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Welcome

We would like to invite and welcome all eligible Small Countries to Malta for the next edition of our Invitational Games, to be held on the 7th till the 10th November.

This Malta Taekwondo Association (MTA) event will be hosted at the beautiful sports hall of the National Sports School (Pembroke); the very same venue that hosted the European Cadet Championships in 2023.

With this competition being given a G1 status for seniors & E1 status for cadets and Juniors, the MTA is really looking forward to seeing the stars of our small countries compete together in what promises to be our biggest international event to date!

I wish each of you the very best of luck and hope you achieve your sporting aspirations and take away lifelong memories of a fantastic weekend.

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ETU Vice-President

WT Council Member

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INVITATIONAL GAMES

OF SMALL COUNTRIES

MALTA

7 - 10 NOVEMBER 2024



CADETS & JUNIORS (E1), SENIORS (G1)

Organization

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Venue and Dates

The competition will take place at the National Sports School (WFFF+RH3, Sir L. Prezios, Pembroke, Malta) on the **8th till 10th November**.



Overview:

· **Friday 8th November**

Registration for all categories **Venue** IBIS Hotel

Weigh-in for (cadet & junior) **Venue** IBIS Hotel

· **Saturday 9th November**

Random weigh in for (cadet & junior) **Venue** National Sports School

Competition for (cadet & junior) **Venue** National Sports School

Weigh-in for (seniors) **Venue** National Sports School

· **Sunday 10th November**

Random weigh in for (seniors.) **Venue** National Sports School

Competition for all (seniors) **Venue** National Sports School

Random weigh in at 08.00. Matches will commence at 09:00 on all days of competition.

Court will close on a rolling basis for a one-hour lunch break from 13:00 till 14:00.

Announcements will be made on the day to confirm the time and final matches before the lunch break.

Event Timetable (subject to changes)			
Date	Time	Event	Location
Friday 8th November	12.00 - 18.00	Registration and accreditation for all the contestant	IBIS Styles Hotel https://www.google.com/
	14.30-17.00	Weigh-in for Cadets and Juniors	IBIS Styles Hotel https://www.google.com/
Saturday 9th November	06.00.	Random weigh-in list publication	MTA Facebook page & Whats Up
	08.00-08.30	Random weigh-in	National Sports School https://www.google.com/
	09.00-18.00	Competition day 1 - Cadets and Junior	National Sports School https://www.google.com/
	13.00-14.00	Lunch break	
	15.00-17.30	Weigh-in for Seniors	National Sports School https://www.google.com/
Sunday 10th November	06.00.	Random weigh-in list publication	MTA Facebook page & Whats Up
	08.00-08.30	Random weigh-in	National Sports School https://www.google.com/
	09.00-18.00	Competition day 2 - Seniors	National Sports School https://www.google.com/
	13.00-14.00	Lunch break	
	14.00-18.00	Competition day 2 - Seniors	National Sports School https://www.google.com/

Accommodation

Accommodations for the participants and accompanying people during the event. All requests for accommodations will be handled by Malta Olympic Committee

Email info@nocmalta.org for the attention of Mr Jurgen Pisani



The IBIS Styles Hotel is a 3 Star Hotel with free Wi Fi. Costs of all extras e.g. telephone, minibar, snacks, etc. which have not been paid for will be charged to the foreign delegations. Teams have to settle the account before the delegation's departure. When checking out, the hotel rooms will be examined by the teams representative and the Hotel Director together. Any damage caused by a team member will be charged and cleared with the hotel administration accordingly.

- **Accommodation and Board**

Teams shall be staying at the below hotel on a twin room and full-board basis at Eur 75 per person per night.

A packed lunch will be organised for athletes and officials staying at the official hotel.

All Teams will be requested to provide details of their arrival and departure arrangements to Email info@nocmalta.org .

Arrivals shall be on the 7th November 2024 and departures on the 11th November 2024. NOCs or NFs shall make their own travel arrangements. Competitions shall start on the 8th November 2024 and terminate on the 10th November 2024 as per sports schedule that will be issued in the near future.

