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Kickboxing Federation of Singapore (KFS) Recognised as National Sport Association (NSA) by Sport Singapore



Sport Singapore officially granted the status to Kickboxing Federation of Singapore after years of hard work

Singapore, 19 January 2020 – A great accumulation of hard work, building up the sport since 2018 by Singapore Kickboxing pioneer and President of Kickboxing Federation of Singapore (KFS), Mr Jason Lim.

Kickboxing is a modern contact fighting sport created on the basis of many traditional martial arts and is currently seeing an increased popularity globally.

Since **WAKO** (World Association of Kickboxing Organizations) was granted provisional status by the IOC (International Olympic Committee) on 30 November 2018, KFS has taken significant steps to spearhead more Kickboxing activities in Singapore.

KFS has organised the Singapore Kickboxing Championships 2019 and sent athletes to the WAKO World Kickboxing Championships 2019. The team has set their sights on giving back more to the community and creating more avenues for competition in 2020 and beyond.

Mr Jason Lim shares, “I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sport Singapore and SNOC (Singapore National Olympic Council) for this monumental achievement. Their advice and support have been extremely invaluable in building our Federation to what it is today.”

“We’re engaging the community at various levels. Youth, adults, seniors and even the special population. Kickboxing truly is a sport that does not discriminate but empowers all.”

To President of WAKO IF – Mr Roy Baker

We would like to thank and acknowledge the President of WAKO, **Mr Roy Baker**, for lending his generous support. We are indeed very blessed to have such a capable and competent president who works tirelessly to support our various initiatives, and the providing the necessary paperwork to achieve this recognition.



To Management of Kickboxing Federation of Singapore

We would like to thank the committee members and EXCO members namely **Mr Jason Lim** (President), **Mr Joel Lye** (Vice President) and **Ms Valencia Yip** (Secretary). We would like to thank and acknowledge **Mr Nazri Sutari** (National Coach) for taking care of the training and the athletes. Their tireless work and collective effort has made a deep impact on this recognition.

To Silat legend and pioneer, Dr Sheik Alau'ddin

We send my deepest thanks and appreciation to Silat legend, pioneer and CEO of Singapore Silat Federation, **Dr Sheik Alau'ddin** for his tremendous support and advice. This recognition would not be possible without his continued guidance. Silat and Kickboxing has an amazing synergy, and we will continue to strengthen this friendship.



To former Singapore Olympian, Mr Mark Chay

We would like to thank and acknowledge **Mr Mark Chay**, former Singapore Swimming Olympian and Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC) Athlete's Commission Chairman for providing technical and structural advice to improve our Federation since 2016.

To our Coaching Partner, Executive Director of IMSC, Mr Joel Lim

We would like to thank and acknowledge **Mr Joel Lim**, Executive Director of International Management and Sports College (IMSC) – formerly known as International Sports Academy (ISA), for partnering with our federation to develop a rigorous coaching curriculum to raise the standard of Kickboxing coaching in the industry and country.



To Senior Consultant and Clinical Director of the Sports Medicine Centre at Khoo Teck Puat Hospital, Dr Teoh Chin Sim

We would like to thank and acknowledge **Dr Teoh Chin Sim**, Senior Consultant and Clinical Director of the Sports Medicine Centre at Khoo Teck Puat Hospital. We had the pleasure of connecting with her in 2016 at the IOC Sports Administrator Course and she has since helped us to develop the medical process and regulations with regards to competitive elements of Kickboxing. With her help, we are proud to be one of the few Federations that uphold the highest degree of medical safety for our athletes.



To Director of NSA at SportSG, Mr Todd Vladdich

We would like to thank and acknowledge **Mr Todd Vladdich**, Director of NSA at SportSG. During the initial stages while starting out, he has been guiding us on structures, policies and recommendations to maintain a high degree of compliance similar to other established NSAs. The successful federation that we now see is the result of Mr Todd's advice and support.



To Secretary General of SNOC, Mr Chris Chan

We would like to thank and acknowledge **Mr Chris Chan**, Secretary General of SNOC and **Mr Chong Fui Kim**, head of Games & Marketing of SNOC. Despite us being a new federation, he has given us valuable advice with regards to SNOC's selection criteria for the Major Games. With his help, we were able to craft out robust selection policies which provides every Singaporean a chance to compete in Kickboxing at Major Games.



To everyone else

Last but not least, we would like to thank and acknowledge **everyone** for their trust and support in our journey thus far. We are thankful that they have placed their trust in us in our care and supported us in their own capacity. As we continue to build the community, we will strive to create more Kickboxing activities in Singapore and create more opportunities for athletes to compete both locally and overseas.

