

# WORLD TAEKWONDO GRAND PRIX

PROPOSED CONCEPT

### THE WORKING GROUP

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### OBJECTIVE OF THE DOCUMENT

- Early info to WTF MNAs on the Taekwondo Grand Prix
- All points subject to final approval by the WTF Council in June 2013
- Feedbacks welcome to the following email address: <u>adit.</u>
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- Elite tournament
  - GP SERIES → G4 Tournament
  - GP FINAL → G8 Tournament
- Top taekwondo athletes compete regularly in hig h level competitions
- Increased media exposure
- Reinforced WTF ranking system
- Prize money



### THE FORMAT

- ♦ GP Series followed by GP FINAL each year
  - Frequency of GP Series, to be confirmed
- Athletes selected based on WTF Olympic Ranking
- ♦ Top ranked athletes advance to GP FINAL
- Olympic weight categories
- Road to Olympic Games Qualification



# ATHLETE SELECTION



### THE ELITE ATHLETES

#### **GP** Series

- 35 athletes based on WTF World Ranking
- 1 athlete from host country\*
- Maximum 2 athletes per country per category

#### **GP FINAL**

- 8 athletes based on WTF World Ranking
- Maximum 2 athletes per country per category

\*Number of host country athletes can be increased to 3 if 2 athletes have be en invited based on WTF World Ranking



# FAIR AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

- Ranking points obtained through G-ranked tournaments organized by our MNAs in each continent
- Possible economic subsidies to qualifying athletes
  [dependent on sponsorship and host city agreements]



# NEW COMPETITION GRADING

Grade	Competition
G1	WTF Sanctioned tournaments
	World University Championships
	Multi-Sport Games
	World Military Championships
G2	WTF Sanctioned tournaments
	Universiade
	CISM World Games
G4	Grand Prix Series
	Continental Championships
	Continental Multi-Sport Games (with 4 yea r cycle)
G8	Grand Prix Final
G12	WTF World Championships
G20	Summer Olympic Games



#### ATHLETE SELECTION SCHEDU **SELECTION FOR 2013 GP** 2013 JAN MAY JU JUL AUG **SEP** NOV DE C **APR** SELECTION FOR GP FINAL **FEB** MAR N SELECTION FOR GP 1 SELECTION FOR GP 2 2014 JAN JUL AUG SEP OC T NOV DE C **FEB** MAR **APR** MAY JU

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# ATHLETE SELECTION SCHEDULE

 Athletes selection dates for 2015 and 2016 are to be confirmed



### ATHLETE SEEDING

#### **GP Series**

- 12 out of 36 athletes seeded based on ranking
- ♦ Top 4 qualify directly to QF
- Top 8 of remaining 32 athletes are seeded to compete for remaining 4 QF places

#### **GP FINAL**

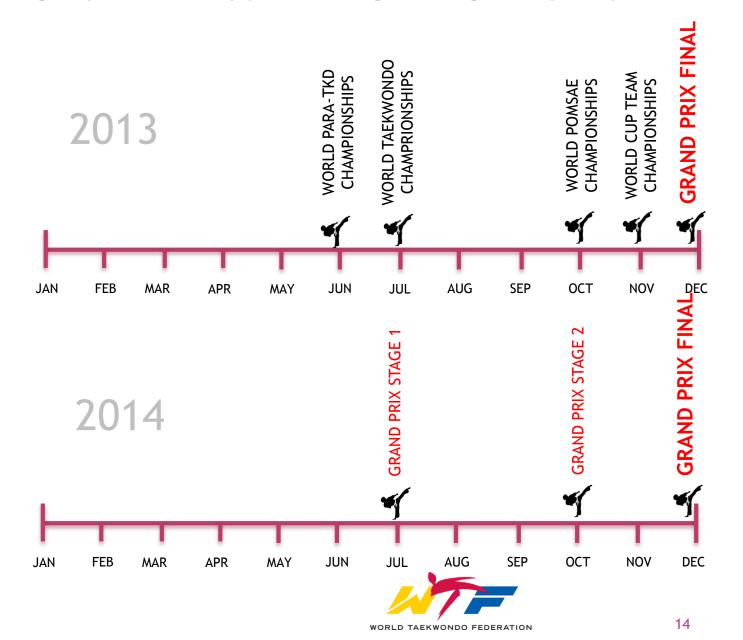
- All 8 athletes seeded based on ranking
- ♦ No automatic qualification for host country
- ♦ Bronze medal contest to determine 3<sup>rd</sup> place



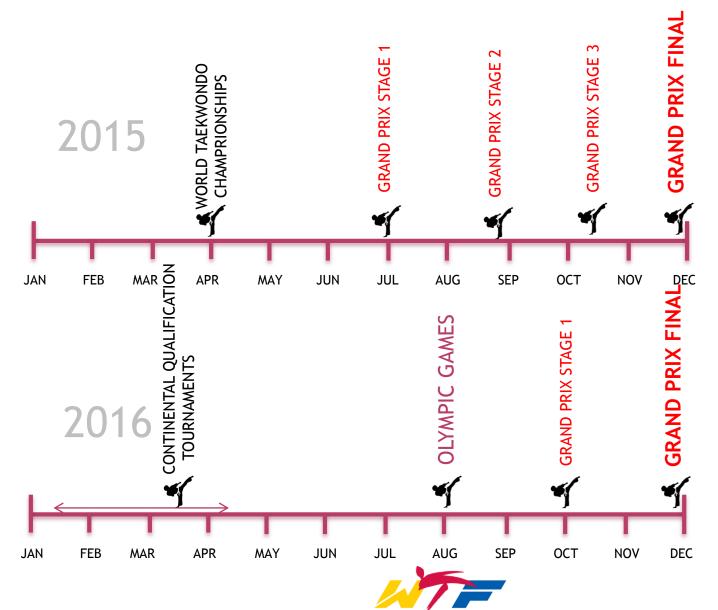
# COMPETITION SCHEDULE



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HOST CITY



#### GRAND PRIX HOST CITIES 2013-2016

- Interest by a few cities for Premier GP 2013
- ♦ Open bid for GP Series and FINAL 2014-2016
- Fixed location for Olympic cycle or moving, to be confirmed
- Host city exposure through the GP



# OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION



## OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

- Ranking to replace Olympic World Qualification
  - Ranking considered on January 2016 after GP Final
- Top 6 ranked athletes in each weight category qualify directly
- Maximum one athlete per NOC per weight division
- NOC quotas of 2 male and 2 female are still in place, except top 6 ranked athletes



## OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

- Remaining athletes qualify via Continental Qualification
  Tournaments and Wild Card
- In case an athlete from host nation doesn't use the automatic place as ranked in top 6, the NOC of the next highest ranked athlete in the category would be qualified unless the NOC quota doesn't exceed.

