

WORLD PARA TAEKWONDO

POOMSAE RANKING BYLAW

IN FORCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2026

World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Ranking Bylaw

Table of contents

Article 1	Fundamental principles	3
Article 2	Formula of ranking points	4
Article 3	Allocated points per rank	5
Article 4	Determination of ranks	7
Article 5	Grading of events	8
Article 6	Change in sport class	10
Article 7	Validation of the points	11
Article 8	Seeding	12
Article 9	Effectuation	14
Article 10	Amendment	15

Enacted: September 30, 2024
Amended: January 31, 2026

© World Taekwondo

Article 1
Fundamental principles

1. Ranking system shall be applied to all WT-promoted and recognized Para Taekwondo Poomsae tournaments, championships and multi-sport games or to the event determined by WT, provided that the event is organized in compliance with the World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Competition Rules under supervision of a WT appointed Technical Delegate.

   1.1 The following Sport Classes and divisions are covered by these rules:

Sport Class	Medal events
P11	Senior Male / Female (over 16 years old)
P12	Senior Male / Female (over 16 years old)
P21	Senior Male / Female (over 16 years old)
P22	Senior Male / Female (over 16 years old)
P23	Senior Male / Female (over 16 years old)
P31	Senior Male / Female (over 16 years old)
P32	Senior Male / Female (over 16 years old)
P33	Senior Male / Female (over 16 years old)
P34	Senior Male / Female (over 16 years old)
P35	Senior Male / Female (over 16 years old)
P41	Senior Male / Female (over 16 years old)
P42	Senior Male / Female (over 16 years old)
P43	Senior Male / Female (over 16 years old)
P44	Senior Male / Female (over 16 years old)
P45	Senior Male / Female (over 16 years old)
P51	Senior Male / Female (over 16 years old)
P52	Senior Male / Female (over 16 years old)
P53	Senior Male / Female (over 16 years old)
P72	Senior Male / Female (over 16 years old)

2. When an athlete competes in a WT promoted and or recognized Para Taekwondo Poomsae tournament, Championships or multi-sport games, points earned by athletes are allocated to the World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Ranking in the division which he/she competed at the event. WT will publish a ranking for each division.

3. For all G-ranked Para Taekwondo Poomsae events the competition system must be Single elimination tournament system.

4. G-ranked Para Taekwondo Poomsae competitions must include at least two sport classes. However, WT encourages hosts of G-ranked Para Taekwondo Poomsae Competitions to include as many sport classes as possible on the program.

5. Registrations for G-ranked Para Taekwondo Poomsae competitions must be managed through the WT GMS.

Article 2
Formula of ranking points

The points shall be awarded according to the following formula:

A: Points received according to the rank of the WT promoted or recognized championships

B: Grade of pertinent championships/tournament

A x B = Final points

Article 3

Allocated points per rank

1. The 1st ranked athlete shall receive 10 points
2. The 2nd ranked athlete shall receive 60% of the points awarded to the 1st ranked athlete (i.e. 6 points)
3. The 3rd ranked athlete shall receive 60% of the points awarded to the 2nd ranked athlete (i.e. 3,6 points)
4. The 4th (5th in the case of elimination tournament) ranked athlete shall receive 60% of the points awarded to the 3rd ranked athlete (i.e. 2.16 points)
5. The 5th (9th in case of elimination tournament) ranked athlete shall receive 70% of the points awarded to the 4th ranked athlete (i.e. 1.512 points). From this point on, an athlete shall receive 70% of the points awarded to the athlete ranked higher than him or her.
6. Points will be rounded up to two (2) decimal places (e.g.94.235 will be recorded as 94.24).
7. Ranking points shall be awarded to athletes as follows:

7.1 Ranking Chart

Rank	G1	G2	G3	G4	G14	G20
1st placed contestant	10.00	20.00	30.00	40.00	140.00	200.00
2nd placed contestant	6.00	12.00	18.00	24.00	84.00	120.00
3rd placed contestants	3.60	7.20	10.8	14.40	50.40	72.00
5th placed contestants	2.16	4.32	6.48	8.64	30.24	43.20
9th placed contestants	1.51	3.02	4.54	6.05	21.14	30.24
17th placed contestant	1.06	2.12	3.18	4.23	14.84	21.17
33rd placed contestant	0.74	1.48	2.22	2.96	10.36	14.82
65th placed contestant	0.52	1.04	1.56	2.07	7.25	10.37

7.2 An athlete must compete in a minimum of one match to receive ranking points. Win by bye does not count as a win.

7.3 Paralympic Games (with repechage)

Rank	G20
1st placed contestant	200.00
2nd placed contestant	120.00
3rd placed contestant	72.00
5th placed contestant	43.20
7th placed contestant	30.24
9th placed contestant	21.17
13th placed contestant	14.82
See article 4.1	

See article 7.3 for Validation of points for the Paralympic Games

7.4 IPC Regional Paralympic Games (with repechage)

8 Rank	G4
1st placed contestant	40.00
2nd placed contestant	24.00
3rd placed contestant	14.40
5th placed contestant	8.64
7th placed contestant*	6.05
9th placed contestant**	4.23
See article 4.2	

*In the case of 7-8 athletes per category
**in the case of 9-12 athletes per category

8. Any tournament with less than three (3) countries cannot be recognized for official results. Any medal event with less than 2 athletes from 2 countries shall not be recognized in the official results.

