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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT



1. WAKO Granted Olympic Recognition

Date: 20 July 2021

During the 138th International Olympic Committee (IOC) session, held in Tokyo, Japan, WAKO was granted full IOC recognition, following the IOC Executive Board's recommendation.

WAKO's full IOC recognition is a monumental step towards lobbying for Kickboxing to be in the Olympic Games, in addition to other Major Games (Asia, Commonwealth, European).



WAKO's IOC full recognition



International
Olympic
Committee

The President

Mr Roy Baker
President
World Association of Kickboxing
Organizations (WAKO)
Via Alessandro Manzoni 18
20900 Monza
Italy

Tokyo, 20 July 2021

Dear Mr Baker,

During its meeting today in Tokyo, I am pleased to confirm that the 138th IOC Session granted full recognition to the World Association of Kickboxing Organizations (WAKO) pursuant to Rule 25 of the Olympic Charter.

This recognition acknowledges the work carried out by the WAKO to ensure the organisation and sport reflects the values of the Olympic Charter and Olympic Movement.

Please extend our congratulations on this significant achievement to your athletes, your National Federations and the WAKO family.

The Session also confirmed this recognition is based upon your federation continuing its involvement or becoming part of the International Testing Agency as anti-doping and the promotion and protection of clean athletes remain one of the Olympic Movement's main priorities.

Please note that the IOC Sports Director will remain at your disposal for any questions you may have in this respect.

The IOC looks forward to working in partnership with you for the benefits of your sport and your athletes.

Yours sincerely,



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Official letter from IOC President, Thomas Bach

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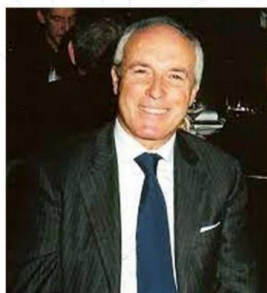
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Updates from WAKO – Acknowledge of Past Presidents

Acknowledgements of past Presidents Acknowledgements of past Presidents



MR ANDERSON



MR FALSONI



MR PELEVICH



**FORMER VP MR LEYER
RIP**

"I AM HONORED TO FOLLOW YOU"

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,
ROY BAKER
PRESIDENT WAKO

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WAKO Future Activities 2023 – 2025

WAKO Future Activities 2023 - 2025

2023	Cadets & Juniors EC (All Disciplines), Izmir, Turkey;
2023	Senior WC (All Disciplines), Dublin, Ireland
2023	June 21. - July - 2. EUROPEAN GAMES, Krakow, Poland
2023	July 17.-20. EUSA Combat Games, Zagreb Croatia
2023	World Combat Games, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
2024	Cadets & Juniors WC (All disciplines) in Hungary
2024	EUSA Games, Hungary
2024	Senior EC (All disciplines), Athens, Greece
2025	Senior WC (All Disciplines) (Tender)
2025	Cadets & Juniors EC (All Disciplines) (Tender)

2023 WILL BE BUSIEST YEAR IN OUR HISTORY

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WAKO Kickboxing across the globe




WAKO KICKBOXING

- Represented in 5 Continents
- 146 affiliated federations, still growing
 - Millions of practitioners
- 103 federations nationally recognised
- Approx 300 international events yearly
 - Extensive participation of women
 - Extensive participation of youths

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Global Adaptive Kickboxing Program





Adaptive Kickboxing Program
Specially designed for People with Parkinson's Disease ("PwPs")

Prepared by:
• Mr. Jason Lim (President)
• Mr. Valencia Yip (Secretary)
• Mr. Joel Lyle (Vice President)
From Kickboxing Federation of Singapore
Document developed as assignment from WAKO

Marketing Deck
for Adaptive Kickboxing Program

Prepared by:
• Mr. Jason Lim (President)
• Mr. Valencia Yip (Secretary)
• Mr. Joel Lyle (Vice President)
From Kickboxing Federation of Singapore
Document developed as assignment from WAKO

An excellent program developed, designed and promoted by WAKO Singapore.

The design of the program are sent to all members and for you all to tailor to your needs.

It is all about social inclusion and WAKO recommend your NF to use material already produced.

Thanks to WAKO Singapore and in particular Jason Lim, Valencia Yip and Joel Lyle.

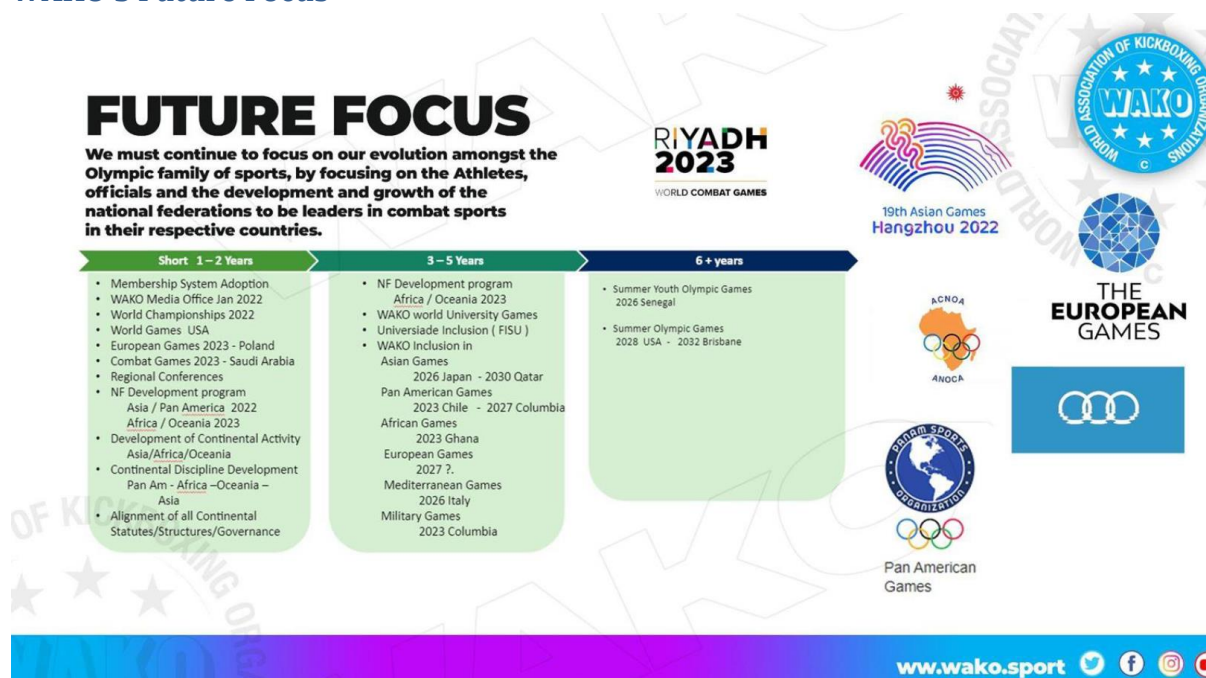
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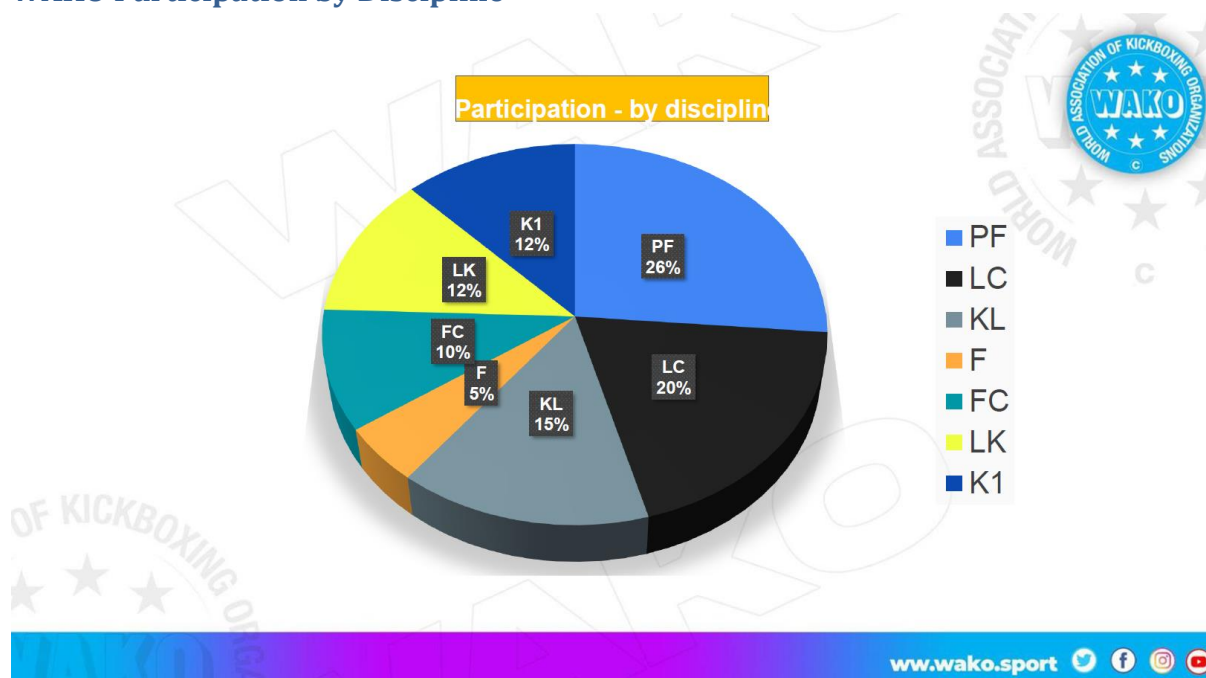
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WAKO'S Future Focus



