in respect to the Media Regulatory Authorities of its legal seat.

In additional and as mentioned above, such issue concerns the ***"Freedom of Speech and Expression"*** which is fundamental human right, enshrined by Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights according to the United National adopted rules and regulations which of course is also recognized by International Olympic Committee (IOC).

For additional informed, I wrote same day of receiving the letter from you a private email to Mr. Roy Baker and Mrs Francesca Falsoni and inform them that such act is not acceptable and we have already filed a legal lawsuit against Singapore Kickboxing Federation for their previous defamatory letter which came to our attention a year ago which is under investigation.

I informed Mr. Roy Baker that WAKO should warn these people to stop defamation acts against WAKO Asia otherwise he will face another lawsuit as the consequence.

Anyhow, a day ago, I had to call Mr. Roy Baker and I requested him to clarify with Mr. Nikolaus Gstättner and WAKO legal committee Chairwoman Mrs Francesca Falsoni in order that all allegation will be rejected.

As President of WAKO ASIA, I am be obliged to take necessary steps to protect the image of WAKO Asia.

I hope you will all take time to review the information and supporting documents and you will realise that this case has nothing to do with WAKO ASIA and myself as President and other persons working from outside for PR and media for WAKO ASIA.

Remain at your proposal for any additional information you may need.

With the best regards,

Nasser Nassiri
Asian Kickboxing Confederation (WAKO ASIA)
President

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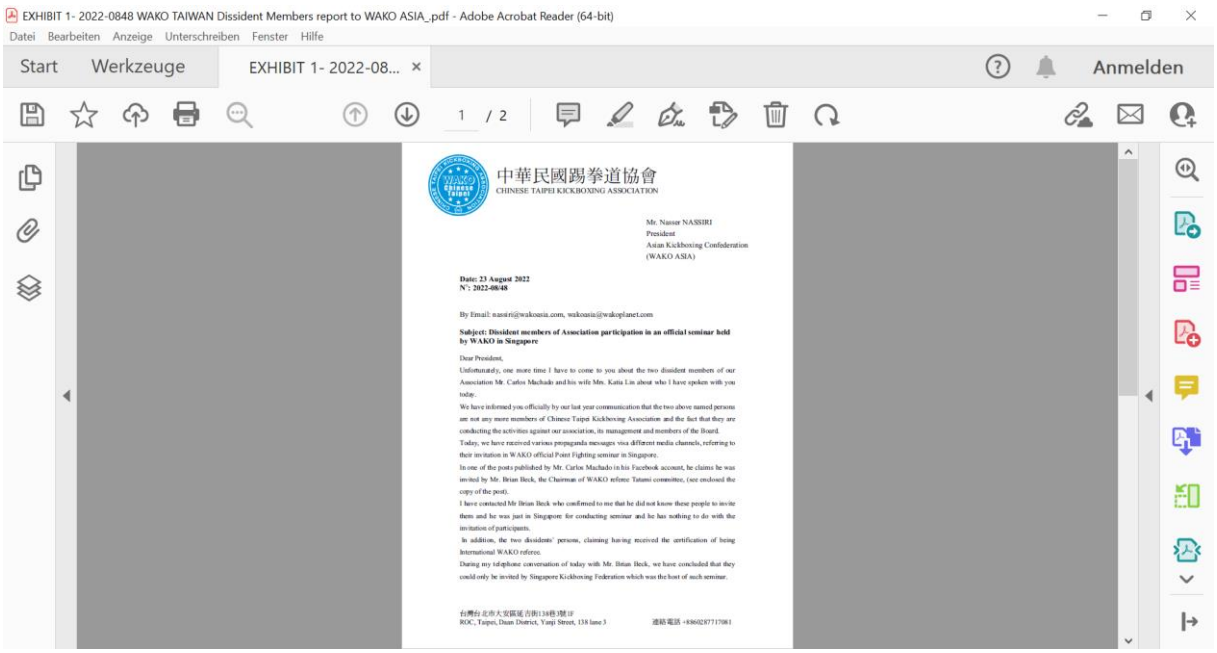

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Mr. Nasser NASSIRI
President
Asian Kickboxing Confederation
(WAKO ASIA)

Date: 23 August 2022
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Subject: Dissident members of Association participation in an official seminar held by WAKO in Singapore

Dear President,

Unfortunately, one more time I have to come to you about the two dissident members of our Association Mr. Carlos Machado and his wife Mrs. Katia Lin about who I have spoken with you today.

