



AFFILIATION OF NEW MEMBERS

For the purpose of this document, **Federations, Associations, and Clubs** are collectively referred to as **Applicants**.

1. Membership Application Review

In countries where WGKF already has affiliated members and/or collaborative partners, the **WGKF Ex Com** may consult those members before making a decision regarding a new membership application.

2. Applicant Information Requirements

The WGKF Ex Com may request additional information from applicants, including:

- Instructor qualifications
- Membership details
- Federation history
- National achievements
- International achievements

The WGKF Ex Com will consider applications from:

2.1 Independent Applicants

Self-governing applicants that can demonstrate full autonomy.

2.2 Members of Other Organisations

Self-governing applicants that are also members of other organisations claiming world or continental status.

2.3 Regional Organisations

Regional organisations seeking WGKF membership.

3. Relationship with Existing Members

The WGKF Ex Com will assess the relationship between existing WGKF members and the new applicant to ensure that granting membership will not create serious conflicts or negatively affect the rights of current members.

3.1 Right to Reject

The WGKF Ex Com reserves the right to reject applications where necessary to maintain harmony within the WGKF community.

3.2 Countries with Limited Representation

If there are three or fewer WGKF members in a country, the WGKF may grant Provisional Membership without consulting existing members.

4. Membership Decision

Based on the information provided, the WGKF Ex Com will decide whether to approve or reject an application.

4.1 Reapplication After Rejection

Applicants whose membership application is rejected may reapply after **six (6) months**, provided they meet all criteria outlined by the WGKF Ex Com

FULL WGKF MEMBERSHIP

5. Membership with Other Organisations

WGKF members may also hold memberships with other martial arts organisations that claim world or continental status.

Applicants must:

5.1 Governance

Be self-governing with a democratic board and formal statutes.

5.2 Experience

Demonstrate a proven history of authentic martial arts practice.

6. Rights of WGKF Members

WGKF members are entitled to:

- Have their President officially recognised by the WGKF Ex Com
- Participate in WGKF World and Continental Championships
- Attend the annual WGKF Presidents' Meeting
- Attend the Presidents' Congress (held every four years)
- Vote at the WGKF Presidents' Congress

7. Eligibility for Board Positions

After completing two years as a WGKF member, a federation may nominate candidates for WGKF Board positions.

BREAKAWAY ORGANISATIONS

11. Breakaway Groups from Current WGKF Members

Applicants that have separated from an existing WGKF member organisation must provide:

- A clear date of separation from the parent organisation
- Valid reasons for the separation

11.1 Self-Sufficiency Requirement

Applicants must demonstrate at least **12 months of successful independent operation at national level** before applying.

11.2 Parent Federation Consent

Consent from the parent federation is expected. If consent is withheld for valid reasons, the WGKF Ex Com may impose specific conditions and allow a minimum of six months before the applicant may reapply.

11.3 Special Cases

Special cases may be reviewed and decided by a majority vote of the WGKF Ex Com.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

12. Membership Validity

Membership is valid for **12 months**, from **1 January to 31 December** each year.

All members must pay their annual membership fees by **1 March** each year.

- Membership fee is €100 annually

12.1 Membership Certificates

Annual membership certificates will be issued on completion of membership application within WGKF.

12.2 Online Membership Listing

Only members who have paid their annual renewal fees will be included in the official WGKF online membership list.

12.3 Payment Exceptions

If a member is unable to pay the affiliation fee, the WGKF Ex Com will determine an alternative payment date.