



WORLD KABADDI FEDERATION

REGULATIONS

1 Regulations governing the Competitions of WKF

1.1 Definitions

The competitions of Kabaddi, Circle Kabaddi & Beach Kabaddi.

1.1.1 The main official competitions

- I. The World Cup for Men or women.
- II. The World Championship for men or women
- III. The World Championship for youth or Junior Boys.
- IV. The World Championship for Junior Girls.
- V. All Continental or Regional Championships, including all qualifying tournaments and games for these championships.

1.1.2 Other official competitions

- i. The official cups and tournaments of WKF .
- ii. The international tournaments sanctioned and officially recognised by WKF and included in the international calendar .

1.1.3 International games and tournaments

All other international games and tournaments not included in 1.1.1 and 1.1.2

2. Assignment

2.1. Filing of candidatures

1. In general, all competitions are organised by a national federation, by a Local Organising Committee recognised by the national federation where the competition is being held by WKF, or by a competent Affiliate of WKF, If WKF decides so. In such cases the selection of the concerned national teams for such competition will be strictly held under a selection committee chaired by the WKF Executive Chairman or his representative.
2. Any candidature for the organisation of official competitions of WKF as mentioned in 1.1.1 and 1.1.2 must be submitted to the appropriate authority, at least one (1) to three (3) years prior to the date it is to be held.
3. Each Regional WKF or Continental Affiliate has the authority to organise, sanction and control Kabaddi competitions within its geographic Region. Only

WKF, however, is empowered to organise, sanction, and control Kabaddi competitions involving several regions or continents.

4. In certain cases, WKF may be authorised by the Board to organise an event under its own auspices.
5. The WKF body responsible for the organisation of a competition is also authorised to establish the technical and financial regulations.
6. The host organiser of a competition of WKF must clear the sanction Fees to WKF before six months of commencement date of the competition dates approved by WKF or at the time of applying for candidature.

2.2 Participation

1. The minimum number of participating teams at a World Cup is set at six (6) teams from six (6) countries representing minimum three (3) regions and minimum four (4) teams from four (4) countries representing minimum two (2) regions for World Championship from the following regions/ continents:

1. Asia, 2. Europe, 3. America, 4. Africa, 5. Oceania.

2. The minimum number of participating teams at a regional/continental Championship is set at four (4) teams from four (4) countries.

In the event of a withdrawal by qualified teams, WKF has the right to invite other teams, while endeavouring to maintain, as far as possible, a certain balance between the regions/ continents.

2.3 Terms of engagement

1. In presenting its candidature, the candidate must give the absolute guarantee that all teams and officials having the right to participate shall actually find it possible to enter the country organising the competition (granting of visas, travel documents, etc.).
2. Furthermore, the candidate shall ensure a clean national television signal for international broadcast for all games of the competition, and provide the necessary equipment including television graphics and commentary position for worldwide broadcast of the competition by television and radio according to the host broadcaster obligations available from the Secretariat of WKF or from WKF's television partner. WKF may ensure itself the services of a host broadcaster for certain competitions.
3. If the regulations of the competitions do not specify otherwise, the following details must also be clearly indicated by the candidate:
 - a) Date and places of the competition.
 - b) Conditions of lodging and travelling.

- c) Financial conditions including budget for the event.
 - d) Means of transportation and distances to be travelled within the country.
 - e) Guarantee by national and local government of full support including in the event of a financial shortfall.
4. Furthermore, the candidate must give full details and all guarantees concerning the technical equipment (WKF approved) and the facilities in the hall where the competition will take place.
 5. Candidatures which do not satisfy the conditions indicated above shall be disregarded.
 6. For certain competitions under 1.1.1 and 1.1.2, WKF may issue a guide to candidatures and/or specific guidelines for the respective competition. All conditions indicated in these documents shall be scrupulously observed. WKF may decide to organise a site visit to all or some of the candidates. In such cases, all expenses must be covered by the candidates.
 7. Once the organisation has been assigned, no change to these terms of engagement shall be tolerated for any reason. Should these terms be violated, WKF shall have the right to revoke the assignment of the organisation while fully reserving the right to impose disciplinary and financial sanctions on the organisers and to assign the competition to another national federation who will undertake to respect these terms of engagement.

2.4 Renunciation of mandate

Organisers who renounce their assignment shall be subject to disciplinary and financial sanctions by **WKF**.

2.5 Financial provisions

1. The organisers of an official competition of WKF as mentioned in 1.1.1 and 1.1.2 shall be obliged to respect the financial provisions for the competition in question.
2. WKF is the owner of all television and marketing rights. It reserves the right to negotiate and sign television and marketing contracts for all international competitions designated by the Board. The terms of these contracts signed by WKF must be respected in their entirety by the national federation and its Local Organising Committee in charge of the competition. In the case of club competitions, WKF or the appropriate authority will clear, if necessary, all the rights issues.
3. The division of income from these contracts is within the competence of the Board. It decides the sums to be allocated to WKF and to the competitions of WKF mentioned in 1.1.1 and 1.1.2

2.6 Legal provisions & General principles

1. The agreement to organise a competition of WKF as mentioned in 1.1.1 and the agreement to take part in the said competition constitutes a contract between WKF, the organisers and the participating teams. All parties involved must scrupulously respect this "sports contract".
2. This principle must also apply to all international competitions, even when these are not of a strictly official nature.
3. Commitments made by clubs for club competitions are considered as having been made with the approval of their national federation. Therefore, the national federations shall be held responsible for having these commitments respected

2.7 Duties of WKF

1. WKF must do all in its power to see that a competition organised under its auspices will be successfully carried out and that WKF is represented by competent persons, maintaining absolute impartiality .WKF is obliged to assist the organisers by all means at its disposal.
2. However, WKF may demand of the organisers the reimbursement of expenses caused by its action.

