



INFORMATION FOR ITF

1. Name; International Taekwon-Do Federation (ITF)

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Grand Master LEONG Wai Meng (Australia)
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4. Legal Status

- ITF has been registered to the Austrian Police in 1986, renewed in Jan.2003, renewed in Sep. 2004, renewed on 30th May 2007, renewed on 23rd Feb. 2009, and renewed 30th Nov. 2009 pursuant to the law of Austria.
- ITF was recognized as the International Sports Organization by the Austrian Sports Federation and printed on the "Year Book" of Sports for 2004/2005 and for 2005/2006 as the sole International Sports Organization of which Secretariat has been located in Vienna, Austria (See page 292 on "Year Book" for 2004/2005).
- ITF was registered to the Finance Ministry of Austria as Non-Profit-Civilian Organization in Nov. 2004.

5. Members; 126 member countries confirmed at the 19th ITF Congress held in St. Petersburg, Russia on Oct. 13, 2009

6. Continental Federations

- Asian Taekwon-Do Federation (The Headquarters is in DPR Korea)
- European ITF Taekwon-Do Federation (The Headquarters is in Croatia)
- Oceanic Taekwon-Do Federation (The Headquarters is in Australia)
- Pan American Taekwon-Do Federation (The Headquarters is in Puerto Rico)
- Taekwon-Do Federation of Africa (The Headquarters is in South Africa)

7. History

- April 11, 1955 - "Taekwon-Do" founded by Gen. Choi Hong Hi
- March 22, 1966 - ITF inaugurated in Seoul, South Korea
- January 1972 - ITF Headquarters moved to Toronto, Canada
- 1985 - ITF Headquarters moved to Vienna, Austria
- June 15, 2002 - Gen. Choi Hong Hi, the Founder of Taekwon-Do and Builder & 1st President of ITF, passed away
- September 22, 2002 - Prof. Chang Ung, IOC Member, elected as the ITF President
- October 13, 2009 - Prof. & Dr. Chang Ung reelected as the ITF President

8. Official Events

- World Championships to be held in every 2 years
- Junior & Veteran World Championships to be held in every 2 years
- Memorial Cup Tournament for Gen. Choi Hong Hi, the Founder of Taekwon-Do to be held in every year
- Continental Championships for Junior, Senior and Veteran to be held in every year, especially in European and American Continents
- Seminars for Umpires and Techniques accordingly to be held more than 9 times a year in several countries and regions

9. Order and Medal; ITF Order and Outstanding Instructor Medal

10. Umpire; Umpire "A" from 4th Dan and up, Umpire "B" for 2nd Dan and 3rd Dan

11. Classification of the Ranks; Color Belt Holder (10th Gup to 1st Gup), Black Belt Holder (Assistant Instructor from 1st Dan to 3rd Dan, Instructor from 4th Dan to 6th Dan, Master for 7th Dan, Senior Master for 8th Dan and Grand Master for 9th Dan)

12. Official Magazine; "Original Taekwon-Do" to be published quarterly with 5000 copies each time

13. Categories of Competitions; Pattern, Sparring, Special Techniques, Power Breaking and Self-Defense Routine (Team and Individual)

14. Official Dresses, Equipments and Possibility to make the advertisements through Taekwon-Do activities

- Doboks and Belts (white, yellow, green, blue, red, black colors) for students and competitors provided by Sasung International Sdn. Bhd., see <http://www.sasung.org>

- Umpire Dress – Jacket (navy blue color), Trousers(navy blue color), Tie (navy blue color), White Shirt, Gym Shoes(white color)
- All Sorts of T-Shirts, ITF Logo, Shoulder Patches for Black Belt Holders, All Kinds of Souvenirs for winners at the tournaments and World Championships, students, Instructors, Masters, Grand Masters and personages concerned with ITF and Taekwon-Do over the world
- Track Suits, Gym Shoes, Bag, Towel, etc.
- Sparring equipments (Head Guard, Mouthpiece, Breast Protector for Female, Rib and Abdominal Protector for Veteran Competitors, Gloves, Forearm Protector, Shoes, Groin Protector, Shin Protector, etc.)
- Floor for Competitions(9 x 9m) and Holders for Power Breaking & Special Techniques Competitions and Mats
- Tables, Chairs, Stop Watches, Record Papers, Flags (Red and Blue) and Bells(Gong) for Referees and Jury
- Electronic Scoring Board to be utilized in the matches
- Advertisements for any company during the World Championships, seminars, international and regional tournaments, meetings including the Congress, etc. to be held in every year
- Advertisements through the publications including website, magazines, Encyclopedia, newsletters and so on