WAKO Participation by Discipline



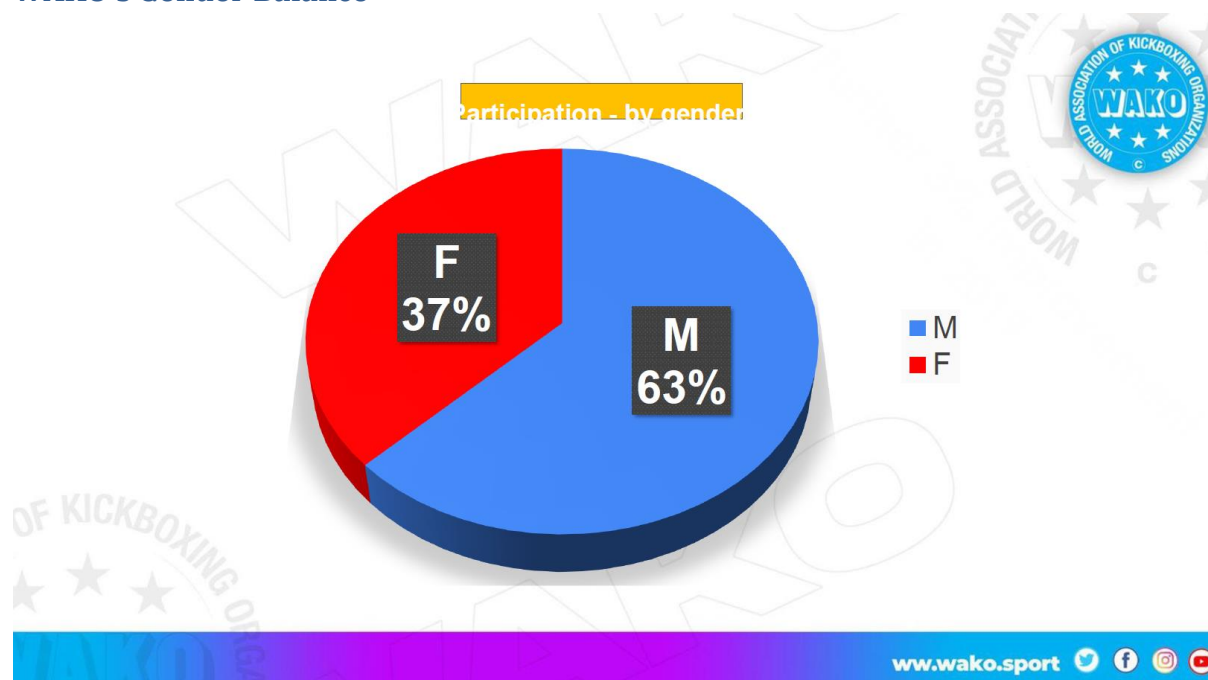
Tatami Sports (66% total)

- Point Fighting: **26%**
- Light Contact: **20%**
- Kick Light: **15%**
- Musical Forms: **5%**

Ring Sports (34% total)

- Full Contact: **10%**
- Low Kick: **12%**
- K1 Style: **12%**

WAKO's Gender Balance



Male participation: **63%**

Female participation: **37%**

2. Singapore's Nazri Graduates from Inaugural WAKO GameChanger Program

WAKO GameChanger

Date: 29 October 2022

Nazri graduated from the WAKO GameChanger Program with a visit to the prestigious IOC Headquarters and visit to the Olympic Museum.



Nazri, receiving the certificate of completion at the IOC Headquarters



International
Olympic
Committee

Sports Department

Nazri Sutari
Game Changer
World Organisation of Kickboxing
Associations (WAKO)

Lausanne, 15 November

Congratulations on completing the WAKO Game Changers Programme

Dear Nazri,

The IOC would like to congratulate you on completing the 1st edition of the WAKO Game Changers Programme.

The Game Changers Programme is a unique programme among IOC Recognised International Federations, which embraces today's youth as the sports leaders of tomorrow.

I hope you enjoyed the experience and learnt about the complexities and opportunities the world of sports presents and that it also taught you the importance of placing athletes at the heart of decisions, good governance, sustainability, safeguarding, human rights and diversity in sports development from the grassroots right through to professional levels.

May this be the start of a very successful journey for you, and I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavours.

Best regards,



Emma Terho
Chair IOC Athletes Commission

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Letter of Recommendation from the IOC



WORLD ASSOCIATION OF KICKBOXING ORGANIZATIONS

To whom it concern



Recommendation – Nazri Sutari

WAKO GameChangers is a leadership programme for future leaders in WAKO. The programme is designed to give an overview on how to lead and develop a world federation, to bring up dilemmas and to focusing on possibilities and challenges. The programme includes team-work among the participants and several tasks have been completed. Among the topics in the programme are leadership, strategic thinking, principles in good governance, sport management, equality, ethical conduct, conflict resolution, olympism and involvement of athletes.

Nazri Sutari have been a part of WAKO GameChanger programme from May 2021 to October 2022 and have participated in a very disciplined way being engaged and taken responsibility to lead, manage and organized constructively.

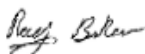
The work and engagement have been done on a voluntary basis and in addition to other responsibilities in sport or in private.

WAKO hereby recommend Nazri Sutari as a dedicated resource.

WAKO is the world governing body for kickboxing and fully recognized by IOC.

15. November 2022

World Association of Kickboxing Organizations



Roy Baker
President



Espen Lund
1st Vice-President

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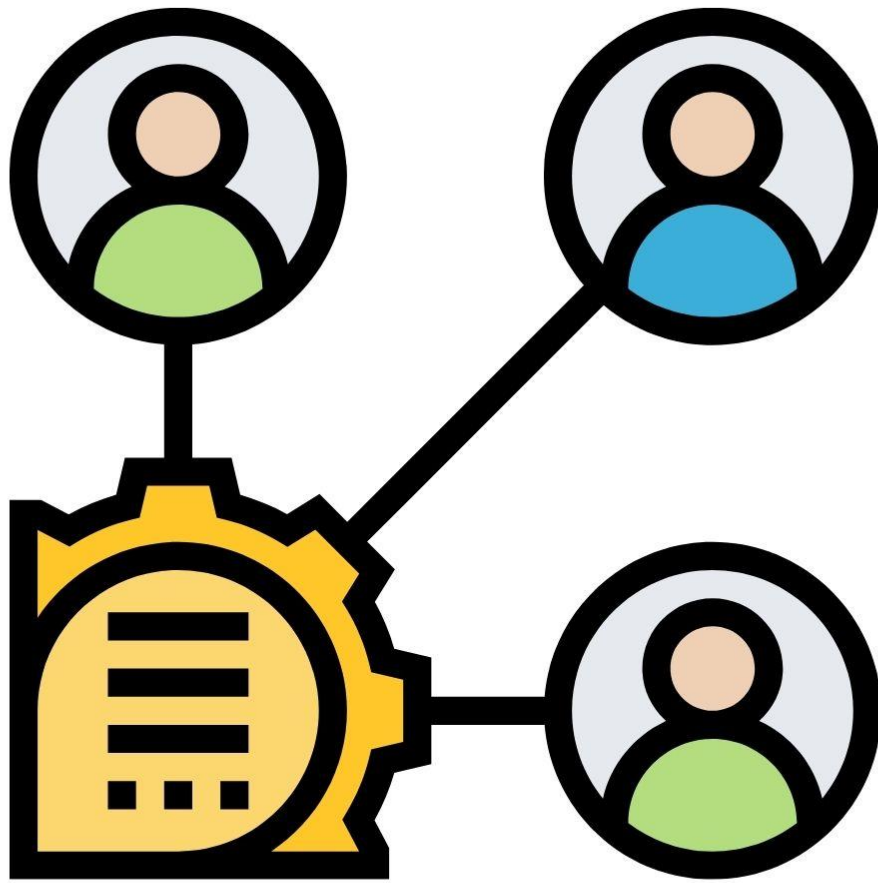


