



BULGARIAN TAEKWONDO FEDERATION
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INVITATION LETTER

Dear Mr. President,

Dear Sir/Madam

After having successfully organized "SOFIA OPEN" – 2017 WT – G1, 2016, 2015 and 2014 with over 1000 participants and "SOFIA CUP" – 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013, we are pleased and honored to invite you and your athletes to participate in the:

5th "SOFIA OPEN" 2018 **(Beginners)**

INTERNATIONAL TAEKWONDO TOURNAMENT

Sofia, March 3rd and 4th, 2018

We are committed to make this event a successful one. We adhere to the highest standards of preparation in order to create an ideal atmosphere for all participating teams.

We hope you have a wonderful stay in Bulgaria and the charming city of Sofia, and that you enjoy your time together with all the other members of the Taekwondo family.

We are looking forward to receiving your confirmation of participation for this event no later than February 23th 2018.

We truly hope that we can welcome you to participate in "SOFIA OPEN 2018" INTERNATIONAL TAEKWONDO TOURNAMENT and wish you and your team a lot of success at this championship.

Sincerely Yours,



Dimitar Mihaylov

/Vice President of the Bulgarian Taekwondo Federation/

/President of the Organizing Committee/

5TH SOFIA OPEN 2018 (BEGINNERS)

INTERNATIONAL TAEKWONDO TOURNAMENT Sofia, 3rd and 4th March

<p>1. ORGANIZER</p>	<p>The Bulgarian Taekwondo Federation and Taekwondo Club “Ramus” Mobile: +359 888 684548 (Mr. Dimitar Mihaylov) Mobile: +359 884 423016 (Mr. Iliya Dimitrov – Member of the OC) E-mails: sofiaopen@ramustkd.org; dimitar.mihaylov@abv.bg, office@bulgaria-taekwondo.com</p>
<p>2. APPLICATIONS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The deadline for applications is by the end of 23rd February 2018. NO applications will be accepted after the deadline. • Changes in the categories of already registered participants should be made no later than 23:59 on 26th February 2018. • The limit of registered competitors is 500. • Applications should be registered online at: http://tpss.eu
<p>3. DATE AND PLACE</p>	<p>Date: 3rd and 4th March 2018 (Saturday and Sunday); Place: Sports hall “Arena Asics”, Address: 35 Manastirska str., Geo Milev district, Sofia, Bulgaria Map: https://goo.gl/maps/41VTd2GMDn82 Start of matches: 09:00 AM</p>
<p>4. HEAD OF TEAM MEETING</p>	<p>At 8:30 on 3rd and 4th March 2018 at the Sports hall “Arena Asics”.</p>
<p>5. AGE GROUPS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>CHILDREN I GROUP</u>: athletes, born in 2009, 2010 and 2011 (regardless of the specific day and month); • <u>CHILDREN II GROUP</u>: athletes, born in 2007 and 2008 (regardless of the specific day and month); • <u>CADETS</u>: athletes, born in 2004, 2005 and 2006 (regardless of the specific day and month); • <u>JUNIORS</u>: athletes, born in 2001, 2002 and 2003 (regardless of the specific day and month); • <u>SENIORS</u>: athletes, born in 2001 and before (regardless of the specific day and month); <i>Athletes born in 2001 could compete either in Juniors or in Seniors.</i>

