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INVITATION LETTER

Dear Mr. President,

Dear Sir,

Dear Madam,

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

3rd "SOFIA OPEN" 2016

INTERNATIONAL TAEKWONDO TOURNAMENT

that will take place in

Sofia on March 26th and 27th, 2016.

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 March 14th 2016.

We truly hope that we can welcome you to participate in "SOFIA OPEN 2016" INTERNATIONAL TAEKWONDO TOURNAMENT and wish you and your team a lot of success at this championship.

Sincerely Yours,



Dimitar Mihaylov

/President of Taekwondo Club "RAMUS"/



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Sofia, 26th and 27th March

1. ORGANIZER	<p>The Bulgarian Taekwondo Federation and Taekwondo Club "Ramus" Mobile: +359 888 684548 (Mr. Dimitar Mihaylov) Mobile: +359 884 423016 (Mr. Iliya Dimitrov – Organizing Committee) E-mails: dimitar.mihaylov@abv.bg, office@bulgaria-taekwondo.com</p>
2. APPLICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The deadline for applications is by the end of 14 March 2016. 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 16 March 2016.• The limit of registered competitors is 1200.• Applications should be registered online at: http://tpss.eu
3. DATE AND PLACE	<p>Date: 26th and 27th March 2016 (Saturday and Sunday); Place: "Universiada" Sports Hall, Sofia, 2 Shipchenski Prohod Blvd. Map: https://goo.gl/maps/QMOcGeg1L1E2 Start of matches: 09:00 AM</p>
4. HEAD OF TEAM MEETING	<p>At 8:30 on 26th March 2016 the place of competition.</p>
5. AGE GROUPS	<p>COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CHILDREN I GROUP (class "A" and class "B"): athletes, born in 2007, 2008 and 2009 (regardless of the specific day and month);• CHILDREN II GROUP (class "A" and class "B"): athletes, born in 2005 and 2006 (regardless of the specific day and month); <p>COMPETITION FOR CADETS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CADETS (class "A" and class "B"): athletes, born in 2002, 2003 and 2004 (regardless of the specific day and month);

	<p>COMPETITION FOR JUNIORS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JUNIORS (class “A” and class “B”): athletes, born in 1999, 2000 and 2001 (regardless of the specific day and month); <p>COMPETITION FOR SENIORS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SENIORS (class “A” and class “B”): athletes, born in 1999 and before (regardless of the specific day and month); <p><i>Athletes born in 1999 could compete either in Juniors or in Seniors.</i></p> <p><i>Each athlete can participate in only <u>one</u> class (A or B) and <u>only</u> one age group.</i></p>
<p>6. COMPETITION RULES AND SYSTEM</p>	<p>The official WTF Competition Rules will be used. The tournament will be based on a Single Elimination.</p> <p>Instant Video Replay (IVR) will be used <u>A-class</u> matches only, based on a quota system.</p> <p><i>*All age groups have A-class (standard rules - with kicks to the head), and B-class (kicks to the head are NOT allowed)</i></p>
<p>7. WEIGHT CLASSES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CHILDREN I GROUP (2007-2009) (class “A” and class “B”): Male and female: -21kg, -23kg, -25kg, -27kg, -29kg, -31kg, -33kg, -36kg, -40kg, +40 kg; CHILDREN II GROUP (2005-2006) (class “A” and class “B”): Male and female: -27kg, -31kg, -33kg, -36kg, -40kg, -44kg, -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, +57kg CADETS (class “A” and class “B”): Male: -33kg, -37kg, -41kg, -45kg, -49kg, -53kg, -57kg, -61kg, -65kg, +65kg Female: -29kg, -33kg, -37kg, -41kg, -44kg, -47kg, -51kg, -55kg, -59kg, +59 kg JUNIORS (class “A”): Male: -45kg, -48kg, -51kg, -55kg, -59kg, -63kg, -68kg, -73kg, -78kg, +78kg Female: -42kg, -44kg, -46kg, -49kg, -52kg, -55kg, -59kg, -63kg, -68kg, +68 kg JUNIORS (class “B”): Male: -48kg, -55kg, -63kg, -73kg,+73kg Female: -44kg, -49kg, -55kg, -63kg, +63 kg SENIORS (class “A”): Male: -54kg, -58kg, -63kg, -68kg, -74kg, -80kg, -87kg, +87kg; Female: -46kg, -49kg, -53kg, -57kg, -62kg, -67kg, -73kg,+673kg SENIORS (class “B”): Male: -58kg, -68kg, -80kg, +80kg, Female: -49kg, -57kg,-67kg,+67kg

