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**STATUTES**

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**ARTICLE 1 – NAME**

1. The name of the organization is “Pan American Taekwondo Union,” also known as ‘PATU.’ (In Spanish the abbreviation is “UPAT.”)

**ARTICLE 2 – OBJECTIVES**

1. PATU is the regional Pan American organization officially recognized by the World Taekwondo Federation (W.T.F.) or “World Taekwondo” in general.
2. PATU is the governing body of the sports activity of Taekwondo in the Pan American Region and it shall promote and develop the interest and participation of Taekwondo throughout its region.
3. Olympic & Paralympic Movement: PATU shall observe the general and fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter and propagate the Olympic Movement through the sport of Taekwondo.

**ARTICLE 3 – LEGAL STATUS, HEADQUARTERS AND LANGUAGES**

1. PATU is a civil, private and non-profit organization that shall be governed by these Statutes. For all the effects of its legal status, the President shall obtain all the registers, authorizations and governmental recognitions of the country where it has its headquarters; this shall not impair the ability to obtain valid legal status in other countries.
2. The headquarters of PATU shall be located in the country of residence of its President.
3. The official language of PATU shall be English and Spanish. However, all official PATU communications and businesses shall be conducted in English.
4. The PATU Statutes and amendments thereto shall be published in English and Spanish. Korean technical terms may be used for competition as prescribed by the WTF competition rules. In case of conflicts in interpretation is evident between the two languages, English language shall prevail.

**ARTICLE 4 – BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS**

1. To achieve the aims and directives expounded, PATU holds authority to promote, manage and sanction the following:
  - A. The Pan American Taekwondo Championships.
  - B. The Pan American Cadet & Junior Taekwondo Championships.
  - C. The Pan American Poomsae Championships.
  - D. The Pan American Junior Poomsae Championships.
  - E. The Pan American Para-Taekwondo & Deaf-Taekwondo Championships.
  - F. The Pan Am Open International Taekwondo Championships.

- G. The Pan American Taekwondo Club Championships.
  - H. The Pan American Cup International Taekwondo Team Championships.
  - I. Pan American Continental Qualification Tournament for Olympic Games in accordance with the WTF requirements.
  - J. PATU qualification tournaments for Pan Am Games and sub-regional multi sports games.
  - K. The Pan American University Taekwondo Championships.
  - L. The Pan American Open University Taekwondo Championships.
  - M. Sub-regional championships, according to the Statutes.
  - N. Technical and educational certification seminars for referees and officials, coaches, instructors, directors and athletes.
  - O. Develop and implement electronic scoring systems for PATU tournaments to promote safety and impartiality.
  - P. Promote, expand, and improve the practice of Taekwondo in the Pan Am Region in light of its educational, cultural, and sports values. ( “The Taekwondo Movement”)
  - Q. Promote fair play, youth development, and education.
  - R. Manage and take actions in order to strengthen unity of PATU, to protect the interests of PATU and to promote the Global Taekwondo Movement.
  - S. Efforts to incorporate and maintain Taekwondo in all international sports events recognized by the IOC, IPC, WTF, PASO, APC, ODECABE, ODESUR, ODEBO, WADA and other international sports organizations and sports governing agencies.
  - T. All other matters necessary for the development of Taekwondo in the Pan American area.
2. PATU shall be financed by membership fees, seminar incomes, donations, sponsorships, support from WTF and Kukkiwon , and other income from operational matters.
  3. The fiscal period shall be each calendar year, commencing on January 1, and ending on December 31.

