

Welcome to the first issue!

Welcome to our very first Taekwondo Talk newsletter. We are really excited to launch this newsletter as a part of our regular communication with the Taekwondo community in New Zealand. This newsletter will seek to update everyone on events around the country, and current initiatives being undertaken by the TNZ board and operations teams.

The aim of this newsletter is to also be a place we can celebrate and share achievements of our member organisations, their clubs and members, as well as recognising creative initiatives that occur throughout the country. We would love to hear from anyone (or nominate someone) that you would like to feature in the newsletter, please send in photos and stories.



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Taekwondo New Zealand - The New National Body

A large amount of work is being accomplished by the new Taekwondo New Zealand (TNZ) board since they were voted into office earlier this year. They have been meeting weekly developing operational strategies that will assist the organization in moving forward after 5 years of uncertainty. The new board has been recognized and endorsed by World Taekwondo (WT) and TNZ has been reinstated as a full member of WT. A huge effort by many individuals to achieve a very successful outcome and thanks must be given to them for their amazing work.

The new board has adopted an inclusive and transparent approach to its governance model and understands that although this is a new beginning, there is a lot of work required to gain the trust of members and unite our Taekwondo community. The TNZ board and its operational managers are focused on providing resources for members and will demonstrate this through policies centred on inclusivity.

An example already being positively engaged across our community is our new refereeing and coaches programme. Our Tournament and Referees Directors have hit the ground running and are providing services and pathways for those wishing to compete or be involved in tournaments. Please keep an eye out for further information on this.

Another exciting development that has been in the works recently is the TNZ NATIONALS being held December 4th 2021 in Tauranga. This will be a great opportunity to re-establish an historic annual tournament that has been noticeably absent in recent years. The whole of New Zealand can demonstrate a united approach by supporting this tournament and enjoying a weekend of amazing and inclusive competition. The TNZ tournament director – Jamie Carpenter and her team are looking forward to providing a professional event for the New Zealand Taekwondo community.

Your TNZ Board

President	Jin Keun Oh
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Board Member	Jamie Carpenter
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Renaming of Tournaments in 2022

Next year, a new initiative to have only one National named tournament in New Zealand will be implemented.

The TNZ Nationals will assume the 'Nationals' name as New Zealand's recognized National Championships. As a result, the TNZ Board have asked those Member Organisations who currently name a 'Nationals' tournament to amend their tournament name to an 'OPEN' from 2022 onwards.

In addition, if tournaments are recognised as World Taekwondo/Taekwondo New Zealand ranked tournaments, we are requesting that under the policy of inclusivity there will be no more 'Invitationals'. These tournaments will be open to all TNZ affiliated members.

Taekwondo New Zealand Tournaments 2022

Our national tournament scene is being consolidated so that our members receive the greatest opportunity to compete



The TNZ board has a strong focus on getting ranked & graded WT-style tournaments up and running in 2022, for the benefit of upskilling and ranking referees and for ranking the black belt athletes. It is proposed that an application process be developed for those member organisations and clubs that host tournaments, who also want to become TNZ recognized as a ranking tournament.

The initial benefit of having TNZ ranking tournaments is so that blackbelt athletes can obtain ranking points. The ranking system will provide credible evidence of an athlete's competitive record and contribute toward selection for high performance pathways. These ranked tournaments will also serve as an important pathway for upskilling, development and ranking referees. At this stage there is proposed to be three levels of ranking tournaments which include;

G1 - Smaller regional or development tournaments

G2 – Larger tournaments, that may have been previously member organization national tournaments i.e. TUNZ or NZUTA Nationals

G3 – TNZ Open and National Tournaments

It is envisioned that 4 to 5 member organization (MO) tournaments will be held throughout the country. (*MO's are organisations like TUNZ, NZUTA, Progressive, etc.*)

Taekwondo New Zealand will hold two tournaments each year – the TNZ Nationals and the TNZ Open. The Open will be held in Auckland, and the Nationals elsewhere that is geographically conducive to competitors attending.

The TNZ Open and National tournaments will form part of the selection process for the Team NZ high performance programme and will coincide with an athlete talent identification system. The TNZ board are fully aware that we need to be ready for international competition (including events such as the World Championships and Olympics).

More information on the high performance programme will be released in upcoming Taekwondo Talk issues.

It is the boards's ambition that TNZ ranked tournaments run to the highest standards to ensure that the continued development for our athletes and referees is maintained. Therefore, these tournaments must be run under World Taekwondo rules for all black belt competition. To achieve this the TNZ Tournament Director is putting together a check list that can be used to assist host tournament directors with their own tournament processes. A tournament director zoom meeting has already been held to initiate this process and was well attended by interested parties from around the country. There is another meeting coming up soon to expand on the first meeting and provide further details in relation to the tools required to achieve successful outcomes from all of our New Zealand based tournaments.

