



WORLD MARTIAL ARTS GAMES

“Uniting the World of Martial Arts”

WMAGC CHARTER

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The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the proposed organizational structuring of the World Martial Arts Games.

World Martial Arts Games

Ethical World Games of any kind have always brought people together to compete in peace and in respect of universal moral principles. The World Martial Arts Games features athletes from all over the world, representing a multitude of martial arts disciplines and will follow universal moral principles to help display and promote the true spirit of the Martial Arts.

The World Martial Arts Games encompasses organizations, athletes and other persons who agree to be guided by the World Martial Arts Games Charter. The Charter is governed by World Martial Arts Games Committee (WMAGC).

The World Martial Arts Games Charter recognizes the TAFISA as an IOC recognized Multisport Organization for sport for all and the International Olympic Committee as the supreme body of all international sports.

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1. The WMAGC Movement and Its Actions

1.1 TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

Non-profit society.

1.2 MISSION

To unite the practice of martial arts through annual world competition

1.3 SPORTS

The current World Martial Arts Games program includes 20 sports and over 250 events:

Empty Hand Forms:

- Chinese Forms
- Japanese/Okinawa Traditional Kata
- Kenpo Forms
- Korean Patterns
- Musical Forms
- Synchronized Forms
- Team Forms

Weapons:

- Chinese Weapons Forms
- Japanese/Okinawa Traditional Wooden Weapons Kata
- Japanese/Okinawa Traditional Bladed Weapons Kata
- Musical Weapons Forms
- Team Weapons Forms

Breaking:

- Creative Breaking
- Traditional Breaking

Self-Defense:

- Creative Self-Defense
- Reality-based Self-Defense

Fighting:

- Continuous Sparring
- Point Sparring
- Karate-Kumite
- Grappling
- Grapple & Strike

1.4 ATHLETES

Their performance and courage symbolize the true Martial Arts spirit. Each Martial Artist bears a message of sharing, respect and resolve.

1.5 FUNDING

The World Martial Arts Games receives its funding from a variety of sources including Broadcast networks, sponsorship programs, ticketing, and game's registration fees.

2. The WMAGC Committee

2.1 THE WORLD MARTIAL ARTS GAMES COMMITTEE

The World Martial Arts Games Committee (WMAGC) is the supreme authority of the World Martial Arts Games Movement. Its role is to promote top-level sport as well as sport for all in accordance with the World Martial Arts Games Charter. It ensures the regular celebration of the World Martial Arts Games and strongly encourages appropriate sports ethics and the protection of athletes.

The WMAGC is composed of co-opted members who meet in Session at least once a year. The Session elects a President for a term of four years, and Executive Board members for terms of four years.

By retaining all rights relating to the organization, marketing, broadcasting and reproduction of the World Martial Arts Games, the WMAGC ensures the continuity of a unique and universal event.

2.2 ROLE OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board consists of the World Martial Arts Games Committee President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary General, Chairman of the Board of Directors and up to five other members. All the members of the Executive Board are elected by the Session, by secret ballot, by a majority of votes cast, for a four-year term.

The Executive Board manages the affairs of the WMAGC

- attends to the observance of the World Martial Arts Games Charter
- assumes the ultimate responsibility for the administration of the WMAGC
- approves the WMAGC 's internal organization, its organization chart and all internal regulations relating to its organization
- is responsible for the management of the WMAGC 's finances and prepares an annual report
- presents a report to the Session on any proposed change of rule or bye-law
- submits to the WMAGC Session the names of the persons whom it recommends for election to the WMAGC
- conducts the procedure for acceptance and selection of candidates for the organization of the World Martial Arts Games
- creates and allocates WMAGC honorary distinctions
- establishes the agenda for the WMAGC Sessions;
- upon proposal from the President, it appoints the Secretary General and Treasurer keeps the records of the WMAGC
- enacts, in the form it deems most appropriate, (codes, rulings, norms, guidelines, guides, instructions) all regulations necessary to ensure the proper

implementation of the World Martial Arts Games Charter and the organization of the World Martial Arts Games

- Performs all other duties assigned to it by the Session.