**ARTICLE 5 – MEMBERS of PATU**

1. Membership in PATU shall consist of only one national organization representing Taekwondo in the countries of the Pan American region officially recognized by the WTF.
2. Member National Associations (MNA) of WTF within the Pan American region will automatically become PATU members, subject to payment of PATU membership fees and fulfillment of all PATU membership responsibilities.
3. The PATU Statutes shall protect all its members equally without discrimination.
4. Annual membership fees shall be USD \$500.00 for Tier One MNAs and USD \$300.00 for Tier Two MNAs and shall be paid before the first day of March of each year. As a default rule, unless otherwise provided herein, all MNAs are to be Tier One. PATU Executive Council may

designate specific MNAs as Tier Two based on special circumstances. If no payment of fees is received by June 01 of each year then PATU shall have the authority to request WTF to pay said fees directly to PATU deducting from that nation's WTF support funds. The PATU Executive Council shall review the membership fees structure on a quadrennial basis and shall make adjustments as necessary.

5. Failure to pay the annual fees may be penalized by the Executive Council who may suspend the membership and the rights to participate in all PATU activities including the general assembly, and elections of officers of the executive council. Secretary General shall notify this action immediately to the suspended member. This notification shall be communicated to all members of Executive Council via E-mail communication or certified mail. Upon receiving full payment of the arrears, the Executive Council will request to restore the suspended membership, and if necessary, the Council will recommend request to General Assembly for decision.
6. Members shall be responsible for satisfying the championship participation requirements for the Official bi-annual Pan Am Taekwondo Championships and Pan Am Junior Taekwondo Championships held in alternating years. Any members who fail to participate in these specific championships for two consecutive events shall lose their full membership privileges, and be demoted to a membership with limited rights. Demoted members shall no longer be able to exercise voting rights during official meetings, such as at the General Assembly, however they will still retain the rights to participate in all official PATU events. Demoted members are still required to pay their membership fees. Demoted members shall not be eligible for any funding or support from PATU. Demoted members may restore their membership status in full when they fulfill the requirements prescribed in these statutes.
7. Members shall be responsible for providing the Office of the President their official address, e-mail addresses, telephone and fax numbers to which all official PATU documentation should be received. The Office of the President shall then forward such addresses to the Secretary General.
8. PATU will be divided into four (4) Sub-Regions:
  - Sub-Region 1 – North America;
  - Sub-Region 2 – South America;
  - Sub-Region 3 – Central America;
  - Sub-Region 4 – the Caribbean.The Executive Council shall determine which countries comprise the different sub-regions.
9. Any PATU member wishing to host an official PATU event and a PATU sanctioned international event or seminars must submit a written application to the Executive Council for its approval.
10. Levels of Membership:
  - A. Full Membership: Full members shall have voting rights during the General Assembly and shall have the right to participate in all official events of the PATU. Full members shall be required to pay annual membership fees and meet championship participation requirements as prescribed in these statutes. Full members are eligible to receive all PATU supports.
  - B. Demoted Membership: A member shall be demoted if financial responsibilities or championships participation requirements have been neglected and/or incomplete and/or, it is found by the PATU Arbitration and Ethics Committee to have engaged in a gross violation of these statutes.

- C. **Provisional Membership:** Provisional members are PATU member National Associations (MNA) that have fulfilled all application requirements as prescribed in the WTF Statutes, and are awaiting final approval of the WTF for their membership. Provisional members have no voting rights in official meetings, but they shall have the right to participate in the official PATU events. Provisional members are not required to pay annual PATU membership fees. Provisional members shall become full members upon approval of the WTF. Provisional members are not eligible to receive any PATU support.
  - D. **Associate Membership:** Associate membership may be granted to MNAs from countries that are not self-governing. Associate members may only attend official meetings as observers with no voice and no voting rights. They shall have rights to participate in the PATU events only upon the approval of the WTF. Associate members are not eligible to receive any PATU supports.
  - E. **Suspended Membership:** A PATU MNA may be subject to suspension of its PATU membership if the PATU Arbitration and Ethics Committee concludes that the MNA had not fulfilled its financial or other outstanding obligations or has acted in gross violation or repeated violations of these statutes, or for bad governance or a failure of governance pursuant to a final decision of the PATU Arbitration and Ethics Committee. Suspended members shall lose all privileges of full membership. Suspended members are not required to pay their annual membership fees for the period of their suspension. Suspension can only be removed by decision of Executive Council on recommendation of the President.
11. **Championship Participation Requirements:** PATU MNAs with full membership and demoted membership are obligated to send competitors to the Pan American Taekwondo Championships and the Pan American Junior Taekwondo Championships.
- A. PATU MNAs are required to register at least two competitors to at least one of the two most recent Pan Am Championships to maintain their full membership status.
  - B. PATU MNAs who fail to participate in Pan Am Championships without any justifiable reasons, such as but not limited to, natural calamities, shall be demoted at the General Assembly on the occasion of the second successive championships in which the MNA has failed to participate. Members demoted under this clause shall regain their full membership on the General Assembly following the fulfillment of the participation requirement.