Our Tournament Directors will continue to be fully supported by TNZ.





Member's Forum – A New Initiative

The new Taekwondo New Zealand (TNZ) Board recognise the important role that Member Organisations (MO) play in the New Zealand Taekwondo environment, representing clubs, members, athletes, coaches and referees at a grassroots and elite level. Historically there has been a disconnect between the membership and the governing body resulting in the membership voice being unheard. Under the new TNZ board this will be addressed with the creation of an inclusive, open and transparent line of communication between the membership and the board.

The purpose being to enable members a degree of consultation and input into decisions made at board level. The process will allow for the board to request guidance from the member's forum in relation to decisions that are required to be made. With such a diverse membership, it is vital that their voice is considered. The structure of the member's forum will consist of an appointed representative from each of the recognised MO's. This will include an independent representative from clubs not directly linked with an MO as well as a TNZ board representative.

DOJANG SPOTLIGHT!

This section of Taekwondo Talk will shine a spotlight on the Dojangs around NZ doing interesting and innovative things as well as celebrating your special achievements. This is about our community so if you have a feature you'd like us to share please email comms@nztaekwondo.co.nz to submit.

Global Management System (GMS) – What is it?

The Global Management System is a database, owned by World Taekwondo, for Member National Associations (MNA's), such as TNZ, to use for the administration of clubs, athletes, instructors and coaches. Events such as tournaments and educational seminars can also be administered via the GMS. Anyone from white belt up can register on the GMS system. World Taekwondo has offered any person 12 years and over, registered before August 31, 2021 will not have to pay a membership surcharge of \$5 USD for the upcoming year.

After August 31, 2021 a membership surcharge will be applied to every renewal and new registration.

Registering on the GMS system can be completed by contacting your club GMS administrator or if the club doesn't have a GMS administrator, then by contacting comms@nztaekwondo.co.nz or visiting tnz.simplycompete.com.

For more information check out the TNZ-GMS Update on our Facebook page.

REFEREEING PATHWAY

Our TNZ Referee Coordinator, Master Garry Carpenter, has already set many plans in motion that provide a clear pathway for those wishing to be part of a competent and certified referees' group. Anyone interested in the world of refereeing, and corner judging will be given the opportunity to learn and upskill with referee seminars running the day before most tournaments.

In addition, certification levels can be gained through the seminars as part of referee development. The certification levels will be explained further to those completing the seminars. Referees – new and experienced – can move up the pathway depending on the pre-tournament seminars they attend, and their work at the tournament. How fast they develop is up to them.

Instructors

It is important to let your club members (black belts and colour belts) know that this pathway is now open to them. There may be members out there who are interested in this pathway, but are unsure of where to start!

The important point to remember is that it is never too early to get involved in referee development. They can start by emailing comms@nztaekwondo.co.nz and the request can be forwarded to the TNZ Referee Coordinator for all the details.



Professional Development

Taekwondo New Zealand is focused on providing professional development for members at all levels. It is essential for our Taekwondo development as a nation that we upskill our members as they are our future.

Upcoming Events

- **Poomsae Coaching Seminar**
Will address all of the technical areas required for coaches of Poomsae athletes.
Via: Zoom
Cost: \$10 (*bank account details to be provided*)
When: Tuesday September 21st at 8:30pm.
Meeting ID: 837 448 601 96
Passcode: 893307
- **Kyorugi Coaching Seminar**
Will address all of the technical areas required for coaches of Kyorugi athletes.
Via: Zoom
Cost: \$10 (*bank account details to be provided*)
When: Tuesday September 28th at 8:30pm.
Meeting ID: 834 5524 1023
Passcode: 166381
- **Coaches and Refereeing Seminar – Tunz Top of South Tournament, Blenheim**
A coaches and refereeing seminar for both Kyorugi and Poomsae will be held the day before the Tunz Top of the South Tournament on Friday October 29th.
The Kyorugi and Poomsae seminars will run concurrently. Participants cannot attend both.
Registration will be from 9:30am.
Coaches 10:00am – 12:00pm *Theory only*
Cost \$10 (*bank account details to be provided*)
Referees 10:00am – 3:30pm *Theory and practical*
Cost \$50 (*bank account details to be provided*)
Who can attend?
Kyorugi Keup 8 or higher and aged 12yrs and above
Poomsae Keup 2 or higher and aged 18yrs and above

REMINDER

DATES TO REMEMBER

31 August 2021	Last day for GMS registration for fee exemption
21 September 2021	Poomsae Coaching Seminar - via zoom 8:30pm
28 September 2021	Kyorugi Coaching Seminar - via zoom 8:30pm
29 October 2021	Coaches and Refereeing Seminar – Tunz Top of the South, Blenheim
4 December 2021	TNZ Nationals - Tauranga

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