6. COMPETITION RULES AND SYSTEM	<p>The official WTF Competition Rules will be used. The tournament will be based on a Single Elimination.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* <i>Beginners (B-class) – kicks to the head are NOT allowed</i></p>
7. WEIGHT CLASSES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>CHILDREN I GROUP:</u> Male and female: -21kg, -23kg, -25kg, -27kg, -29kg, -31kg, -33kg, -36kg, -40kg, +40 kg; • <u>CHILDREN II GROUP:</u> Male and female: -27kg, -31kg, -33kg, -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, +57kg; • <u>CADETS:</u> Male: -33kg, -37kg, -41kg, -45kg, -49kg, -53kg, -57kg, -61kg, -65kg, +65kg; Female: -29kg, -33kg, -37kg, -41kg, -44kg, -47kg, -51kg, -55kg, -59kg, +59 kg; • <u>JUNIORS:</u> Male: -48kg, -55kg, -63kg, -73kg, +73kg; Female: -44kg, -49kg, -55kg, -63kg, +63 kg; • <u>SENIORS:</u> Male: -58kg, -68kg, -80kg, +80kg; Female: -49kg, -57kg, -67kg, +67kg.
8. WEIGH-IN AND REGISTRATION	<p>12:00 – 20:00 (local time) on 2nd March 2018 for <u>all athletes competing on Saturday and Sunday</u> – at sports hall “Arena Asics”, address: 35 Manastirska str., Geo Milev district, Sofia; Map: https://goo.gl/maps/41VTd2GMDn82</p> <p>14:00 – 16:00 (local time) on 3rd March 2018 for athletes competing on Sunday – at the at sports hall “Arena Asics</p>
9. MATCH DURATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHILDREN (I and II gr.), • 2 x 1 min. with 30 sec. rest • CADETS, JUNIORS and SENIORS • 2 x 1,5 min. with 30 sec. rest <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Organizers reserve the right to change the duration of the matches if necessary.</i></p>
10. SCORING	<p><u>PSS DaeDo will be used.</u></p>
11. EQUIPMENT	<p>All players will be provided with a Daedo electronic hogu and must bring their own helmets. <u>All Competitors must bring their own Daedo sensor socks.</u> These should be purchased in advance before the event. If you require any information on this contact</p>

	<p>dimitar.mihaylov@abv.bg.</p> <p>All competitors must provide all other WTF-approved protective equipment: helmet, forearm guards, shin guards, gloves, groin guard, mouth guard. Please note that mouth guards are <u>compulsory</u> for all.</p>
<p>12. PAYMENT</p>	<p>For each contestant the entry fee is 30 euros. Entry fees will be paid in cash during the Registration and Weight-in, or by a bank transfer no later than 27th February 2018:</p> <p><i>First Investment Bank, Bulgaria</i> <i>Taekwondo club Ramus</i> <i>IBAN:BG39FINV91501203949844,</i> <i>BIC: FINVBGSF</i> <i>Reason for payment: SOB2018 + team name</i></p> <p><i>Change of category will be possible during the Registration and Weigh-in – against an additional fee of 20 euros for each change.</i></p>
<p>13. LIABILITY</p>	<p>All competitors participate at their own risk. The online registration implies that the competitors agree to assume all responsibility for themselves and to release all other parties from any and all liability which may directly or indirectly result.</p> <p><i>The legal guardians of all minor competitors must fill in a Declaration of contest (appendix 2)</i></p>
<p>14. PARTICIPANTS DOCUMENTS</p>	<p>GAL/GOL license is not required for participation.</p> <p>All participants must show their passport during the Registration & Weigh-in.</p>
<p>15. AWARDS</p>	<p>Medals will be awarded to the top four athletes per weight category for each age group:</p> <p>1st PLACE: GOLD MEDAL 2nd PLACE: SILVER MEDAL 3rd PLACE: BRONZE MEDAL</p> <p>Teams cups will be awarded to the three best teams in the Total Ranking for all age groups:</p> <p>1st PLACE: Cup 2nd PLACE: Cup 3rd PLACE: Cup</p> <p>The team ranking is based on the following point system:</p> <p>For every Gold Medal 7 points For every Silver Medal 3 points For every Bronze Medal 1 point</p>
<p>16. COACHES</p>	<p>Each team must have at least 1 assistant-coach (in addition to the main coach) to accompany athletes for their matches. Once one of the athletes has entered the court (fully equipped and accompanied by a coach/assistant-coach), their opponent will have only 1 minute (Kye-shi) to show up (also fully equipped and accompanied by a coach/assistant-coach). Unless they do so by the end of that 1 minute, they shall be disqualified. Once the match has started, NO change of coaches shall be possible.</p>