**ARTICLE 6 – GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

- 1. PATU shall be governed by a General Assembly made up of the delegates of the member countries and the officers of the Executive Committee and the PATU Council.
- 2. The General Assembly shall hold an ordinary meeting every two (2) years during and at the site of the Pan American Championship or Pan American Junior & Cadet Championship. The notice of Biannual Ordinary General Assembly shall be sent out by e-mail communication at least thirty (30) days before the meeting. Should the Pan American Championship or Pan American Junior & Cadet Championship not take place, the General Assembly shall hold its extraordinary meeting in a place and on a date determined by the PATU Executive Council. The notice of the extraordinary meeting shall be sent out by e-mail communication at least forty five (45) days before the meeting.
- 3. The General Assembly may hold special meetings at the request of the President, a simple majority of the Executive Council members, or one third (1/3) of the member countries with full

membership. The Executive Council shall determine the day, time and place of the meeting within thirty (30) days of receiving the request.

- A. The date of this special meeting shall be set for between sixty (60) and ninety (90) days following the date of its approval by the Executive Council. The Secretary General shall send the notice to member countries, via e-mail communications, within the thirty (30) days following said date of approval.
  - B. The petitioner of a special meeting shall justify the reasons for his/her request.
  - C. The reason for the request and the meeting agenda shall be included in the notice of the meeting.
  - D. Matters that are not included in the agenda shall not be discussed during the meeting.
4. The duties and powers of the General Assembly shall include:
- A. The election of officers.
  - B. The approval of amendment to the Statutes.
  - C. The approval of the budget and financial reports.
  - D. The approval of business and operations.
  - F. Other matters of importance.
5. Each member country shall send one (1) delegate to the General Assembly who shall have the right to be heard and vote. PATU MNA presidents are the official representatives to attend the General Assembly. However, a MNA President may appoint a delegate to attend the General Assembly in his/her absence. The appointed delegate shall present their official credentials, duly signed by the president of their national organization, or at the absence of the President, the Secretary General. Delegates must hold citizenship in the country they represent.
6. Officers of the Executive Council may not be designated as delegates of any country.
7. Member countries who are unable to send a delegate to the General Assembly, may grant a proxy vote to a delegate from another member country, by means of a written document signed by its President. Only one proxy vote per delegate shall be allowed in each meeting. Officers of the Executive Council may not grant proxy votes in order to be represented as members of the Executive Council at the General Assembly meetings or PATU Executive Committee and Council meetings.
8. The quorum to conduct the General Assembly meeting shall consist of one-third (1/3) or 33% of the total valid votes including votes from Member Countries and Executive Council.
9. The simple majority votes of present members shall be required for the approval or rejection of resolutions and other decisions, except for those in which the Statutes require an extraordinary majority. The President or Chairman of Ad-Hoc Committee has the deciding vote in case of a tie.
10. Decision Making and Effect: Any decision of the General Assembly comes into effect immediately, unless otherwise decided by the General Assembly. Matters that are included in the written agenda of the meeting shall not be deliberated without the consent of two thirds (2/3) of eligible votes.

