

GHANA TAEKWONDO ASSOCIATION



CONSTITUTION

STATUTES OF THE GHANA TAEKWONDO ASSOCIATION

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ARTICLE 1 – INSTRUMENT

This instrument shall be called the Constitution/Statutes of the Ghana Taekwondo Association (GTKDA).

ARTICLE 2 – THE ASSOCIATION

- a. The Association shall be known and called the Ghana Taekwondo Association (referred to as the (GTKDA).
- b. It shall have it's headquarters in the national capital.
- c. It shall have powers to constitute Regional and District Taekwondo Associations as well as other decentralized bodies.
- d. It shall have powers to organize and conduct promotion test and other examinations for grading (Colour & Black belts). These powers shall be exercised only by the National Association.

ARTICLE 3 - POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

- a. The GTKDA shall, to the exclusion of any other Association, Authority or body but, subject to the laws of the Republic of Ghana, control the administration, development and promotion of Taekwondo in Ghana.
- b. In the exercise of it's powers and functions the GTKDA shall observe the statutes and regulations of WTF and other bodies, to which it is affiliated and with which, it maintains membership unless such statutes and regulations are in conflict with the laws of the Republic of Ghana.
- c. Promotion test and other examinations for grading (Colour & Black Belts) shall be organized and conducted only by the National Association.

ARTICLE 4 – AFFILIATIONS

The GTKDA shall be affiliated to the World Taekwondo Federation (WTF), African Taekwondo Union (AFTU) and any other organization, whether of Continental or International nature that it may from time to time decide.

ARTICLE 5 - OBJECTS

The objects of the GTKDA shall be:-

- a. To develop and promote the sport of Taekwondo in every way, as a way and means of fostering social integration and molding the character of the youth in Ghana in accordance with the laws and spirit of the sport.
- b. To organize championships as it may deem fit at all levels.
- c. To develop and promote the sport of Taekwondo among juveniles and the youth of both sex and to co-operate with and assist the educational authorities in the development and promotion of Taekwondo in Educational Institutions.
- d. To seek and maintain friendly relations with individuals, bodies, organizations or allied groupings interested in the development and promotion of Taekwondo or otherwise connected with it.
- e. To take such steps as maybe deemed necessary for the observance of the Constitution/statutes and regulations and Standing Orders of the International Taekwondo Bodies (i.e WTF, AFTU, etc) to which the GTKDA may be affiliated and also the laws of the Sport as laid down by the World Taekwondo Federation.
- f. To promote the welfare of players and clubs and foster friendly relations between players and GTKDA members.
- g. To promote good relationship with any body anytime charged with the overall organization and control of sports in Ghana and to collaborate with that body in the procurement of adequate equipment and for the provision of adequate training facilities.
- h. To organize training and tournament programmes and arrange to oversee the participation of the National Teams at the various levels in International Tournaments.

ARTICLE 6 - MEMBERSHIP

The Membership of the GTKDA shall comprise:-

- a. The Regional and District Associations
- b. All Registered Taekwondo Clubs
- c. All Taekwondo Academies
- d. The Referees Association (Taekwondo)
- e. The Ghana Education Service
- f. Other organizations admitted into the membership of the **National Delegate Congress**.

QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- a. Person of both sex over sixteen years of age.
- b. Children below the age of sixteen years may be admitted as junior members without a right to hold office or exercise the power of voting.
- c. All clubs practicing or intending to practice the system of Taekwondo shall be eligible for full membership provided they fulfill the necessary requirements in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.

PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIPS

- a. Only registered members of the GTKDA shall be entitled to train or receive training at any club recognized by and affiliated to GTKDA upon presentation of his/her national membership card/or license to the club instructors. However, the instructor of the club has the right to refuse a student from training in his dojan, if he has genuine reasons for his refusal.
- b. A member of the GTKDA shall also be entitled to participate at all courses or programmes organized by the ASSOCIATION or its branches and affiliates subject to (a) above and other requirements regarding the particular courses or programmes.
- c. Without prejudice to (a) above, a member of the ASSOCIATION shall be obliged to respect and abide by the internal rules and regulations of local club in which he/she receives training

ARTICLE 7 - ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The following annual subscription dues shall be paid by members: -

i. Regional Associations	....	....	....	....	ϕ100
ii. District Associations	...	...	...	...	ϕ50
iii. Clubs	...	...	...	...	ϕ20
iv. Academies	...	...	...	...	ϕ100

These shall be reviewed from time to time by the Management Board as the need arises.

- v. Any member who fails to pay his/her subscription at a date to be determined by the GTKDA shall lose his/her membership unless otherwise decided by the Association.
- vi. Membership of the Association shall automatically be restored as soon as the subscription is paid.

ARTICLE 8 - **STRUCTURE**

The Ghana Taekwondo Association shall have the following organs in its set up;

- a. The National Delegates Congress shall be the highest organ.
- b. The Annual General Meeting
- c. A 7 – Member Management Board headed by the President shall be the executing organ of decisions taken at Congress.
- d. The Secretariat shall be headed by the General Secretary. He shall be responsible for organizing the day-to-day activities of the Association.

ARTICLE 9- **THE NATIONAL DELEGATES CONGRESS**

- a. The National Delegates Congress of the Association shall be the supreme organ of the Association.
- b. The National Delegates Congress of the Association shall be held every four (4) years.