2.8 Duties of the organisers

1. The organisers are obliged to respect the general provisions of these Regulations as well as the specific regulations and terms and conditions for each competition. In particular , they must ensure that all qualified teams that are to take part in the event can actually do so and that visas for entry into the country, tickets (if applicable) are issued in good time. These provisions are also valid for the invited teams for events that are not of an official nature.
2. In case of violation of these provisions and in the case of a competition mentioned in 1.1.1 and 1.1.2, WKF shall withdraw its patronage and the title involved. It may also apply disciplinary penalties to the organisations at fault and impose fines. The respective body of WKF shall make such decisions as required and its decisions shall have immediate effect. Nevertheless, these must be brought to the attention of and submitted for approval to the Board of WKF at its next session.

2.9 Duties of the participating teams

1. Teams taking part in an official competition of WKF must respect the provisions of these Internal Regulations. They must be present at the site of the competition in due time and must co-operate at ail times with the organisers and representatives of WKF.

2. A team that has accepted an invitation to take part in an official competition of WKF shall be obliged to take part, otherwise the team will be subject to a financial and/or disciplinary sanction.
3. In case of violation of these provisions, the appropriate body of WKF shall apply such penalties as are required. In the case of a club, the decision shall be communicated to the national federation to which the club belongs. In particular, teams participating in an official competition of WKF may not under any circumstances:
 - a) Refuse to play game or leave the playing area before the end of a game.
 - b) Refuse to participate in or leave before the end of the opening ceremony and/or the award ceremony and the closing ceremony.
 - c) Behave incorrectly (or make insulting remarks), thus disrupting the smooth running of the competition, official functions or ceremonies.
4. Where there is a violation of these provisions, in addition to the provisions set out in the Rules of Kabaddi, the appropriate body of WKF may apply the following additional penalties:
 - a) Immediate disqualification from the current competition and disqualification of the team in question from all WKF competitions for at least one (1) year, and,
 - b) A fine of US\$ 2000.00 minimum and US\$ 5,000.00 maximum.
5. Cases not provided for in these Regulations (such as provocative gestures, not attending the post-game press conference) shall be judged on their own merits.

2.10 Duties of international Technical Officials and Delegates

International Technical Officials who are to direct the games in an international competition shall also be obliged to respect the provisions of these Internal Regulations. In particular, they must do everything in their power to accomplish their mission in a satisfactory manner and are obliged to facilitate the task of the organisers by avoiding unnecessary expenses.

These provisions also apply to the technical delegates appointed by WKF.

2.11 Competence of WKF bodies

WKF bodies shall be competent to make any decision and to impose sanctions or levy fines whenever a conflict arises at the time of an international competition, whether it be official or not (1.1.1 and 1.1.2) and (1.1.3). Any appeal against the decisions of WKF shall be dealt with in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations and the General Statutes of WKF and the regulations governing that competition.

2.12 Insurance of participants in official competitions of WKF and

medical care

2.12.1 Responsibilities of WKF

WKF shall insure the following persons against accidents which may occur during the travel to and from the venue of the competition:

- a) The neutral international technical officials (appointed by WKF).
- b) The technical delegates.
- c) The official representatives of WKF present at the competition.

2.12.2 Responsibilities of the organisers

1. The organisers are obliged to ensure medical care at the venue for all participants (players, coaches, technical officials, delegates and officials) in case of illness and/or accident during their entire stay for the competition.
2. This medical care is at the expense of the organisers for all accidents which may occur during any local transportation arranged by them.
3. The sport venue shall include a first aid room and a room for doping control. The organisers shall schedule medical *staff* and nurses (with equipment for reanimation, stretcher and exits allowing a quick evacuation).
4. The organisers must carry civil responsibility (third party liability) for all accidents which are due to poor organisation: faulty fittings, equipment and stands, security within the premises of the game and, in general, all material organisation for which the organisers are responsible. WKF shall be a co-insured party to that insurance. The organisers must carry appropriate cancellation insurance and WKF shall be a co insured party to that insurance.

2.12.3. Duties of clubs or national federations whose teams participate in an official competition organised by WKF

The national federations and the clubs whose teams participate in an official competition must insure these teams against:

- 1) Accidents which may occur during travel to and from the country of the competition venue.
- 2) Accidents which may occur to members of their team during the competition and for which the organisers are not responsible.

3. Financial provisions

3.1 Duties of the organisers

The organisers of an international competition shall be obliged to respect the financial provisions applying to each competition. All fees and dues owed to WKF must be paid in full within the deadlines as per WKF rules. For all other payments provided for in these Internal Regulations, the organisers shall be obliged to respect the following provisions:

1. For reimbursement of travel expenses for officials nominated by WKF, i.e. WKF representatives, delegates, technical officials and the supervisory doctor for doping control, the payment must be made in US dollars, unless an agreement has been made with the party involved.
2. For reimbursement of the teams' travel expenses, officiating fees and allowances, payment must be made in US dollars. Should this payment concern only travel expenses for distances travelled in the territory of the organising country, payment shall be made in that country's currency, provided such payment is made within twenty-four (24) hours of the teams' arrival at the venue of the competition.
3. The organiser shall cover all organising expenses (rental of arenas, taxes, host broadcaster services, provision of statistics and graphics for television, services provided for the press, etc.) and the local transportation of the teams, the WKF representatives, delegates, technical officials and supervisory doctor for doping control.

3.2 Duties of teams

Those responsible for teams taking part in an official international competition are required to facilitate the task of the organisers by avoiding unnecessary expenses.

4 Participation

4.1 Participation in official competitions

1. Only qualified teams may take part in official international competitions. In certain cases (World Cup, Continental Championships) the organisers may, after consultation with WKF, invite non-qualified teams to replace qualified teams which have withdrawn from the competition.
2. Only teams of national federations that are up to date in the payment of their fees, up to and including the current year, may take part in official competitions. Under no circumstances may a team from an associated member country take part in official competitions of WKF without prior approval.
3. Should a team from a country that is not a member of WKF take part in an official competition, the said competition shall automatically lose its official character, unless the said team is selected by a selection committee which is chaired by the WKF Executive Chairman or his representative.

4.2 Deadlines for registration

The teams taking part in an official competition of WKF shall be obliged to respect the deadlines set for the preliminary and final entries provided for in the regulations applying to the competition.