11. The election of officers for the Executive Committee and PATU Council shall be conducted by means of secret ballot. Matters of procedure concerning General Assembly Elections not covered by these Statutes are determined by the ad-hoc Election Committee.
12. The officers of the Executive Committee and PATU Council elected by the General Assembly have the right to be heard and to vote in all matters of the General Assembly including in the election of officers of the Executive Committee and PATU Council.
13. The minutes of each meeting of the General Assembly shall be sent to each member no later than ninety (90) days after the meeting.
14. E-Voting: In the case of urgency, a resolution may be submitted to a vote by correspondence, including telefax, electronic mail or E-mail survey platform by the President to the Council and/or the General Assembly. Voting eligibility requirements remain the same. For e-voting quorum purposes, unreturned ballots are considered abstentions; or, in the case of registered mail, certified receipt of mail by at least one-third (1/3) of members eligible to vote. A simple majority decides. Results shall be announced in the PATU website and reported to the General Assembly at its next meeting.

#### **ARTICLE 7 – EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

1. The Executive Council is the body of PATU that shall develop and manage the statutory functions and matters assigned by the General Assembly. As a result it shall:
  - A. Plan and manage the organization and operations of PATU.
  - B. Prepare the budget and financial reports, and present the financial statement before the General Assembly every two (2) years.
  - C. Decide in matters that have to be resolved before the next General Assembly meeting.
  - D. Draft the outline of amendments and annulments to the Statutes, By-laws, and Rules and Regulations that are to be presented before the General Assembly.
  - E. Select the place and date, and prepare the agenda of the General Assembly meetings.
  - F. Appoint the temporary substitute for any officer of the Executive Council, including any member of the Executive Committee, who has permanently withdrawn from this body, until his/her confirmation by the General Assembly.
  - G. Appoint the auxiliaries of the Executive Council and PATU's special committees.
  - H. Maintain jurisdiction over PATU-promoted championships and selection of Host Countries of the Championships. The privilege of hosting PATU-promoted events are basically given first to PATU MNAs in good standing. However, in the lack of hosting interests or cooperation from MNAs, PATU may self-organize PATU-promoted events listed in Article 4, Section 1, to uphold its integrity and sovereignty.
  - I. Decide matters referred to the council by the GA or the President.
  - J. Manage other matters under its jurisdiction or responsibility as prescribed in these Statues.



2. The Executive Council shall be made up as follows:

A. Executive Committee Officers, and PATU Council Members.

B. Executive Committee Officers elected by the General Assembly:

1. One (1) President

2. Four (4) Vice-Presidents (One Vice-President for each Sub-Region). The Vice-Presidents will be elected by the members of the General Assembly. Each Vice-President must be a citizen of PATU member nation in each respective region.

3. One (1) Auditor

Executive Committee Officers appointed by the President:

1. One (1) Senior Vice-President

2. One (1) Secretary General

3. One (1) Treasurer

C. Six (6) PATU Council Members:

PATU Council Members shall be made up as follows;

1. Two (2) members elected by the General Assembly

2. Four (4) additional members including elected WTF Council Members representing PATU to be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee Officers.

D. Officers appointed by the Executive Council shall have voice, but no right to vote. They shall also carry out the duties assigned to them by the Executive Council or the President.

E. One (1) Executive Director who shall be appointed by the president and who shall serve as a member of the Executive Council, with voice and vote.

3. The term of office shall be four (4) years, and until the newly elected officers assume their positions. In the case of substitutions, the term of office of the substitute shall be for the remainder of the term of the substituted officer.

4. All Executive Committee Officers and PATU Council members are Eligible for Re-Election only to their current position without undertaking the candidate application procedures provided in Article 7, Section 5.

5. Nominations of candidates for officers must reach the Secretariat of PATU ninety (90) days prior to the elections. Only member nations may make nominations for candidates. For any election, no member can be nominated for more than one position in that election.

A. Only MNA Executive Board Members can be nominated as candidates for PATU Executive Committee, including the presidency, with the recommendation of the pertinent MNA.

B. Candidates for PATU President shall have a minimum of 4 years of experience in managing PATU businesses at the executive level.

