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WKF Para Karate Strategic and Development Plan

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The WKF Para Karate strategic plan provides a framework for the WKF to instigate innovative programmes and reforms for the development and expansion of Para Karate worldwide.

The WKF has identified four key areas in the strategic and development plan for its implementation between 2020 - 2028:

- Competition
- Research
- Education
- Partnerships
- Development and funding

Competition

With Para Karate undergoing a period of rapid growth, the WKF will increase the number of international and national competitions available to service the growing athlete base and encourage greater global participation. Para Karate Championships in Asia, Africa and Oceania will be established in the coming years with an inaugural Asian Para Karate Championships expected this year.

Additionally, the WKF Intellectually Impaired athletes will participate at the VIRTUS GLOBAL GAMES 2023, giving the athletes the opportunity to take part in this major multisport event.

To further improve the quality of the competitions, Para Karate World Rankings are being introduced to ensure the excellent Karatekas compete against one another on a regular basis providing the very best spectacle for public. It will also ensure that, if WKF Para Karate has the honour of being included on the Paralympic Programme 2028, the very best Karatekas will compete at the Paralympic Games with the World Rankings providing a solid basis for qualification.



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Research

The WKF has started significant progress in recent years in developing its Classification Rules through sport-specific evidence-based research. The WKF will continue to conduct evidence-based research and listen to the expertise of the IPC and VIRTUS to enhance its classification system and guarantee fair competition. In addition, the WKF conducted injury surveillance research at para karate competition to identify potential areas of risk and confirmed that the risk of the injury in para karate training and competition is very low.

Education

Grassroots webinars for coaches, referees and trainers have been implemented through online seminars, as well as onsite sessions to spread awareness of Para Karate among the WKF's National Federations and increase global participation. Technical officials, team officials, coaches, athletes, and their personal assistants hereby receive education in Kata competition, Classification Rules and Anti-Doping, along with special programmes for International Classifiers.

Partnerships

Over the next years, the WKF will maintain and consolidate its relationship with VIRTUS. The WKF has partnered with Virtus: World Intellectual Impairment Sport in 2020 to jointly promote and develop Karate for people with intellectual impairment and to ensure that it learns from their experience and expertise. WKF in collaboration with Virtus hosted its first session for Para-Karate coaches on Eligibility and Classification on World Para-Karate Championship in Dubai 2021. The WKF will continue to collaborate closely with the IPC and actively contribute to the advancement of the Paralympic Movement.

Development and funding

Through the introduction of specific Para Karate education programmes, new opportunities may arise for obtaining resources dedicated to Para Karate activities. These efforts will work towards an increased development of Para Karate within the WKF in the coming years.