Letter of Recommendation from WAKO President, Roy Baker

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STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

3. Strengthening Relations with Sport Singapore

RM for Kickboxing – Mr John Batista Kan

Date: throughout 2022

We are delighted to share that we have been strengthening our relations with Sport Singapore (SportSG) through our Relationship Manager (RM), Mr John Batista Kan.

Mr John Batista Kan has supported the Federation in the following areas:

1. Development of Kickboxing in Singapore
2. Activities, events and competitions
3. High performance development
4. Governance and strategy implementation
5. Major Games – 31st SEA Games in Hanoi, Vietnam

We are extremely pleased to have such an outstanding RM guiding us throughout the year, as John has years of experience in the Combat Sports industry, having held a portfolio for Singapore Silat Federation (SSF) previously.

The Federation looks forward to working closely with John to continue to grow the sport of Kickboxing in Singapore.

4. Engaging Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC)

Participation in SNOC 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Date: Throughout 2022

We participated in the SNOC AGM held on 8 September 2022, in person.

We would like to congratulate Speaker of Parliament, Mr Tan Chuan Jin on being re-elected for the position of President for SNOC. He will serve the term from 2022 to 2026.



With Speaker of Parliament, Mr Tan Chuan Jin at the SNOC AGM 2022



At the SNOC AGM 2022



LOCAL DEVELOPMENT



5. Development of Singapore Kickboxing Coach Education

Kickboxing Syllabus Development, following Coach SG Framework

Date: Throughout 2022

WAKO will be releasing a new Coaching framework in 2022. As such, the Technical Committee will await the release of WAKO's new framework, and look to implement both CoachSG and WAKO's framework in a single syllabus.



Advice from Dr Sheik Alau'ddin

Dr Sheik Alau'ddin is a Singapore Silat Legend and current CEO of Singapore Silat Federation. SSF is an established National Sports Association (NSA), and one of the top Combat Sports in Singapore. SSF has grown the sport of Silat to have high participation numbers – estimate of 20,000 practitioners in Singapore; and an established stable of high performing athletes – 10% of total SPEX Scholars¹ are Silat exponents.

With SSF being so successful, we learn and implement best practices from Dr Sheik to implement into our Federation.

We meet with Dr Sheik on a quarterly basis (at times monthly), to seek his advice on all areas regarding the running of an NSA.



With Dr Sheik Alau'ddin

¹ <https://circle.myactivesg.com/read/7-new-athletes-from-4-sports-join-the-2022-cohort-of-spexscholars>

6. Building Singapore's National Kickboxing Team

Kickboxing Technical Development

Date: Mar to May 2022 & Aug to Oct 2022

With the full support of WAKO Kickboxing President, Mr. Roy Baker recommended and connected Singapore with WAKO Serbia, a top country in the sport of Kickboxing in Ring Sports. Over the years, Serbia has produced multiple Kickboxing Champions.

From the period 13 Mar – 5 May and 22 Aug – 31 Oct, Singapore engaged the services of Aleksandar Topic and Milos Milutinov, the top Kickboxing Coaches in Ring Sports in the entire world (for Low Kick, Full Contact and K1 discipline). Both Aleksandar Topic and Milos Milutinov are athlete-turned-coaches, who have jointly trained and built multiple World Champions since 2013. Their contributions to their nation, Serbia, was recognised by the late WAKO President, Dr. Borislav Pelevic, in 2017.

Nazri was able to learn from both Aleksandar and Milos vital kickboxing technique and skills, which are key to improving the high performance for Singapore.



Aleksandar Topic (left) and Nazri (right)



Milos Milutinov (left) and Nazri (right)

7. SEA Games 2022

Date: 5 to 9 May 2022

Nazri became the first athlete to represent Singapore in the sport of Kickboxing at the 2022 SEA Games in Hanoi, Vietnam. His event was the 71kg Men Low Kick. Along with coach Aleksandar, they represented and fought for the country to the best of their abilities.



Nazri and Aleksandar at the 2022 SEA Games



Nazri against his opponent, Chhoeung Lvay (CAM) at the 2022 SEA Games

Results

Nazri attained 5th place at the 2022 SEA Games. He bowed out with a narrow loss 1-2 against Cambodian opponent Chhoeung Lvay during the quarter finals.

8. Digital Content for Active SG Circle

Combat Collection – A collection of 4 Combat Sports

Date: May 2021 to April 2022

Kickboxing Federation of Singapore was involved in the production of Combat Collection, a content-based project focusing on 4 Combat Sports – Kickboxing, Boxing, Fencing and Silat.

A series of 12 videos have been produced with the goal of lowering the barrier of entry into the sport of Kickboxing. Technical development content has been curated for intermediate to advance level kickboxing practitioners seeking to improve their skill level.

Out of the 12 videos, 1 of it will be an inspirational video, focused on Nazri's journey as a Kickboxing athlete and how he overcame life challenges such as obesity and near-depression to become the republic's leading Kickboxer. This inspirational video aims to inspire and motivate new generation of athletes who are interested to enter the foray of Kickboxing. It also aims to motivate existing athletes, in whichever sports, to continue pursuing their passions despite the pandemic.

These videos has been uploaded on ActiveSG Circle, free-to-view.

Video link: <https://circle.myactivesg.com/watch/playlist/combat-collection-kickboxing>



Combat Collection – Kickboxing



Combat Collection – Kickboxing (Inspirational video)

9. National Seminars and Programs for Singapore

Kickboxing Rules Briefing Seminar #1 to #3

Date: 28 May, 11 June and 15 October 2022

The Kickboxing Rules Briefing Seminar was an online seminar we conduct for the Kickboxing fraternity, to educate them on the new WAKO rules, which was in force since 1 January 2021.



RULES BRIEFING

SINGAPORE KICKBOXING CHAMPIONSHIP 2022*

DATE: SAT, 28 MAY 2022

TIME: 1PM - 2:30PM

LOCATION: ZOOM

Visit **our link in bio** to register!

Athletes from **all combat sport/ martial art disciplines** are welcome!

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**Exact competition date pending confirmation*

Competition Sanctioned by   Affiliated Member of  In Support of Sport Promotion  Equipment Partner  Official Competition Equipment  Apparel Partner 

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10. Kickboxing as a sport for competition in Youth

Kids Program

Date: Since Nov 2022

As part of the new direction to focus on building the Tatami Sports development, Kickboxing Federation of Singapore was involved in training 2 kids, Evan and Alexis Micaela, aged 13 years old, to build a strong base of participants.