- C. Candidates for PATU president must submit letters of nomination with a minimum of one-fourth (1/4) from the PATU MNAs to be eligible.
  - D. All candidates are expected to act with utmost integrity and responsibility and to reflect the values and ethics of the PATU. Those who fail to do so shall face disciplinary actions, such as disqualification of their candidacies, pending the investigation and decision of the Arbitration and Ethics Committee.
  - E. An Election Committee composed of three (3) to five (5) members shall be established by the President no later than six months before the scheduled election date. The Election Committee shall establish candidature application requirements. These requirements shall be circulated to all members no later than five month before the election date.
  - F. The completed application documents for candidacy shall arrive at the PATU secretariat no later than ninety (90) days before the election date. The Election Committee shall screen each candidate's application and determine the list of qualified candidates. The final list of candidates for election, as screened by the Ad-Hoc Election Committee, shall be circulated to all MNAs by no later than 60 days before the General Assembly.
  - G. Election Bylaws containing additional procedural and campaigning requirements are provided separately.
6. PATU MNAs shall support the pertinent national federation members who hold elected offices in the Executive Council with the payment of travel expenses incurred by the officers while carrying out his/her duties as an PATU Executive Council member.
  7. The quorum to conduct meetings of the Executive Council shall be Eight (8). The decisions of the Executive Council shall be approved by simple majority.
  8. All communications of the PATU Executive Council and members shall be done via e-mail Communications. For matters that require urgent resolution of the Executive Council, the President may call for a resolution via voting by E-Vote.
  9. The Executive Council shall be summoned by the President before and after the General Assembly meeting and whenever the President may deem it necessary.
  10. The Executive Council may delegate matters under its responsibility to the President.
  11. The Executive Council may appoint special committees for assistance when necessary.
  12. An elected or appointed Executive Council member who fails to attend two consecutive meetings without approval of the PATU shall cease to be an Executive Council member. PATU Executive Committee members who fail to attend two consecutive meetings without approval of the PATU shall have no voting rights for the following Executive Council Meeting.
  13. When an official appointed by the President is adjudged to have been disciplined by the pertinent MNA to which he or she belongs, or when he or she commits any actions that undermine and disgrace PATU, the President may, at his discretion, withdraw the appointment. In the event that an official elected at the General Assembly commits any actions that undermine and disgrace PATU, the President may take the matter to the Arbitration and Ethics Committee.
  14. If a member resigns or is otherwise unable to continue as an Official, the post shall not necessarily be filled by another of the same nationality.

15. If an elected Official is to be replaced, unless otherwise provided in the Statues, the replacement shall be nominated by the President and approved by the Council.
16. Upon completion of elected position term in pertinent MNA, and/or impeachment from the elected office, any Executive office held at PATU will also expire the same day of termination of the pertinent MNA office. However, PATU may consider extended terms or new opportunities for individuals who made significant contribution to the management of PATU during his/her tenure. The candidate for this special consideration must be in good standing with his/her pertinent MNA. The President may recommend this special consideration to the Executive Council for their approval.

**ARTICLE 8 – PRESIDENT**

1. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of PATU and shall preside at all General Assembly and Executive Council meetings. In addition, he/she shall be empowered to cast an additional vote in the event of a tie.
2. The President shall be, ex officio, a non-voting member of all PATU committees.
3. The President shall act as PATU’s representative to all international sports organizations, including WTF, and shall perform such other functions as usually pertain to those of the presidents of other regional unions of WTF.
4. When unable to consult with members of the Executive Council on matters that require emergency measures, the President may resolve these. However, he/she must submit his/her decision to the Executive Council within the following thirty (30) days for its approval.
5. The President may designate official duties to Vice Presidents on an ad-hoc bases to manage different areas of PATU operations.
6. The President shall appoint Executive Council Officers listed in the Article 7.2, and the Chairmen and members of the PATU Sub-Committees.
7. The President may appoint special committees, advisors and special assistants to assist him/her when necessary.
8. If the President resigns or is incapacitated and thus unable to fulfill the duties of his office, the Senior Vice President shall assume his position as an acting President until the next General Assembly to approve him/her as the new President. If the remaining term of outgoing President is more than 2 years, the General Assembly shall elect a new President by following official election procedures.