Official Recognition Letter from Sport Singapore



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Date: 19 January 2020

Mr Jason Lim
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Dear Jason,

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF KICKBOXING FEDERATION OF SINGAPORE (WAKO SINGAPORE) AS THE NATIONAL FEDERATION FOR THE SPORT OF KICKBOXING IN SINGAPORE

- 1 Sport Singapore (SportSG) acknowledges that Kickboxing Federation of Singapore (WAKO Singapore) has been accorded official recognition by the World Association of Amateur Kickboxing Organizations (WAKO), as the National Sport Organization for the sport of Kickboxing in Singapore (see attached document).
- 2 The World Association of Amateur Kickboxing Organizations (WAKO) is the world governing body of the sport of Kickboxing in over 127 member countries.
- 3 Sport Singapore is looking forward to working with you in your promotion of the sport in Singapore.
- 4 Please feel free to contact me if you require any assistance.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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Official Letter from Mr Todd Vladich, Director of NSA at SportSG

Official Letter from WAKO IF



WORLD ASSOCIATION OF KICKBOXING ORGANIZATIONS

Monza, Italy. 16th January 2020

To: Mr Tan Chuan – Jin
President Singapore National Olympic Council

Dear President,

I would firstly like to introduce my sport. The World Association of Amateur Kickboxing Organizations (WAKO) is the International Federation recognized by the International Olympic Committee as the association to represent the sport amateur kickboxing globally. We are also full members of ARISF and IWGA and a fully credited and complaint member of WADA. Our International Federation is exclusively responsible and recognised by IOC / GAISF in the following IOC Kickboxing Disciplines:

1. **Ring Disciplines**
 - a. **Full Contact**
 - b. **K1 Rules**
 - c. **Low Rules**
2. **Tatami Disciplines**
 - a. **Point Sparring**
 - b. **Light Contact**
 - c. **Kick Light**
 - d. **Musical Forms/Weapon**

For detailed rules on these different WAKO Disciplines please refer to the Rules Documents on our website www.wakoweb.com

There are currently 127 countries that are members of WAKO of which 98 are recognized by their National Ministries of Sport or National Olympic Committees, as appropriate in that country.

The National federation recognized body in Singapore, is Kickboxing Federation of Singapore (WAKO Singapore) with offices at, 47 Beach Road, #03-03 Kheng Chiu Building, Singapore 189683 who are recognized by WAKO as the sole National Sport Organization (NSO) representing the sport of Kickboxing. WAKO IF, recognise WAKO Singapore as the sole regional body for the sport of Kickboxing, to host, regulate and develop the sport of Kickboxing in Singapore.

WAKO Singapore have done an extraordinary job in the development of the sport at a national and regional level. It leads the way in the SEA region. They are continuously developing the sport in a positive way with the right leadership and governance since their creation in 2008. In particular I would like to commend their work with disabilities and their inclusive development of coaching and athlete educational standards within Singapore, ensuring a safe, regulated, transparent and productive environment for our athletes, officials and the general public.

I and our International Organisation, supports their work and would kindly request and fundamentally support the progression from a provisional member to an Ordinary member as a member of the Olympic family of sports. Any assistance you can provide towards their work for the growth, development, governance, promotion of a safe, sanctioned amateur sport in Singapore and the SEA region.

Respectfully Yours,



Roy Baker
WAKO President
CC: Lim Boon Kheng Jason, President WAKO Singapore.



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Official Letter from Mr Roy Baker, WAKO IF President

About Kickboxing Federation of Singapore

Kickboxing Federation of Singapore (KFS) is the appointed national representative of the World Association of Kickboxing Organisations (WAKO) – the world’s sole governing body for the sport.



KFS is the governing body for the sport of Kickboxing in Singapore, and is recognized as a National Sports Association (NSA) by Sport Singapore (SportSG) – the Sport Ministry in Singapore.

In addition, KFS is a recognised member of Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC).

KFS’s SNOC membership can be found on their official directory:

<http://www.singaporeolympics.com/members/>

Mission

To be the beacon for Kickboxing in Singapore, promoting it as a wholesome sport for ALL and nurturing those with the attributes for “competitive Kickboxing” to realise their maximum potential.

Vision

- To become one of the leading nations in the sport; at SEA Games, Asian Games and World Level.
- To develop, groom and nurture talent; and to consistently compete and perform at the highest levels across the national squad, and all major international championships.
- To become a regional hub for Kickboxing in South East Asia.

Objective

We aim to develop the sport of Kickboxing in Singapore by providing:

- Kickboxing as a Sport and/or Fitness activity to everybody regardless of age, gender and race.
- Competition opportunities at National, South-East Asia, Asian and International Levels.
- An avenue to reach out to at-risk youths.

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