

President report 2019/2020.

I would like to thank all ITU members for the continued support in my position as President of the ITU/WTI.

Following on from our last AGM in 2019 my team and I have continued to work towards establishing Irish taekwondo as a major player in Europe and the world.

Ireland, for the first time in history, hosted the World Taekwondo Europe General Assembly which was attended by the World Taekwondo Europe President ,Mr Sakis Pragolos and the entire executive council of WTE.

Another first for Ireland as the taekwondo athletes from Europe converged in Dublin for the occasion of the European Olympic Weights Championships 2019 , the first ever G ranking event hosted on Irish soil.

Please see the following link for a brief report on both events.

Euros Report

The hosting of these prestigious events was extremely challenging and while the organisation committee struggled at times with lack of support and volunteers, both events were a major success in the eyes of the participants and the International taekwondo family. I would like to acknowledge the support of Brenda Mahon , John McEvoy, Robert Kenny ,Aine Jones ,Stuart Russell and all the parents from Champion, dojangireland, Extreme, South Dublin and other clubs who helped out across the week.

With the European Olympic Weights event focused on the elite athletes, there was something for everyone at the Taekwondoireland Korean Ambassador Cup Poomsae and Kyrougi tournament. This event was held less than two weeks after our European event and ran over two days and offered two disciplines of competition over two days and was well received by all. The event attracted almost 400 competitors and was attended by the Korean Ambassador to Ireland. My thanks to UTANI and Glen Culbert for their assistance in running the poomsae event.

This big year for Irish taekwondo was topped off with our first ever qualification for the Olympic Games by Jack Woolley, a fantastic achievement after a very arduous and challenging Olympic qualification schedule. A huge congratulations to Jack and coach Robert Taaffe and all involved in the journey to Tokyo, a journey that in many ways is just beginning and I am sure Robert will have some insights in his report.

Nobody could have predicted the challenges that 2020 has set us, in our personal lives, work and sport. We have all been affected by the global pandemic in some way and not least in our sport and the restrictions placed on us.



We continue to engage with our stakeholders, SportIreland, the federation of Irish Sport, World Taekwondo, World Taekwondo Europe and the Olympic federation of Ireland. We share forums and information with other sports and groups on behalf of our members for best practice regarding ongoing training and activities during this time.

I would like to thank all of our clubs for continuing to follow the mandatory government advice and implementing the correct protocols with regards to the ongoing safety of club members and their families.

I continue to attend online meetings with World Taekwondo Europe in my capacity as Council member and we are currently involved in a campaign to include taekwondo in the next European games .

Looking ahead to 2020/2021

We will continue to monitor the Covid 19 situation and advise accordingly, we hope to update clubs on a regular basis.

I am actively involved in the federation of Irish Sport's indoor sport lobby group which as setup as a conduit between indoor sports bodies and the department of Sport.

New ITU structure :

We are proposing a new ITU structure ,more details will be revealed later in the meeting and implementation will be discussed by the board for 2021.

Club Development opportunity:

ITU have been working on a proposal with Ireland Esports on a new Restart/Renewal project which if approved by sport Ireland will help to drive traffic towards participating taekwondo clubs . More details as they are available.

World Taekwondo Educator Course

Following increase of WT Online Coach Certification Courses, we have decided to organize the 4th WT Educator Certification Course using video conference system on 26-28 October 2020. This course is aimed at certifying the educators who shall deliver the WT Coach Certification Courses and any other education programs conducted by WT. For details, please refer to the attached outline.

[Outline Here](#)

Applicants must submit a CV for approval by WT only through the National governing body. If you are interested please email a detailed CV before Friday 9th October 2020

Kukkiwon Instructor Schools program.
Details will be provide to each instructor in due course.



Taekwondo Ireland hosts World Taekwondo Europe General Assembly

On the occasion of the European Olympic Weight championships in Dublin, the WTE council and the General assembly met on 27th November in the Carlton Hotel in Blanchardstown.

PICTURE 1



This was the first time in the history of European taekwondo that a gathering of World Taekwondo Europe's president and executive committee members had met with European Presidents on Irish soil for such a prestigious occasion.

The meeting was made possible by Taekwondo Ireland's executive committee who had committed to host the G1 Ranking European Olympic weights championship in the National indoor Arena.

Taekwondo Ireland President and WTE Council member Martin Fleming invited European president Mr Sakis Pragolos to Dublin where the World Taekwondo Europe General assembly was convened.



World Taekwondo Europe Council Meeting Dublin

Exciting New Developments and Innovation in European Taekwondo

European Ranking for Cadets and Juniors:

New E ranking points introduced

Coach Education program for World taekwondo coaches

Enhanced International Referee Education courses and opportunities

Events 2020:

All European events are allocated to hosts and for the first time European events will take place in Estonia and Bosnia Herzegovina

Training Camps for athletes

Elite coaches and athletes with high level experience will deliver training courses in Poomsae and Kyrougi.

Cadet Athlete Safety:

Proposal: Traditional weight categories will be replaced by height and BMI categories.

Generation 24:

Athlete development for future Olympics

Para Taekwondo:

A para taekwondo manual for coaches will be published for coaches in 2020

Governance:

Amendments to statutes to comply with World Taekwondo.

Taekwondo Ireland hosts European Taekwondo Championships Olympic Weight categories 2019





International Referees and Officials with WTE Vice president Fred Buitenhuis and Taekwondo Ireland President Martin Fleming (centre)

The Sport Ireland Indoor arena in Blanchardstown played host to the European Olympic weights championship on 29th, 30th November and 1st December 2019.

This G1 ranking tournament was attended by almost 400 European athletes who had come to Dublin in search of a European title and valuable ranking points.

The event was held over 3 days and included youth Olympic Weight divisions.

4 full World taekwondo courts were utilised with 30 International and National referees, each court was equipped with PSS electronic scoring and Instant Video replay system as required under World



Taekwondo rules.