4.3 Forfeits

1. If, after having sent its final entry, a team should cancel its participation or should fail to appear at the opening of the competition, the Executive Board of WKF or the appropriate body of WKF shall have the right to impose penalties on the parties at fault. These penalties may be of a disciplinary or financial nature. In particular, WKF may impose a fine ranging from US\$ 1,000.00 to US\$ 5,000.00. Part of the fine may be paid to the organisers as compensation in the event of any financial loss.
2. Under no circumstances will a national team which has qualified to participate in an official competition of WKF and has withdrawn its participation from the said competition for any reason, be able to take part in an official or friendly game for thirty (30) days preceding the first day of the official competition for which it was qualified for the duration of the competition and for thirty (30) days after the last day of this competition.

4.4 Co-operation with the organisers and with WKF

Participating teams shall closely co-operate with the organisers and with WKF in order to assure the technical and financial success of the event. In particular, they should supply, in advance, the photographs and personal data of the players and all information as required by the organisers and/or WKF. Any failure may result in a fine.

4.5 Qualification of players

1. The qualification of players for national or club teams must conform to the Regulations governing the Eligibility of Players and the National Status of Players.
2. All transfers of players must be made according to the regulations of the competent national federation or, as the case may be, of the two national federations involved, and according to the Regulations governing the International Transfer of Players.

5. Organisation

5.1 Rights and duties of the Local Organising Committee

1. The Local Organising Committee has the duty to take all measures that it may deem necessary for the success of the event. However, such measures shall be subject to approval by the Board of WKF or the appropriate Committee.
2. Furthermore, the Local Organising Committee must work closely and efficiently with all official bodies of WKF responsible for the organisation of the event.

3. The Local Organising Committee shall ensure that all participating teams are treated in the same way and that all enjoy equal rights. Special requests by any of the participating teams shall be forwarded to WKF for approval. The Local Organising Committee is entitled to rely on the closest co-operation from the official bodies of WKF and also from the participating teams and their national federations.

5.2 Flags and national anthems

1. During all the main official competitions (as mentioned in 1.1.1) only the flags and anthems of the countries or affiliated national federations approved and recognised by WKF may be used.
2. At the site of the competition and its surroundings, the flag of WKF and, without exception, the flags of the countries or national federations whose teams take part in the competition shall be raised.
3. The Local Organising Committee shall ensure that the flags of the teams taking part in the competition are placed in a manner that will be equal for all. The flags shall be hung in alphabetical order according to the language of the organisers.
4. At the official opening of the event, only the anthem of the organising country or organising national federation shall be played. At the closing ceremony, only the anthem of the country or national federation of the winning team shall be played.
5. Throughout the duration of the event no anthem may be played within the site of the competition. The use of national flags or flags of national federations before each game of the competition is strictly forbidden.
6. During other competitions (as mentioned in 1.1.2), it is recommended, though not compulsory, that the organisers apply the provisions established for the main official competitions.
7. During international games and tournaments (as mentioned in 1.1.3), the organisers may adapt the provisions indicated above to local needs and customs.

5.3 Opening ceremony

1. At all main official competitions of WKF, an official opening ceremony shall be organised at the beginning of the event. The teams, uniformly dressed, must attend this ceremony.
2. The ceremony shall begin with a short cultural programme of not more than fifteen (15) minutes. Following this, the national flag of each participating country, or the flag of its national federation, shall be carried onto the court.

The flag bearers shall enter the court from various parts of the hall to form a circle around the podium.

3. This part of the ceremony is followed by two (2) short speeches lasting approximately two (2) minutes each and the competition is declared open.
4. The anthem of the organising country or national federation is then played. The opening ceremony shall end with all flag bearers leaving the court.

5.4 Victory and closing ceremony

1. The victory ceremony shall be linked with the closing ceremony and shall take place at the site of the competition immediately after the last game.
2. As soon as the final game has ended, the teams placed 3rd, 2nd and 1st shall enter the court.
3. In the centre of the court in front of the tribune of honour there shall be three (3) podiums, each wide enough for fifteen persons (players, team managers and coaches only) in a row. The podium for the team placed first shall be the highest and positioned in the middle, the podium for the team placed second shall be lower and positioned to the right of the central podium, and that for the team placed third shall be the lowest and positioned to the left of the central podium.
4. Each team shall line up alongside its captain ready to step up onto the podium reserved for it. After the results classification of the competition has been announced, the team placed third shall mount the podium reserved for the third place winner. The representative of WKF shall present a maximum of sixteen (16) medals to the members of the team including coaches. The teams placed second and first shall be presented with their medals in the same way. Following this, the captain of the winning team shall be presented with the trophy.
5. The presentation of the medals and trophy is followed by a maximum of three (3) short speeches, with the President of WKF speaking last. The anthem of the winning team shall then be played, following which the teams shall leave the court and the closing ceremony shall end.
6. At the victory and closing ceremony, only trophies from WKF's official sponsors, with WKF's approval, may be awarded on the court.
7. Other prizes approved by WKF may be awarded at the closing dinner .
8. WKF reserves the right to make changes to the ceremony as described in this article should circumstances require it.

5.5 Prizes

The organisers shall provide the following prizes:

1. Gold medals (silver-gilt) for the players, team managers and coaches of the team placed first.
2. Silver medals for the players, team managers and coaches of the team placed second.
3. Bronze medals for the players, team managers and coaches of the team placed third.
4. A diploma for each team, with indication of the place won in the final classification .
5. A set of 1-4 for WKF.

The organisers may provide additional prizes either for the teams or for the players. In view of the fact that kabaddi is a team game, Individual prizes are not encouraged. An exception may be made in the case of prizes awarded on the basis of objective considerations. Nevertheless, the awarding of these prizes and the award procedure must be approved by the WKF.

5.6 Composition of participating national delegations

1. For main official competitions of WKF, a delegation (team) shall be made up of fifteen (15) persons, namely:
 - a) Twelve (12) players-
 - b) One (1) coach.
 - c) One (1) Team manager
 - d) One (1) international technical official.
2. Should a national federation wish to send a larger delegation, it must assume all additional expenses. Under these conditions, the delegation may be made up of twenty (20) persons, that is, in addition to those mentioned above:
 - a) Team Doctor
 - b) Team Physiotherapist
 - c) The President of the national federation.
 - d) The Secretary General of the national federation.
 - e) A media/PR officer.
3. The additional officials will stay in the same hotel as the team and will have access to all services at the competition. The Secretary General and the President will stay at the official WKF competition hotel.
4. The President and Secretary General of the national federation will have a seat in the Tribune of Honour.
5. These persons will receive the same accreditation as the members of the delegation and are the responsibility of the organisers.