The Executive Board meets when convened by the President on the latter's initiative or at the request of the majority of its members.

2.3 LENGTH OF MANDATES

The President of the WMAGC presides over the Executive Board. He/she is elected for an initial term of four years, renewable for maximum two additional periods.

The two Vice-Presidents and the five other members serve a four-year mandate.

The members of the Executive Board begin their mandates at the end of the Session which elected them. Their mandates are terminated at the end of the last ordinary Session in the year in which their terms expire.

2.4 RENEWAL OF MANDATES

Vice-Presidents: may only be re-elected to such office after a minimum four-year interim. They may not be re-elected to the Executive Board for four years after their mandate expires, except if elected as President.

Members: may not be re-elected to the Executive Board for four years after their mandate expires, except if elected as President or Vice-President.

2.5 VACANCIES

President: if the President is unable to fulfill the duties of his office, the Vice-President, who is senior in such office, replaces him until a new President is elected at the next General Assembly. This new President then completes the term of office of the President whom he replaces.

Vice-President: the vacancy is filled at the following Session, and the Vice-President thus elected holds office until the mandate of the Vice-President he is replacing expires. He is then immediately re-eligible for any office on the Executive Board.

Member: the rule that applies to Vice-Presidents also applies to the members.

2.6 WMAGC COMMISSIONS

WMAGC Commissions' work contributes to promoting the ideals of the Martial Arts spirit in their specific domains.

2.7 MISSION OF THE COMMISSIONS

In order to study certain subjects and make recommendations to the Executive Board, the President of the World Martial Arts Games Committee (WMAGC) sets up specialized

commissions. Some of these are mixed, including WMAGC members, representatives of the International Martial Arts Federations and the National Martial Arts Committees, athletes, technical experts, advisers and sports specialists.

2.8 ALL THE COMMISSIONS

Executive Board

Other Commissions:

- Athletes
- Culture and Education
- Ethics
- Finance
- Games Coordination
- International Relations
- Marketing
- Media Relations
- Medical
- Nominations
- Organization and Structure
- Refereeing
- Styles & Divisions

3. The WMAGC Games

3.1 SELECTION OF THE HOST COUNTRY

As per the WMAGC Charter, The World Martial Arts Games are held in a different country each year. The winning bid will go to the country who has satisfied all the needs of the games, and who has provided the most opportunity for betterment of the Martial Arts movement worldwide. Where possible, the games will be rotated throughout the 6 continental regions. World Martial Arts Games locations are pre-selected 5 years in advance by way of a bidding process.

3.1.1 Bidding Process

- There will be a maximum of one bid from each continental region each year.
- Bids are submitted to the Secretary General 6 months prior to the WMAGC annual meeting.
- The WMAGCOC determines which bids meet the criteria of the Games.
- Final bids are submitted to the NMACs 3 months prior to the WMAGC annual meeting.
- The final selection is made by a vote of nations during the WMAGC annual meeting.

3.1.2 Bidding Document

The bidding documents shall include the following but not limited to:

- Name of the host city
- Profile of the city (population, size and characteristics)
- Detailed local maps showing the location of competition area, hotels and airports
- Venue for Competition and Training
- Name and exact location of the venue, competition area (15.000sq.ft. minimum), and seating capacity
- Transportation Information
- Name(s) of airport(s)
- Local means of transportation
- Transportation arrangement for participating teams on arrival and departure
- Accommodation Information
- Number of hotels, names and city location
- Hotels accommodation capacity
- Number and capacity of conference facilities
- Distance between hotel(s) and competition venue
- Letter of Support from the NWMAGC
- Letter of support from the local governments

3.2 THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEES OF THE WORLD MARTIAL ARTS GAMES

The Organizing Committees of the World Martial Arts Games organize the World Martial Arts Games. Following the Games, the host has to present its income and expenditure to the

committee. After deducting all expenses, the host keeps 50 % and the WMAGC receives 50%. The accounting has to be done not later than 1 week after the WMAGs and have to include a spread sheet, all the receipts for expenses and income. This will be controlled by 3 elected controllers or the treasurer of the WMAGC.