9. Attaining ranking points allocation

9.1 Any athlete registered for the tournament that has gone through athlete classification and holds a sport class and sport class status “C” (confirmed), “R” (review) or “FRD” (Fixed review date) with a date after the tournament.
9.2 The athlete that has competed in at least one match
9.3 The athlete that has started their first match but have withdrawn due to injury
9.4 The athlete that is a no show to their first match will not be awarded World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Ranking points.

Article 4

Determination of ranks ("T" means "tie"; more than one athlete)

1. Paralympic Games
   - 1st place (gold medalist) — winner of the final contest
   - 2nd place (silver medalist) — defeated in the final contest
   - T-3: (2) bronze medalists — winners of the bronze medal contests
   - T-5: (2) — defeated in the bronze medal contests
   - T-7: (2) — defeated in the repechage
   - T-9: (4) — defeated in the Round of 16
   - T-13 — defeated in the Round of 32

2. Regional Paralympic Games event*
   - 1st place (gold medalist) — winner of the final contest
   - 2nd place (silver medalist) — defeated in the final contest
   - T-3: (2) bronze medalists — winners of the bronze medal contests
   - T-5: (2) — defeated in the bronze medal contests
   - T-7: (2) — defeated in the repechage

   **Number of athletes in a division can vary and adjustments be made to have 9th place athletes*

3. Qualification tournament for the Paralympic Games
   - 1st place — winner of final
   - 2nd place — defeated in final
   - 3rd place — defeated in semi-final against 1st placed athlete
   - 4th place* — defeated in semi-final against 2nd placed athlete
   - T-5 — defeated in quarter finals
   - T-9 — defeated in round of 16

   *4th placed athlete will be awarded 3rd place ranking points since no bronze match takes place

4. WT promoted championships and tournaments
   - 1st place — winner of final
   - 2nd place — defeated in final
   - T-3 — defeated in semi-finals
   - T-5 — defeated in quarterfinals
   - T-9 — defeated in round of 16
   - T-17 — defeated in round of 32
   - And so on….

Article 5
Grading of events

1. Criteria of grading events are as follows
    1.1 Number of participants and countries
    1.2 Composition of eligible International Poomsae Referees
    1.3 Organizing Committee's abidance with World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Competition Rules
    1.4 Overall tournament operation
    1.5 Venue & facilities
    1.6 Successful submission of report
    1.7 General Comments of WT appointed Technical Delegate

2. The grades of all WT promoted championships, and recognized tournaments shall be published on the official WT website at the beginning of each year. World Taekwondo reserves the right to add new events and change announced G-rank of events at any time during the pertinent year.

3. The Technical Delegate appointed for the pertinent championships or tournament shall evaluate the event in accordance with the evaluation criteria and submit the report to the WT Secretary General and the Sport & Event Management Department within two (2) working days after the completion of the tournament.

4. The WT President shall determine or may empower Secretary General to determine the grade of the championships or tournament upon the evaluation and recommendation of the Technical Delegate and the report submitted by the Organizing Committee.

5. Grade of events are as follows:

Grade	Event
G20	Paralympic Games
G14	World Para Taekwondo Championships
G4	Continental Para Taekwondo Poomsae Championships (2-year cycle). Regional Paralympic Games*, Virtus Global Games, FISU Universiade
G3	WT President's Cup Para Taekwondo
G2	Continental Para Taekwondo Poomsae Championships (2-year cycle) held in the same year as a Regional Paralympic Games. Virtus Regional Games. IWAS World Games.
G1	WT recognized tournaments for Para Taekwondo Poomsae. Continental Qualification Tournaments for Paralympic Games. Qualification tournaments for Regional Paralympic Games.

*Parapan American Games, African Para Games, Asian Para Games etc.

6. Continental Para Taekwondo Championships

    6.1 Continental Para Taekwondo Poomsae Championships should be held every two years in each continent in principle.

6.2 WT recommends that Continental Para Taekwondo Championships are held in connection with the Continental Taekwondo Poomsae Championships.

6.3 In the case a Continental Para Taekwondo Poomsae Championships falls in the year of the pertinent continent's Regional Paralympic Games all athletes shall be awarded G2 ranking points.

Article 6
Change in sport class

Change in sport class

1. In the case an athlete that is already ranked on the World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Ranking has a change in his/her Sport Class, 75% of the ranking points earned in the previous Sport Class shall transfer to the new Sport Class.

2. If an athlete has a change in Sport Class due to Intentional Misrepresentation (IM) all previous World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Ranking points will be nullified.

3. In the case that an athlete's sport class changes to a higher (lower level of impairment) Sport Class after first appearance, points shall not be counted for the World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Ranking in the lower Sport Class. Half of the points earned in the Sport Class where the athlete made the first appearance shall be counted in the higher Sport Class and no points shall be counted in the Sport Class where the athlete made his/her first appearance.