- **Transport**

The Maltese Olympic Committee will provide transport facilities for all athletes, and delegations to and from Malta International Airport. The Maltese Olympic Committee will be also providing transport from the hotel to the playing venues. Car Rentals, Taxis, Public Transport and/or any other transport used which is not provided by the games can be used at own expense. Any delays for games resulting from the use of non-official transport will not be considered as a valid reason for delaying the time of start of the games. Only athletes staying at the official hotel can make use of this service.

Participant Eligibility

- **Participants**

All participants for this ranked tournament must be members of eligible small countries. (**Andorra, Albania, Cyprus, Estonia, Faroe Islands, Iceland, Isle Of Man, Kosovo, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, San Marino, Slovenia**)

An approved 2024 WT Global License (WT Global Athlete License or Global Official License) is required for all athletes and officials who wish to register for the Invitational Games Of Small Countries. WT Global License registrations and renewals can only be made through the WT recognized Member National Associations and application should be made at least 2 months before the Tournament starts to ensure the WT license can be processed and approved in time. There will be NO WT Global License registration onsite.

- **Competition Statues**

The competition has E1 ranking for Cadet & Juniors and G1 for Seniors

- **Coaches**

The minimum age for a coach is 18 years. Coaches must bring and show identification at registration to collect coach passes and team packs.

Coach accreditation must be collected in person and can only be handed out to the named coach who has passed the audit.

Coaches need to have level 1 certification

- **Competitors**

All registered competitors for the ranked tournament must be a member of a small state.

Competitors must bring and show photo for identification purposes at the weigh-in.

- **Technical Officials**

All Technical Officials present at the event will be appropriately qualified and have passed the required audit checks undertaken by the European Taekwondo Union (ranked) and Malta Taekwondo Association (non-ranked). If you have any issues about membership, please ask your club coach/instructor to contact the MTA on info@maltataekwondo.org.mt or on +356 99405186.

Competition Regulations

WT Competition Rules & Interpretation (September 1, 2023)

Novice categories are below 2nd Kup!

- **Weight Categories**

Cadets (Born in 2010, 2011 and 2012)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Male: -33kg, -37kg, -41kg, -45kg, -49kg, -53kg, -57kg, -61kg, -65kg, +65kg• Female: -29kg, -33kg, -37kg, -41kg, -41kg, -44kg, -51kg, -55kg, -59kg, +59kg |
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Juniors (Born in 2007, 2008 or 2009)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Male: -45kg, -48kg, -51kg, -55kg, -59kg, -63kg, -68kg, -73kg, -78kg, +78kg• Female: -42kg, -44kg, -46kg, -49kg, -52kg, -55kg, -59kg, -63kg, -68kg, +68kg |
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Seniors (Born in 2007 or before)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Male: -54kg, -58kg, -63kg, -68kg, -74kg, -80kg, -87kg, +87kg• Female: -46kg, -49kg, -53kg, -57kg, -62kg, -67kg, -73kg, +73kg |
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Rules

- Cadets, Juniors & will play 3 x rounds of 1 minute and 30 seconds.
- Seniors will play 3 x rounds of 2 minutes.
- The point gap rule will apply for all categories.
- All matches will have 1 minute break between rounds

- **Seeding**

Seniors will be seeded according to the WT world ranking published for October 2024. Cadets and Juniors will be seeded according to the ETU ranking published for October 2024

- **Weight Changes**

If a player is unable to make weight, they can change division on the day of the weigh-in. Changes to weight division must be made in line with World Taekwondo rules for bodyweight divisions.

To provide the weight change service, there is an administration fee of €30 payable at the time of weigh-in.

- **Opening And Closing Dates**

The entry portal for all categories will open at 12:00 on Monday 15th July 2024 and close at 12:00 on Monday 24th October 2024.

There is no cap on entry numbers for this event.

Players can be registered at any time during the registration process. Therefore, we encourage club coaches and instructors to only register players who will definitely compete at the event, and to ensure that all entry information is completed in full.

