



WTF Global Licence for Athletes and Officials

Guidelines and Interpretations

Effective as of September 1, 2015

1) Types

i) The WTF Global Athlete Licence (WTF GAL) Number

The WTF Licence Number is a unique number assigned to every individual who registers in the WTF Global Membership System (GMS). To receive a WTF Global Licence Number an applicant need only enter the following information: Full Name, Gender, Date of Birth, email address & membership type (e.g. athlete, official, executive).

A WTF Global Licence number is mandatory for all athletes of any age or level that wish to compete in any WTF G Ranked competition. However the WTF GAL number alone is not sufficient to register for a competition or to receive a WTF GAL card.

In order to register for a WTF G Ranked competition and/or receive a WTF GAL card the applicant must also provide the following: a copy of a photo ID, a copy of passport OR National ID. **A signed waiver form is also required for all participants registering for G Ranked Events.**

ii) The WTF Global Official Licence (GOL)

The WTF Licence Number is a unique number assigned to every individual who registers in the WTF Global Membership System (GMS). To receive a WTF Global Licence Number an applicant need only enter the following information: Full Name, Gender, Date of Birth, email address & membership type (e.g. athlete, official, executive).

A WTF Global Licence number is mandatory for all official who wish to participate in any WTF G Ranked competition e.g. coach, trainer, referee, Doctor, manager; MNA official.

However the WTF GOL number alone is not sufficient to register for a competition or to receive a WTF GOL card.

In order to register for a WTF G Ranked competition and/or receive a WTF GOL card the applicant must also provide the following: a copy of a photo ID, a copy of passport

OR National ID; and a signed waiver form. **A signed waiver form is also required for all participants registering for G Ranked Events.**

iii) The WTF Global Executive Licence (GEL)

The WTF GEL is available for the President, Secretary General and Vice President (if applicable) of each WTF Member National Association. For GOLD level GMS MNA`s they are entitled to up to 50 WTF GEL per year.

iv) The WTF Global Licence (GL)

The WTF Global Licence (GL): The WTF GL is for GOLD Level GMS MNA`s who need to provide a licence for their members that don't fall into one of the above categories e.g. staff, volunteer, support, media.

2) Fundamental Principles:

WTF Licenses are now mandatory for a wide and growing range of events. The objective of these guidelines is to maximize the opportunity for an individual to participate in WTF events while at the same time balancing out the need for Member National Associations (MNAs) have ownership of the development of the sport at the national level.

i) Issuing authority: Member National Associations ("MNAs") have the right and obligation to issue WTF Licenses for the territory the MNA represents.

ii) Non-Discrimination: A MNA cannot refuse to issue a WTF License if an individual satisfies the basic requirements as proscribed in these Guidelines unless the MNA can demonstrate good cause as to why a license should not be issued to a particular individual.

iii) MNA Membership: The MNA has the option to decide whether or not an individual must also be a member of the MNA in order to receive a Global License.

3) Authorized issuing body for national representation: MNA of citizenship.

To participate on a national team, the Global License must be issued by the MNA of the national team the athlete/official wishes to represent. For athletes, this must also be the MNA of the athlete's country of citizenship (not country of residence).

** For instance, a Tunisian passport holder cannot be a member of Belgian national team unless he/she holds dual citizenships of both Tunisia and Belgium. (Also note*

that for changes of nationality of an athlete, the provisions of the WTF Competition Rules and Interpretation on athletes' qualifications shall be applied.)

*** If a coach represents an MNA, the coach should obtain a WTF Team official license through the MNA that is being represented.*

i) Proof of Citizenship: Verification of citizenship is done by passport. This requirement holds unless exceptional circumstances are shown (such as official refugee status) and prior written approval is received from the WTF.

4) Issuing body for **general use**: MNA of citizenship or of residence.

A Global License (Athlete or Official) can be issued by a WTF Member National Association (MNA) to an athlete or official that is one of the following: (a) corresponds to the individual's country of citizenship; or (b) corresponds to the individual's country of residence.

i) Proof of Citizenship: *See above*

i) Proof of Legal Residence: If the License is issued based on the country of residence, then it is the responsibility of the issuing MNA to certify that the individual holds legal residency. Proof of residence is determined by local regulations and may include, for instance, government-issued residency cards.

** For example, an athlete who is a Tunisian passport holder who resides in Belgium can apply GAL through Belgium Taekwondo Association so long as the athlete has valid proof of residence in Belgium.*

5) Other Matters

i) Non-Transferable; Multiple GALs OK: A Global License is not transferrable between MNAs; if an athlete/officials hold a license issued from Country A, but later on the individual shifts to Country B and would like to represent Country B, then a new license from country B is needed. An athlete or official can have more than one Global License. Each license must be validly issued in accordance with these guidelines. (For instance, an Athlete must be able to show either valid proof of residence or proof of citizenship in relation to each GAL.)

** For example, an athlete who is a Tunisian passport holder who resides in Belgium can apply GAL through Belgium Taekwondo Association so long as the athlete has proof of residence in Belgium. If that athlete plans to represent Tunisia National Team the athlete must receive a WTF GAL from the Tunisian Taekwondo Federation.*

ii) Ranking points are awarded to the athlete. Ranking points are awarded to the athlete regardless of whether the Global License is issued by an MNA in the country of citizenship or of residence.

** For a multiple-GAL holder, if there is a dispute of jurisdiction of the ranking points between MNAs of citizenship and residency, the MNA of citizenship at the time of the pertinent tournament prevails.*

iii) Transferability of Ranking Points: The ranking points of an athlete are transferrable from one license to another.

** For instance, ranking points obtained by a Tunisian passport holder (a Belgium GAL holder) can be ranked in the country name of Belgium in the WTF World Ranking. When this athlete represents Tunisia in an international tournament with legal citizenship of Tunisia, his ranking points already earned as a Belgian athlete will be integrated to the ranking points he earns as a Tunisian athlete.*

iv) Athlete License Must Be Valid at Time of Weigh in: To receive ranking points for an event an athlete must have a valid (accurate and complete) Global Athlete Licence before weighing in for the event.

v) MNA/Athlete Are Responsible to Confirm Validity: It is the responsibility of the MNA and athlete to verify that the information on a Global License is accurate and complete. Incorrect or inaccurate information must be reported to the WTF GMS Team as soon as the error or omission is discovered.

vi) Suspended MNAs: In accordance the with the WTF Statutes, Athletes using a GAL issued by an MNA that is suspended by the WTF at the time of the pertinent tournaments will not be eligible to receive ranking points.