Kickboxing Kids Program 2022

11. Community Outreach

Kickboxing for Peace

Date: 13 June to 24 July 2022

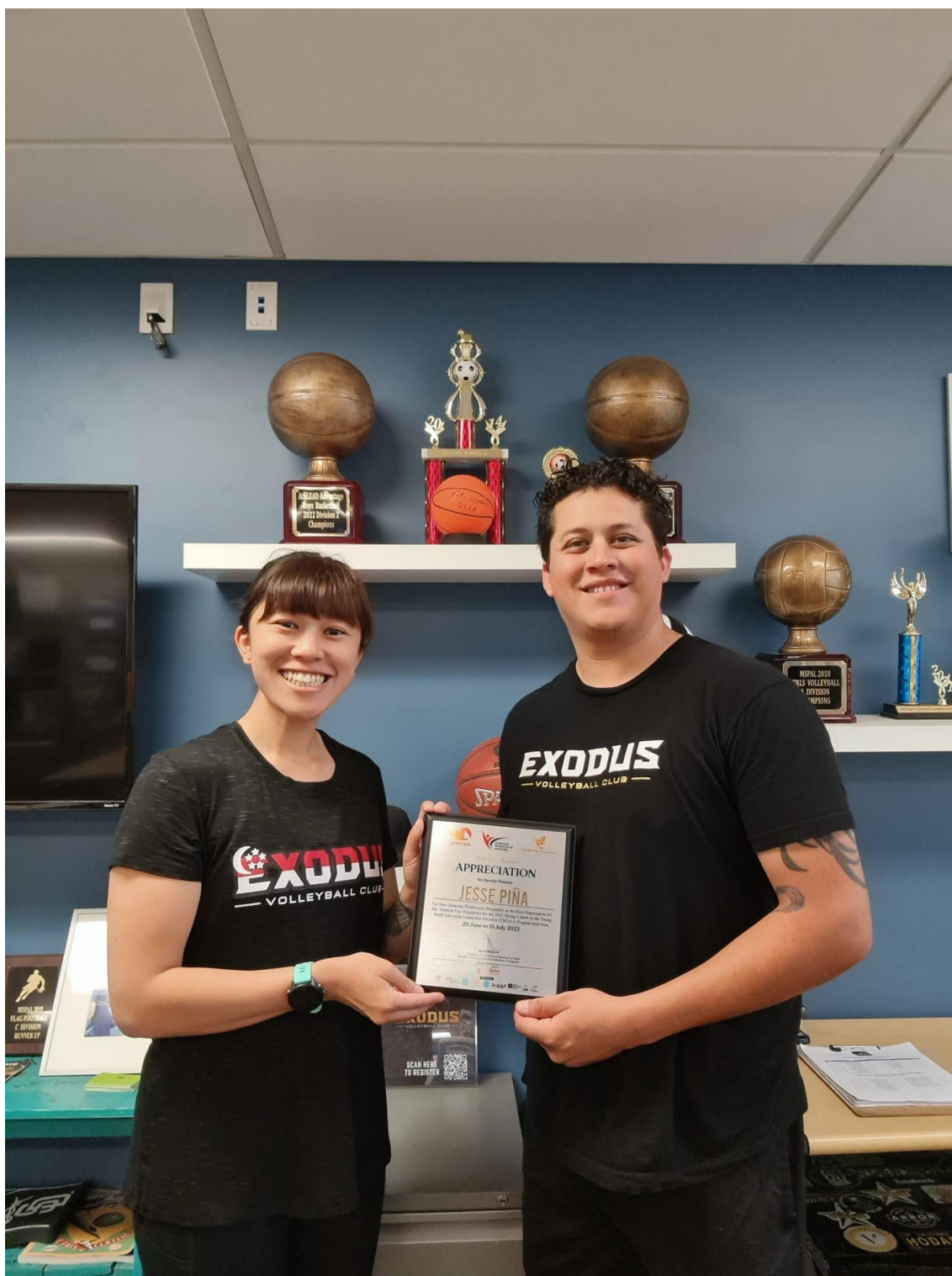
Kickboxing for Peace was initiated by Secretary Valencia Yip. It is designed to be a social project which aims to build up young Life Champions by offering Kickboxing to the socially vulnerable kids and youth in our society. The goal is to equip them with the necessary soft skills to become champions in life.

Granting them access to sport, they can build healthy self-esteem, build character and develop lifelong soft skills.

Valencia was selected for the Young South East Asia Leadership Initiative (YSEALI) Program, with a fellowship exchange in San Diego California with host organisation, Exodus Volleyball – a non-profit sports organization, to extract learnings and bring back overseas expertise for local implementation and improvement.



Participants during the Kickboxing for Peace program



Valencia and Jesse (from Exodus Volleyball)

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12. Sports for All

Kickboxing as Sports for All – Special Population

Date: since 2017 (6 years running)

Since initiating the program in 2017, the number of classes has doubled from only 1, to now 2 classes per week.

As the participants see the physical and mental benefits of kickboxing, this spurred the growth of the program and has become one of the most popular programs offered by Parkinson Society Singapore.



Weekly Parkinson Kickboxing Classes reaches out to 2 classes, with 20 pax per week

13. Technical Development (Referee)

WAKO IF Judge and Referee Seminar in Singapore

Date: 16 to 22 August 2022

We were privileged to have the 1st WAKO IF Referee and Judge seminar held in Singapore. The seminar was approved by WAKO President Roy Baker, and conducted by Chief of Tatami Sports and World Chief Referee, Mr Brian Back.



The poster features a central image of a man in a white shirt and blue bow tie, likely a referee or judge, standing in a martial arts ring. The background is a blurred image of a kickboxing match. The text is overlaid on the image.

KICKBOXING FEDERATION OF SINGAPORE

SEMINAR

**WAKO TATAMI
REFEREE & JUDGE
SEMINAR**

17 TO 22 AUGUST 2022

SINGAPORE

Organizer
KICKBOXING FEDERATION OF SINGAPORE

Co-organizers
新加坡琼州天后宫 The Kheng Chiu Tin Hou Kong
新加坡海南总会 HAINAN FEDERATION (SINGAPORE)

Affiliated with
WAKO

Affiliated Member of
SINGAPORE

In Support of Sport Promotion
Sport SINGAPORE

Equipment Partner
ASLAN SPORTS

Official Competition Equipment
TOPTEN

Apparel Partner
ACTIVECOOL

AFFILIATIONS

International Federation of Martial Arts
INTERNATIONAL KICKBOXING COMMITTEE

Asian Kickboxing Confederation
AKC (recognized body in charge of kickboxing in Asia)

WAKO ASIA

OLYMPIC COUNCIL OF ASIA

Member of
GAISF

WORLD ANTI-DOPING AGENCY
play true

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The seminar was Singapore's first and South East Asia's very 1st and only International WAKO Kickboxing Referee Seminar.

The International WAKO Kickboxing Referee Seminar was organised in FULL COMPLIANCE to WAKO's guidelines, rules, protocols.

Referees were deployed in International WAKO Kickboxing Tournament - Singapore Kick Light Invitational with confidence and a high level of proficiency. International WAKO Kickboxing Tournament - Singapore Kick Light Invitational saw referees deliver a high level of professionalism matching that of international levels of refereeing.

Brian Beck holds the following position, qualifications and experiences:

- Chairman of the WAKO Tatami Committee
- World Chief Referee for Tatami;
- WAKO Chief Examiner;
- Has 52 years of experience in Kickboxing;
- Holds a 9th Dan black belt in Kickboxing;
- Well versed in multiple martial arts such as Taekwondo, Hapkido and more;
- Holds a degree in Sport Science and Anatomy.

Singapore is the 1st country in South East Asia to have organised an International WAKO Kickboxing Tournament - Singapore Kick Light Invitational supervised by a high ranking official of WAKO (International Federation), raising the standards of Kickboxing in Singapore and South East Asia.



The qualified referee and judges

First in Southeast Asia to be qualified 'C' class WAKO Tatami Referee

Date: 9 October 2022

Brian identified 3 exceptional referees from the August seminar and invited the 3 individuals to referee at the WAKO World Junior and Cadet Kickboxing Championships, held from 30 September to 9 October in Jesolo, Italy.

Nazri, Valencia and Joel successfully officiated at the World Championships and became the first in Southeast Asia to attain the prestigious WAKO Gold Card.



The Singapore team of referees with Brian Beck

EVENTS



14. Singapore Kick Light Invitationals

Brief Introduction

Date: 21 August 2022

The first Singapore Kick Light Invitational was organised on 21 August 2022.

The competition was held in conjunction with the Active Enabler Program (AEP), in support of sport promotion during the National Day weekend.

Mr Brian Beck, Chief of Tatami Sports was present to oversee the entire process of the competition and gave high praises for the successful organization of the event.

We would like to thank all affiliate clubs, athletes, referees and volunteers for your amazing support!