- **Coaches Per Athletes**

1. Coaches (2) à 1-5 athletes
2. Coaches (3) à 6-10 athletes
3. Coaches (4) à 11-15 athletes
4. Coaches (5) à 16-20 athletes
5. Coaches (6) à 20-25 athletes

Additional coaching passes may be purchased for €30 each. An additional coach application form can be requested from info@maltataekwondo.org.mt. Additional coaching passes cannot be purchased at the event.

Coaches will only be permitted ringside if they have an athlete competing. Coaches may only attend the court at the ringside coach positions and must leave the field of play immediately at the end of the match.

Coaches must wear appropriate attire (ideally a team kit).

- **Scoring System**

Daedo Electronic Body Protector systems and headguards will be used for all athletes competing on all days. Athletes must provide their own Daedo socks.

Full World Taekwondo Competition Rules will be applied as per new rules adopted 1st September 2023. All Athletes will be provided with a Daedo Electronic body protector and e-headguards. All athletes should bring their own Daedo socks and other PPE/equipment.

- **Doping Control**

MTA and its members are subject to the World Anti-Doping Code and the list of prohibited substances and methods in force at the time of the event. Doping control may be undertaken at random.

- **Awards**

Individual Awards will be presented to the tournament champions, 2nd place and 2 x 3rd place per category.

Team awards will be presented to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams each day for the competition. Overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd place team trophy will be presented on the final day. Team awards are calculated based on points accumulated by players representing clubs:

- 1st Place (9 points)
- 2nd Place (6 points)
- 3rd Place (3 points)
- 4th Place (3 points).

If there is a tie in overall team points, the number of gold medals will be considered.

- **Uniform and Equipment**

All athletes must wear World Taekwondo recognised uniforms and protective equipment. A list of companies which supply WT recognised protective equipment can be found on the WT website: www.worldtaekwondo.org/wtpartners-wt/recognize.html

Mouthguards should be white or transparent and at least 4mm thick. It is mandatory to always wear a mouthguard.

Athletes with braces must wear a custom mouthguard issued by a dentist. Athletes with braces MUST consult their dentist for customized mouthguard(s) before participating in competition.

Any athlete with brace(s) must follow one of below options:

1. Double mouthguard for braces (which covers both upper and lower teeth and braces)
2. Full upper mouth guard for brace AND partial coverage lower mouthguard for brace (which covers at least 6 teeth).

- **Jewellery And Piercings**

All jewellery & piercings must be removed before athletes arrive at the inspection desk as this causes substantial delays to matches when athletes need to remove them at inspection. We ask all coaches to ensure their athletes remove items beforehand. Athletes may miss or forfeit their match if they cannot meet competition rules.

- **False Nails And Lashes**

All acrylic nails & false lashes including extensions must be removed before athletes arrive at the inspection desk as this causes substantial delays to matches and the inspection area when athletes have to remove them. We ask all coaches to ensure their athletes remove items beforehand. Athletes may miss or forfeit their match if they cannot meet competition rules.

- **Inspection**

All contestants will be required to proceed to the inspection desk before entering the competition area. At inspection Officials will check the uniform and protective equipment, presence of any jewellery, piercing, false nails and lashes. Any contestant wearing non-recognised or approved equipment, or other items not permitted in the field of play will not be permitted to compete.

- **Appeals**

Instant Video replay (IVR) will be used for all matches on all courts throughout the tournament.

- **Protests**

Protests will be available for the event. Protests will cost €200; this is non-refundable. The protest procedure will be in line with World Taekwondo rules.

- **Liability**

All competitors are considered to be participating at their own risk. MTA assumes no responsibility for any damages, injuries or losses. By submitting a competitor or coach application you are confirming that you are fit and able to take part in this competition and do not suffer from any illness or condition that would prevent you from taking part.

- **Liability of Weaver**

Those who are not recognized as adults (underaged) by law in their own country must submit a passport or identification card together with a written consent (liability declaration, attachment 1) at registration signed by parents or lawful guardians, accepting the participation and all parts of the official invitation.

- **Identification**

All competitors and coaches must bring PHOTO identification to registration /weigh-in. Unfortunately, any competitor or coach who fails to produce photo ID for inspection may not be able take part in the competition. This is at the full discretion of the competition organisers.

