



# WORLD ASSOCIATION OF KICKBOXING ORGANIZATIONS

**TO ALL WAKO MEMBERS**

**BY E-MAIL**

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## The World Games 2022 BIRMINGHAM, USA

Dear WAKO Members,

As previously announced Kickboxing has been accepted at next edition of **The World Games**, to be held in **Birmingham (USA)**, from **10<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022**, as full official sport.

WAKO has been restricted to participating in one discipline, **K-1 rules**, in **3 male and 3 female weight classes**, for a total of **48 Athletes**. The reason for only 48 athletes is a direct consequence of ONE positive doping test at the last World Games in Wroclaw in 2017. We all have a responsibility to eradicate doping in sport, so I ask that you take specific measures to educate and improve the situation in your respective countries.

Please be informed that the 6 selected weight categories approved by majority by the Board of Directors, following advice of the appointed “ad hoc working group”, with **8 fighters in each class** are the following:

### **WEIGHT-CLASSES;**

**Men:** - 63,5 Kg; -75 Kg; +91 Kg  
**Women:** - 52 Kg; -60 Kg; -70 Kg

The Board of Directors has also approved by majority the following qualification criteria for participation to the World Games 2022:

### **QUALIFICATION;**

Qualifications for IWGA World Games 2022 will be held at next **WAKO Senior World Championship**, to be held **in Jesolo Lido (VE), Italy, from 15<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021**.

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**The best 8 athletes of each weight category from the WAKO World Championship in Italy will qualify and will be selected for the World Games 2022.**

### WHAT HAPPENS IN CASE OF SUBSTITUTION?

If an athlete pulls out from one of the 6 categories due to injury, doping violation, retirement or any other reason whatsoever, the following process will be applied;

1. First priority is given to USA the Host Country (if no USA fighter is already qualified in that weight category where the place becomes available).
2. Second priority is granted systematically to WAKO Asia with the responsibility to select an athlete among WAKO Asia athletes that competed in the World Championship qualifier.
3. Third priority can be given to WAKO Africa with the responsibility to select an athlete among WAKO Africa athletes that competed in the World Championship qualifiers.

### WAKO CONTACT POINT;

For any clarification you may need you can contact, Mr. Romeo Desa, as Competition Manager for kickboxing TWG Birmingham 2022: [technical.director@wako.sport](mailto:technical.director@wako.sport)

Further information and details on TWG Birmingham 2022 will follow as soon as possible.

Best regards,

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