Singapore Kick Light Invitational 2022 Poster

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Fitness segment of the event



Competition

15. Singapore Kickboxing Festival

Kickboxing Event with a Social Cause

Date: 21 August 2022

Collaborating with 3 charities (Parkinson Society Singapore, Stroke Support Station and National Cancer Center Singapore) and 1 non-profit organisation, we sought to raise funds for them through online ticket sales, which will grant participants access to participate in all our kickboxing programs.

This event was part of the Active Enabler Program (AEP), held in conjunction with GetActive! Singapore and support by Our SG Fund.

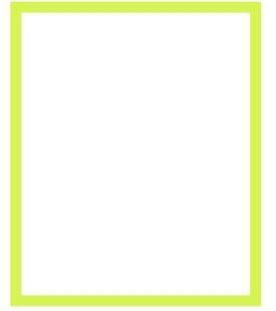
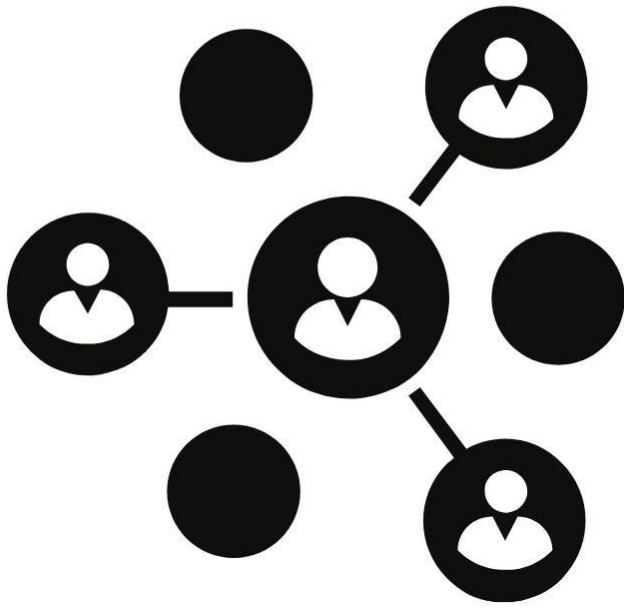


Singapore Kickboxing Festival 2022 poster

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BUILDING RELATIONS

16. Building Local Relations in Singapore

Building Relations with Singapore Muay Thai Federation (SMF)

Date: February to March 2022

We connected with Singapore Muay Thai Federation (SMF) and establish good working relations with them. Robert Yap, Singapore Muay Thai National Coach, provided training for Nazri in preparation for his SEA Games campaign.



With Robert Yap, Singapore Muay Thai Federation National Coach

Building Relations with SNOC NSA Representative and Singapore Cycling Federation, Dr Hing Siong Chen

Date: March and May 2022

We connected with Singapore Cycling Federation (SCF) President, Dr Siong to touchbase and learn from him. SCF started out as a small federation with no financial or in-kind support from Sport Singapore. After many years of hard work, SCF has grown to become an established NSA, producing local grown talent and achieving high participation in the cycling fraternity.

We view ourselves to be like SCF in the initial years, learning strategies that we can implement to follow their footsteps.



Dr Siong (top right)

17. Building Foreign Relations Across Countries

We are in touch with various countries, learning from them and identifying areas of opportunities to further develop and improve the sport of Kickboxing in Singapore. We are deeply thankful to be able to meet the leaders of WAKO in the various regions to establish and build good relations.

Building Relations President of WAKO, Mr Roy Baker

Date: Since October 2019

We have been in touch with Mr Roy Baker, newly elected President of WAKO in Feb 2019 and have since been working together to strengthen policies, expand on ideas and stay abreast of global issues related to Kickboxing.



With Mr Roy Baker (2nd from left) at the 2022 World Championship in Jesolo Italy

Building Relations with Vice President of WAKO, Mr Espen Lund

Date: Since October 2019

Mr Espen Lund is the Vice President of WAKO, and also the chairman of the WAKO Development Committee.

We have been working closely with Espen to integrate SportSG's 'VISION2030' – Live Better Through Sport. The key area we have been working on, is to expand Kickboxing into the Special Population and Senior demographics of Singapore.

In addition, we have the honour to be part of the WAKO Development Committee to design and implement the '**Adaptive Kickboxing Program**' which will reach to all 125 affiliated nations of WAKO.



With Mr Espen Lund, at the 2021 WAKO World Championships in Jesolo, Italy

Building Relations with President of Korea Kickboxing Association

Date: since October 2021

Mr Kim Jong-Min is the new president of Korea Kickboxing Association (KKA). Topics discussed included bi-lateral relations in support of each country's kickboxing competitions and programs. KKA will be looking to organise international open tournaments, in which we can participate and grow our athletes.



With Kim Jong-Min (left)

Building Relations with WAKO Bahrain

Date: since October 2021

Mr Ahmed Alwazzan is the president of Bahrain Kickboxing Federation (BKF). BKF is an extension of Bahrain Combat Sports Council (BCSC) which is the national council that oversees all combat sports in Bahrain. This will open exciting opportunities to collaborate with Bahrain for competition and technical development in the Middle East region.



Joel Lye (left) and Ahmed Alwazzan (right)

Building Relations with United Arab Emirates

Date: since October 2021

Mr Tareq Al Mheiri is the Executive Director and Board Member of U.A.E Muay Thai & Kickboxing Federation. The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is a fast-growing region in the Middle East which is slowly rising to become a powerhouse in Kickboxing. It has organised several WAKO Pro competitions, attracting top kickboxing talents from across the globe.

Tareq has extended an invitation to participate in UAE's WAKO Pro tournaments. This will help grow the Federation's career pathway for aspiring athletes desiring to make Kickboxing a career.



Tareq Al Mheiri (left) and Joel Lye (right)

Building Relations with India

Date: since October 2021

Mr Santosh Agrawal is the president of WAKO India Kickboxing Federation (WAKO India). India has one of the highest participation numbers amongst Asia, each national competition raking in hundreds to a thousand over competitors. India is a valuable partner in our region, as we can learn best practices from them to grow both the high participation and technical pathway.



Joel Lye (left) and Santosh Agrawal (right)

Building Relations with Jordan

Date: since October 2021

Mr Sami Alwahsh is the president of Jordan Kickboxing Association (JKA). JKA is one of the powerhouse countries in Asia with a strong team of athletes. They have won many medals in prestigious competitions, such as 2017 Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games (AIMAG) and 2018 Asian Championships. As a fellow country in Asia, they are partners in sport as we look to developing our high performance to be on par with Asian level.



Valencia Yip (left) with Sami Alwahsh (right)

Building Relations with Morocco

Date: since October 2021

Mr El Hilali Abdelkrim is the president of Federation Royale Maroquaine F.C. et KB, the WAKO-affiliated kickboxing federation in Morocco. In addition, Hilali is the Vice President for WAKO Mediterranean Organization (WMO), newly set up in 2021. Morocco is known for its strength in the Ring discipline of WAKO (Low Kick, Full Contact and K1 Style). We will be engaging with Hilali to learn best practices from Morocco and ways to strengthen the Ring discipline standards of our athletes.



El Hilali Abdelkrim (left) and Joel Lye (right)

Building Relations with Algeria

Date: since October 2021

Mr Abdelkader Ben Bahi Rachid is the president of Federation Algerienne de Full Contact Kickboxing et DA, the WAKO-affiliated kickboxing federation of Algeria. Algeria is a developing nation in Kickboxing.



Joel Lye (left) and Abdelkader Ben Bahi Rachid (right)

Building Relations with Palestine and Israel

Date: since October 2021

Mr Nizar Taleb is the president of Palestine Kickboxing Federation. Mr Hani Sachs is the president for Israel All Style Kickboxing Federation (WAKO Israel) and the Vice President for WAKO Mediterranean Organization. Both countries are established federations with accomplished athletes. Despite Israel's small population (approx 8.8 million²), it has the ability to produce world champions. Palestine also has a small population (approx 5.2 million³) yet are able to produce Asian champions.

We will be learning from both countries as Singapore has a population profile similar to Israel and Palestine.



Mr Hani Sachs (1st from left) and Mr Nizar Taleb (2nd from left)

² <https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/israel-population/>

³ <https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/state-of-palestine-population/>

Building Relations with Great Britain

Date: since October 2021

Mr Peter Edwards is the president of WAKO Great Britain (WAKO GB) and Mr Neville Wray is a renowned kickboxing legend and pioneer. Britain has a thriving Kickboxing culture renowned for its strength in the Tatami disciplines (Kick Light, Light Contact, Point Fighting and Musical Forms). WAKO GB has produced 14-time World Champion, Elijah Everill⁴ and 8-time Musical Form World Champion, Ashley Beck⁵, who is now a Hollywood stuntman for major blockbuster films.