We have informed you officially by our last year communication that the two above named persons are not any more members of Chinese Taipei Kickboxing Association and the fact that they are conducting the activities against our association, its management and members of the Board.

Today, we have received various propaganda messages visa different media channels, referring to their invitation in WAKO official Point Fighting seminar in Singapore.

In one of the posts published by Mr. Carlos Machado in his Facebook account, he claims he was invited by Mr. Brian Beck, the Chairman of WAKO referee Tatami committee, (see enclosed the copy of the post).

I have contacted Mr Brian Beck who confirmed to me that he did not know these people to invite them and he was just in Singapore for conducting seminar and he has nothing to do with the invitation of participants.

In addition, the two dissidents' persons, claiming having received the certification of being International WAKO referee.

During my telephone conversation of today with Mr. Brian Beck, we have concluded that they could only be invited by Singapore Kickboxing Federation which was the host of such seminar.

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Attachment 2

中華民國踢拳道協會
CHINESE TAIPEI KICKBOXING ASSOCIATION

Mr. Nasser NASSIRI
President
Asian Kickboxing Confederation
(WAKO ASIA)

Date: 02 August 2021
N°: 2021-08/015

By Email: nassiri@wakoasia.com, wakoasia@wakoplanet.com

Subject: Former members activities against Chinese Taipei Kickboxing Association (WAKO Chinese Taipei)

Dear President,

On behalf of Chinese Taipei Kickboxing Association, I would like to inform you that two former members of our association Mr. Carlos Machado and his wife Mrs. Katia Lin since they left the association, continue spreading propaganda against WAKO Chinese Taipei and its management.

They have left our organization and are involved in various activities against our board members and the association.

We would like by the present letter to officially inform you that Chinese Taipei Kickboxing Association dose not consent the participation of Mr. Carlos Machado and Mrs. Katia Lin in upcoming online Kickboxing seminar organized by WAKO ASIA.

You are kindly requested to deny such request in case it come to your attention.

We apologize for the possible confusion these people could cause.

Yours in Sport

Daniel OBON
President

Copy: Mr. Euncheon JEONG,
Chairman of Technical Committee of WAKO ASIA

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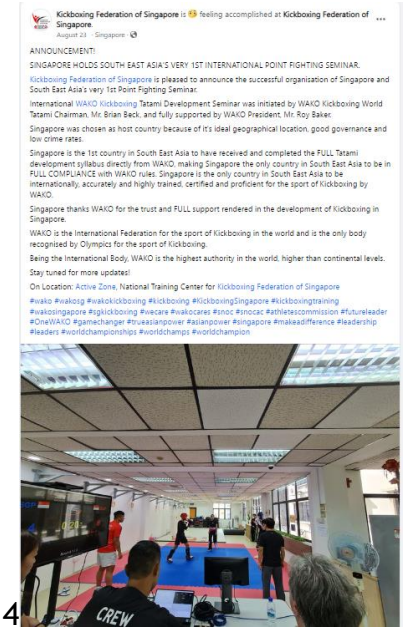

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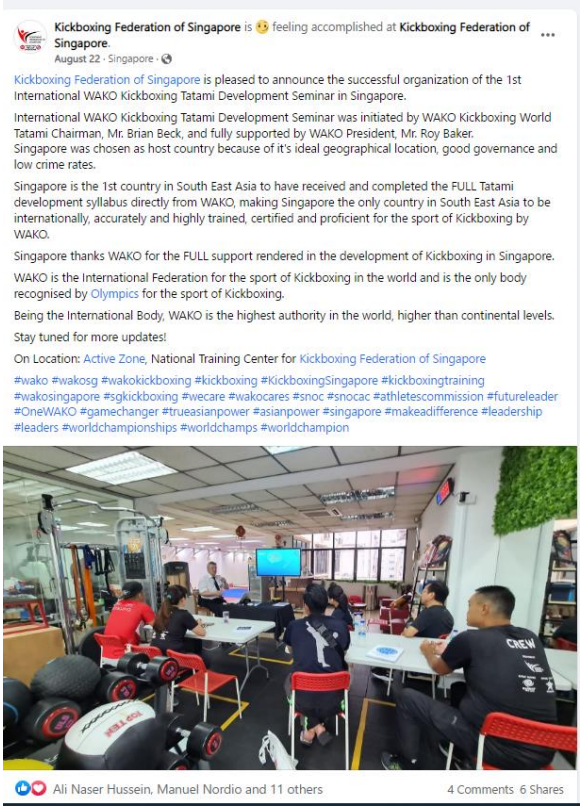

