



## WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

Recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC)  
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the International World Games Association (IWGA)

### **TO ALL WKF NF's / À TOUTES LES FN'S DE LA WKF / A TODAS LAS FN'S DE LA WKF**

Regarding information that has recently surfaced regarding yet another new organization that is not associated with the WKF and which claims international acceptance, we hereby reconfirm that the **WKF remains the sole international governing body for Karate that is recognized by all International Sports Bodies including the IOC, SportAccord and the IWGA**. We can feel secure in knowing that these international bodies accept the fact that WKF represents the majority of organized Karate worldwide, due to advances in the development of our sport and the powerful unity that has endured for decades and will continue to do so well into the future.

Dissident organizations often create opportunities to disseminate confusion and doubt by flouting the names of any internationally relevant Sports Organizations in efforts to create the illusion of legitimacy. The WKF has become more solid and solvent as our reputation and credibility has become firmly entrenched worldwide. Specific actions that have been directed towards these achievements will be shared with you in detail at the forthcoming Congress in Bremen.

It is our duty to ensure that this information is effectively communicated to all of our affiliates and to the appropriate **Sports Authorities of each member country**, while ignoring those who desperately seek attention due to a complete absence of credibility.

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Concernant quelques informations apparues récemment sur encore une nouvelle organisation, qui n'est pas affiliée à la WKF et qui demande l'acceptation internationale, par la présente nous reconfirmons que la **WKF reste à être le seul organisme international pour le karaté reconnu par tous les Organismes Sportifs Internationaux, y compris le CIO, SportAccord et l'IWGA**. Nous pouvons être rassurés sachant que ces organismes internationaux acceptent le fait que la WKF représente la majorité du karaté organisé dans le monde entier, grâce aux progrès dans le développement de notre sport et de la forte unité endurant pour des décennies et qui continuera à réussir dans le futur.

Les organisations dissidentes créent suivant des opportunités pour diffuser de la confusion et doute en bafouant les noms des Organisations Sportives internationales pertinentes dans leur effort de créer l'illusion de légitimité.

La WKF est devenue encore plus solide et solvable alors que notre réputation et crédibilité ont été établies fermement dans le monde entier. Des actions spécifiques créées pour cet objectif seront partagées avec vous en détail dans le prochain Congrès à Brême.

Il est notre obligation d'assurer que ces informations sont communiquées efficacement à tous nos affiliés et aux **Autorités Sportives pertinentes de chaque pays membre**, tout en ignorant ceux qui cherchent avec désespoir l'attention dû au manque total de crédibilité.

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En relación con informaciones aparecidas recientemente sobre otra nueva organización ajena a la WKF y que reclama aceptación internacional, por la presente reconfirmamos que la **WKF sigue siendo el único organismo internacional para Kárate reconocido por todos los Organismos Deportivos Internacionales, incluyendo el COI, SportAccord e IWGA**. Podemos estar tranquilos de saber que estos organismos internacionales aceptan el hecho de que la WKF representa la mayoría del Kárate organizado a nivel mundial, gracias a los avances en el desarrollo de nuestro deporte y la fuerte unidad que ha perdurado durante décadas y continuará de la misma manera en el futuro.

Las organizaciones disidentes a menudo crean oportunidades para generar confusión y duda, utilizando los nombres de cualquier Organización Deportiva internacional relevante en sus esfuerzos por crear ilusión de autenticidad.

La WKF es cada vez más sólida y solvente, y nuestra reputación y credibilidad se han arraigado firmemente en todo el mundo. Se han llevado a cabo acciones específicas para lograr estos objetivos, que compartirímos con vosotros en detalle durante el próximo Congreso de Bremen.

Es nuestra obligación comunicar de manera eficaz esta información a todos nuestros miembros, así como a las **Autoridades Deportivas pertinentes de cada país miembro**, ignorando a quienes buscan desesperadamente altavoces para lograr una notoriedad que su total falta de credibilidad les impide poseer.

Best regards / Cordialement / Atentamente,

**Antonio Espinós**  
WKF President



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### THE WKF VISITS THE IOC

A WKF delegation visited the IOC headquarters in Lausanne on the 28th of July to meet its President Mr. Thomas Bach, who was accompanied by the IOC Sports Director Mr. Kit McConnell. The WKF delegation was composed by the WKF President Mr. Antonio Espinós, accompanied by Mr. Takashi Sasagawa, President of the Japan Karate Federation (JKF), President Mr. Toshihisa Nagura, member of the WKF Executive Committee, and Mr. Wolfgang Weigert, President of the German Karate Federation. The meeting was rather cordial, and Mr. Sasagawa had the opportunity to explain to the IOC President the intense activity that the JKF is developing in Japan with Tokyo 2020 and the Japanese Olympic Committee; also Mr. Weigert explained to Mr. Bach the big expectations that the WKF and the whole world of Karate have in the next World Championships of Bremen (Germany) next November, which are every 2 years the top event for the 188 National Federation members that the WKF has in the 5 Continents.

At this occasion, Mr. Espinós also seized the opportunity to thank Mr. Bach for the recognition and continued support from the IOC to the work that the WKF performs for karate development worldwide. Beyond this, he expressed to the IOC President the renewed enthusiasm and determination of the entire WKF family, who remain committed to their goal of placing karate among the sports in the Olympic Program in a near future.



Mr Antonio Espinós, WKF President, with Mr Thomas Bach, IOC President



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WKF Delegation at the IOC Headquarters



Mr Takashi Sasagawa, Japanese Karate Federation President, with Mr Thomas Bach, IOC President



Mr Wolfgang Weigert, German Karate Federation President, with Mr Thomas Bach, IOC President



Mr Antonio Espinós, WKF President, with Mr Thomas Bach, IOC President

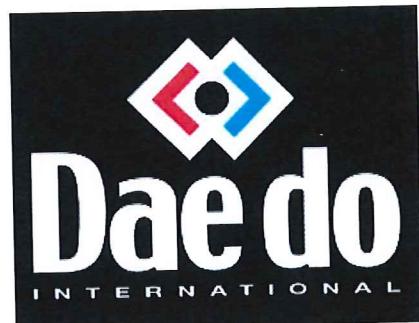


Mr Toshihisa Nagura, WKFEC Member, Mr Takashi Sasagawa, Japanese Karate Federation President, Mr Thomas Bach, IOC President, Mr Antonio Espinós, WKF President, Mr Wolfgang Weigert, German Karate Federation President, and Mr Kit McConnell, IOC Sports Director

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