- **Entry Fees Ranked Competition (Cadets, Juniors& Seniors)**

Regular registration for ranked (Cadets, Juniors& Seniors) fee Regular entry fee period will end on October 24th 2024 at 23:59 (EEST). The participants completing their registration and payment during this period will be charged the regular registration fee: **€80 per athlete.**

Late registration for ranked (Cadets, Juniors& Seniors) fee Late entry fee period will end on November 4th 2024 at 23:59 (EEST). The participants completing their registration and payment during this period will be charged the late registration fee: **€100 per athlete**

- **Registration**

Registration for Ranked Competition (Cadet & Juniors E1, Seniors G1) will be done through Simply Compete link below

[World Taekwondo \(simplycompete.com\)](https://www.simplycompete.com)

Payment needs to be affected to MTA account below

Bank details:

Bank: Bank of Valletta

Account details: 50016233332

IBAN details: MT09VALL22013000000050016233332

Beneficiary: Malta Taekwondo Association

- **Spectator Behaviour**

This event is a family friendly event with a zero-tolerance approach to all forms of abuse. Verbal abuse of any kind, towards event & venue staff , opposing teams and particularly children is never acceptable. Taekwondo values expect people to be respectful whilst enjoying participating in, and supporting at, events. The venue also has a zero-tolerance policy with regards to poor behaviour and people will be asked to leave the venue if found to be abusing others.

- **Photography And Video Recording**

By registering to compete at the event, participants agree to have their image taken whilst in the venue by both MTA, the media and members of the public. In addition, images captured at the event may be shown on video, TV and online.

- **First Aid**

Will be provided by the organization and is only to be used in case of an emergency.

- **Insurance**

The organization and supervisor assume no responsibility for teams, any damages, violence, losses and injuries during the stay in Latvia. All contestants must bring their own documents and forms for any medical treatment in Latvia. If not, this must be paid in cash.

- **Registration & Weigh-In**

All registration and weigh ins will take place at the competition venue. For all competitors, the registration of teams will take place on the 7th November. The weigh-in for all ranked competitors will take place on the 8th November, while the weigh-in for all non-ranked competitors will take place on the 9th November.

See event timetable for timings

- **Drawing Of Lots**

The drawing of lots for the ranked and non-ranked tournaments will take place immediately after each weigh-in closes. The drawsheets will be published and sent to coaches thereafter.

Coaches should pay particular attention to those athletes competing in the first few matches on each court and ensure they are at the venue in good time to warm up and prepare.

- **Random Weigh-In**

Random weigh in will take place for the ranked Cadet/Junior/Senior age categories excluding + weight categories. Random weigh in will follow World Taekwondo protocol:

- >32 athletes à 20% of total athletes selected
- 17 – 32 athletes à 6 athletes
- 9 – 6 athletes à 4 athletes
- 4 – 8 athletes à 2 athletes
- >4 athletes à 0 athletes

The random weigh in will take place at 0800 on Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th of November at the competition venue with the selection published on the MTA website and Facebook page and what's up group. The random weigh in lists will be published at 0600 on Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th November, 2 hours before the random weigh in commences.

- **Volunteering**

If you would like to contribute to the success of this event, there are many volunteering opportunities available. Please contact MTA to register your interest and receive more information: info@maltataekwondo.org.mt



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LIABILITY DECLARATION

(only for underaged competitors)

My name is: _____

I live in: _____

Passport/National ID Number: _____

I am the parent/guardian of: _____

Date of birth (competitor): _____

I declare that I accept the participation of: _____

at The Invitational Games Malta and that I accept all parts of the official invitation of this tournament. For physical reasons nothing speaks against a participation and I understand that all competitors are considered to participate at their own risk. Malta Taekwondo Association and the Malta Olympic Committee and the organizer assume no responsibility for any damages, injuries or losses. All contestants must bring their own documents and forms for any medical treatment in the Malta. If not, this will have to be paid in cash.

Place : _____

Date : _____

Signature _____