Kickboxing Federation of Singapore is feeling accomplished at **Kickboxing Federation of Singapore**.
August 22 · Singapore ·

Kickboxing Federation of Singapore is pleased to announce the successful organization of the 1st International WAKO Kickboxing Tatami Development Seminar in Singapore.

International WAKO Kickboxing Tatami Development Seminar was initiated by WAKO Kickboxing World Tatami Chairman, Mr. Brian Beck, and fully supported by WAKO President, Mr. Roy Baker.
Singapore was chosen as host country because of it's ideal geographical location, good governance and low crime rates.

Singapore is the 1st country in South East Asia to have received and completed the FULL Tatami development syllabus directly from WAKO, making Singapore the only country in South East Asia to be internationally, accurately and highly trained, certified and proficient for the sport of Kickboxing by WAKO.

Singapore thanks WAKO for the FULL support rendered in the development of Kickboxing in Singapore.

WAKO is the International Federation for the sport of Kickboxing in the world and is the only body recognised by Olympics for the sport of Kickboxing.

Being the International Body, WAKO is the highest authority in the world, higher than continental levels.

Stay tuned for more updates!

On Location: Active Zone, National Training Center for Kickboxing Federation of Singapore

#wako #wakosg #wakokickboxing #kickboxing #KickboxingSingapore #kickboxingtraining #wakosingapore #sgkickboxing #wecare #wakocares #snoc #snocac #athletescommission #futureleader #OneWAKO #gamechanger #trueasianpower #asianpower #singapore #makeadifference #leadership #leaders #worldchampionships #worldchamps #worldchampion

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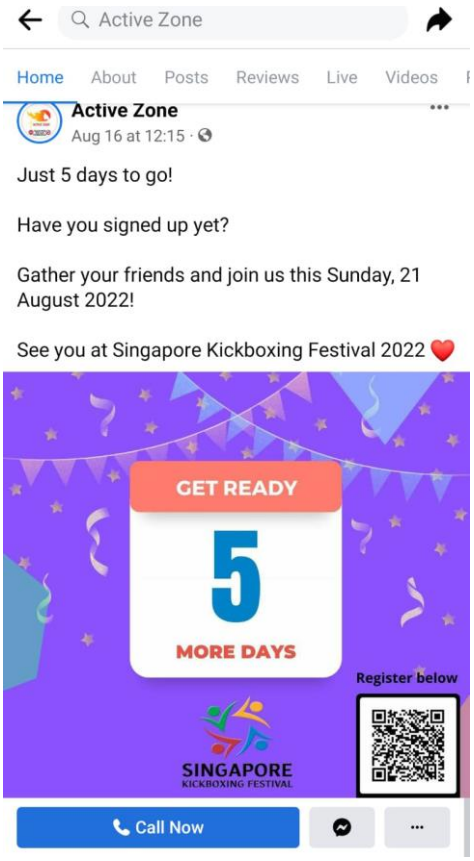

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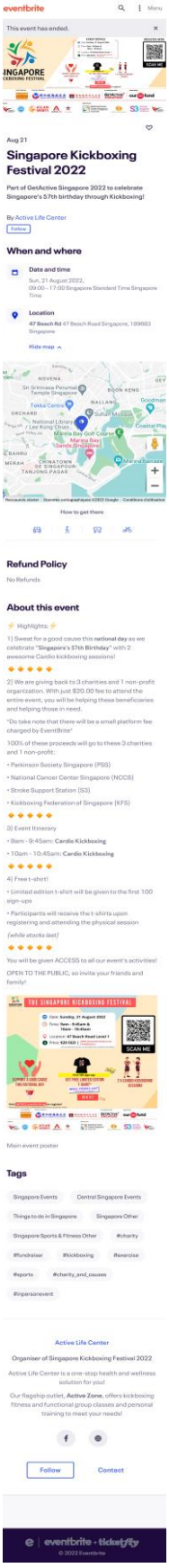

