



PROTOCOL RULES



ARTICLE 1

The object of these Rules is to define the protocol to be used in WKF. It will be applicable in all WKF events: Championships, World Games / Olympic (Continental) Games, Karate 1 events, Congresses, EC meetings, receptions, etc.

The EC will appoint a protocol responsible, who will survey the strict application of these Rules. In case of difficulties, he will consult to the President and in the absence of the latter to the immediate EC member following the protocol order.

ARTICLE 2

Protocol order (Precedence)

The EC members will be classified as follows:

1. President
2. General Secretary
3. Honorary President
4. 1st Vice-president
5. Treasurer
6. 2nd Vice-president
7. 3rd Vice-president
8. 4th Vice-president
9. Other Vice-presidents
10. Assistant General Secretary
11. Assistant Treasurer
12. EC Members

From rank 12 and ahead the precedence will be given for seniority according their election date in the EC. In case of equal dates, the precedence will be given following the age criteria.

ARTICLE 3

The place of the EC members in all WKF events will be the following:

Right of President: the General Secretary and the 1st Vice-president.

Left of President: the Honorary President and the Treasurer.

The other members will be placed successively right and left following their rank in the protocol.

Notwithstanding, for the Congress and Opening Ceremony, the President of the host NF will be placed at the left of the President (the other members will move one place), as well as the highest personalities invited (see Art. 6).

ARTICLE 4

In World Championships the protocol will be:

- WKF President
- General Secretary
- President of the host NF
- Honorary President
- 1st Vice-president
- Treasurer
- 2nd Vice-president
- 3rd Vice-president



- 4th Vice-president
- Other Vice-presidents
- Assistant General Secretary
- Assistant Treasurer
- Other Executive Committee members (1st according to election date and 2nd according to age)
- Honorary Members
- Chairmen of WKF Commissions (in alphabetical order)
- Members of WKF Commissions (in alphabetical order)
- EC members of the host NF
- President and EC members of WKF Federations (in alphabetical order)
- Referees
- Competitors
- Coaches and Technical Directors
- Invited guests. However, VIP's will be placed with the President

The Honorary President will have a reserved seat next to the President for all official events.

ARTICLE 5

For protocol issues, in case of absence, the President will be substituted by the 1st Vice-president, if the latter is also absent, by the 2nd Vice-president; if the latter is also absent, by the 3rd Vice-president and if the latter is also absent, the substitution will be made following the protocol order defined in Article 2.

ARTICLE 6

Inside the Stadium a private and well delimited space will be reserved to the EC members as well as for the President of the host National Federation, with their names marked in the seats for the whole duration of the Championships. The Organising Commission will be provided by the local Organisation Committee with a service of order under the authority of the responsible of the protocol of the WKF, who will guarantee that the seats are not occupied by persons other than those designated. For the Presidents of National Federations, the VIPs and the spouses of the EC members or of the National Federation Presidents, a separate space will be provided.

ARTICLE 7

For the Opening Ceremony, the host National Federation will communicate in advance the list of the highest personalities attending. The WKF President or his nominee will decide on their placing in agreement with the President of the host National Federation.

ARTICLE 8

For the medals ceremony, the relevant personality will be always accompanied by the WKF President or in his absence following Articles 2, 4 and 5 in this order.

ARTICLE 9

This protocol will be also applicable to the Continental Federations recognised by the WKF.