

MEDIA RELEASE

Singaporean Kickboxer Nazri Sutari selected as one of WAKO's 15 Inaugural GameChangers



Nazri clinched the spot amongst <125 applicants> across 5 continents and is first Singaporean and Southeast Asian to be selected.

Singapore, 23 April 2021 – The WAKO GameChangers (WGC) is a newly created sport leadership and management program tailored for World Association of Kickboxing Organizations (WAKO). It is established under the WAKO Athlete Corner umbrella, WAKO's learn and share concept and it is built on the pillars to educate and develop the future potential leaders of the sport of Kickboxing.

Muhammad Nazri Sutari currently holds the appointment of Technical Director, Board Member and National Coach for Kickboxing Federation of Singapore (KFS). With these appointments, he plans and organize competitions and activities for the federation.

On top of all his appointments, he is also an athlete who represents Singapore in international kickboxing tournaments. Most recently, he represented Singapore in the 2019 WAKO World Kickboxing Championships, a biennial event, held in Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina. One of the key competitions set in his sights this year, is the 2021 WAKO World Kickboxing Championships.

When Nazri received the news in the wee hours of the morning that he was selected, he was surprised but elated. Nazri shares, *"Initially, I was in shock when I saw the email. I checked my phone at about 12 midnight and I couldn't believe it. The age limit was 30, which I am at now. With that, I thought my chances were very low."*

Nazri continues: *"To be part of the very first WAKO GameChangers program is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I turn 31 this coming May, which means I will never have the opportunity again to join the program. This is my only chance and I'm very thankful to President of WAKO, Mr Roy Baker, and President of KFS, Mr Jason Lim for supporting me and giving me this amazing opportunity."*

President of WAKO, Roy Baker, comments: *"The list of applicants to review were challenging. There were so many amazing applicants with strong sporting achievements and great skillsets to choose from. Ultimately, we selected Nazri as we felt he embodies the values of WAKO, has significant achievements in the context of combat sports in Singapore and demonstrates exemplary leadership skills through serving KFS in his various appointments. I am truly delighted that he was selected."*

President of KFS, Jason Lim, delights in the announcement, *"I am happy beyond words of the outcome. Nazri has been supporting the federation with his time, effort and service. Throughout all this time, I am heartened to have seen him grow as an athlete and now, to the next level as a leader. He is someone who devotes his heart into everything he does. I am sure he will do the same for the WAKO GameChangers program. There will be a lot of work to do, virtual and physical meetings and projects. Balancing all of this on top of his appointments in KFS combined with his athlete career aspirations will not be easy, but I believe Nazri is up for the challenge."*



KICKBOXING FEDERATION OF SINGAPORE

About Kickboxing Federation of Singapore

Kickboxing Federation of Singapore (KFS) is the appointed national representative of the World Association of Kickboxing Organizations (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.

Links

- WAKO GameChangers Result: <http://wako.sport/en/news/2021/04/22/press-release-the-gamechangers-team-are-picked/1143/>

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