



## INTERNATIONAL TAEKWON-DO FEDERATION

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Dear members of the International Taekwon-Do Federation,

As you all know, the World Health Organization has timely declared the pandemic due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The outbreak spread to more than 120 countries on 5 continents, with a social, preventive, and mandatory quarantine being decreed globally in many countries. The global epidemiological situation is truly alarming and the social impact of the pandemic is extremely painful. These are difficult, unprecedented times.

In line with this situation, international organizations propose social distancing, avoid crowds, and take extreme hygiene measures to mitigate the health impact of the pandemic. We must not only abide by these measures, but we have a moral responsibility to promote them.

Most countries have suspended Taekwon-Do classes, training, sports events in general. In particular, they were forced to suspend the selective championships for the World Championship to be held in the City of Amsterdam, Holland during the year 2021.

For this reason, together with the authorities of our federation, we have considered it convenient to reschedule the World Taekwon-Do Championship for the year 2022 and suspend the international agenda of international events until further notice.

On the other hand, we would like to congratulate our teachers and instructors for the tremendous sustained chain reaction around the world. They have created virtual dojangs and established contacts with students from particular to general, conducting virtual classes, videos, generating hopeful messages, interviews, motivational meetings and optimizing resources through social networks, to sustain enthusiasm and contain the Taekwon-Do family in the worst global crisis of recent times.



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We want to motivate you to keep working on this direction, taking on this new challenge, as part of a new I.T.F. communication policy. Developing and executing new actions aimed at promoting Taekwon-Do as a discipline that does not stop, that has the ability to adapt, resist, get up and move on facing the worst circumstances.

Regarding training, I want to inform you that I.T.F. will hold its first **INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL TRAINING SEMINAR** on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

This initial experience will be directed to spanish-speaking countries, where you will be able to see and hear Grand Masters whose dissertation will be in spanish and english with spanish translation.

The intention of this project is to continue training our members, generating resources and tools to collaborate, in these difficult and uncertain times.

At the sports level, we are developing virtual Pattern competitions. Master Edimir Kawakubo in Brazil has successfully held the first tournament, as well as virtual tournaments are being held for the first time in Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Spain, Paraguay, and Uruguay among others.

In this sense, we encourage all National Federations to carry out their own virtual competitions, so that these actions converge in the first Virtual International Taekwon-Do Federation competition.

A fraternal hug,

Taekwon

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