6. For any other person accompanying the delegation, the national federation shall assume all additional expenses (including the price of the tickets for the competition) and must ensure hotel rooms are reserved. These persons are not entitled to receive an accreditation.
7. The organisers shall not be obliged to reserve rooms in the same hotel as the delegation proper or to arrange local transport.

5.7 Board and lodging and Travel expenses

1. The organisers shall be obliged to ensure board and lodging for all official participants in the competition. Lodging must be provided under conditions ensuring comfort and modern sanitation. If meals are to be taken in a restaurant separate from the hotel, the distance between the two places must be as short as possible.
2. It is strongly recommended that the technical delegates and technical officials be accommodated in a different hotel to that of the teams.
3. All events-related hotels (official WKF hotel, team hotels, press hotels, etc.) must be approved by WKF. Air fare for the participants and officials of a country team is not a must but it shall be as per the terms of agreement with the local organising committee.

5.8 Transportation

The organisers shall arrange for the transportation of teams to and from the airport and from their hotel quarters to the competition venues. This provision shall apply to training sessions, official competitions and to any event to which the teams may be officially invited. It is preferable that the organisers obtain free passage on public transport for players and officials.

5.9 Travel and staying expenses of WKF officials

1. The organisers shall assume the travel and staying expenses of official representatives appointed by WKF (maximum one (1) person) to participate in the site visits and meetings with the organisers prior to the beginning of the competition.
2. The organisers shall assume the staying expenses of official representatives appointed by WKF for the competition i.e. Technical Delegate, Technical Officials, and the supervisory doctors for doping control.
3. Furthermore, the organisers shall pay to all committee and referees the fees and allowances provided for in the Regulations governing International Technical Officials and Technical Delegates of WKF.
4. The organisers shall also pay the supervisory doctors the allowances provided for in the Regulations governing Doping Control.

6. Technical provisions

6.1 Draw

1. In principle, the draw for each competition shall be held under the supervision of WKF and in the presence of the representatives of the participating teams. In such cases, the draw shall take place at least forty-eight (48 hours before the beginning of the competition.
2. However, if the preliminary round of a competition is held in different towns, or if the final schedule of the competition is required in order to conclude television contracts, the draw may be advanced to another date in accordance with the following provisions:
 - a) In principle, the draw cannot take place until seventy-two (72) hours after the closing date for final entries.
 - b) The draw must be held on the occasion of a WKF event (e.g. official tournament, competition or cup, meeting of a committee of WKF).
 - c) In certain cases, the draw may be held at the WKF headquarters.
 - d) The draw may be held in the organising country. In this case, the travel and staying expenses of the representative of WKF will be the responsibility of the Local Organising Committee.
 - e) In all cases, the parties involved must be advised of the date and the place of the draw at least fifteen (15) days in advance.
3. The date, venue and procedure for the draw shall be decided by the appropriate body of WKF for the competition in question.

6.2 Technical committee

1. A technical committee must be formed at the beginning of each main official competition, cup and tournament of WKF. It shall consist of three (3) persons, namely the Secretary General of WKF (or his representative), a delegate of the organising federation and the WKF Technical Chairman. If the games are played in different towns, there shall be an equivalent number of technical committees.
2. The functions of the technical committee are as follows:
 - a) Supervision and approval of playing facilities and of the technical equipment as provided for in the Rules of Kabaddi.
 - b) Establishing the schedule for the competition.
 - c) Appointment of technical delegate, technical officials and approval of the other technical personnel.
 - d) Approval of the final score of each game and the final classification of the competition.
 - e) Examination of and decision on protests in the first instance.
 - f) The imposition of penalties against players, coaches, assistant coaches, team followers, technical delegate, international technical officials and table officials who have violated the spirit and the letter of

the General Statutes and the Regulations of WKF or the spirit of 'fair play' that must exist in Kabaddi.

- g) Penalties that are imposed shall be based upon the reports submitted by the technical delegates and technical officials, as well as on observations by members of the technical committee.
- h) The technical committee is also responsible for making rulings concerning any other unsportsmanlike behaviour which may occur immediately before or after the game.
- i) Supervision of the implementation of the Regulations governing the Use of Advertising.

The functions of the technical committee shall terminate with the announcement of the final classification of the competition.

6.3 Jury of appeal

1. A jury of appeal must be formed comprising five members nominated by WKF at the beginning of each competition.
2. The function of the jury of appeal shall be to examine and to decide in the second instance appeals against decisions taken by the technical committee concerning the approval of game results and penalties imposed. Its verdict cannot be appealed against.
3. Members of the jury of appeal having a connection with teams involved in the dispute may not sit on the jury and must be replaced by alternate members. The president of the jury of appeal shall be replaced, if necessary, by the person appointed by him with the approval of the technical committee which will be responsible for making the formal announcement.

6.4 Procedure to follow in the case of protest

If during a main official competition of WKF a team believes its interests have been adversely affected by a decision of an official (referee or umpire) or by any event that took place during a game, it must proceed in the following manner:

1. The captain of the team in question shall, immediately at the end of the game, inform the referee that his team is protesting against the result of the game. In order to make this declaration valid, it is necessary for the official representative of the national federation or the club to give confirmation of this protest in writing within the twenty (20) minutes following the end of the game. Detailed explanations are not necessary. It is sufficient to write: 'The national federation or club X protests against the result of the game between the teams of X and Y. Then he shall deposit, as security, a sum equivalent to US\$250.00 with the representative of WKF or the Technical Committee.
2. Should a protest be filed by one of the teams, the technical delegate or the referee shall, within the hour following the end of the game, report the incident to the representative of WKF or to the President of the Technical Committee.

