

PARTICIPATION IN OVERSEAS EVENTS OR NON-SANCTIONED EVENTS/GRADINGS

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Since the STF website was created more than twelve years ago, the STF has periodically posted reminders to our members with regards to the hazards of participating in non-sanctioned events or gradings. This includes participating in overseas events without the prior approval of STF.

Some of the articles are as follows (links can be found at the end of this document)

Jan 2007 – Waste of Time

Mar 2007 – Is your Blackbelt Recognized?

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The STF wishes to remind and clarify the following to all our affiliates and the general public.

1. STF-RECOGNISED GRADINGS/CERTIFICATION

The Singapore Taekwondo Federation (STF) is the only taekwondo organization recognized by the Singapore Sports Council as the national governing body for the sport. It is affiliated to the Singapore National Olympic Council, World Taekwondo, World Taekwondo Asia and Kukkiwon.

STF organised 4 centralised gradings a year and supplementary gradings upon request by affiliates throughout the year. Each grading is helmed by an STF-appointed examiner from the board of examiners. Each participant in the STF-recognised grading will have a STF-grading card with the STF logo.

Training at a club with participants wearing uniform with "Singapore Taekwondo Federation" does not automatically mean that the club is recognized by the STF. Members of the public who are unsure of the status of your club should send an email to STF official email address for clarifications.

Kukkiwon certificates issued through the STF bear the signatures of both the Kukkiwon President and STF President. Kukkiwon certificates without the signature of the STF President are not recognized by the STF.

All STF affiliates and members are reminded not to participate in non-STF recognised gradings. The STF will institute disciplinary action including, but not limited to, suspension of any affiliate or member for breaching the rules or any other rules and regulations of the STF.

2. PARTICIPATION IN NON-SANCTIONED EVENTS

While, STF encourages its affiliates to enhance the experiences of its members by participating in club championships or activities organized overseas or locally, members are reminded not to be involved in any events organized by clubs or associations not recognized or affiliated to the respective national sports bodies.

The STF will institute disciplinary action against any affiliate or member for breaching the rules or any other rules and regulations of the STF. To avoid unintentionally breaking the rules, affiliates and members should check with STF before participating in any local or foreign taekwondo activities. Affiliate leaders and coaches invited by their friends or organizers are strongly advised to check with the STF before agreeing to accept their invitations if they are not sure if the events or activities are recognized or sanctioned by the national associations.

The STF will institute disciplinary action including, but not limited to, suspension of any affiliate or member which has knowingly or unwittingly participated in activities that the STF does not or will not endorse.

3. PARTICIPATION IN OVESEAS/INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

As stated earlier, STF STF encourages its affiliates to enhance the experiences of its members by participating in club championships or activities organized overseas. Affiliate leaders and coaches invited by their friends or organizers are strongly advised to check with the STF before agreeing to accept their invitations if they are not sure if the events or activities are recognized or sanctioned by the national associations.

However, the following guidelines should be adhered to

- Affiliates can apply to participate in club level international championships (non-G events). However, affiliates cannot participate in championships which the national team is involved.
- While STF is open to affiliates applying to attend G1 championships, applications for G1 championships will only be approved on a case by case basis.
- Only the national team can participate in G2 and higher tournaments.

The STF will institute disciplinary action including, but not limited to, suspension of any affiliate or member which has knowingly or unwittingly participated in activities that the STF does not or will not endorse.

4. ATTIRE IN OVESEAS/INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Attire for international or local events need to be approved by STF. In general, only the national athletes representing Singapore in international events will be allowed to don the National Flag. All participants should otherwise be

wearing STF-approved doboks with “Singapore Taekwondo Federation” at the back and the STF logo on the left sleeve.

The STF will institute disciplinary action including, but not limited to, suspension of any affiliate or member which has knowingly or unwittingly flout the attire guidelines of the STF.

4. ORGANISATION OF INTER-AFFILATE TAEKWONDO EVENTS

While STF is highly appreciative of affiliates who organise inter-affiliate Taekwondo events including but not limited to seminars, friendlies and championships, affiliates are reminded that all inter-club events need to be approved and sanctioned by the Singapore Taekwondo Federation

Please note that as per the above, officials and competitors who participate in non-sanctioned tournaments (whether local or overseas) or officials and competitors who did not seek approval to participate in sanctioned activities may be sanctioned and barred from STF's activities, including but not limited to gradings and competitions.

Affiliates who are interested to organise an inter-affiliate event should write in to seek approval (and sanction if necessary) at least 6 weeks before the event.

RELATED LINKS

Jan 2007 – Waste of Time

(<http://www.stf.sg/local-news/146-waste-of-time>)

Mar 2007 – Is your Blackbelt Recognized?

(<http://www.stf.sg/local-news/164-is-your-blackbelt-recognized>)

Jan 2008 – More Victims

(<http://www.stf.sg/local-news/293-more-victims>)

Jul 2009 – Instructor Warned

(<http://www.stf.sg/local-news/503-instructor-warned>)

Sep 2009 – Don't Be Fooled

(<http://www.stf.sg/local-news/517-don-t-be-fooled>)

Jun 2010 – Kukkiwon Certification

(<http://www.stf.sg/local-news/644-kukkiwon-certification>)

Jul 2011 – Participation in Non-sanctioned Events

(<http://www.stf.sg/local-news/830-participation-in-non-sanctioned-events>)