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**WORLD TAEKWONDO FEDERATION**

**RANKING BYLAW**

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## WTF Ranking Bylaw:

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**Article 1:**

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**Fundamental Principles**

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- 1 Ranking system shall be applied to all WTF-promoted and recognized championships and Multi-sport Games or to the event determined by the WTF, provided that the championships are organized in compliance with WTF Competition Rules under supervision of the WTF Technical Delegate, on an individual basis in the eight (8) weight categories or four (4) Olympic weight categories (men and women) of senior division that are defined in the WTF Competition Rules.
- 2 WTF Ranking shall be published in two documents: WTF World Ranking and WTF Olympic Ranking. WTF World Ranking is the ranking of eight (8) senior weight divisions for male and female, respectively; and WTF Olympic Ranking is the ranking of four (4) Olympic weight divisions for male and female, respectively.
  - 2.1 When an athlete competes in WTF promoted or recognized tournaments:
    - 2.1.1 WTF World Ranking: Points earned by athletes are allocated to the World Ranking Weight Division in which he/she competes at the WTF sanctioned event. WTF will publish a ranking for each weight division and it is possible for an athlete to be ranked in several divisions.
    - 2.1.2 WTF Olympic Ranking: Ranking is built by cumulating points made in a World Weight Division and two (2) adjacent World Weight Divisions (for example the Olympic ranking -58kg is calculated by cumulating the points earned in -54kg, -58kg and -63kg)

Men's division			Women's division		
World	→	Olympic	World	→	Olympic
-54, -58, -63kg	→	-58kg	-46, -49, -53kg	→	-49kg
-63, -68, -74kg	→	-68kg	-53, -57, -62kg	→	-57kg
-74, -80, -87kg	→	-80kg	-62, -67, -73kg	→	-67kg
-80, -87, +87kg	→	+80kg	-67, -73, +73kg	→	+67kg

- 2.2 If an athlete competes in Olympic weight division tournaments:

- 2.2.1 WTF World Ranking: Ranking points shall be recorded as follows.

Men's division			Women's division		
Olympic	→	World	Olympic	→	World
-58kg	→	-58kg	-49kg	→	-49kg
-68kg	→	-68kg	-57kg	→	-57kg
-80kg	→	-80kg	-67kg	→	-67kg
+80kg	→	+87kg	+67kg	→	+73kg

- 2.2.2 WTF Olympic Ranking: Ranking points shall be awarded to the athlete in the weight division in which the athlete actually competed.

**3. Choice of Olympic weight division**

- 3.1 The choice of the Olympic Weight Division can be determined for a period of one year from January 1 to December 31 every year by the athlete during a time window from January 1 to 25 using the online system for the Global Athlete Licence.
- 3.2 If no change is announced in the system during the open window period, the athlete automatically keeps the selected Olympic Weight Division of the previous year.

3.3 If an athlete does not select an Olympic Weight Division, the allocation of points from the World Weight Division to the Olympic Weight Division will use the following default allocation.

Men's division			Women's division		
World	→	Olympic	World	→	Olympic
-54, -58kg	→	-58kg	-46, -49kg	→	-49kg
-63, -68kg	→	-68kg	-53, -57kg	→	-57kg
-74, -80kg	→	-80kg	-62, -67kg	→	-67kg
-87, +87kg	→	+80kg	-73,+73kg	→	+67kg

3.4 If athlete changes Olympic Weight Division, the points will be transferred only from the overlapping World Weight Division(s) to the newly selected Olympic Weight Division as following default allocation.

Men's division			Women's division		
World	→	Olympic	World	→	Olympic
Points from -63kg	→	-68kg	Points from -53kg	→	-57kg
Points from -63kg	→	-58kg	Points from -53kg	→	-49kg
Points from -74kg	→	-80kg	Points from -62kg	→	-67kg
Points from -74kg	→	-68kg	Points from -62kg	→	-57kg
Points from -80,-87kg	→	+80kg	Points from,-67, 73kg	→	+67kg
Points from -80,-87kg	→	-80kg	Points from,-67, 73kg	→	-67kg

Ex) Athlete in -58kg Olympic Weight Division changes to -68kg Olympic Weight Division

- 54kg	→	- 58kg	←	- 63kg
↓				
All world ranking points record in -58kg Olympic Weight Division				
↓				
Athlete changes to - 68kg Olympic Weight Division in next year between January 1 and January15				
↓				
Previous world ranking points from -54kg & -58kg does not transfer to -68kg Olympic Weight Division				
↓				
Only previous world ranking points from -63kg transfers to -68kg Olympic Weight Division				

4 If two or more athletes achieved the same points in same weight division, it shall be considered as tied in ranking. In the case of tie-ranks at the seeding, the athlete who won the points at the higher graded events shall be considered as the higher-ranked athlete. In the case that the athletes are still tied in terms of points, the higher-ranked athlete shall be decided by random drawing.