<p>8. WEIGH-IN AND REGISTRATION</p>	<p>14:00 – 20:00 (local time) on 25th March 2016 for <u>all athletes competing on Saturday and Sunday</u> – in Park Hotel Vitosha, Rossario 1 str. Map: https://goo.gl/maps/NCjFS5ZWZf12 14:00 – 16:00 (local time) on 26st March 2016 for athletes competing on Sunday - at the competition hall</p>
<p>9. MATCH DURATION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHILDREN (I and II gr.), “A” class: • 2 x 1,5 min. with 30 sec. rest • CHILDREN (I and II gr.), “B” class: • 2 x 1 min. with 30 sec. rest • CADETS, “A” class: • 3 x 1,5 min. with 30 sec. rest • CADETS, “B” class: • 2 x 1,5 min. with 30 sec. rest • JUNIORS, “A” class: • 3 x 1,5 min. with 30 sec. rest • JUNIORS, “B” class: • 3 x 1,5 min. with 30 sec. rest • SENIORS, “A” class: • 3 x 2 min. with 30 sec. rest • SENIORS, “B” class: • 3 x 1,5 min. with 30 sec. rest <p><i>The Organizers reserve the right to change the duration of the matches if necessary.</i></p>
<p>10. SCORING</p>	<p><u>PSS DaeDo will be used.</u></p>
<p>11. EQUIPMENT</p>	<p>All players competing in Class-A will be provided with a Daedo electronic hogu and E-Head gear for their matches. For B-Class 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 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 participating athletes, including those competing in “B” class.</p>
<p>12. PAYMENT</p>	<p>For each contestant the entry fee is 30 euros. Entry fees will be paid in cash during the</p>

	<p>Registration and Weight-in, or by a bank transfer no later than 14 March 2016:</p> <p><i>First Investment Bank, Bulgaria</i></p> <p><i>Taekwondo club Ramus</i></p> <p><i>IBAN:BG39FINV91501203949844,</i></p> <p><i>BIC: FINVBGSF</i></p> <p><i>Reason for payment: Sofia Cup + 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>
13. LIABILITY	<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>
14. PARTICIPANTS DOCUMENTS	<p>GAL/GOL license is not required for participation.</p> <p>All participants must show their passport during the Registration & Weigh-in.</p>
15. AWARDS	<p>Medals will be awarded to the top four athletes in the respective class (“A” and “B”) and weight category for each age group (Children; Cadets, Juniors and Seniors):</p> <p>1st PLACE: GOLD MEDAL</p> <p>2nd PLACE: SILVER MEDAL</p> <p>3rd PLACE: BRONZE MEDAL</p> <p>Teams cups will be awarded to the three best teams in the Total Ranking for the respective class (“A” and “B”) for ALL age groups (Children, Cadets, Juniors and Seniors):</p> <p>1st PLACE: Cup</p> <p>2nd PLACE: Cup</p> <p>3rd PLACE: Cup</p> <p>The team ranking is based on the following point system:</p> <p>For every Gold Medal 7 points</p> <p>For every Silver Medal 3 points</p> <p>For every Bronze Medal 1 point</p>
16. COACHES	<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>For all matches <u>WITH</u> Instant Video Replay no protests by the coaches will be accepted. Pursuant to Art. 21.7 of the WTF Competition Rules, “The decision of the Review Jury is final; no further appeals during the contest or protest after the contest will be accepted”.</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 office@taekwondo-bulgaria.org or dimitar.mihaylov@abv.bg no later than 4 March 2016 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>25 March 2016:</u></p> <p>16:00-20:00 – Registration and Weigh-in, Sofia, Park Hotel Vitosha, Rosario 1 str. - for <u>all athletes competing on Saturday and Sunday</u></p> <p>Map: https://goo.gl/maps/NCjFS5ZWZf12</p> <p><u>26 March 2016: Saturday (Cadets and Juniors - class “A” and “B”)</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>11:00 – Official Opening Ceremony</p> <p>14:00 – 16:00 – Weigh-in competitors competing on Sunday</p> <p>17:00 – Finals and Award Ceremony</p>

	<p>27 March 2016: Sunday (Children I and II group, Seniors - class “A” and “B”)</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>17:00 – Finals and Award Ceremony</p> <p><i>The Organizers reserve the right to change the timetable if necessary.</i></p>
<p>21. ACCOMMODATION</p>	<p>The Organizing Committee offers assistance for the accommodation of teams for the championship at preferential rates.</p> <p>Official hotel for the tournament - Park Hotel Vitosha (4 stars), http://www.vitoshaparkhotel.com</p> <p>For more information: dimitar.mihaylov@abv.bg</p>