15. References

- ITF Constitution and By-Laws
- ITF Tournament Rules and Regulations
- ITF Umpire Rules and Regulations
- ITF Website (www.itfkd.org)
- Moral Guide Book (Jungshin Sooyang), witten by Gen. Choi Hong Hi
- 15 Volumes Encyclopedia (witten by Gen. Choi Hong Hi)
- Condensed Encyclopedia (witten by Gen. Choi Hong Hi)
- Several sorts of pamphlets
- ITF Membership booklet
- CD Rom covering the history and the technical parts of Taekwon-Do
- Newsletters to be circulated among all the member countries in every 2 months

History of the ITF Championships

- Adults Championships

1. **1st World Senior TKD Championships** in Montreal, Canada on 4 and 5 October 1974 under the participation of 450 competitors from 27 countries.
2. **2nd WTC** in Oklahoma, United States in Sep. 1978 under the participation of 350 competitors from 21 countries.
3. **3rd WTC** in Argentina in Aug. 1981 under the participation of 219 competitors from 13 countries.
4. **4th WTC** in Glasgow, Scotland on 20 to 23 April 1984 under the participation of 396 competitors from 23 countries.
5. **5th WTC** in Athens, Greece on 22 to 24 May 1987 under the participation of 396 competitors from 26 countries.
6. **6th WTC** in Budapest, Hungary on 8 to 10 April 1988 under the participation of 650 competitors from 46 countries.
7. **7th WTC** in Montreal, Canada on 18 to 21 August 1990 under the participation of 520 competitors from 51 countries.
8. **8th WTC** in Pyongyang, DPR Korea on 10 to 15 September 1992 under the participation of 644 competitors from 67 countries.
9. **9th WTC** in Terengganu, Malaysia in Sep. 1994 under the participation of 800 competitors from 72 countries.
10. **10th WTC** in St. Petersburg, Russia on 3 to 6 July 1997 under the participation of 1200 competitors from 70 countries.
11. **11th WTC** in Buenos Aires, Argentina from August 28 to September 5, 1999 under the participation of 800 competitors from 76 countries.
12. **12th WTC** in Rimini, Italy on 3 to 8 July 2001 under the participation of 700 competitors from 64 countries.
13. **13th WTC** in Thessaloniki, Greece on 11 to 15 June 2003 under the participation of 850 competitors from 75 countries.
14. **14th WTC** in Caloundra City in Queensland, Australia on 9 to 14 Jul. 2005 under the participation of 450 competitors from 50 countries.
15. **15th WTC** in Bled, Slovenia on 24 to 29 Apr. 2007 under the participation of 800 competitors from 72 countries.
16. **16th WTC** in St. Petersburg, Russia on 13 to 19 Oct. 2009 under the participation of 1100 competitors from 82 countries.

- Junior and Veteran Championships

1. **1st Junior World Championships** in Moscow, Russia in July 1993.
2. **2nd Junior World Championships** in Warsaw, Poland in June 1995 under the participation of 300 competitors from 41 countries.
3. **3rd Junior World Championships** in Prague, Czech in Jul. 1996 under the participation of 400 competitors from 34 countries
4. **4th Junior World Championships** in Delhi, India from 10th to 12th Oct. 1998 under the participation of 21 countries.
5. **5th Junior World Championships** in Pyongyang, DPR Korea in Sep. 2000 under the participation of 354 competitors from 34 countries.

6. **6th Junior & 1st Veteran World Championships** in Genting Highlands, Malaysia from 25th to 30th Jul.2004 under the participation of over 650 competitors. Umpires and Officials from 49 countries.
7. **7th Junior & 2nd Veteran World Championships** in Sofia, Bulgaria from 25th to 30th Jul. 2006 under the participation of around 800 competitors, Umpires and Officials from 67 countries.
8. **8th Junior & 3rd Veteran World Championships** in Tashkent, Uzbekistan from 16th to 21st Sep. 2008 under the participation of over 750 competitors, Umpires and Officials from 55 countries

16. Pro-Taekwon-Do Competitions

1. 1st Test Competitions named after “Zero Round” in Zagreb, Croatia on 17th Nov. 2007
2. 2nd Test Competitions named after “World Final One” in Zagreb, Croatia on 14th Dec. 2008

17. Talks with WTF for “Coordination Committee for Taekwon-Do Integration” (CCTI)

Both Presidents of ITF and WTF signed on the historical Mutual Agreement for the establishment of “Coordination Committee for Taekwon-Do Integration” (CCTI) in Doha, Qatar on 2nd Dec. 2006.

1. 1st Talk for CCTI in Beijing, China on 31st Mar. 2007
2. 2nd Talk for CCTI in Beijing, China on 18th -19th Jun. 2007
3. 3rd Talk for CCTI in Beijing, China on 22nd -23rd Oct. 2007
4. 4th Talk for CCTI in Beijing, China on 1st -2nd Mar. 2008
5. 5th Talk for CCTI in Beijing, China on 10th -11th Sep. 2008