The National Delegates Congress shall be composed of:-

- i. The President
- ii. The Vice-President
- iii. The General Secretary/Treasurer
- iv. 1 member from each Regional Association
- v. 1 member each from all Registered Clubs
- vi. 1 member from the GTKDA Referees Association
- vii. 1 representative from the Coaches/Instructors Association
- viii. 1 representative from the Ministry of Youth & Sports
- ix. 1 representative ^{each} from the Ghana Polytechnic Sports Association, GUSA, Teacher Training College, GES
- x. 1 representative from the National Sports Council

- c. The following shall have observer status;
 - i. All past Executive members of the Association may attend the National Delegates Congress without voting rights.
 - ii. The Sports Writers Association of Ghana (SWAG)
- d. The notice of the National Delegates Congress shall be sent out together with the Agenda and supporting documents at least one month before the date fixed for the congress.
- e. The Management Board of the Association shall however hold monthly meetings to deliberate on matters needing urgent attention.
- f. An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting shall be convened under the following conditions:
 - i. By a resolution of not less than 5 Regional Associations or more than half of the number of registered clubs.
 - * ii. The President shall also convene an Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Association as and when requested.
- g. The Quorum for a valid session of the AGM shall be one-third of the total membership entitled to attend and vote.
- h. Voting shall be by secret ballot unless otherwise.
- * i. The Power to convene a general meeting or Congress is vested in the President or in his absence the Vice-President and shall not be delegated.

ARTICLE 10- MANAGEMENT BOARD

There shall be a 7 member Management Board comprising the following;

- i) President elected by the National Delegates Congress
- ii) A Vice-President elected by the National Delegate Congress
- iii) A General-Secretary/Treasurer appointed by the Chief Executive of the National Sports Council.
- iv) The Technical Director appointed by the Management Board.
- v) Two members elected by the National Delegates Congress
- vi) One or more persons co-opted by the Management Board if need arises.

ARTICLE 11-

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The officers of the Association shall be:

1. The President
2. The Vice-President
3. The General Secretary/Treasurer

a. FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

i. President: The President shall preside over meetings of the management board and shall from time to time oversee the day-to-day administration of the secretariat. The term of office of the President shall be four (4) years and shall be eligible for re-election.

ii. Vice President: The Vice- President shall act in the absence of the President. The term of office shall be four (4) years and shall be eligible for re-election.

iii. The General Secretary: He/she shall be head of the secretariat and shall be responsible for the day-to-day administration; he shall keep accurate accounts of the Association and prepare a Statement of Account for the Management Board to be presented at the National Congress.

b. VACANCY

The position of the President or Vice- President or any member of the Management Board shall become vacant if :

i...He/she dies.

ii. He/she resigns his position in writing to the Board of the National Sports Council.

iii. He/she is removed or dismissed or otherwise relieved of his post by the Board of the National Sports Council acting in accordance with these statutes and regulations or any other law for the time being in force.

c. MISCONDUCT

An officer of the Association shall be guilty of misconduct if he conducts himself in a manner prejudicial to the interest of the Association and in particular if;

i. He embezzles funds belonging to the Association

ii. He is inefficient or negligent in the discharge of his duties.

iii. He without just cause absents himself for three (3) consecutive times at meetings of the Association.

ARTICLE 12- TENURE OF OFFICE

All elected members shall hold office for four (4) years and shall be eligible for re-election.

ARTICLE 13- COMMITTEES OF THE GTKDA

The GTKDA shall have the following Committees:

- i. The Technical Committee
- ii. Sponsorship and Marketing Committee
- iii. Press and Public Relations Committee
- iv. The GTKDA Referees Committee
- v. Medical Committee
- vi. Juvenile and Youth Committee
- vii. Disciplinary Committee
- viii. Tournament and Organizing Committee

a. RESPONSIBILITIES AND RULES

These shall be determined in the Regulations of the Association, but without prejudice to the powers of the Management Board to charge any committee with any other responsibility at any time the need shall arise.

b. TENURE OF OFFICE

Appointed members shall hold office for four (4) years and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

ARTICLE 14- REGIONAL TAEKWONDO ASSOCIATIONS

- a. There shall be Regional Taekwondo Associations which shall organize Taekwondo tournaments on behalf of the Ghana Taekwondo Association.
- b. The organization shall be in accordance with the guidelines approved from time to time by the Ghana Taekwondo Association.
- c. The Regional Taekwondo Association shall comprise of the following;

1. All District Taekwondo Associations
 2. All Taekwondo Clubs within the region
 3. The Taekwondo Referees Association in the region
 4. The Regional Sports Development Officer
 5. The Regional Physical Education Organizer
- d. The structure of the Regional Association shall as far as possible conform to the structure of the GTKDA

ARTICLE15-

AMENDMENT

The National Delegates Congress of the GTKDA shall have the power to amend these statutes and Regulations by a vote of not less than 75% of all members who are present and are entitled to vote on any matter, notice of which shall be at least fourteen (14) days before the said congress.

ARTICLE16-

DUAL POSITION

Each member shall be entitled to hold a maximum of two (2) positions.

ARTICLE17-

INTERPRETATION

In these statutes and Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, "Association" means the Ghana Taekwondo Association.

Dated this 4th June 2010.