3. The national federation of the team or the club in question must submit to the representative of WKF or to the President of the Technical Committee the text of its protest within the hour that follows the end of the game. If the protest is accepted, the security shall be refunded.
4. Should the national federation of the team or the club in question, or that of the opposing team or club, not be in agreement with the decision of the Technical Committee, it may then address an appeal to the Jury of Appeal.
5. To make this valid the appeal must be made within twenty (20) minutes following the delivery of the decision of the Technical Committee and accompanied by a deposit equivalent to US\$250.00 as security. The Jury of Appeal shall judge the appeal in the last instance, and its decision shall be final.
6. Videos, film, pictures or any equipment, visual, electronic, digital, or otherwise, shall not be used to determine or to change the result of a game. The use of such equipment is valid only to determine responsibility in matters of discipline or for educational (training) purposes after the game has ended.

6.5 Classification of teams

The classification of teams shall be made according to the Official Game Procedures as provided for in the Rules of Kabaddi currently valid.

6.6 Technical equipment and playing court

1. Before each official competition of WKF, the court as well as all the technical equipment must be examined and approved by the appropriate body of WKF.
2. The choice of mats to be used in the competition, of a make which has been approved by WKF, will also be made by the appropriate body of WKF .
3. For main official competitions, as decided by the Board, WKF reserves the right to choose the make and type of mat to be used.
4. Only technical equipment whose make and model have been approved by WKF may be used on the occasion of main official competitions of WKF .

6.7 Doping control

Doping control tests shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the WKF. Regulations governing Doping Control.

6.8 Provisions of protocol and Order of precedence

Whenever official competitions of WKF are held, the representative of WKF shall rank immediately after the highest authority of the host country.

The order of precedence for members of WKF shall be as follows:

1. The President
2. The Executive chairman
3. The members of the WKF Executive Board.
4. The Secretary General.
5. The Vice-Presidents.
6. The Joint Sec. General or the representative of the Sec. General.
7. The Treasurer.
8. The members of the WKF Executive Committee.
9. The WKF Regional Presidents
10. The Chairman of the WKF Commissions
11. The members of the WKF Executive Board.
12. The Honorary Presidents and the honorary members.
13. The Chairman of the International Committees.
14. The Presidents of the participating national federations
15. The secretaries of national federations.

6.9 Tickets, accreditations and VIP areas

1. The Local Organising Committee must provide two hundred (200) complimentary tickets for the World Cup) in the best seats (if applicable).
2. All complimentary tickets must arrive at the Secretariat of WKF at least eight (8) weeks prior to the event, together with a seating plan of the stadium indicating the location of the corresponding seats, according to the agreement between WKF and the Local Organising Committee. The number of seats in the "Tribune of Honour" and the distribution thereof will be determined in agreement with the Local Organising Committee.
3. The distribution of complimentary tickets will be handled by WKF based on the criteria fixed for each competition. The number of tickets shall include the necessary number for WKF's marketing and television partners.
4. Should WKF require fewer complimentary tickets, it will either inform the Local Organising Committee of this in advance or return the unused tickets.
5. Should WKF require more tickets, the Local Organising Committee shall make extra tickets available for purchase in the best category.
6. In addition, the corresponding number of accreditations giving access to the VIP area shall be made available by the Local Organising Committee to WKF guests at the competition venue.
7. The system of accreditation as well as the list of those receiving accreditations must be approved by WKF. The VIP area(s) (hospitality) must be organised by the Local Organising Committee near to the VIP seats. The catering and

minimum required installations must be provided by the Local Organising Committee according to the standards set by WKF .

8. The number of complimentary tickets may be reduced for the other competitions of WKF (1.1.2) by the organising region Committee.

6.10

Participants' tribune "

A sufficient number of seats must be reserved in a special tribune for the players, coaches and other officials of the participating teams.

The above-mentioned provisions for the main official competitions of WKF (1.1.1) also apply to the other competitions of WKF (1.1.2).

7. The organisation of other international games and tournaments

1. The organisers may invite teams from any country , on condition that the invited country is an affiliated member of WKF.
2. Associate members of WKF may take part in these competitions where no affiliated member exists in a country with the prior approval of WKF.
3. Teams from a national federation affiliated to WKF may not participate in any international competition (games and tournaments) in which an entity not affiliated to a member federation of WKF is participating, unless prior approval from both WKF and the respective national federation has been obtained.
4. International games and tournaments between teams representing national federations or clubs must be authorised by the national federation of the organisers. Furthermore, the respective national federations must authorise the participation of their teams in these competitions.

8. Continental or Regional Championships including all Qualifying Tournaments and Games for these Championships

8.1 Assignment

The Continental or regional Championships shall be assigned by the respective bodies of WKF, that is:

1. For Asia, President WKF Asia.
- 2..For Europe, President WKF Europe.
3. For America, President WKF America.
4. For Africa, President WKF Africa.
5. For Oceania, President WKF Oceania.

8.2 Participation

All national federations of the continent or region enjoying full rights shall be entitled to take part in the Continental Or regional Championships. The respective body of

WKF shall be responsible for holding qualifying tournaments.

8.3 Invitations and registration

Each Region is responsible for setting the deadlines for extending the invitations and the preliminary or final registration.

8.4 Financial provisions

1. The organisers shall assume all expenses provided for in the regulations governing the championship as approved by the respective Regional President of WKF.
2. The organisers are entitled to the income, as provided for in the regulations governing the championship in question.
3. Region are entitled to exploit the marketing and television rights to these competitions within the limits established by the Executive Board of WKF
4. All other financial matters shall be settled in compliance with the provisions in the WKF Regulations.