3.3 MISSION OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEES

The organization of the World Martial Arts Games is entrusted by the World Martial Arts Games Committee (WMAGC) to the National Martial Arts Committee (NMAC) of the country of the host city as well as to the host city itself. The NMAC forms, for that purpose, an Organizing Committee for the World Martial Arts Games (WMAGCOC) which, from the time it is constituted, communicates directly with the WMAGC, from which it receives instructions.

The WMAGCOC executive body includes: the WMAGC member or members in the country; the President and Secretary General of the NMAC; and at least one member representing, and designated by, the host city. In addition, it generally includes representatives of the public authorities and other leading figures.

From the time of its constitution to the end of its liquidation, the WMAGCOC must comply with the World Martial Arts Games Charter, the contract entered into between the WMAGC, the National WMAGC Committee and the host city (Host City Contract) and the instructions of the WMAGC Executive Board.

The Organizing Committee starts its work with a period of planning followed by a period of organization which culminates in the implementation or operational phase.

3.4 THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE'S WORK

- To give equal treatment to every sport on the program and ensure that competitions are held according to the rules of the recognized International Martial Arts Organizations (IMAO)
- to ensure that no political demonstration or meeting is held in the World Martial Arts Games city or its surroundings
- to choose and, if necessary, create the required installations: competition sites, stadiums and training halls; to arrange for the required equipment;
- to advise of lodging options and to lodge the games officials
- to organize medical services;
- to advise of transportation options
- to meet the requirements of the mass media in order to offer the public the best possible information on the Games;
- to organize cultural events that are an essential element of the celebration of the World Martial Arts Games

- to write the Final Report on the celebration of the Games in the official language and distribute it within three weeks after the end of the Games.

3.5 WORLD MARTIAL ARTS GAMES ORGANIZING COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

- Chairman of the Board
- Executive Director
- Games Director
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- 4 Other Members

4. The National Martial Arts Games Committees

4.1 ORGANIZATION OF THE NMACs

The National WMAGC Committees are organized into groups covering five continental regions.

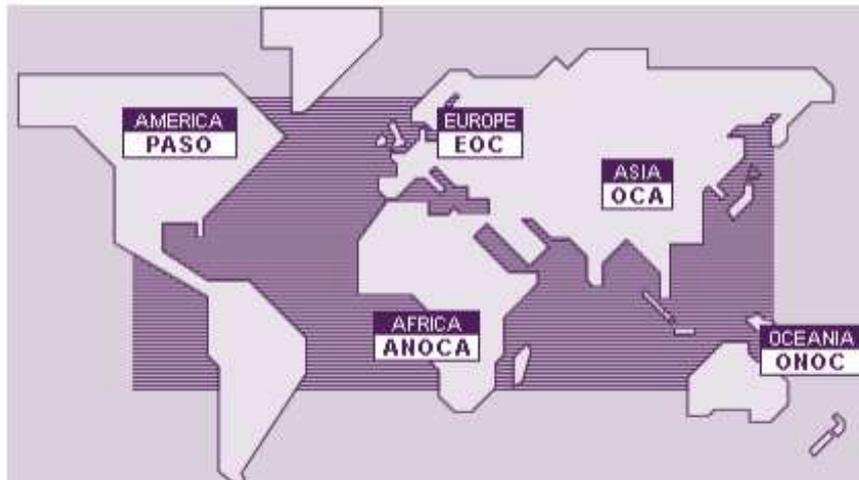


Figure 1 – IOC Continental Groups

Group	IOC Grouping	WMAGC Grouping
Africa	ONOCA	AFMAA (African Martial Arts Association)
Americas	PASO	PAMAA (Pan American Martial Arts Association)
Asia	OCA	ASMAA (Asian Martial Arts Association)
Europe	EOC	EMAA (European Martial Arts Association)
Oceania	ONOC	OMAA (Oceania Martial Arts Association)

4.2 NATIONAL MARTIAL ARTS COMMITTEES

The NMACs come together at least once each year in the form of the Annual NMAC meeting (ANMACM) to exchange information and experiences in order to consolidate their role within the World Martial Arts Games Movement. In this way the ANMACM helps the NMACs to prepare for their meetings with the WMAGC Executive Board and WMAGC Congresses.

