



Date: 6th October 2021

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

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

Re: IMC Declaration

Dear Taekwondo family,

We write to you to let you know that a Texas court has denied an attempt by Mr. Rick Shin to stop our elections planned this weekend.

Mr. Shin submitted his arguments to a Texas court of law, where he claimed that he should not be excluded from the PATU elections since the mismanagement was the responsibility of the PATU president, treasurer and auditor, and that he had a right to be a candidate for the new PATU organization.

Our legal team clarified to the court the structure of PATU and World Taekwondo and the reasons why Mr. Shin was suspended. After the hearing the arguments, the court denied Mr. Shin's request.

Therefore, IMC confirms that the PATU election will be held as scheduled, and the candidates who are under charges are ruled out from candidature in accordance with the article 3.12 of World Taekwondo Disciplinary Actions and Appeals Code and article 2.2 of the Election Bylaws.

Furthermore, we wish to thank the global Taekwondo family for your concerns about the damage being done to the image of our organization and sport due to the heedless social media attacks and misinformation. We share your concerns to clarify the situation.

At this point we cannot reveal much yet, since our rules and regulations require us protect individuals currently suspended until they have exhausted their appeal process. This is the reason why World Taekwondo cannot respond publicly or in social media; a fact that these individual seem determined to exploit.

As stated in previous correspondences, we will share all the information once the tribunal procedures are completed. Our silence should therefore not be misinterpreted as anything other than our respect for the legal procedures and to protect the individuals, despite their attacks and continued spreading of misinformation.

Finally, PATU also wants to express our concern regarding "anonymous" entities, emails and websites using the name of World Taekwondo or any related organization to gather information. These entities and individuals are not related to any of the WT organizations or membership. The fact that they don't disclose who is behind them is suspicious. We want to inform our members and



make you aware of the danger of providing information to these sites as you may be sharing personal information to individuals who should not be privy to it. If you have been approached by any of these and have concerns, we encourage you to contact:

- WT at WT Member Relations & Development email:

member@worldtaekwondo.org

- PATU at email: admin.panam@worldtaekwondo.org

Sincerely,

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Mr. Ivan Dibos
IMC Chair

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Ms. Sharon Jewell
IMC Member

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Mr. Hoss Rafaty
IMC Member