**ARTICLE 9 – VICE-PRESIDENTS**

The duties of the Vice-Presidents shall be:

1. The Senior Vice –President will substitute at the request of the President in the event of a temporary absence.
2. To assist the President and to fulfill missions delegated by the President.
3. To preside over the ad-hoc duties designated by the President and submit a report thereafter.
4. Develop direct communications with the President and the rest of the Executive Council Members to supervise and oversee all PATU activities in their representing regions.

**ARTICLE 10 – SECRETARY GENERAL**

The duties of the Secretary General shall be:

1. Assist the President in all PATU matters that may be assigned to him/her and manage Secretariat affairs.
2. Submit reports to the Executive Council and General Assembly on the activities of the Secretariat.
3. Submit and distribute minutes and other records of all meetings.
4. Keep copies of official documents of PATU and to forward originals of official documents of PATU to the Office of the President.
5. Summon members of PATU to meetings of the Executive Council, the General Assembly and other meetings.
6. Sign, with the President, the resolutions of the Executive Council and other documents.

**ARTICLE 11 – TREASURER**

The treasurer shall be appointed by the President and shall have the following duties:

1. Assist the President in all matters that may be assigned to him and manage Treasury affairs.
2. Be responsible for the funds and books of account of PATU. He/She shall receive and deposit the funds of PATU in such banks as shall be authorized by the Executive council. He/she shall disburse such funds in the manner authorized and directed by the Executive Council.
3. Render financial Reports to the General Assembly and whenever requested by the Executive Council or the President.

**ARTICLE 12 – AUDITOR**

1. The Auditor shall be elected by the Assembly and shall attend meetings of the Assembly and of the Executive Council only when summoned. The Auditor shall not have voting powers.
2. The Auditor will carry out annual audits of the statements of all financial matters related to PATU, shall render reports of the audits to the General Assembly and the Executive Council, and shall recommend corrective measures.

**ARTICLE 13 – AMENDMENT TO THE STATUTES**

1. These Statutes may be amended, adopted or rejected only by the General Assembly. The Process for this action shall be:
  - A. The Executive Council by resolution shall present the project of proposed amendments. Said project may also be presented via a petition signed by the legal representatives of one third (1/3) of the MNAs with full membership.
  - B. The resolution or request, along with the proposed amendments, shall be distributed to the members of the General Assembly, by E-mail or by certified mail, at least sixty (60) days prior to the meeting in which they are to be considered.

- C. They shall be approved by the majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of the members of the General Assembly as defined in Article 6.1 and 6.8 present at the meeting.

**ARTICLE 14 – BY-LAWS**

- 1. In addition to its Statutes, PATU may have By-Laws. These shall be adopted, amended or reformed by the simple majority of the votes cast at a General Assembly, as follows:
  - A. The proposals shall be presented at the General Assembly meeting providing a request and the proposals have been submitted to the Executive Council at least sixty (60) days before the meeting. The Executive Council shall decide whether to include them or not in the perspective agenda.
  - B. After the proposals have been approved, they shall not be modified in the same meeting, Except by reconsideration if, in the Assembly’s judgment, there are evident contradictions in the text or obvious inconsistencies.

**ARTICLE 15 – PATU SUB COMMITTEES**

The following PATU Sub Committees shall be governed by the Executive Committee and subject to any Code of Operations they may enact.