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## Article 2

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### Formula of ranking points

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The points shall be awarded according to the following formula:

- A:** Points received according to the rank at the WTF-promoted or sanctioned championships
- B:** Grade of pertinent championships
- A x B =Final Points**

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## Article 3

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### Allocated points per rank

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- 1 The 1<sup>st</sup> ranked athlete shall receive 10 points;
- 2 The 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked athlete shall receive 60% of the points awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> ranked athlete (i.e. 6 points);
- 3 The 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked athlete shall receive 60% of the points awarded to the 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked athlete (i.e. 3.6 points);
- 4 The 4<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup> in case of elimination tournament) ranked athlete shall receive 60% of the points awarded to the 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked athlete (i.e. 2.16);
- 5 The 5<sup>th</sup> (9<sup>th</sup> in case of elimination tournament) ranked athlete shall receive 70% of the points awarded to the 4<sup>th</sup> ranked athlete (i.e. 1.512). From this point on, an athlete shall receive 70% of the points awarded to the athlete ranked higher than him or her.
- 6 Points will be rounded-up to two (2) decimal places (e.g. 94.235 will be recorded as 94.24).
- 7 Ranking points shall be awarded to the certain ranked athletes as follows:
  - 7.1 G-1 & G-2: Athlete must win minimal one match to earn ranking points, and won by bye or DSQ shall not be count as a win. Only exception to this rule is World Taekwondo Team Championships.
  - 7.2 G-1, G-2, G-4, G-8, G-12, G-20: In accordance with Ranking Point Chart by Grade as below:

Rank	G1	G2	G4	G8	G12	G20*
1st placed contestant	10.00	20.00	40.00	80.00	120.00	200.00
2nd placed contestant	6.00	12.00	24.00	48.00	72.00	120.00
3rd placed contestants	3.60	7.20	14.40	28.80	43.20	72.00
5th placed contestants	2.16	4.32	8.64	17.28	25.92	43.20
9th placed contestants	1.51	3.02	6.05	12.10	18.14	30.24
17th placed contestant	1.06	2.12	4.23	8.47	12.70	21.17
33rd placed contestant	0.74	1.48	2.96	5.93	8.89	14.82
65th placed contestant	0.52	1.04	2.07	4.15	6.22	10.37
<i>*See the article 4.1 for different ranking of the Olympic Games</i>						

- 7.3 Medalist for Youth Olympic Games (YOG), World Taekwondo Junior Championships (WTJC), and Continental Junior Championships (CJC) as following:

Rank	YOG	WTJC	CJC
1st ranked	100 points	60 points	20 points
2nd ranked	60 points	36 points	12 points
3rd ranked	32 points	21.6 points	7.2 points

\*\* Note: When medalist turn into 17 years old, pertinent ranking points shall be reflected in choice of Olympic and World Weight Division.

- 8 G1 & G2 ranking point allocation of Olympic Weight Division:  
8.1 In maximum, total forty (40) points can be earned from G-1 & G-2 tournaments from January 1 to December 31, shall count for the ranking in the selected Olympic Weight Division independently from the World Weight Division where they were achieved.

\*\*Note: G-2 President's Cup for own continent is excluded from this limitation.

- 9 Any tournament with less than four (4) countries or weight class with less than four (4) competed contestants cannot be recognized in the official results.
- 10 In the weight category that the competed athletes are less than eight (8) at G1, G2, and G4 events points shall be allocated as following except the WTF World Taekwondo Team Championships, Oceania Continental Championships and 4 year cycle Oceania Continental Multi-sports Games.