The ANMACM also makes recommendations to the WMAGC regarding the use of funds deriving from the television rights intended for the NMACs. These recommendations focus on the implementation of the WMAGC Solidarity program in particular.

The ANMACM is currently made up of the NMACs and is split among five continental associations in conjunction with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) continental groupings:

4.3 MISSIONS OF THE NMACs

The National Martial Arts Committees (NMACs) promote the fundamental principles of martial arts at a national level within the framework of sports. NMACs are committed to the development of athletes and support the development of martial arts for all programs and

high performance martial arts in their countries. They also participate in the training of martial arts sports administrators by organizing educational programs.

Another objective of the NMAC is to ensure that athletes from their respective nations attend the World Martial Arts Games. Only a NMAC is able to select and send teams and competitors for participation in the World Martial Arts Games.

NMAC also supervise the preliminary selection of potential bid cities. Before a candidate city can compete against those in other countries, it first must win the selection process by the NMAC in its own country. The NMAC can then name that city to the WMAGC as a candidate to host the World Martial Arts Games.

Although most NMACs are from nations, the WMAGC also recognizes independent territories, commonwealths, protectorates and geographical areas.

5. The International Organizations

5.1 INTERNATIONAL MARTIAL ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

The International Martial Arts Organizations (IMAOs) are responsible for the integrity of their sport on the international level

5.2 ORGANIZATION OF THE IMAOs

The International Martial Arts Organizations (IMAOs) are international non-governmental organizations recognized by the World Martial Arts Games Committee (WMAGC) as administering one or more sports at world level. The national federations administering those sports are affiliated to them. While conserving their independence and autonomy in the administration of their sports, International Martial Arts Organizations seeking WMAGC recognition must ensure that their statutes, practice and activities conform to the World Martial Arts Games Charter.

5.3 RECOGNIZED INTERNATIONAL MARTIAL ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

Recognized International martial arts organizations:

- AAU – Amateur Athletic Union
- CWF – Chinese Wushu Federation
- ITF – International Taekwondo Federation
- IWUF – International Wushu Federation
- NASKA – North American Sport Karate Association
- NBL – National Blackbelt League
- SKIL – Sport Karate International
- WAKO – World Association of Kickboxing Organizations
- WKA – World Karate Association
- WTKF (World Traditional Karate Federation).
- WKC (World Karate and Kickboxing Council)
- TAFISA organized Martial Arts Groups

5.4 MISSION OF THE IMAOs

The IMAOs have the responsibility and duty to manage and to monitor the everyday running of the world's various sports disciplines, including the practical organization of events during the Games, and the supervision of the development of athletes practicing these disciplines at every level.

Each IMAO governs its sport at world level and ensures its promotion and development. They monitor the everyday administration of their sports and guarantee the regular organization of competitions as well as respect for the rules of fair play.

The IMAOs may, of course, formulate proposals addressed to the WMAGC concerning the World Martial Arts Games Charter and the World Martial Arts Games Movement in general, including the organizing and holding of the World Martial Arts Games, opinions concerning

the candidates for organizing the World Martial Arts Games, particularly concerning the technical capabilities of the candidate cities, collaborate in the preparation of the World Martial Arts Games Congresses; and participate in the activities of the WMAGC committees.

Recognized IMAOs whose disciplines appear on the World Martial Arts Games program have the status of International Martial Arts Organizations. As such, they participate in annual meetings of the WMAGC Executive Board.