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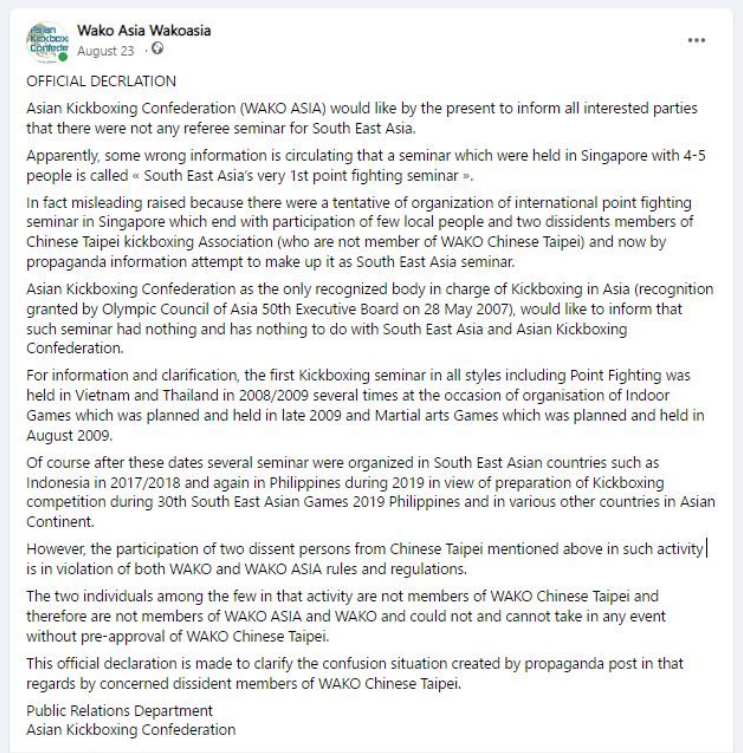

Wako Asia Wakoasia
August 23 ·

OFFICIAL DECRLATION

Asian Kickboxing Confederation (WAKO ASIA) would like by the present to inform all interested parties that there were not any referee seminar for South East Asia.

Apparently, some wrong information is circulating that a seminar which were held in Singapore with 4-5 people is called « South East Asia's very 1st point fighting seminar ».

In fact misleading raised because there were a tentative of organization of international point fighting seminar in Singapore which end with participation of few local people and two dissidents members of Chinese Taipei kickboxing Association (who are not member of WAKO Chinese Taipei) and now by propaganda information attempt to make up it as South East Asia seminar.

Asian Kickboxing Confederation as the only recognized body in charge of Kickboxing in Asia (recognition granted by Olympic Council of Asia 50th Executive Board on 28 May 2007), would like to inform that such seminar had nothing and has nothing to do with South East Asia and Asian Kickboxing Confederation.

For information and clarification, the first Kickboxing seminar in all styles including Point Fighting was held in Vietnam and Thailand in 2008/2009 several times at the occasion of organisation of Indoor Games which was planned and held in late 2009 and Martial arts Games which was planned and held in August 2009.

Of course after these dates several seminar were organized in South East Asian countries such as Indonesia in 2017/2018 and again in Philippines during 2019 in view of preparation of Kickboxing competition during 30th South East Asian Games 2019 Philippines and in various other countries in Asian Continent.

However, the participation of two dissent persons from Chinese Taipei mentioned above in such activity is in violation of both WAKO and WAKO ASIA rules and regulations.

The two individuals among the few in that activity are not members of WAKO Chinese Taipei and therefore are not members of WAKO ASIA and WAKO and could not and cannot take in any event without pre-approval of WAKO Chinese Taipei.

This official declaration is made to clarify the confusion situation created by propaganda post in that regards by concerned dissident members of WAKO Chinese Taipei.