Rank	G1	G2	G4
1st ranked	6.00	12.00	24.00
2nd ranked	3.60	7.20	14.40
3rd ranked	2.16	4.32	8.64
5th ranked	1.51	3.02	6.05

- 11 In Oceania Continental Championships and 4 year cycle Oceania Continental Multi-sports Games, the ranking points shall be allocated as following until year 2020:

Number of athletes competed in weight division	Points
4-7	100%
2-3	50%
1	0%

- 12 In case of athlete participates in both individual competition and team completion in single WTF recognized event, athlete shall receive points from result of only one competition either individual or team the point of which is higher.
- 13 In the case of change of Olympic Weight Division, the points will be transferred in accordance with article 1.3.4.

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## Article 4

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### Determination of ranks ('T' means 'tie'; more than one athlete)

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- 1 Olympic Games & Tournaments which applies repechage (according to current quota)
- 1<sup>st</sup> : gold medalist, 2<sup>nd</sup>: silver medalist, T-3 : bronze medalists
  - T-5: losers to bronze medalists
  - T-7: losers at repechage
  - T-9: Quarter-finalists who didn't advance to repechage
  - T-11: Losers at preliminary without advancing to repechage
- 2 Qualification Tournament for Olympic Games (in case of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked athletes are qualified)
- 1<sup>st</sup> : winner of final, 2<sup>nd</sup>: loser of final
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>: winner of bronze-medal contest

- 4<sup>th</sup>: loser of bronze-medal contest
  - 5<sup>th</sup>: loser to 1<sup>st</sup> placed athlete at quarter-final
  - T-6 : losers at quarter-finals except the one who lost to 1<sup>st</sup> placed athlete
  - T-9: losers at round of 16
  - T-17: losers at round of 32 and so on
- 3 Qualification Tournament for Olympic games (in case of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked athletes are qualified)
- 1<sup>st</sup> : winner of final, 2<sup>nd</sup>: loser of final
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>: loser to 1<sup>st</sup> placed athlete at semi-final
  - 4<sup>th</sup>: loser to 2<sup>nd</sup> placed athlete at semi-final
  - T-5: losers of quarter-finals
  - T-9: losers at round of 16
- 4 Qualification Tournament for Olympic games (in case of 1<sup>st</sup> ranked athlete is qualified)
- 1<sup>st</sup>: winner of final, 2<sup>nd</sup>: loser of final
  - T-3: Losers to finalists at semi-final
  - T-5: Losers of quarter-final
  - T-9: Losers at round of 16
  - T-17: Losers at round of 32 and so on
- 5 WTF-promoted championships
- 1<sup>st</sup> : winner of final, 2<sup>nd</sup>: loser of final
  - T-3: Losers to finalists at semi-final
  - T-5: Losers of quarter-final
  - T-9: Losers at round of 16
  - T-17: Losers at round of 32 and so on

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## Article 5

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### Grade of events

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- 1 Criteria of grading events are as follows.
- 1.1 Number of participants and countries, participating number of top-ranked athletes outside the host country
  - 1.2 Organizing Committee's abidance by WTF Competition Rules
  - 1.3 Overall operation of tournaments
  - 1.4 Venue facilities
  - 1.5 Number and quality of registered media
  - 1.6 TV broadcasting
  - 1.7 Number of spectators
  - 1.8 Anti-doping tests
  - 1.9 Logistic management (transportation, accommodation, etc)
  - 1.10 Successful submission of the report
  - 1.11 General comments of Technical Delegate
- 2 The grades of all WTF-promoted championships and recognized tournaments shall be published on the official WTF Web site at the beginning of each year.
- 3 The Technical Delegate assigned for the pertinent championship shall evaluate the championships in accordance with the evaluation criteria, and submit the report to the WTF Secretary General

within two (2) weeks after the completion of the championship.

- 4 The WTF President shall determine or may empower Secretary General to determine the grade of the championship upon the evaluation and recommendation of the Technical Delegate and the report submitted by Organizing Committee.
- 5 Grade of events is as follows:

Grade	Event
20	Olympic Games
12	WTF World Taekwondo Championships
10	Youth Olympic Games
8	GP Final
6	WTF World Taekwondo Junior Championships
4	GP Series, Continental Championships (2-year cycle) and Continental Multi-Sports Games (4-year cycle)
2	WTF World Taekwondo Team Championships, Universiade, CISM World Games & WTF G2 tournaments
2	Continental Junior Championships
1	WTF G1 Tournaments, World University Championships, Multi-sport Games other than Continental multi-games with 4 year cycle, World Military Championships

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## Article 6

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### Validation of the points

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- 1 The awarded points shall only be valid for four (4) full years, starting from January 1, 2009 and will be reviewed every year. This process is continuous (rolling), i.e. new points awarded to an athlete will be subjected to its own four-year cycle. The official ranking can always be found in the WTF website, and the WTF will officially announce the world ranking every month.
- 2 During a four-year term, points will be deducted after each completed year by 25% of the initial points. The deduction will be made at the end of the month when the points were earned and the remaining points will be valid and count for the ranking from the first day of the following month.  
  