8.5 Media provisions

1. The organisers shall provide all facilities necessary for the proper functioning of the various media. In particular, they shall ensure that:
 - a) A minimum of 5% of all the seats in the stadium, with good visibility over the entire playing court, are reserved for journalists and equipped with a desk.
 - b) A sufficient number of telephone, telefax and modem lines are provided. They shall also ensure that a press working room and a press conference room large enough for the journalists are available and that the former is equipped with computers, paper, etc.
2. If unable to transmit electronically, the organisers must send by fax within one hour of the end of each game to the WKF Secretariat the final score, the score at the end of each half and sudden death, the number of spectators, information on television broadcast.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

I Regulations governing the Eligibility of Players

1. To be entitled to participate in WKF competitions, a player must observe the General Statutes and Internal Regulations of WKF.
2. The national federation is responsible for the eligibility of its players at all times and will bear the consequences of any infractions of the Regulations governing Eligibility, the National Status, the International Transfer and the Age of Players.
3. All players who participate in official competitions of WKF must:
 - a) Respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence and act accordingly on the court.
 - b) Refrain from using products and from practices prohibited by the regulations of WKF and those of the IOC.
 - c) Agree to submit at any time to medical tests and controls, particularly doping controls, carried out in compliance with the regulations of WKF and those of the IOC.
 - d) To provide the declaration, as required for main official competitions of WKF, in which he agrees to accept.
4. The national federation or WKF is authorised to deny participation in competitions under its jurisdiction to players who do not respect the provisions provided for in 3 above.
5. Players may enter into a written contract with a club. This contract may state the player will receive payment.
6. Any team placed under the control of a national federation affiliated to WKF may play against a team from an organisation that is not registered with a national federation affiliated to WKF. However, the agreement of the following parties concerned is necessary:
 - a) The national federation affiliated to WKF from the country of origin of the non-registered organisation.
 - b) The respective regional organisation.
 - c) The Secretary General of WKF.

7. Players who participate in professional leagues must belong to organisations which are members of the national federation or affiliates of WKF; otherwise they will not be able to participate in the official competitions of WKF.
8. No financial remuneration for the performances of a player or a team is permitted during the Multi-sports events.
9. No advertising shall be permitted during the Multi-sport Games other than the manufacturer's trademark on clothing or equipment authorised by the IOC.
10. No player participating in the Multi Sport Games may allow his person, name, photograph or sports performance to be used for advertising purposes without the prior agreement of WKF & the national federation.
11. It is within the spirit of all WKF regulations that players make themselves available for competitions of both their club and their national team. The national federations are encouraged to enact regulations securing the participation of all players in their national team.

II Regulations governing the National Status of Players

A. Definitions and general principles

1. WKF -The Secretary General of WKF, or his representative, except where it is specifically indicated to the contrary.
2. Legal Nationality -A player may have one or more legal nationalities, according to the law of the countries concerned.
3. WKF Nationality -A concept for those players whose national status is not covered by the Regulations of WKF
4. Foreign player -A foreign player is a player who does not have the legal nationality of the federation by which he is licensed.
5. Country -A geographical territory within which an independent national federation recognised by WKF exists.
6. These regulations apply to both men and women.
7. If necessary for reasons of mandatory international law, the Regional Committee are authorised to draw up specific regulations applicable to club competitions within the Region in question. Nevertheless, these regulations are subject to the prior approval of the Executive Board of WKF.

8. These regulations apply to all competitions of WKF as defined in the Regulations of WKF (1.1.1 and 1.1.2). They apply at national team level and at international club level.

B. Proof of legal nationality

1. WKF may require that proof be provided to verify the legal nationality (or nationalities) of any player by presenting any documents it deems appropriate.
2. Proof of legal nationality of a country does not constitute sufficient evidence to guarantee a player's right to play for the national team of that country.

C. National teams

1. Only a player holding the legal nationality of a country and having fulfilled the terms of eligibility according to the appropriate Regulations may play for the national team of that country.
2. Any player with two legal nationalities or more, by birth or by naturalisation, may choose at any age the national team for which he wishes to play.
 - a) This provision also applies to any player having acquired legal nationality by birth, or having the right to acquire a second legal nationality at birth, but who does not lay claim to this right until a given time in the future.
 - b) However, if a player is summoned by a national federation after reaching the age of eighteen (18), he is obliged to choose for which national team he wishes to play. If he has declined the summons, the player may only choose the nationality/nationalities of the other country (ies), unless he declares in writing, within fifteen (15) days of receiving the summons, that he has chosen the country that summoned him first.
 - c) Any player having played in a main official competition of WKF for a national team for which he is eligible, is considered as having chosen the national team of that country , with the exception of cases provided for under article II.C.5

These choices are irrevocable.

3. A national team participating in an international competition of WKF may have only one player on its team who has acquired the legal nationality of that country by naturalisation or by any other means after having reached the age of sixteen (16). SThis does not apply to those athletes whose eligibility was defined prior to the new regulations coming into force.
4. After having played in the junior, men or senior age category for a national

team of a country in a main official competition of WKF, a player may not, under any circumstances, play for any national team of another country.

5. With the agreement of the two national federations concerned, WKF may authorise a player having played on a national cadet team of a country in a main official competition of WKF, to play for a national team of a new country of which he has acquired legal nationality .A player thus authorised to change national teams may do this only once in his lifetime and may not, after this change, play again for the team of his first country. Article II.C.3 also applies in this case.

D. Club teams

For the international club competitions of WKF, the composition of the teams is not subject to any limitation concerning the legal nationality. of the players. However, each national federation may establish more restrictive regulations.

E. Decisions

All decisions regarding the application of these regulations are taken by the WKF acting through the Secretary General or a person appointed by him.

F. Sanctions

In cases of violation of the provisions contained in these regulations, administrative and disciplinary penalties shall be imposed in the first instance by the WKF Secretary General or by the Secretary of the competent Region or another person appointed by them. These penalties shall have immediate effect.

G. Marginal cases

1. Marginal cases, i.e. cases not covered by these regulations, are the responsibility of the WKF, which shall make decisions in the spirit of the provisions contained in these regulations. The same shall apply with respect to refugees enjoying asylum rights and displaced persons (U.N.O. Conventions). In certain cases, WKF nationality may be granted to an athlete.
2. Should an urgent decision be necessary , marginal cases shall be subject to the decision of the WKF Secretary General, following consultation with the President in accordance with the regulations in force.

H. Appeals

An appeal against decisions as in the above sections shall be submitted to the Appeals Committee in accordance with the Regulations governing Appeals.