Public Relations Department
Asian Kickboxing Confederation

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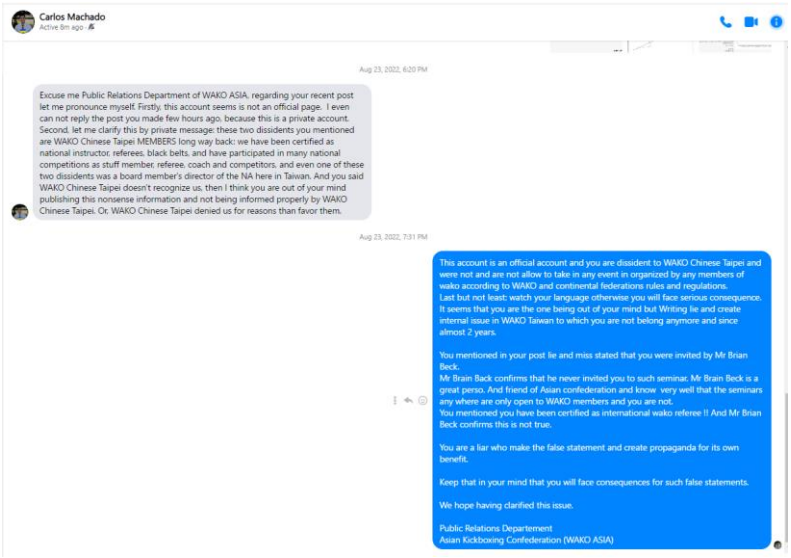

Carlos Machado
Active 6m ago

Aug 23, 2022, 6:20 PM

Excuse me Public Relations Department of WAKO ASIA, regarding your recent post let me pronounce myself. Firstly, this account seems is not an official page. I even can not reply the post you made few hours ago, because this is a private account. Second, let me clarify this by private message: these two dissidents you mentioned are WAKO Chinese Taipei MEMBERS long way back: we have been certified as national instructor, referees, black belts, and have participated in many national competitions as stuff member, referee, coach and competitors. and even one of these two dissidents was a board member's director of the NA here in Taiwan. And you said WAKO Chinese Taipei doesn't recognize us, then I think you are out of your mind publishing this nonsense information and not being informed properly by WAKO Chinese Taipei. Or, WAKO Chinese Taipei denied us for reasons than favor them.

Aug 23, 2022, 7:31 PM

This account is an official account and you are dissident to WAKO Chinese Taipei and were not and are not allow to take in any event in organized by any members of wako according to WAKO and continental federations rules and regulations.
Last but not least: watch your language otherwise you will face serious consequence.
It seems that you are the one being out of your mind but Writing lie and create internal issue in WAKO Taiwan to which you are not belong anymore and since almost 2 years.

You mentioned in your post lie and miss stated that you were invited by Mr Brian Beck.
Mr Brain Back confirms that he never invited you to such seminar. Mr Brain Beck is a great perso. And friend of Asian confederation and know very well that the seminars any where are only open to WAKO members and you are not.
You mentioned you have been certified as international wako referee !! And Mr Brian Beck confirms this is not true.

You are a liar who make the false statement and create propaganda for its own benefit.

Keep that in your mind that you will face consequences for such false statements.

We hope having clarified this issue.

Public Relations Departement
Asian Kickboxing Confederation (WAKO ASIA)

Attachment 10

User **Carlos Machado Hwa Rang** has just subscribed for subscription plan 個人資格 **Individual Qualificationship**. The subscription detail is as follow:

資格類別	個人資格 Individual Qualificationship
帳號	carlos1130
起始日期	08-24-2022
到期日期	08-24-2023

請注意申請個人選手帳號，在秩序冊、對戰表或收據上，將只會出現個人名字，如欲代表學校、道館等組織出賽，需由教練或館長代表申請俱樂部或聯盟帳號！！

成員姓名	Carlos Machado
身份證字號/居留證號碼	F800183773
出生年月日	11-30-1990
地址 **Address**	台北市中正區忠孝東路一段176號2樓之1
連絡電話 **Phone**	0975143850
道館 / 學校 / 團體名稱（個人資格填寫姓名，請務必填寫正確，此名稱將為收據抬頭。）	Hwa Rang
Email	carlositftw@gmail.com
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Regards,

WAKO - Flash Sports

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User 林郁璇 林郁璇 has just subscribed for subscription plan 個人資格 **Individual Qualificationship**. The subscription detail is as follow:

資格類別	個人資格 Individual Qualificationship
帳號	katia1234
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成員姓名	林郁璇
身份證字號/居留證號碼	A227033211
出生年月日	12-24-1991
地址 **Address**	台北市忠孝東路一段176號2樓
連絡電話 **Phone**	0919607015
道館 / 學校 / 團體名稱（個人資格填寫姓名，請務必填寫正確，此名稱將為收據抬頭。）	林郁璇
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Regards,

WAKO - Flash Sports

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First Name	Last Name	Plan	Start Date / End Date	Created Date	Gross Amount	Status	ID
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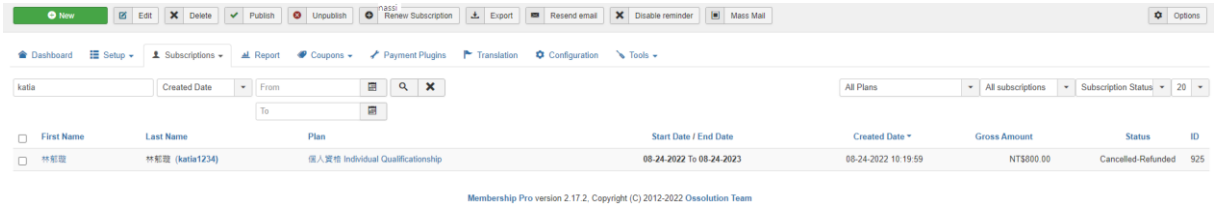

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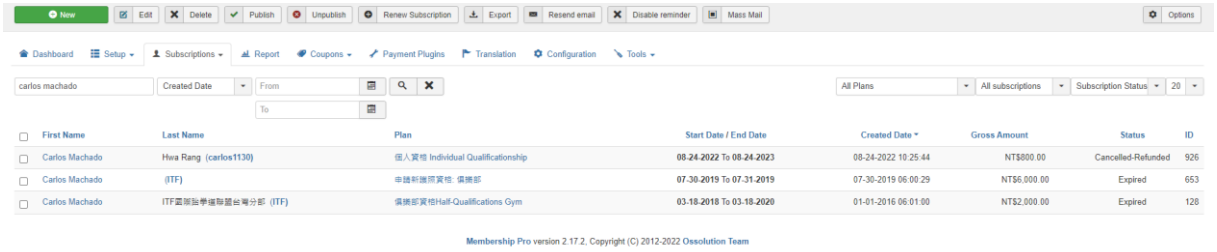

On 30th of October WAKO Asia sent an email as follows:

Dear Niki,

In connection to below exchange, please kindly note that I have not yet return to Europe and came to Thailand after my trip in Cambodia. All these trips are related to Kickboxing development and not for my own business and pleasure.

I did not have time to review the preliminary response which I sent already including all its exhibits. In that regards, would you please confirm by return that you have time to download the files (response and its exhibit) from the "wetransfer" link which you received. Despite that the defamatory accusation has not any grant, this become serious issue as this is the second tentative managed from third party behind to harass me and hurt the image of WAKO ASIA. Despite that Therefore, I renew my request of extension of 10 October below as the situation still the same.

What is in connection of complainant, please take a note that a criminal lawsuit has been already filed against complaint which as of today did not disclose the name, position and their letter is not signed which has legally no value.

Many thanks and best regards, Nasser

On 1st of November the WAKO DEC confirmed receipt of WAKO Asias documents. A further extension of the deadline for comments will not be granted, therefore the deadline ends on November 02, 2022.

On 2nd of November WAKO Aisa send an email as follows:

Dear Niki,

Thank you for your email and confirmation of receiving the revised letter of 29 September 2022 and its 14 exhibits.

