INVITATION LETTER

Dear Mr. President,

Dear Sir/Madam

After having successfully organized “SOFIA OPEN” – 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014 with over 1000 participants and “SOFIA CUP” – 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013, we are pleased and honored to invite you and your athletes to participate in the:

7th “SOFIA OPEN” 2020

(Beginners)

INTERNATIONAL TAEKWONDO TOURNAMENT

Sofia, March 7th, 2020

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 25th 2020.

We truly hope that we can welcome you to participate in “SOFIA OPEN 2020 - Beginners” 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/
1. **ORGANIZER**

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- The deadline for applications is **by the end of 27th February 2020. 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 29th February 2020.
- **The limit of registered competitors is 500.**
- Applications should be registered online at: [http://tpss.eu](http://tpss.eu)

2. **APPLICATIONS**

- Date: **7th March 2020 (Saturday)**;
- Place: **Sports hall “Arena Asics”**, Address: 35 Manastirska str., Geo Milev district, Sofia, Bulgaria
- Map: [https://goo.gl/maps/41VTd2GMDn82](https://goo.gl/maps/41VTd2GMDn82)
- Start of matches: **09:00 AM**

3. **DATE AND PLACE**

4. **HEAD OF TEAM MEETING**

At 8:30 on 7th March 2020 at the Sports hall “Arena Asics”.

- **CHILDREN I GROUP**: athletes, **born in 2011, 2012 and 2013** (regardless of the specific day and month);
- **CHILDREN II GROUP**: athletes, **born in 2009 and 2010** (regardless of the specific day and month);
- **CADETS**: athletes, **born in 2006, 2007 and 2008** (regardless of the specific day and month);
- **JUNIORS**: athletes, **born in 2003, 2004 and 2005** (regardless of the specific day and month);

5. **AGE GROUPS**

6. **COMPETITION**

The official WT Competition Rules will be used. The tournament will be based on a Single
**RULES AND SYSTEM**

Elimination.

* Beginners (B-class) – kicks to the head are NOT allowed

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<td>• <strong>CHILDREN II GROUP:</strong></td>
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<td>• <strong>CADETS:</strong></td>
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<td>• <strong>JUNIORS:</strong></td>
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<td>Female: -44kg, -49kg, -55kg, -63kg, +63 kg</td>
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<th>8. WEIGH-IN AND REGISTRATION</th>
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<td>12:00 – 20:00 (local time) on 6th March 2020 for all athletes – at sports hall “Arena Asics” 35 Manastirska str., Geo Milev district, Sofia, Bulgaria</td>
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<td>• 2 x 1,5 min. with 30 sec. rest</td>
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<td><em>The Organizers reserve the right to change the duration of the matches if necessary.</em></td>
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<td><strong>PSS DaeDo will be used.</strong></td>
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All players will be provided with a **Daedo electronic hogu and must bring their own helmets. All Competitors must bring their own Daedo sensor socks.** These should be purchased in advance before the event. If you require any information on this contact [dimitar.mihaylov@abv.bg](mailto:dimitar.mihaylov@abv.bg).

All competitors must provide all other WT-approved protective equipment: helmet, forearm guards, shin guards, gloves, groin guard, mouth guard. Please note that mouth guards are compulsory for all.

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<td>For each contestant the entry fee is <strong>30 euros</strong>. Entry fees will be paid in cash during the</td>
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Registration and Weight-in, or by a bank transfer no later than 29th February 2020:

_First Investment Bank, Bulgaria_
_Taekwondo club Ramus_
_IBAN:BG39FINV91501203949844,  
_BIC: FINVBGSF_

_Reason for payment: Beginners 2020 + team name_

Change of category will be possible during the Registration and Weigh-in – against an additional fee of **20 euros** for each change.

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13. LIABILITY

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.

*The legal guardians of all minor competitors must fill in a Declaration of contest (appendix 2)*

14. PARTICIPANTS DOCUMENTS

GAL/GOL license is **NOT** required for participation.