4. In the case an athlete's Sport Class changes to a lower Sport Class (higher level of impairment) after first appearance, ranking points shall be awarded in the lower Sport Class.

5. In the case that an athlete's Sport Class changes due to changes to the "WT Athlete Classification Rules" all points earned in the previous Sport Class shall transfer.

6. Athletes that are assigned with a Classification Not Complete (CNC) Sport Class Status following Observation Assessment shall not be awarded World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Ranking points for the pertinent tournament.

7. In the case an athlete's sport class is changed to Not Eligible (NE) with a Confirmed (C) Sport Class Status he/she shall remain on the World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Ranking.

8. Removal from the World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Ranking is only made one all classification, Medical Review Request (MRR) and protest procedures have been completed and the athlete is Confirmed (C) as Not Eligible (NE).

Article 7
Validation of the points

1. The awarded points shall be valid for four (4) full years starting from January 1, 2023, and will be reviewed every year. This process is continuous (rolling), i.e. new points awarded to an athlete will be subjected to its own four-year cycle. The official ranking can always be found in the GMS and is updated at the start of each month.

2. During a four-year term, points will be deducted after each completed year by 25% of the initial points. The deduction will be made at the end of the month when the points were earned, and the remaining points will be valid and count for the ranking from the first day of the following month.

Ex) Points earned at the Virtus Global Games on June 9, 2023, will be deducted by 25% of the original points by June 30, 2024. By June 30, 2027, the points earned at the 2023 Virtus Global Games will be completely deducted and not counted on the World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Ranking as of July 1, 2027.

3. Paralympic Games World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Ranking points

World Taekwondo recognizes the Paralympic Games as the highest-level competition for Para Taekwondo Poomsae athletes and award athletes from their performances.

The awarded points for the Paralympic Games shall be valid for four (4) full years starting from the World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Ranking following the month of the Paralympic Games. The Paralympic Games holds a G20 World Para Taekwondo Ranking status.

a. In order for the results from one Paralympic Games not to affect the qualification for the next Paralympic Games in accordance with article 4.25 of the Paralympic Games chapter of the IPC Handbook, points earned from the Paralympic Games will not be counted in the World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Ranking for qualification to a Paralympic Games. Instead, a Paralympic Poomsae Ranking will be used deducting the points from the Paralympic Games from the World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Ranking. The Paralympic Poomsae Ranking will be used for qualification for the Paralympic Games as well as seeding for the Paralympic Games and its qualification tournaments.

b. World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Poomsae Ranking for Regional Games will be used for qualification and seeding for Paralympic Regional Games. The World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Poomsae Ranking for Regional Games will cover all ranked athletes in the region and their accumulated points from WT recognized/promoted events. However, points from the previous Paralympic Regional Games will not be counted.

4. In the case an athlete is disqualified due to unsportsmanlike behavior (DQB) and sanctioned no ranking points shall be given for the tournament.

Article 8
Seeding

All ranked athletes will be seeded for WT promoted or recognized Para Taekwondo Poomsae Championships and Tournaments.

1. The following events will apply seeding based on the World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Poomsae Ranking:

   1.1 Paralympic Games

   1.2 Continental Qualification Tournaments for the Paralympic Games

2. The following events will apply seeding based on the World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Ranking

   2.1 World Para Taekwondo Championships

   2.2 All WT recognized tournaments & other Para Multi-sport events

3. The following events will apply seeding based on the World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Poomsae Ranking for Regional Games.

   3.1 Qualification Tournaments for Regional Games

   3.2 Regional Paralympic Games

4. For every Sport Class, in principle, all athletes shall be seeded based on their World Para Taekwondo Ranking.

   4.1 Paralympic Games: Seeding will follow World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Standing Procedures using World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Poomsae Ranking

   4.2 Continental Qualification Tournaments for Paralympic Games: Athletes will be seeded based on their points earned in their respective Sport Class on the World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Poomsae Ranking.

   4.3 Regional Paralympic Games: seeding will be based on the World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Poomsae Ranking for Regional Games.

   4.4 Qualification Tournaments for Paralympic Regional Games: Athletes will be seeded based on the points earned in the World Para Taekwondo Paralympic Poomsae Ranking for Regional Games in their respective weight category.

5. If two or more athletes have the same ranking points in the same Sport Class, it shall be considered as a tied ranking. In the case of tied-ranks at the seeding, the athlete who had the better results in the most recent tournament shall be considered the higher-ranked athlete. In the case that the athletes are still tied based on points earned at the most recent tournament the second most recent tournament shall decide and so on.

6. In the event that any of the seeded athletes is ineligible to participate (i.e. not registered in the entry list or no show at registration), the next highest ranked athlete(s) shall be moved up in the seeding.

7. New athletes will be seeded through randomized draw.

Article 9
Effectuation

1. World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Ranking will be implemented in stages, i.e. not all sport classes will be available from the start. However, once World Para Taekwondo Ranking becomes available results from January 1, 2023, will be put in the World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Ranking for the Sport Class.

Article 10
Amendment

1. The World Para Taekwondo Poomsae Ranking bylaw shall be enacted and amended by the approval of the WT Council.