I. Note concerning the eligibility of players from dependent territories

The following players are eligible to play for a dependent territory:

1. Players born in the dependent territory;
2. Players born in the respective main territory of at least one parent born in the dependent territory; and

3. Players, regardless of their place of birth, born of parents both of whom were born in the dependent territory.

III. Regulations governing the International Transfer of Players

A. Scope of the regulations

1. Any Kabaddil player shall have the right to play Kabaddi in any country in the world, within the limits established by the General Statutes and Regulations of WKF as well as the eligibility regulations of the respective national federation.
2. These regulations governing international transfer apply in their entirety to all national federations. However, in exceptional circumstances, WKF may reach a special agreement with a national federation.
3. For national transfers, national federations are invited to draw on these international regulations and to establish their own regulations governing the transfer of players in the spirit of the WKF Regulations.
4. These regulations apply equally to men and women, and all references in this text to male players (he, his, him) shall be considered to apply also to female players and shall be read accordingly.

B. Definitions

1. A foreign player is a player who does not have the legal nationality of the national federation by which he is licensed (as defined in the Regulations governing the National Status of Players).
2. A national federation is defined as a national federation affiliated to WKF in accordance with the WKF Constitution.

C. The player

Letter of clearance

1. A letter of clearance must be obtained from the national federation where a player was last licensed before he can be licensed by another national federation. This document certifies that the player concerned is free to be licensed by another national federation. A letter of clearance may not be issued to more than one national federation at anyone time. Sanctions may be imposed on a national federation in the event of misleading procedures.
2. The letter of clearance may not be limiting or conditional. If applicable, it should mention any sanctions that may be in force against the player.
3. The national federation may charge a maximum administrative fee of US\$ 100.00 for the transfer of a player under its jurisdiction to another national federation.

4. All the provisions of this article apply to any player licensed by a national federation who wishes to apply for an international transfer, irrespective of whether the player is a national or foreign player.

D. Age limit

1. International transfer is not permitted before a player's 18th birthday, except in special cases as decided by the Secretary General after examination of the matter with the national federations and, if necessary , with the clubs and the player concerned.
2. At or after the player's 18th birthday, the club of origin, i.e. the club for which he is licensed at his 18th birthday, has the right to sign the first contract with the young player.
3. This contract shall be in written form and respect the law of the country and of the federation of origin. It shall have a minimum duration of one(1) year and a maximum duration of four(4) years.
4. Should the player refuse to sign such contract and move to a new club in another country, the two clubs shall agree on a compensation sum to be paid to the club of origin and inform their respective national federations and WKF.
5. Should there be any disagreement between the clubs, WKF will determine the appropriate amount.
6. An Ad Hoc Committee composed by the WKF Secretary General or his representative as President and two members appointed by the two national federations (one per federation) involved shall take the decisions on the appropriate amount due to the club of origin for cases under 1 and 5 above. The Ad Hoc Committee may hear the two clubs involved and/or the player if it deems it appropriate. No quorum is required for the meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee. Appeals may be lodged in accordance with WKF Regulations.
7. For the procedure under 6 above, the compensation sum shall be paid to the national federation of origin, which will decide how to re-distribute the compensation sum among the clubs that have contributed to the formation of the player according to specific national provisions that the national federation has officially adopted. Such provisions shall be drafted in a way to respect the principle of protection of clubs forming young players.
8. Upon expiration of the contract as per 3 above, the player is free to move where he wishes without any compensation being due.
9. National federations are invited to prepare similar regulations for their internal, i.e. national, transfer systems.

IV. Regulations governing the Age of Players

A. Definitions

An age limit is established for all players of teams participating in competitions of WKF open to the younger age groups. The following age groups are established:

1. Sub-Junior: 15 years or under
2. Juniors: 19 years or under
3. Youth 23 years or under

B. Procedure to establish age limit

1. To establish the date of birth corresponding to the age limit for an age group, the following procedure is used: the age limit given in the above definition must be subtracted from the year in which a competition takes place with the understanding that this year begins on 1st January.
2. The List of Players for any WKF age-group competition, must be accompanied by any documents which may be necessary to prove eligibility for each player, i.e. a certified copy of the original of the birth certificate.

C. Responsibility of national federations

1. The national federation is responsible at all times for the eligibility of its players. Should WKF be confronted with the fact that an athlete has played in an official competition of WKF without being eligible, it will, upon discovery of the irregularity / automatically examine the player's eligibility according to the regulations in force.
2. The national federation will bear the administrative costs of this and will be liable to a fine of up to US\$ 5,000.00 in accordance with the procedure established.

D. Identity and age verification

Before the beginning of a competition, players will be subject to identity and age verification under the supervision of the technical delegate of the WKF for that competition. To this effect each player, accompanied by the person responsible for his team, shall present his currently valid individual passport or national identity card.

E. General provisions

These provisions shall also be valid for any qualifying tournaments or games that are held prior to the competition proper.

F. Special provisions

Players who are one (1) year older than provided for in these regulations are entitled to take part in the World Championships.

This provision is valid only for the World Championships and not for the corresponding qualifying competitions (Continental Championships, Qualifying Tournaments, etc.).

Annex 1: Official Documents

G. Official documents to be provided by players

Declaration on doping and arbitration

All players registered by their national federation on the player list, as required for the main official competitions of WKF, must return the declaration form, issued in the official language of WKF, duly completed and signed, to the WKF Secretariat before they can be authorised to participate:

1. "I hereby confirm that I am aware of the regulations and penalties in force for the official competitions of WKF relating to the fight against doping. I agree to submit to the doping control tests (including out of competition tests by WKF, WADA or any organisation commissioned by WKF), to accept the results of such tests and to abide by the respective regulations as applicable from time to time. I also agree that my national federation and my club forward my personal data to WKF for use in connection with doping control tests.
2. I consent to the use of photographs taken of me during WKF competitions, except for commercial advertising.
3. I agree that any dispute arising between myself and WKF which cannot be settled amicably and which remains unsettled once the procedures provided for in the WKF Regulations have been exhausted, shall be settled finally by a tribunal composed in accordance with the Statute and Regulations of the Court of Arbitration for Sport, Lausanne, Switzerland, to the exclusion of any recourse to ordinary courts. The parties undertake to comply with the said Statute and Regulations and to accept in good faith the award rendered and in no way hinder its execution."