WAKO GB is highly supportive towards Singapore's development in Tatami discipline, and has initiated potential training and development opportunities in Singapore by sending Elijah in the near future.



From left to right: Peter Edwards, Valencia Yip, Joel Lye and Neville Wray

⁴ <https://britishmilitarymartialarts.co.uk/our-instructors/elijah-everill/>

⁵ <https://www.imdb.com/name/nm1330086/>

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Building Relations with Spain

Date: since October 2021

Mr Jesus Eguia is the president of Federacion Espanola de Kickboxing y Muaythai (FEKM), the WAKO-affiliated kickboxing federation in Spain and founding member of WAKO Mediterranean Organization (WMO). FEKM has high participation numbers and a strong team of athletes. In the initial discussion with FEKM, it has opened competition and training opportunities in Southwestern Europe should we need. Such competition opportunity include the International Spanish Open 2022.

Mr Jesus Eguia is also involved in the development of WAKO Pro in Spain and the nearby European regions such as Portugal and France.



Jesus Eguia (left) and Joel Lye (right)

Building Relations with WAKO Africa and South Africa

Date: since October 2021

Mr Aslam Mahomed is the president for the WAKO Africa, South African Kickboxing Association (SAKA) and the board member of WAKO. SAKA is one of the strongest nations in the African continent for the sport of Kickboxing. As part of our efforts to build relations, Josh is an important figure in helping to maintain connections with Africa.



Aslam Mahomed (right)

Building Relations with Ivory Coast

Date: since October 2021

Mr Parfait Doukrou is the president of WAKO Ivory Coast. Although it is a relatively new federation in the sport of Kickboxing, it has potential to grow and become a strong nation in Kickboxing. In our efforts to build international relations, we connected with Ivory Coast to build ties.



Mr Parfait Doukrou and Mr Joel Lye

Building Relations with Serbia

Date: since September 2021

We had the opportunity to establish good relations with Serbia's top coaches, Aleksandar Topic and Milos Milutinov. During the 2 training camps, we established strong relations with Serbia, which provided top level kickboxing coaching services. Serbia, which is recognised as the top country in the Kickboxing Ring disciplines, will be our preferred overseas training camp partners to prepare our athletes.



With Aleksandar Topic (3rd from right)

Building Relations with Italy

Date: since September 2021

Manuel Nordio is one of the top coaches in Italy in the Tatami discipline (Light Contact). Manuel is also an accomplished kickboxing athlete, having competed since 1982 and holds 40 years of experience in Kickboxing. Manuel has been a strong pillar for support as he cornered Nazri in the 2021 Hungarian Open. We formed a strong relationship with Manuel and will looking forward to training opportunities with Manuel in Europe.



From left to right: Bruce, Manuel Nordio, Joel Lye and Nazri

Building Relations with Poland

Date: since October 2021

Ms Katarzyna Kociszewska is the chairman of WAKO's Women in Sport committee, a WAKO Board member and an influential member of the Polish Kickboxing Federation. We aspire to learn from Katarzyna strategies to improve women participation in Kickboxing for Singapore. In addition, Poland is considered one of the strongest countries in Europe in the Full Contact discipline, opening avenues for us to cross-train and learn from them.



With Katarzyna Kociszewska (3rd from left)

INTERNATIONAL

COMPETITION & PARTICIPATION



18. Participation in 2022 WAKO World Competitions

Serbian Open 2022

Date: 18 to 20 March

Nazri participated in the Serbian Open in March 2022, where the competition was held in Beograd, Serbia.

Nazri participated in the following 2 categories:

- Senior Men 69kg Kick Light; and
- Senior Men 74kg Kick Light

He attained the bronze medal in the 69kg event, and a silver medal in the 74kg event. With this accomplishment, Nazri became the first Singaporean to win a medal at an international WAKO-sanctioned tournament.

His achievement generated great media interest namely from The Straits Times, LianHe ZaoBao and Berita Harian.

- **[Straits Times]** 22 March 2022 – Kickboxing: It feels damn 'power', says S'pore's Nazri Sutari after milestone medals at Serbia Open ([article link](#))
- **[LianHe ZaoBao]** 23 March 2022 – Serbian Kickboxing Open: Nazri wins one silver and one bronze to create history for Singapore ([article link](#))
- **[Berita Harian]** 24 March 2022 - Nazri korban Raya demi persiapan bagi harungi Sukan SEA ([article link](#))



Press coverage from the 3 mainstream media of Singapore

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The Federation warmly congratulates Nazri for this significant achievement, having attained this amazing milestone for Singapore.



Nazri Sutari at the Serbian Open

SEA Games 2022

Date: 6 to 9 May

Nazri was selected by SNOG for the first time to represent Singapore for the 31st SEA Games, held in Hanoi, Vietnam.

The Singapore kickboxing contingent comprised of 2 persons, athlete Nazri and coach Aleksandar Topic. Nazri fought valiantly during the SEA Games, but lost narrowly to the Cambodian opponent 1-2. He bowed out of the quarterfinals and ended the competition.



Nazri (left) against opponent Chhoeung Lvay from Cambodia (right)

We would like to thank Nazri and coach Aleksandar for their service to Singapore and for representing the nation proudly.

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Balkan Open 2022

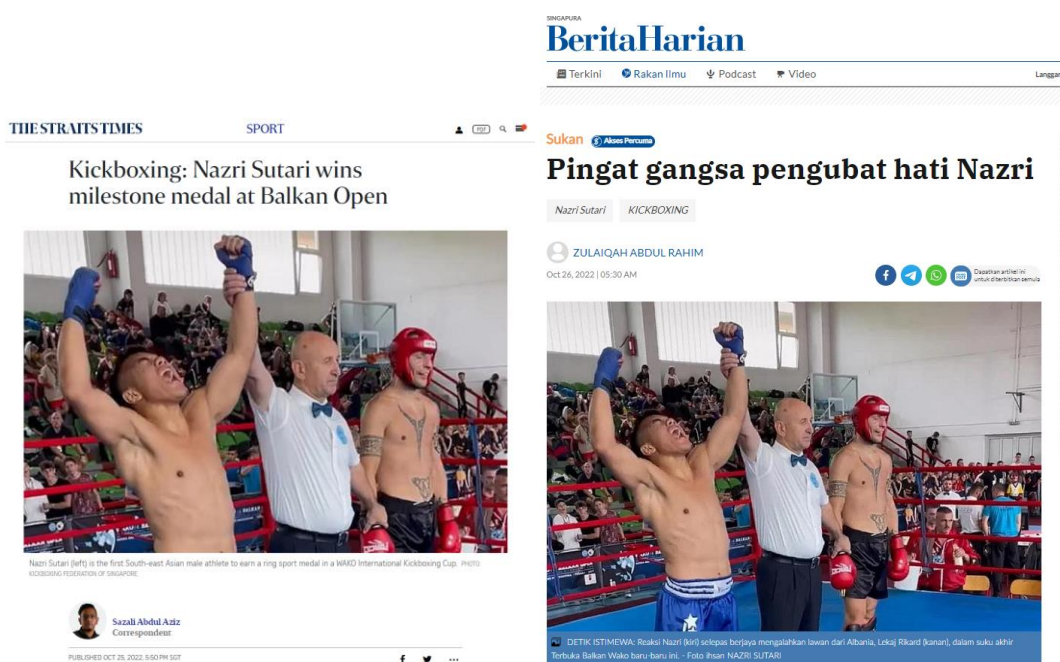
Date: 20 to 22 October

Nazri underwent a 2nd training in the year, from August to October 2022. To conclude the end of his training camp, he participated in the Balkan Open which saw over 400 athletes from 16 nations. Nazri competed in the **Men Senior 71kg Low Kick** event.

The training camp proved to be a fruitful endeavour as Nazri attained a bronze medal for his category. This historical achievement saw Singapore's first Ring Sport medal in the sport of Kickboxing. The achievement itself was monumental, as Nazri became the first Southeast Asian to win a Ring Sport medal at a WAKO-sanctioned tournament. Up to date, no other Southeast Asian country has ever attained a Ring Sport medal, making the achievement much sweeter.