- 1. Technical Committee
- 2. Tournament Committee
- 3. Referee Committee
- 4. Law and Legislation Committee
- 5. Medical Committee
- 6. Public Relations Committee
- 7. Education & Environmental Committee
- 8. Finance and Fundraising Committee
- 9. Women’s Committee
- 10. Collegiate Committee
- 11. Events Committee
- 12. Junior Committee
- 13. Arbitration and Ethics Committee
- 14. Dan Promotion Committee

**ARTICLE 16 – MISCELLANEOUS**

All matters that have not been addressed in the Statutes, shall be decided by the General Assembly, and in its absence, by the Executive Council.

**ARTICLE 17 – EFFECTIVENESS**

These Statutes shall be effective immediately after the adjournment of the Extra Ordinary General Assembly held on June 07, 2016 in Queretaro, Mexico. However, the Statutes shall not affect appointments or elections previous to their adoption. The new PATU quadrennial period shall begin January 01, 2014 with these amendments to the PATU Statutes to be concurrent with current WTF Statutes and its quadrennial period.

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## **1. OBJECTIVES**

To establish operational standards and guidelines in managing all businesses and events of the PATU, the following By-Laws shall govern all ordinary operations of the corporation.

## **2. SUB COMMITTEES**

### **1) TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

- a) Technical Committee is tasked to manage all technical matters of PATU by following the WTF Competition Rules and Regulations.
- b) The Committee may make minor modifications to the WTF Competition rules to accommodate area specific challenges in competitions with the approval of the WTF.
- c) The Committee shall analyze various issues in the effective management of international referees and study the improvement of techniques related to Taekwondo competitions.
- d) The Chairman of the Technical Committee shall cooperate with the Tournament Chairman and the Referee Chairman to assure successful completion of every PATU events.
- e) The Chairman of the Technical Committee is empowered to manage the entire operation of all PATU events from makings of information packages to official games results with cooperation of the Chairman of the Tournament Committee.

### **2) TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

- a) Establish Code of Operations for issuing sanctions, protocol, and orders of proceedings.
- b) Establish the standard of the publication and other printed matters (in general information, applications, posters, and programs, etc.) related to official championships, tournaments, exhibitions, and other athletic activities of the Corporation.
- c) Be responsible for the enforcement of the standards and the competition rules of the Corporation.
- d) Report to the President any noncompliance of the rules of the Corporation in tournaments and championships.
- e) Be empowered to approve, disapprove and recommend the procedures of the protocol for the opening, closing and award ceremonies as well as special programs for exhibition and presentation of any kind during the course of the sanctioned athletic event.
- f) Be empowered to manage the registration process, technical meetings, complete drawing of lots, manage competition operation and produce official results in all official events.
- g) Be empowered to determine PATU-promoted event entry fees.

### **3) REFEREE COMMITTEE**

- a) Organize, train and educate WTF and PATU international referees in the Pan Am Region.
- b) Manage all matters pertaining to Kyoroogi referees, Poomsae and Para-TKD referees.
- c) Make official referee appointments whenever possible, from among those candidates recommended by the PATU MNA presidents. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Referee Chairman shall have the right to seek out and appoint competent referees as deemed necessary to compose a pool of highly qualified referees for any PATU event. The PATU President shall have final approval on all referee appointments.
- d) Train and educate all referees with WTF/PATU approved Protectors & Scoring Systems (PSS).
- e) The Referee Committee shall consist of Kyoroogi Committee, Poomsae, and Para-TKD Committee under one Chairman.
- f) The Chairman shall decide the number of committee members as deemed necessary with the approval of the president.



- g) The Referee Committee is empowered to educate and develop a video jury group to be utilized in all PATU events when Instant Video Replay System is used.

#### **4) LAW AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

- a) The legislative committee is tasked with legislating the PATU Statutes and By-Laws while being obliged to draft amendments to those Statutes and By-Laws, and to study the membership status of PATU members.

#### **5) MEDICAL COMMITTEE**

- a) The Medical Committee is tasked with studying medical affairs related to Taekwondo competitions and setting up necessary guidelines in accordance with WTF Medical Committee By-laws, and studying the most up-to-date Anti-Doping Code and the best practices of the WADA.