All participants must show their passport during the Registration & Weigh-in.

Medals will be awarded to the top four athletes per weight category for each age group:

- **1st PLACE**: GOLD MEDAL
- **2nd PLACE**: SILVER MEDAL
- **3rd PLACE**: BRONZE MEDAL

Teams cups will be awarded to the three best teams in the Total Ranking for all age groups:

- **1st PLACE**: Cup
- **2nd PLACE**: Cup
- **3rd PLACE**: Cup

The team ranking is based on the following point system:

1. Every gold medal – 120 points;
2. Every silver medal – 50 points;
3. Every bronze medal – 20 points;
4. 1 point per each contestant who entered the competition area after passing the general weigh-in;
5. 1 point per each win (win by a bye included)

15. AWARDS

16. COACHES

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.

17. PROTEST

For all matches **WITHOUT** 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.

18. VISAS

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).

19. REFEREES

Referees wishing to participate should send an e-mail to referees@ramutkd.org or dimitar.mihaylov@abv.bg no later than 16th February 2020 with their first and last names and their class of qualification (International Referee, National Referee 1 or 2).

Participating teams could suggest 1 referee per every 10 participating athletes.

The Organizing Committee will provide accommodation at 4-star hotel near the competition venue and remuneration.

20. TIMETABLE

6th March 2020:

12:00-20:00 – Registration and Weigh-in, at sports hall “Arena Asics” – for all athletes

7th March 2020: Saturday (All ages and categories)

08:00-08:30 – Referee Meeting
08:30 – Head–of–Team Meeting
08:50 – Equipment checkpoints open up and start checking the athletes for the first matches
09:00 – Start of matches
17:00 – Finals and Award Ceremony

The Organizers reserve the right to change the timetable if necessary.

21. ACCOMMODATION

The Organizing Committee offers assistance for the accommodation of teams for the championship at preferential rates.

For more information please check appendix 1 and contact by mail to: dimitar.mihaylov@abv.bg

Accommodation

The Organizing Committee offers assistance for the accommodation of teams for the championship at preferential rates for the official hotels of the championship.

Official hotels for the tournament:
Hotel Website Single room Double room Triple room Reservation Promo code
Novotel Sofia  http://www.novotel.com/ 4 stars 71€ 87€ 128€ H8468-RE@accor.com and hotels@ramustkd.org Ramus-G1

Best Western Hotel Europe  http://www.hotel-europe-bg.com/ 4 stars 70€ 80€ 90€ hotels@ramustkd.org Apartaments available

Hotel Amsterdam  http://www.amsterdam.com 50€ 70€ 90€ hotels@ramustkd.org

Best Western Premier  http://hotelpremiersofia.com 4 stars 53€ 70€ 90€ reservations@hotelpremiersofia.com and hotels@ramustkd.org Ramus-G1

Those prices are available in euro per room and include breakfast, free Wi-Fi, fitness and parking until 30.01.2020. After 30.01.2020 the prices could be increased. For reservations please send an email to the hotel e-mail with a copy to hotels@ramustkd.org. Transportation is not included in the provided rates.

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
Hotel Amsterdam – 800 m away from the Sports Hall, 7,4 km away from the airport
Best Western Premier - 5 km away from the Sports Hall, 2,4 km away from the airport – free shuttle available

The Organizing Committee offers assistance for the transportation of teams for the championship at following rates:

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<td>8 seater bus</td>
<td>150 euro</td>
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The prices are per day per bus up to 100 km in Sofia. For more information according accommodation and transportation: hotels@ramustkd.org or dimitar.mihaylov@abv.bg

Appendix 2
DECLARATION OF CONSENT

As a coach I herewith declare my consent that all athletes from the represented club by me are participating at the following championship:

**SOFIA OPEN (Beginners) 2020**

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 of the athletes registered as club representatives or that I will accept all costs in connection with possible injuries or damages by myself.

Name of Coach .............................................. Date ..............................................

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Signature

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