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Re: Urgent & Formal Notice to WT International Referees and MNA Officials Regarding Engagement in Kombat Taekwondo

Dear MNA Presidents and International Referees:

Following our previous letter dated 24 May 2024 (Ref. No. 024-216) regarding the lifetime ban of Mr. Rick Shin, World Taekwondo (WT) has continued to receive concerns related to interactions with Mr. Shin's Kombat Taekwondo project. To protect the integrity of WT, it is essential to clarify and enforce the boundaries regarding participation in external projects that do not align with WT's mission.

Effective immediately, WT will implement the following disciplinary measures for WT International Referees (IRs) and MNA Officials who formally engage with Kombat Taekwondo:

1. **First Offense:** A warning and/or up to a 6-month suspension from WT activities.
2. **Second Offense:** A 4-year suspension from WT activities.
3. **Third Offense:** Up to a lifetime ban from WT activities.

Action Required by MNA Presidents

We request that all MNA Presidents ensure this notice is communicated to their respective officials, putting them on formal notice regarding the risks associated with formal involvement in Mr. Shin's projects. MNA Presidents are encouraged to work closely with their officials to reinforce compliance with WT standards and regulations. Additionally, MNA Presidents should report any observed violations of this guidance to WT for further review and appropriate action.

To be clear, individuals who prefer Kombat Taekwondo over association with WT are free to take that route, and we wish them well. However, due to Mr. Shin's antagonistic actions against WT—including false and misleading allegations targeting WT and its officials—WT must firmly establish this boundary to protect our organization.

All WT-affiliated officials and MNA Presidents should report potential violations of this guidance to Investigations@worldtaekwondo.org. Reports will be handled confidentially and without repercussions for those taking prompt action to comply with WT policies.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain the highest standards of integrity and unity within World Taekwondo.

Sincerely,

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