As you have been informed by previous exchanges, I was traveling since 20th October and after long flight and transit just land in France an hour ago.
First, as you refused to postpone our legitimate request motivated by valid reasons (absent not for personal reasons/business during last 2 weeks but for WAKO ASIA works which benefits go to WAKO as well, and therefore not being able to consult the legal counsel), we reserve all right to complete the revised response letter dated 29 September 2022 and it's exhibited.
Second: Please take a note that I have already informed Mr Baker and Mrs Francesca Falsoni, and this is also confirmed by our legal counsel, that apparently the goal of this defamatory complaint letter seems a tool for black mailing attempt to which we strongly oppose and fight.
In fact, different people have asked me and I believe, including you in Jesolo, that if we lift the suspension of the two members of the Kickboxing Federation of Singapore, (a suspension decided by the board of directors of WAKO ASIA) , they will withdraw their complaint.
For your information. we have already instructed our legal counsel to file a lawsuit as we feel we are victim of blackmailing.
In that regard, we will also inform Singapore sport authorities and international competent sport authorities of such act and process.
In order to assure that you have received revised letter of 29 September 2022 and all its 14 exhibits, I am sending below the new link where you can download the zip file containing the revised letter of 29 September 2022 and its 14 Exhibits.
Link to download
https://we.tl/t-eIJn5LBaKh
I thank you for your kind attention in advance.
Best regards, Nasser Nassiri
Without Prejudice, All right reserved

On 24th November 2022, the WAKO Disciplinary- and Ethical Committee had a meeting by video-conference in order to discuss the item.

FINDINGS AND DECLARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE WAKO DISCIPLINARY AND ETHICAL COMMITTEE:

- Since the complaint against WAKO Asia and WAKO Chinese Taipei was filed in one message and the two cases are closely intertwined, they will be dealt with in one proceeding and a joint decision will be issued.
- Since the new WAKO Disciplinary Code, WAKO Code of Ethics, WAKO Dispute Resolution came into force by a decision of the WAKO Board of Directors on 23rd July and the procedure started on 25th August, the New Disciplinary Code will apply to this procedure.
- The Disciplinary and Ethical Committee in its new composition is responsible for this case.
- The email from WAKO Singapore is considered an admissible complaint as the sender (WAKO Singapore) is clearly identifiable and there is no specific form for the complaint.

- The Tatami Referee Seminar was held from August 17th to 21st 2022. Instruktor was Mr. Brian Beck. The seminar was authorized by WAKO IF.
- Mr. Carlos Machado and Mrs. Katia Lin participated in this Referee Seminar. At the time of the referee seminar in Singapore for both of them a membership to WAKO Chinese Tapei is not proven.
- WAKO Chinese Taipei did not supply false information to WAKO Asia.
- WAKO Asia posted an announcement on Facebook as follows:

  OFFICIAL DECRLATION
  *Asian Kickboxing Confederation (WAKO ASIA) would like by the present to inform all interested parties that there were **not any** referee seminar for South East Asia.*
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  This official declaration is made to clarify the confusion situation created by propaganda post in that regards by concerned dissident members of WAKO Chinese Taipei.
  Public Relations Department
  Asian Kickboxing Confederation

CONCLUSION:

- WAKO Chinese Taipei did not supply false information to WAKO Asia.
- The above announcement of WAKO Asia is excessive and may mislead uninformed users into thinking that no WAKO authorized referee seminar has been held. The way of communication is not proportionate and could give the impression that WAKO Asia is the only authority in Asia and that they do not have to follow the regularities of WAKO IF.
- WAKO Asia is responsible for the publications on its website and Facebook account, no matter who posted them.

The WAKO Disciplinary Committe decides to impose the following sanctions:

- No sanction against WAKO Chinese Taipei.
- Official Warning to WAKO Asia for inappropriate information of the public

INFORMATION ABOUT APPEALS

Decisions passed by the DEC may be appealed before the Arbitration Committee within 21 (twentyone) days of notification of the decision to the parties. The appeal must contain the reasons that justify the appeal. The appellant must deposit a sum of $500 (five hundred $ or the equivalent amount in Euro) net of any bank charges to the WAKO bank account. This sum will be reimbursed to the appellant in the case of a favorable decision. The appeal will not suspend the decision of the DEC.

WAKO DISCIPLINARY AND ETHICAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Romeo Desa (Croatia), Mr. Nikolaus Gstättner (Austria) (Chairman),

Mrs. Özge Kayıcı (Turkey), Mr. Kiandro Lebon (Belgium),

Mrs. Lamija Ogric (Bosnia Herzegovina), Mr. Thomas Steenberg (Norway)

On behalf of WAKO DEC

Mag. Nikolaus Gstättner
Chairman WAKO Disciplinary and Ethical Committee
https://wako.sport/committees/

Ludmannsdorf, 03.12.2022