

"Your event is to be held under WTF rules. No-one outside the BTCB practises WTF taekwondo and should not be eligible to enter such an event. A few non-BTCB groups emulate WTF-style taekwondo but they cannot legitimately claim to do this style".

"Only the BTCB has referees properly qualified in WTF rules (especially the latest rules). Failure to use properly qualified referees would invalidate your insurance. It is therefore not acceptable to use non-BTCB referees for a competition held under WTF rules."

In an email from the BTCB to another instructor it was stated:

"In the UK, 'WTF taekwondo' means the BTCB: anything else is ITF or 'independent': any club outside the BTCB does not do WTF taekwondo and should not be allowed to participate in WTF style competitions."

This without doubt goes to show that the BTCB are trying to ensure all WTF style competitions to be the exclusive property of the BTCB. Although I don't remember hearing about the BTCB protesting to the TAGB when their Taekwondo International group hosted a WTF section in their competition. The section referring to the insurance is total nonsense, as I have a copy of a policy and there is no mention of BTCB sanctioned referees. Furthermore there is no restriction in the Policy that having a second insurance is not permitted, I have had this clarified and the only restriction is that you cannot claim on more than one policy for an instance.

Let us now assume that the BTC WTF stylists chose to join the BTCB, what other issues could cause problems?

Well the Kukkiwon issue could cause some real headaches for quite a number of people, as the BTCB have written into their regulations that it is a requirement for those wishing to conduct kup gradings to be a minimum 4th Dan Kukkiwon which is a bit rich when from them when for years they insisted that Kukkiwon certificates were not required. They helped propagate a whole host of instructors without their full range of Kukkiwon certificates and some have never bothered to get them once they missed a few of them. What happens to instructors who have other certificates and who currently conduct their own gradings? They would find themselves having to pay Kukkiwon qualified people to conduct their gradings for them. Do all the current BTCB dan grades have all their Kukkiwon certificates or have amnesties been given to some?

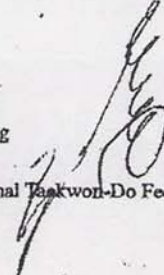
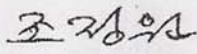
Looking at the structure of the BTCB it is not hard to notice that the

MUTUAL AGREEMENT

Based on the agreement at the meeting among the president of the International Olympic Committee ("IOC") and the presidents of the International Taekwon-Do Federation ("ITF") and the World Taekwondo Federation ("WTF") at the headquarters of the IOC in Lausanne, Switzerland, on September 20, 2006, the WTF and the ITF agreed on the establishment of a Coordination Committee for Taekwondo Integration as follows:

1. Both parties will establish the Coordination Committee for Taekwondo Integration, which will start on simultaneous discussions concerning the integration of technical and administrative aspects of the two taekwondo bodies;
2. The mission of the Coordination Committee for Taekwondo Integration will be to deal with technical and administrative matters concurrently. Both parties agreed to first reach an agreement on the integration of technical matters, in respect of the parties' agreement on June 28, 2005;
3. The Coordination Committee for Taekwondo Integration will consist of one co-chairman at the vice-presidential level and three to five members, including the chairman of the Technical Committee, from each party;
4. The operations of the Coordination Committee for Taekwondo Integration will be decided through consultations between both parties.

The Mutual Agreement was accepted and undersigned by the respective representatives in Doha, Qatar, on December 2, 2006.

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majority of members are group members (Not full members), I read this to be that the majority of members are not really interested in the BTCB but only join to get access to certain competitions. What a statement of faith (or lack of it) that is for the BTCB. I have also heard that to be allowed to vote in the BTCB you have to have been in membership for 5 years, if this is the case then it is ridiculous as a person from overseas could be nationalised in less time.

I am not saying that the BTCB should not exist nor should it try to expand its ranks, what I am saying is that the BTCB have become control freaks with total disregard for others. They should concern themselves with official National level and international competitions and not insist that they have the exclusive rights of style, standards, competitions and recognition.

Their methods serve only to propagate resentment and hostilities, which is not conducive to promoting WTF style Taekwondo or membership of the BTCB which in turn restricts the number of possible quality players available to represent the UK.

Editors note:

I approached Mr Adian Tranter (Chairman - BTCB) who said "I have seen the e-mail and I do not want to comment"

I also asked Mr. Dave Oliver for his opinion - he replied, "I think it speaks for itself, the article that is"

Just out of interest I also managed to obtain a document which details a mutual agreement, signed by both ITF and the WTF. I have included it here (above) as I believe you (the readers) would find it to be of interest.