<p>17. PROTEST</p>	<p>For all matches <u>WITHOUT</u> Instant Video Replay, the official coach is allowed to file a Protest (contestation) to the Referee Chairman, immediately after the end of the pertinent contest, together with a fee of 50 euro which is refundable if the protest is accepted by the Board of Arbitration. The Referee Chairman will form a 3- or 5-member Board of Arbitration, which will review the protest and announce the decision, which shall be final.</p>
<p>18. VISAS</p>	<p>All teams who require a visa invitation should send their request to the Bulgarian Taekwondo Federation (office@taekwondo-bulgaria.org) with the names, date of birth and passport No. of all team members, competitors and officials (if possible, please send a word file as an e-mail attachment).</p>
<p>19. REFEREES</p>	<p>Referees wishing to participate should send an e-mail to referees@ramutkd.org or dimitar.mihaylov@abv.bg no later than 20 February 2018 with their first and last names and their class of qualification (International Referee, National Referee 1 or 2).</p> <p>Participating teams could suggest 1 referee per every 10 participating athletes.</p> <p>The Organizing Committee will provide accommodation at 4-star hotel near the competition venue and remuneration.</p>
<p>20. TIMETABLE</p>	<p><u>2nd March 2018:</u></p> <p>12:00-20:00 – Registration and Weigh-in, at sports hall “Arena Asics” – for <u>all athletes competing on Saturday and Sunday</u></p> <p><u>3rd March 2018: Saturday (Juniors and Seniors)</u></p> <p>08:00-08:30 – Referee Meeting</p> <p>08:30 – Head-of-Team Meeting</p> <p>08:50 – Equipment checkpoints open up and start checking the athletes for the first matches</p> <p>09:00 – Start of matches</p> <p>14:00 – 16:00 – Weigh-in competitors competing on Sunday</p> <p>17:00 – Finals and Award Ceremony</p> <p><u>4th March 2018: Sunday (Children I and II group, Cadets)</u></p> <p>08:00-08:30 – Referee Meeting</p> <p>08:30 – Head-of-Team Meeting</p> <p>08:50 – Equipment checkpoints open up and start checking the athletes for the first</p>

	<p>matches</p> <p>09:00 – Start of matches</p> <p>17:00 – Finals and Award Ceremony</p> <p><i>The Organizers reserve the right to change the timetable if necessary.</i></p>
21. ACCOMMODATION	<p>The Organizing Committee offers assistance for the accommodation of teams for the championship at preferential rates.</p> <p>For more information please check appendix 1 and contact by mail to: dimitar.mihaylov@abv.bg</p>

****Please review the Appendixes on the last two pages***

Official hotels for the tournament:

Hotel	Website	Single room	Double room	Triple room	Reservation	Promo code
Novotel Sofia	http://www.novotel.com/ 4 stars	65€	75€	90€	H8468-RE@accor.com and hotels@ramustkd.org	S018G1
Best Western Hotel Europe	http://www.hotel-europe-bg.com/ 4 stars	65€	75€	90€	hotels@ramustkd.org Apartaments available	
Best Western Premier	http://hotelpremiersofia.com 4 stars	60€	75€	95€	reservations@hotelpremiersofia.com and hotels@ramustkd.org	S02018G1
Best Western Expo	http://www.hotelexposofia.com 4 stars	60€	75€		reservations@hotelpremiersofia.com and hotels@ramustkd.org	S02018G1
Spa Hotel Tsarsko Selo	http://www.tsarskoselo-bg.com/ 4 stars	50€	65€	90€	hotels@ramustkd.org	
Metropolitan	http://metropolitanhotelsofia.com/ 4 stars	80€	100€	140€	hotels@ramustkd.org	

Those prices are available in euro per room and include breakfast, free Wi-Fi, fitness and parking until 30.01.2018. After 30.01.2018 the prices could be increased. For reservations please send an email to the hotel e-mail with a copy to hotels@ramustkd.org

For more information according accommodation and transportation: hotels@ramustkd.org or dimitar.mihaylov@abv.bg

Transportation

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Distances:

Novotel Sofia - 2,2 km away from the Sports Hall, 8,4 km away from the airport – **next to Novotel Sofia is one of the biggest malls in Sofia – The Mall.**

Best Western Hotel Europe - 1,4 km away from the Sport Hall, 6,5 km from the airport

Best Western Premier - 5 km away from the Sports Hall, 2,4 km away from the airport – free shuttle available

Best Western Expo - 3,8 km away from the Sports Hall, 7,8 km from the airport

Spa Hotel Tsarsko Selo – 9.2 km away from the Sports Hall, 12,2 km away from the airport

Metropolitan Hotel Sofia - 4.2 km away from the Sports Hall, 3,7 km away from the airport

DECLARATION OF CONTEST

As legal guardian I herewith declare my consent that my son/my daughter may participate as an active player at the following championship:

SOFIA OPEN (Beginners) 2018

I do know that Taekwondo is a Full Contact Competition Sport, where injuries cannot be excluded. Neither the organizer nor the promoter of the event can be held responsible for any damages or injuries and therefore I declare that there exists a valid insurance that will cover costs of possible injuries for my son/my daughter or that I will accept all costs in connection with possible injuries or damages by myself.

Name of Guardian

Point of Relationship

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Date Signature

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