



Presidents Report 2017-2018

From a high performance, sport point of view

As mentioned in last year's report, 2017 was quite challenging due to reduced funding and the lack of recognition of our successes from the Irish Sporting bodies. Although we are starting to make inroads with regards to funding it is on a performance basis only and it is proving difficult to develop talent from our existing pool of athletes.

That said, with qualification for Tokyo 2020 only a year and a half out, we are hoping to secure a qualification either through automatic or qualifying tournament. Full credit to Robert Taaffe and Jack Woolley for their remarkable achievements so far.

From a grass roots point of view, we must continue to support and develop new athletes through our clubs although we cannot continue to rely on those same clubs that engage and support the ITUs efforts. The ITU are currently seeking funding for a new development plan which we hope will see development of clubs around Ireland and also a presence in schools. I would ask all instructors to support ITU initiatives such as development training or at the very least engage with National or development coaches who are there to provide opportunities for your students.

Here is an overview of some of the work the ITU board and I was involved in last year.

July 2017 to July 2018

July 2017 In July 2017 I travelled to Korea to represent Ireland at the World Taekwondo general assembly on the occasion of the World Championships. The ETU (WTE) had also decided to hold their General assembly on the same day at which council elections were being held.

I was successfully re-elected as an ETU(WTE) Council member for a further 4 years.

July 2017

Hosted the World Taekwondo Peace Corps and Olympic Champion Dong Min Cha for a seminar.





October 2017

Attended sportireland HPX conference and OCI strategic planning meeting.

Finalised Mid year review for SportIreland to avail of funding for 2018

HP Funding Application for SportIreland 2017 completed

ITU HP Strategy Meetings with sportireland.

November 2017

Ambassador's Cup -Tallaght.

Co-organised this event with Robert Taaffe,

Kyorougi event attracting Irish and International competitors.

March 2018

Implemented mandatory changes to ITU Policy and procedures to reflect the new children's first act, Safety statements etc are published and available on taekwondoireland.ie. E-Vetting successfully implemented with thanks to Brenda Mahon and Stella Williams.

May 2018

Olympic Council AGM delegate

June 2018

Junior World Championships -Tunisia

WT General assembly

June 2018

Completed WT Poomae IR Course in Croatia .





Calendar of events 2018

September 2018

29/09/18

Preliminary Dan Grading

Application now live on taekwondoireland.ie

October 2018

7/10/18

Belfast Open

13/10/18

GM Ji-Pyo Lim Seminar

14/10/18

ITU Dan Grading

November 2018

03/11/18

ITU National Championships

10/11/18

Poomsae Referee Seminar with

GM TW Shin (UK)

11/11/18

Irish Poomsae Open Competition ,Phibblestown community centre.

December 2018

1/12/2018

Korean Ambassador Cup

Gormanstown Park Sports Complex





Club & Members Online Registration Listing 2018

DUBLIN

- Ayrfield
- Coolock
- Baldoyle
- Celtic Taekwondo – Santry
- Tallaght – South Dublin Taekwondo
- Olympic Taekwondo-Malahide
- Sport Taekwondo -Ballymun
- Ilyo -Swords
- Junsa -Lusk
- Clondalkin
- Champion Taekwondo –Blanchardstown/Mountview
- Irish Taekwondo Tigers -Dun Laoghaire
- Lucan Taekwondo Club

- Dragon- Finglas

MEATH

- Lightning Stamullen
- Hankuk Taekwondo- Navan
- Dojangireland- Dunshaughlin
- Dojangireland-Phibblestown

- Panthers -Ashbourne

LOUTH

- Cosmo Taekwondo -Drogheda
- Absolute Taekwondo – Dunleer

KERRY

- Peak performance Killarney
- Dragon Heart Taekwondo -Killarney
- Kilgarvan





CLARE

- Midwest Taekwondo

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Extreme Taekwondo Belfast

LAOIS

- Laois Taekwondo Club -Abbeyleix

LONGFORD

- Changmookwan -Lisduff, County Longford

