



**Date:** 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**To:** Pan American Taekwondo membership and Council members  
(English/Spanish)

CC: President Office, MDR Department, Legal, Integrity, IMC members

**Re: Clarification regarding Social Media defamation**

Dear World Taekwondo family,

In June 2021, the World Taekwondo Council decided to suspend the former PATU management and set up a new interim management committee (IMC). Over the past three months since then, I have had the privilege to work with the IMC to lay the foundations for a new and improved PATU.

A few days ago, we were informed of attempts by officials from the former PATU management to spread misinformation regarding WT and paint a vastly different picture of what has actually happened in PATU.

As we have corresponded before on July 6<sup>th</sup> and August 30<sup>th</sup>, WT found evidence of negligence and mismanagement in PATU that resulted in several irregularities in PATU's corporate structure and the former officials failing in their fiduciary duties. In the interest of helping our members understand the situation, we have attached the August 30<sup>th</sup> letter that details the issues in PATU.

Over the past three months, WT has been abiding by the procedures in the WT Disciplinary and Appeals Code that serve to uncover the facts and even to protect the former officials who we have charged until they are proven guilty by due legal procedures. Over the past month, we have been waiting for these individuals to agree to an independent tribunal as per the legal procedures.

We are therefore appalled that these individuals have renegaded on their legal obligations and gone on social media instead with malicious intent to damage WT and Taekwondo's reputation with misinformation.

As many of you will recall, this is not the first time that individuals seeking to destabilize the WT community circulate lies and misinformation. We abhor efforts to try to destabilise WT's efforts for establishing good governance, transparency, and financial accountability audited by independent accounting firms, which have been duly recognised by the IOC and ASOIF.



WT's accounts are reported transparently in annual reports that are reported to the General Assembly and published on the WT website. The public release of these audited accounting reports have also been praised by IOC and ASOIF as high standards of transparency.

The same cannot be said about PATU's former management, unfortunately. Some of the governance failures of these officials have been determined as fraudulent, to say the least. The evidence gathered was reviewed and analysed extensively by several committees, independent individuals and experts. For instance, WT is seeking to shine a light on the PATU finances. There has been reports of questionable finances, including USD 80,000 that was reported as missing from the PATU accounts.

There is also no clear record on how CU development funds for the development of Taekwondo in the MNAs in PATU were spent. For the record, WT sent USD 584,000 to PATU between 2016 and 2020 for the CU development fund. WT received audited statements from an "independent CPA" on the use of these funds, only for us to find out that there is no public record of such a CPA in the first place.

A detailed report will be presented at the PATU and WT general assemblies this October. It is up to these individuals to present evidence that exculpates them to an independent tribunal prior to the general assemblies.

Finally, we are looking at our legal options at this point of time with regard to the latest allegations.

sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ivan Dibos".

Ivan Dibos  
IMC Chair