Ex) Points earned at Trelleborg Open on February 9, 2014 will be deducted by 25% on February 28, 2015. By February 28, 2018 the points earned at Trelleborg Open 2014 will be completely deducted and not counted on the World and Olympic Ranking as of March 1, 2018.
- 3 In the event that an athlete obtains points in one weight division and then obtains points in another weight division in different events, the pertinent athlete will be ranked in the respective weight division, resulting that the same athlete can be ranked in more than one weight division.
- 4 As per the Olympic Games and Olympic Qualification Tournament, the points obtained in different weight divisions shall be combined for determination of seeding following the method of consolidation of weight divisions for the Olympic Games.



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## Article 7

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### Application of the points

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- 1 The Organizing Committee shall submit tournament report (template provided by WTF) to WTF Secretariat within one week after completion of the pertinent tournament for reflection of the ranking points in the WTF World Ranking and WTF Olympic Ranking.
- 2 Ranking points shall only be applied when Technical Delegate approve official results and submit official WTF results and participation spreadsheet to the WTF no later than two (2) days following the end of the tournament

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## Article 8

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### Seeding

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- 1 In the following events, certain number of athletes shall be seeded on the basis of their ranking:
  - Olympic Games
  - Continental Qualification Tournament for the Olympic Games
  - World Taekwondo Championships
  - All WTF Recognized Tournaments
- 2 For every category, regardless of the number of athletes, at a minimum a quarter (25%) of the athletes will be seeded in WTF Recognized Tournaments. However, all ranked athletes will be seeded at the Olympic Games. Seeding of GP events will be stipulated in the GP Standing Procedures.
- 3 In the event that any of the seeded athletes is ineligible to participate (i.e. not registered in the entry list or failed weigh-in or no show), the next highest ranked athlete(s) shall be seeded to make up the quota except Olympic Games
- 4 Only in the WTF World Taekwondo Championships and Continental Championships, the registered athlete from the host nation has not been seeded within the 4th place; he/she will be seeded at the 4th place. Host Country Seeding of Olympic Games is stipulated in the Olympic Standing Procedures, and GP Series in Stand Procedure of World Taekwondo Grand Prix-Series.

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## Article 9

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### Para-Taekwondo Kyorugi

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Para Taekwondo Kyorugi World Ranking will follow the Rules outlined in this Bylaw with the following modifications;

- 1 Classes and Weight divisions  
Ranking in Para Taekwondo Kyorugi will be divided by Classification, as outlined in WTF Para Taekwondo & Deaf-Taekwondo Classification Rules & Regulations and by weight division as outlined in the WTF Competition Rules
- 2 Point allocation and Validation of points
  1. Ranking points will be given to all participants regardless of G-level of competition

2. During a four year term, points will be deducted in accordance with Article 6.2 of the WTF Ranking Bylaw

Rank	G1	G2	G4	G6	G10
1st placed contestant	10.00	20.00	40.00	60.00	100.00
2nd placed contestant	6.00	12.00	24.00	36.00	60.00
3rd placed contestants	3.60	7.20	14.40	21.60	36.00
5th placed contestants	2.16	4.32	8.64	12.96	21.60
9th placed contestants	1.51	3.02	6.05	9.07	15.12
17th placed contestant	1.06	2.12	4.23	3.35	10.58
33rd placed contestant	0.74	1.48	2.96	4.45	7.41
65th placed contestant	0.52	1.04	2.07	3.11	5.19

### 3 Grade of Events

The following Grade of events will apply;

Grade	Event
10	WTF World Para Taekwondo Championships
6	IWAS World Games (in the case that Taekwondo is a full medal event)
4	Continental Para Taekwondo Championships from pertinent continent
2	Continental Para Taekwondo Championships for athletes from other continents, Continental Para-Taekwondo Championships held on uneven years, CPISRA World Games
1	WTF G1 Tournaments for Para Taekwondo

#### 3.1 Continental Para Taekwondo Open

In order to promote worldwide development of para-taekwondo the five (5) Continental Para Taekwondo Open, one in each continent, will be held open to participants from all continents.