#### **6) PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

- a) Assist, supervise and publish all publications of the Corporation.
- b) Establish the procedures and plans for the future publications such as the Statues and By Laws of the Corporation, newsletters, handbooks, contest rules, and magazines.
- c) Report and recommend to Executive Committee in connection with all publications of the Corporation. Manage and supervise all postings and updates of PATU web site.

#### **7) EDUCATION and ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

- a) Research new technical and scientific strategy development for use at national and international championships.
- b) Prepare all materials for PATU organized seminars and educations for instructors, coaches and athletes.
- c) Recommend to the President the planning and scheduling of PATU training camps for the members of PATU.
- d) Establish and organize sub-regional training camps for all Taekwondo athletes and/or selected athletes who demonstrate great physical adaptability toward Taekwondo or who have acquired high caliber skills.
- e) Coordinate the selection of training sites and make arrangements for special training camps prior to international competition.
- f) Develop and implement all environmentally conscious policies as described by the IOC.
- g) Be empowered to determine participation fees and certification fees for all PATU-promoted educational seminars, technical seminars, and certification courses.

#### **8) FINANCE and FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

- a) Assist the President and the Executive Committee in preparing a budget of upcoming expenses of the Corporation.
- b) Monitor performance of the operation units of the Corporation on both income and expenses in relation to the budget approved by the President.
- c) Prepare annual or other periodic recommendations for modification of the budget, if necessary, for approval of the President.
- d) Be responsible, in collaboration with the Executive Committee, for the developing and administering plans and procedures for the raising of funds from the general public to finance the operations of the Corporation.
- e) Recommend to the President and thereafter monitor the policies and procedures to be followed by the Corporation in its general fundraising efforts.
- f) Advise and assist the Treasurer General in the performance of his duties.

- g) Advise and assist the Officers and the Executive Committee with respect to the acquisition and disbursement of funds and the maintenance of a sound financial condition by the Corporation.
- h) Be composed of the Treasurer, who shall act as Chairman and five (5) other members.

**9) WOMEN'S COMMITTEE**

- a) Promulgate all aspects of Women's Taekwondo Programs.
- b) Recommend the policies and procedures for the establishment and improvement of Women's programs.

**10) COLLEGIATE COMMITTEE**

- a) Plan and execute a program for the development of Collegiate Taekwondo in the Pan American region.
- b) Plan and organize Pan American University/Collegiate Taekwondo Championships.
- c) Plan and organize Pan American University/Collegiate International Open Taekwondo Championships.

**11) EVENTS COMMITTEE**

- a) Headed by the Events Director appointed by the president.
- b) The Events Committee shall solicit and allocate possible hosts for all PATU events.
- c) The Events Committee shall assist the President as needed in negotiating all hosting, marketing and sponsorship conditions with hosts to maximize benefits of the corporation and to ensure the successful organization of all PATU events.
- d) The members of the Events Committee may assist the Chairman of the Technical Committee, the Tournament Committee and the Referee Committee during all PATU events.

**12) JUNIOR COMMITTEE**

- a) Develop a Junior Olympic program in accordance with the high ideals of the Pan American Taekwondo Union.
- b) Teach competitors the value of hard and fair competition, in the Olympic spirit to win with humility, to lose with graciousness, and that the purpose of Taekwondo is the development of the full mental and physical potential of the individual.
- c) Establish its goals for the coming year and its long-range programs.

**13) ARBITRATION and ETHICS COMMITTEE**

- a) The Ethics Committee is tasked with creating a PATU Code of Ethics and recommending sanctions against individuals or institutions that have violated the ethical principles.
- b) Be empowered to make recommendations to Executive Council to suspend and/or revoke the privilege of membership of anyone violating the Code of Ethics.

**14) DAN PROMOTION COMMITTEE**

- a) Assist national members with Dan promotions by request only.
- b) Help with seminars, lectures, traditional Taekwondo techniques and poomsae.
- c) Research and study traditional Taekwondo techniques.