Nazri's victory generated media interest the second time, from The Straits Times and Berita Harian.

- **[Straits Times]** 24 October 2022 – Kickboxing: Nazri wins milestone medal at Balkan Open ([article link](#))
- **[Berita Harian]** 26 October 2022 - Pingat gangsa pengubat hati Nazri ([article link](#))



Press coverage for Nazri's achievement

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Nazri at the Balkan Open 2022

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19. Participation in WAKO General Assembly

WAKO General Assembly 2022

Date: 3 October 2022

We attended the WAKO General Assembly 2022, held in Jesolo, Italy. Roy outlined the scope of development for Kickboxing in the next few years, with the objective of bringing Kickboxing into the Los Angeles Olympics 2028.



The Singapore contingent with President Roy Baker at the General Assembly

20. Official WAKO Results

Following the close of the 2022 competitions season, Kickboxing Federation of Singapore is pleased to share the results of our athletes' performance and overall ranking results.

Ranking Results				
S/N	Athlete	Category	Asia Ranking (AR)	World Ranking (WR)
1	Muhammad Nazri Sutari	69kg Kick Light	Top 6	79 out of 119
2	Muhammad Nazri Sutari	69kg Light Contact	Top 3	58 out of 131
3	Muhammad Nazri Sutari	74kg Kick Light	Top 5	73 out of 98
4	Muhammad Nazri Sutari	74kg Light Contact	Top 3	88 out of 113
5	Muhammad Nazri Sutari	75kg K1	Top 4	73 out of 102
6	Muhammad Nazri Sutari	79kg Kick Light	Top 7	63 out of 84
7	Muhammad Nazri Sutari	84kg Kick Light	Top 3	60 out of 81

Ranking Results

The image features a central world map in a light green, textured style. Overlaid on the map is the text "UNITY IN COMBAT SPORTS" in a bold, dark brown, sans-serif font. Surrounding the map are several hands of different skin tones (dark brown, orange, light brown, red, pink, and black) reaching upwards towards the center. Each hand is wearing a different colored sleeve (red, orange, blue, pink and white stripes, purple, blue, and black) and some have accessories like a watch or a ring. The background is a solid light green color.

UNITY IN COMBAT SPORTS

21. Unity in Combat Sports – Silat

Date: Ongoing since 2017 (6 years running)

Dr Sheik Alau'ddin frequently gives direction and advice on how Kickboxing Federation of Singapore can improve its' process and systems to further develop the competition and participation element of the sport.



Kickboxing Federation of Singapore with Mr Sheik Alau'ddin (3rd from left)

Provision of Training and Strength & Conditioning Support

Dr Sheik and his team of coaches have been providing training and strength & conditioning support for Nazri, who is preparing for his 2022 competition season leading up to his 2023 World Championship campaign.

Since Nazri starting his additional training with Dr Sheik, he has seen tremendous improvements by leaps and bounds.



Nazri training with Singapore Silat Federation

22. Unity in Combat Sports – Muay Thai

Date: Since August 2021

Robert Yap, National Coach for Singapore Muay Thai Federation coaches our athletes on a frequent basis by providing technical and sparring training. Robert, along with the Singapore Muay Thai national athletes provided the necessary training preparation for our athlete's World Championship 2021 campaign.



From left to right: Robert Yap, Jason Lim and Nazri



MEDIA INTEREST

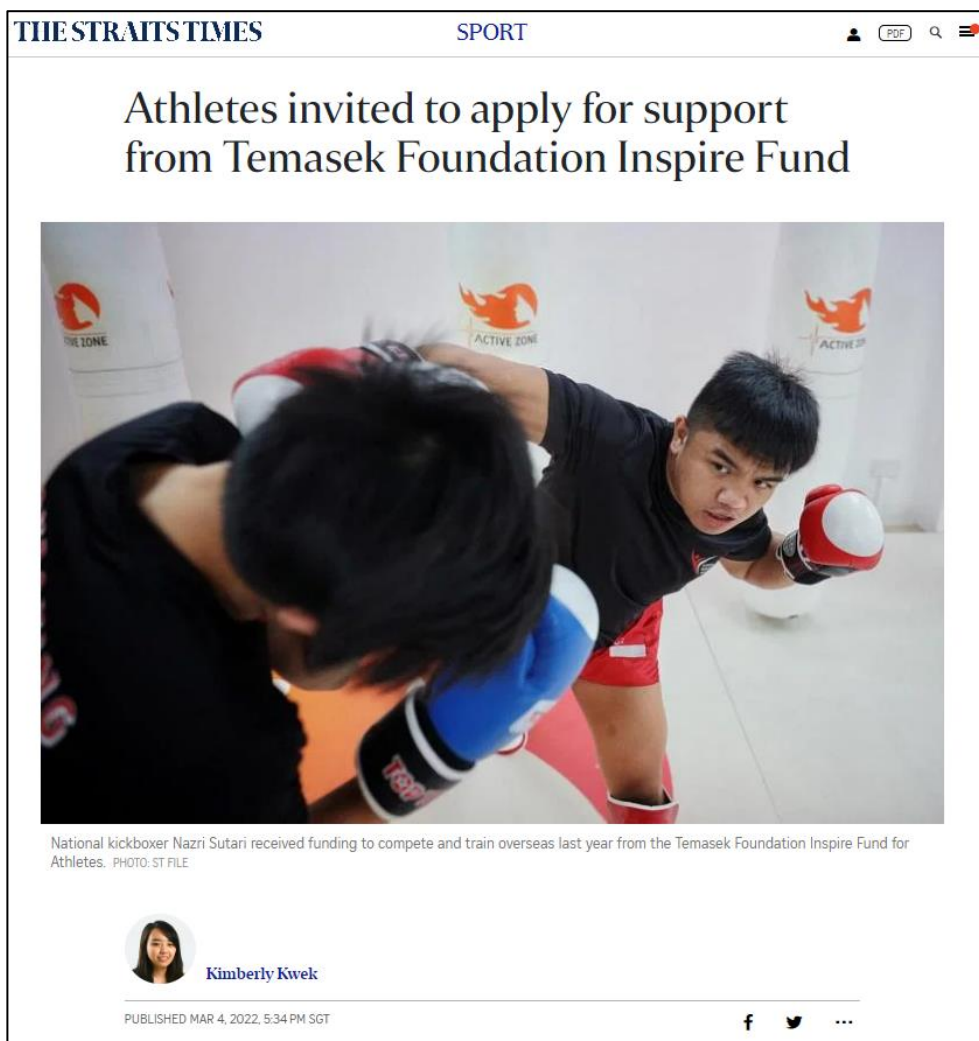
23. Media Interest in Kickboxing

In the year 2022, we had great publicity coverage by major publications of Singapore.

[Straits Times] 4 March 2022 – Athletes invited to apply for support from Temasek Foundation Inspire Fund

Date: 4 March 2022

SINGAPORE - Over the years, it has been a common occurrence for national kickboxer Nazri Sutari to raise the funds he needs for competitions overseas. As part of fundraising efforts by the Kickboxing Federation of Singapore, the kickboxing coach has taken to conducting extra training sessions and he would also save as much as he could to make sure he had enough to cover his travel expenses.



Straits Times Feature of Nazri for the Temasek Foundation Article

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[LianHe ZaoBao] 5 March 2022 – 踢拳道选手纳兹里：人生每一次低谷 都是一次涅槃重生

Date: 5 March 2022

LianHe ZaoBao ran a story featuring Nazri, regarding his selection for the 2022 SEA Games. Nazri shared how he went a season of depression during the initial days of Circuit Breaker where many things in Singapore were shut. His story detailed how he overcame that dark period and overcame to become stronger.



LianHe ZaoBao feature of Nazri

[Straits Times] 7 March – Semangat jaguh tinju tendang terus membara

Date: 7 March 2022

Berita Harian ran an article about Nazri's selection for the 2022 SEA Games in Hanoi, Vietnam.



7 March 2022 – Berita Harian

[Straits Times] 22 Mar – Kickboxing: It feels damn 'power' says S'pore's Nazri Sutari after milestone medal

Date: 22 March 2022

Straits Times featured Nazri's story prominently after earning Singapore's first medals in the sport of Kickboxing. He attained 1 silver and 1 bronze at the 2022 Serbian Open.