3.1.1 The Continental Para Taekwondo Open will have a G-4 ranking for athletes from the pertinent continent where the Open is held. Athletes from other continents participating in the Continental Para Taekwondo Open will receive ranking points as a G-2 tournament.

3.1.2 Refugee athletes participating in World Para Taekwondo Cup will be given G-4 ranking points for the tournament of the continent of which the country belongs to where they have refugee status

3.1.3 Continental Para Taekwondo Open should be held on even years annually in each continent in principal.

### 4 Seeding

Seeding of athletes in each class and weight division will be applied to all WTF recognized events as follows;

Event	No. of seeded athletes
Paralympic Games	8
Para Pan American Games	8
World Para-Taekwondo Championships	All athletes will be seeded based on World Para Taekwondo Ranking. Athletes not in the World Para Taekwondo Ranking will be subject to randomized draw.
Continental Qualification for Paralympic Games	All athletes will be seeded based on World Para Taekwondo Ranking. Athletes not in the World Para Taekwondo Ranking will be subject to randomized draw.
IWAS World Games	All athletes will be seeded based on World Para Taekwondo Ranking. Athletes not in the World Para Taekwondo Ranking will be subject to randomized draw.
Continental Para Taekwondo Open	All athletes will be seeded based on World Para Taekwondo Ranking. Athletes not in the World Para Taekwondo Ranking will be subject to randomized draw.

## 5 Consolidation of Classes and World Ranking

5.1 In the case that there are less than two athletes in a class and weight division consolidation of classes can be made

5.2 Athletes should be consolidated into a higher class but same weight division as follows:

K41 → K42  
K42 → K43  
K43 → K44

Example) A K41 Male under 61kg athlete shall be consolidated into K42 Male under 61kg.

5.3 An athlete that has been consolidated into a higher class shall be awarded ranking points as the winner of the division which he/she was consolidated from.

Example) An athlete consolidated from K41 into K42 shall be given World Ranking points as the winner of the K41 division which he/she was consolidated from.

5.4 A consolidated athlete shall also receive ranking points in the higher class.

## 6 Change in sport class and weight division

6.1. In the case that an athlete that is already ranked on WTF Para Taekwondo World Ranking has a change in his/her sport class 75% of the ranking points earned in the previous class will be transferred to the new sport class.

6.2 If an athlete has a change in sport class due to Intentional Misrepresentation all previous world

ranking points will be nullified.

6.3 In the case that the athlete already has points in the new sport class due to previous consolidations these points will be counted.

6.4 When an athlete changes weight division the points earned in the previous weight division will not transfer.

6.5 In the case an athlete's Sport Class changes to a higher Sport Class after first appearance points shall not be counted for the World Ranking in the lower Sport Class. Half of the points earned in the Sport Class where the athlete made the first appearance shall be counted in the higher Sport Class and no points shall be counted in the Sport Class where the athlete made his/her first appearance.

6.6 In the case and athlete's Sport Class changes to a lower Sport Class after first appearance ranking points shall be awarded in both the higher and the lower Sport Class.

6.7 In the case that an athlete's Sport Class changes due to changes to the "WTF Para-Taekwondo and Deaf-Taekwondo Classification Rules and Regulations" all points earned in the previous sport class and weight division will transfer.

6.8 If an athlete's sport class is changed to Not Eligible (NE) he/she shall be removed from the World Para-Taekwondo Ranking.

6.9 All changes to the World Para Taekwondo Ranking will be made and come into effect at the 1st of each month.

## 7. Disqualification

7.1 In the case a contestant has been disqualified as the result of a Dangerous play and the opponent is determined unable to continue by the commissioned doctor the contestant shall not be given any ranking points for the tournament.

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## Article 10

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### Effectuation

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1. This amended bylaw shall come into effect January 1, 2017

2. Amendment to Article 3.7.3 shall come into effect immediately.

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## Article 11

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### Update and management of Ranking

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The World Ranking and the Olympic Ranking will be updated the last day of each month and the new ranking will be valid and published on the first day of the following month

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Article 12

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Amendment

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This Bylaw shall be amended by approval of WTF Council.