



World Taekwondo is aware of the unfounded allegations being made in regards to the match between Chile's Joaquín Churchill and Korea's Seo Geonwoo in the M-80kg Round of 16 on 9 August 2024.

World Taekwondo takes this opportunity to clarify the matter and to make very clear that World Taekwondo has acted impartially and legitimately throughout this process.

The fight ended 16:16 with the referee declaring Churchill the winner based on kicks registered on the scoreboard. The technical officials noticed that the outcome is not in line with the superiority criteria stated in the WT competition rules and accordingly intervened to ensure the proper criteria sequence was followed in the case of a tie. The decision of the referee was therefore overruled and the Korean fighter was correctly declared the winner of that round. Game then continued to round 3.

World Taekwondo had prepared all measures to respond to and to minimize such human errors. According to the official rules, in such cases a match result can be corrected within 30 minutes of it ending.

The Korean coach was officially warned for her behavior in protesting the decision during the review proceedings and reminded of her responsibility to conduct herself in line with the sport's values.

World Taekwondo stands by the decision which was made in line with its rules and in accordance with due process. World Taekwondo is committed to upholding the highest standards of integrity and ensuring all athletes have a fair fight.