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Kickboxing: It feels damn 'power', says S'pore's Nazri Sutari after milestone medals at Serbia Open



Singapore national kickboxer Nazri Sutari (right) won a bronze and silver medal at the Serbia Open on March 20, 2022. PHOTO: COURTESY OF NAZRI SUTARI



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22 March 2022 – Straits Times Article

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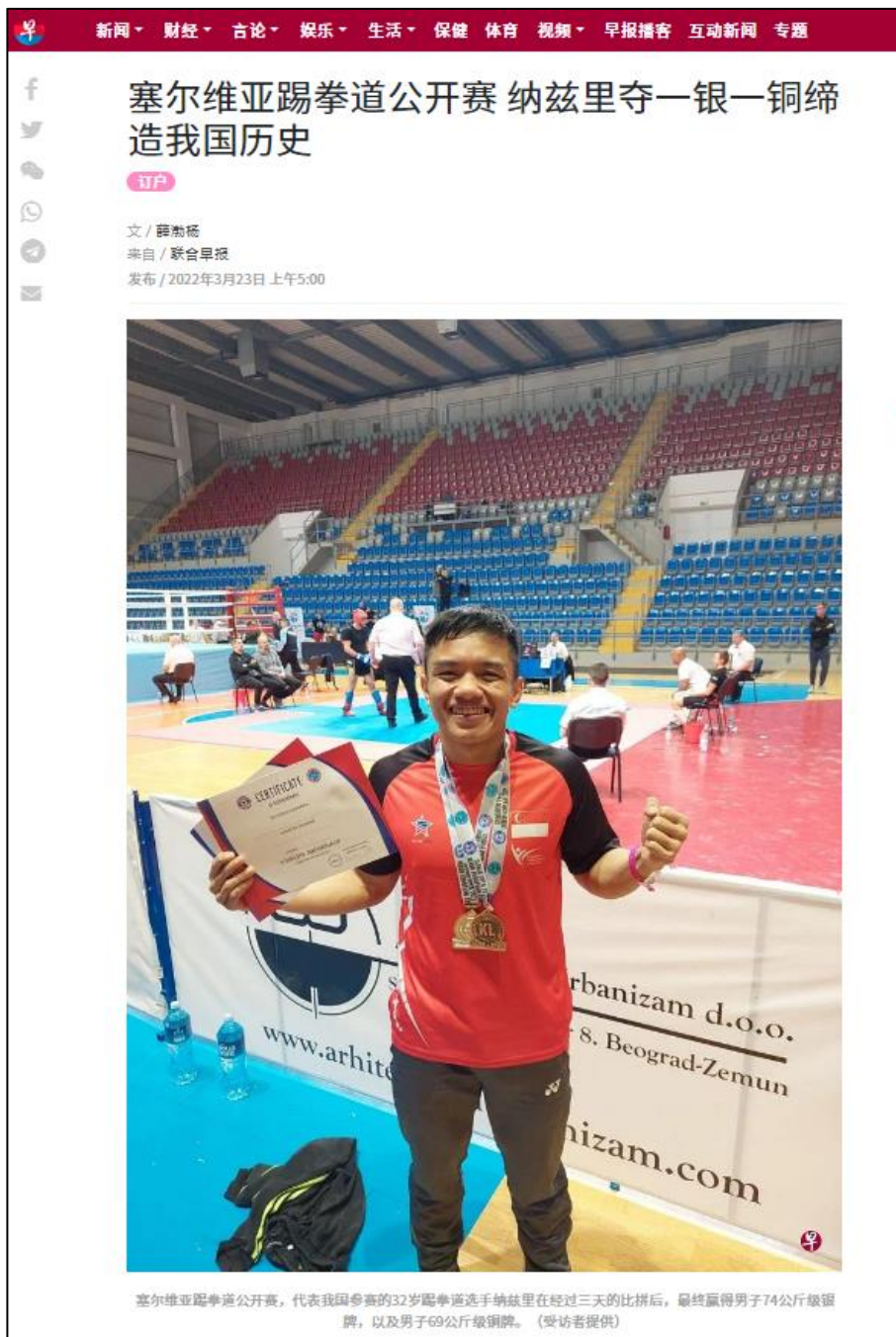
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[LianHe ZaoBao] 23 Mar – 塞尔维亚踢拳道公开赛 纳兹里夺一银一铜缔造我国历史

Date: 23 March 2022

LianHe ZaoBao ran a story on Nazri's historic achievement.



23 March 2022 – LianHe ZaoBao article

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[Berita Harian] 23 Mar – Nazri korban Raya demi persiap bagi harungi Sukan SEA

Date: 23 March 2022



23 March 2022 – Berita Harian article

[CNA] 10 May – 'Heartbreaking' SEA Games loss a 'speed bump' but kickboxer Nazri Sutari resolute in quest to be world's best

Date: 10 May 2022


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'Heartbreaking' SEA Games loss a 'speed bump' but kickboxer Nazri Sutari resolute in quest to be world's best





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Singapore's Nazri Sutari competes at the 31st SEA Games. (Photo: Andy Chua/SportSG)

CNA article



PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGNS



24. Peace and Sport – #WhiteCard campaign

Date: 6th April

Every year on 6th April, in support of Peace and Sport's #WhiteCard campaign, we participate with a social media post of our athletes holding a white paper, as a sign of our commitment to peace efforts worldwide.



Joel Lye and Valencia Yip participating in the #WhiteCard campaign



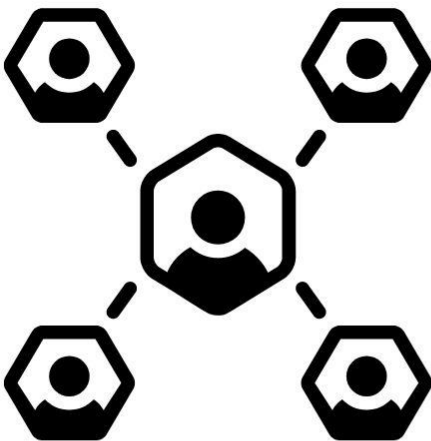
Clement Chew and Jason Lim participating in the #WhiteCard campaign



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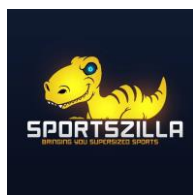


25. Affiliate Clubs

8 Affiliate Clubs

In total, we have 8 affiliate clubs affiliated to Kickboxing Federation of Singapore

1. Active Red
2. Impact Mixed Martial Arts (MMA)
3. Active Life Center (Active Zone)
4. UFC Gym Singapore
5. Sutari Martial Arts
6. Cobra Fight Gym
7. Sportszilla Martial Arts
8. Southpaw Kickboxing and Boxing Club (UWC Southeast)



3,000 Affiliate Members

There are an estimate of **3,000 members/athletes** through these 8 affiliate clubs.

1,450 Female Affiliate Members

There is an estimate of **1,450 female members/athletes**.

26. Long Term Goals and Objectives

Local Goals and Objectives

- Get more support from Sport SG
- Set up more training in the various competition rules
- Organise local competitions at national levels
- Organise National Kickboxing League to enhance greater participation
- Continue to grow the current National Kickboxing Team
- Increase the number of member clubs
- Increase participation in the sport of Kickboxing
- Upgrade the standard of Kickboxing by organizing seminars, workshops, professional/executive training

South-East Asian Level – Competition Goals

- 2023 SEA Games held in Phnom Penh, 5 to 17 May

We will ensure that our plans for the federation in 2023 will adhere and comply with the Selection Criteria and Procedures set out by Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC) for the 2023 SEA Games.

Asian Level – Competition Goals

- 2023 Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games, 17 to 27 November (Thailand)



World / International Level – Competition Goals

- 2023 Serbian Open, 30 Mar to 1 Apr (Belgrade, Serbia)
- 2023 Flanders Cup, 22 to 24 September (Beveren, Belgium)
- 2023 Italian Kickboxing World Cup, 29 Sep to 1 Oct (Jesolo, Italy)
- 2023 Balkan Open, 20 to 22 Oct (Tesnj, Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- 2023 World Championships, 17 to 27 Nov (Albufeira, Portugal)



END OF REPORT

Big thanks to everyone for helping make
this year a memorable year!