There are two (2) copies of this declaration: one (original) shall be for WKF, the copy for the player. This declaration must be provided for participation in the main official competitions of WKF.

H. Player's personal data form for doping controls

The player's personal data form attached to the Declaration on Doping and Arbitration must be returned, duly completed and signed by the player and the national federation, to the Secretariat of WKF at the same time as the player's declaration.

I. Other documents

WKF reserves the right to request any other document it deems necessary.

V. Regulations governing Doping Control

A. Doping is prohibited

1. Kabaddi players ("athletes") are prohibited from doping, namely from using doping substances and methods, as well as substances subject to certain restrictions. Prohibited substances and methods are classed by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the lists are amended regularly. It is the athlete's responsibility to keep himself informed of the current lists. Athletes who medically require medication containing prohibited substances may request therapeutic approval in accordance with the annex hereto "Therapeutic use of medication containing prohibited substances".
2. All athletes registered for competitions of WKF agree to undergo doping control tests, announced or unannounced, and agree to provide samples of bodily fluids (e.g. urine, blood, saliva, sweat) and to undergo any other type of control test provided for by the IOC, the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) or WKF.
3. If the test should prove positive or be considered as positive (refusal to undergo testing), the athlete concerned shall be penalised.
4. Any person who helps an athlete or encourages him to use prohibited substances or methods of doping shall be found guilty of endangering the health of the athlete and of acting against the principles of sport ethics. Such persons shall be subject to sanctions.
5. All doctors and physiotherapists involved in the supervision, care and doping-related problems affecting athletes taking part in WKF competitions are bound by professional confidentiality , in particular vis-a-vis the media.

Any failure to abide by the professional code of ethics will lead to an official warning and the refusal of permission to accompany the teams participating in WKF competitions.

B. Doping control tests during competitions

1. Doping control tests may be carried out at competitions of WKF. They are compulsory during the following competitions:
 - a) World Cup
 - b) World Championship
 - c) Regional/ Continental championships, if the WKF regions have the facilities to carry out such tests.
 - d) Official WKF cups and tournaments for clubs, if the organising body of WKF has the facilities to carry out such tests.
 - e) National championships, if the national federation has the facilities to

carry out such tests.

- f) All Multi-Sports Games
- 2. The competent bodies of WKF responsible for the organisation of the events mentioned above are requested to do their best to ensure that doping control tests are carried out. This is very important in order to maintain the health of the players as well as sports ethics in Kabaddi.
- 3. WKF as well as the national federations shall be informed of the results of the tests if necessary and hearings related to these regulations or the equivalent regulations of the national federations.

VI. Regulations governing the Use of Proprietary Rights

A- Use of WKF logos

- 1. The traditional WKF logo, as shown in the Annex hereto is a registered trademark and is the sole property of WKF. Its use requires prior approval by WKF. National federations affiliated to WKF are permitted to use the logo on their letter head. Use of logo other than letter head requires prior WKF approval. The logo may only be used in the exact format shown in the Annex.
- 2. WKF is the sole owner of further registered trademarks and logos (e.g. event logos), the use of which is only permitted on the basis of a separate agreement.

B- Copyright for written material

- 1. WKF reserves the copyright for all WKF rules and regulations and other texts issued under WKF's control. Any reprints or translations require prior approval from WKF.
- 2. National federations affiliated to WKF are permitted to reprint these texts and distribute them in their own territory for non-commercial purposes, provided that:
 - a) -No advertising is permitted on the reprint except for the penultimate page which is reserved for sponsors not in competition with the official sponsors of WKF
 - b) The WKF logo is shown on the cover.
 - c) A WKF copyright notice is made on the reprint.
 - d) WKF receive complimentary copies, the number of which will be determined on an individual basis.
- 3. National federations affiliated to WKF are permitted to translate the WKF Constitution, Regulations and Rules of Kabaddi for non-commercial purposes into the language of their respective country provided that:
 - a) No advertising is permitted except on the penultimate page of the translation which is reserved for sponsors not in competition with the official sponsors of WKF.

- b) The WKF logo is shown on the cover.
- c) A WKF copyright notice is made on the translation.
- d) Ten (10) copies are sent to WKF free of charge.

C- Lotteries

The use of results, statistical data or similar information relating to WKF or its competitions in connection with a lottery or similar arrangement is not permitted.

D- New technology and television

1. WKF will make active use of modern technology for the promotion of the sport of Kabaddi and the WKF name, for example by means of a Web site on the Internet. To that end, WKF has the right to use any Kabaddi-related information material produced by or available from national federations affiliated to WKF, region, dubs or Local Organising Committees Including, but not limited to, results, photographs, films and other information on the Kabaddi activities in the respective country/Region/competition in printed form or by other electronic means (e.g. a national federation's Web site).
2. WKF shall have the right to link up to any Web site produced by a national federation affiliated to WKF, Regional WKF, Affiliate clubs and Associations or Local Organising Committee. WKF has created its own Web site and will continue to increase its presence on this and other electronic devices.
3. National federations affiliated to WKF, regional WKF, Affiliate clubs and Association or LOCs are permitted to make use of such information for non-commercial purposes and/or to create a link to WKF's Web site, subject, however, to prior approval from WKF.
4. The creation of a Web site for a given WKF competition is subject to prior approval from WKF.
5. If an electronic signal is produced during a WKF competition (content-feeding of Web site, etc.), WKF may ask to receive this signal simultaneously in an appropriate format.
6. If a broadcast signal is available for any given WKF competition, WKF may request broadcast quality dubs of originals (Betacam SP or Digital Betacam in PAL) of a tape of the entire game(s).
7. For any game which is not broadcast, WKF may request a copy of a high quality video tape.

E- Player images

WKF has the right to use photographs or film material of players, officials, etc. taken during official WKF competitions. In the event that for legal reasons such use requires the consent of the individual concerned, the national federation affiliated to WKF or the club involved must ensure that such consent is obtained.

F. Annex - logo



Effective Date

These regulations were approved by the WKF board on 18th November 2005.