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ETU Council Members
Member National Associations (MNAs)

RE: Invitation to Apply to ETU Committees

The European Taekwondo Union (ETU) invites suitably qualified, committed, and motivated individuals to apply for appointment to its committees for the 2026 – 2027 term.

ETU is committed to ensuring that its committees reflect excellence, integrity, diversity, inclusion, and athlete-centred values, while supporting the effective governance, development, and promotion of Taekwondo across Europe.

This call is issued as a general invitation, allowing applicants to express interest in one or more ETU Committees in line with their experience, expertise, and motivation.

A. Application Process and Expectations

Applications are open to individuals from within and beyond the Taekwondo community. The ETU Nominations Committee will review and assess applications based on ETU's strategic priorities, professional expertise, ethical standing, geographical balance, gender balance, and athlete representation.

B. Preferred Candidate Profile

ETU encourages applications from individuals with strong professional or technical expertise, experience in Taekwondo, governance or committee work, and a commitment to ethical conduct.

C. Ethical Standards

All applicants must meet ETU's ethical and integrity standards and declare any potential conflicts of interest.

D. Term of Office

Appointments will run until the conclusion of the 2027 ETU General Assembly.

E. How to Apply

Applications must be submitted by **Friday 16th January 2026, 23:59 (CET)** via the official ETU application form link below:

[\[Candidate Application Form\]](#)

Yours sincerely,

Dr Said Khelwatty
Chair, ETU Ad-Hoc Nominations Committee



Appendix: Overview of ETU Committees

1. Member Relations and Development (MRD) Commission

Purpose:

Strengthen engagement with Member National Associations (MNAs) and support organisational development across Europe.

Key responsibilities:

- Act as liaison between ETU and MNAs
- Support governance and capacity-building initiatives
- Identify regional development needs
- Promote best practice and compliance

2. Technical Committee

Purpose:

Oversee technical matters related to Kyorugi & Poomsae competitions, Coaches, Para and Referee under ETU jurisdiction.

Key responsibilities:

- Interpret and apply World Taekwondo competition rules
- Advise on technical standards at ETU events
- Support technical pathway development
- Coordinate with Referee and Games Committees

3. Athletes Committee

Purpose:

Represent the voice, interests, and welfare of athletes within ETU structures.

Key responsibilities:

- Provide athlete feedback to ETU leadership
- Advise on athlete welfare and participation
- Promote athlete-centred decision-making
- Support safeguarding awareness among athletes

4. Coaches Committee

Purpose:

Represent coaches and contribute to the development of coaching standards.

Key responsibilities:

- Provide input on coaching needs and challenges
- Support development of coaching pathways
- Advise on education and CPD programmes
- Promote ethical coaching practice

5. Development and Taekwondo for All Committee

Purpose:

Promote inclusive participation and grassroots Taekwondo development.

Key responsibilities:

- Support youth and recreational programmes
- Promote inclusion, accessibility, and gender equity
- Encourage growth beyond elite competition
- Coordinate development initiatives with MNAs



6. Education and Applied Science Committee

Purpose:

Oversee education, training, and applied science initiatives.

Key responsibilities:

- Support coach and referee education frameworks
- Promote evidence-based and innovative practice
- Encourage applied research and learning
- Align ETU education with World Taekwondo standards

7. Safeguarding and Integrity Committee

Purpose:

Uphold safeguarding principles and ethical standards across ETU.

Key responsibilities:

- Oversee safeguarding policies and procedures
- Promote ethical conduct and integrity
- Advise on safeguarding and integrity concerns
- Support education and awareness initiatives

8. Finance Committee

Purpose:

Provide financial oversight and strategic financial advice.

Key responsibilities:

- Review budgets and financial planning
- Monitor financial sustainability and risk
- Advise on financial policies and controls
- Support transparency and accountability

9. Games Committee

Purpose:

Oversee governance and improvement of ETU-sanctioned competitions.

Key responsibilities:

- Advise on event standards and requirements
- Support coordination of ETU competitions
- Work with technical and medical committees
- Identify opportunities to improve competition delivery

10. Medical Committee

Purpose:

Safeguard athlete health and medical standards.

Key responsibilities:

- Advise on medical regulations and protocols
- Support injury prevention and athlete welfare
- Guide medical provision at ETU events
- Promote medical education and awareness

11. Para Taekwondo Committee

Purpose:

Oversee development and governance of Para Taekwondo disciplines.

Key responsibilities:

- Support Para Kyorugi and Para Poomsae pathways
- Promote inclusion and accessibility
- Coordinate classification-related matters
- Work with Games and Medical Committees



12. Poomsae Committee

Purpose:

Oversee Poomsae disciplines and standards.

Key responsibilities:

- Advise on Poomsae competition standards
- Support judge education and consistency
- Promote development of recognised and freestyle Poomsae
- Coordinate with Referee and Games Committees

13. Referee Committee

Purpose:

Support referee standards, education, and appointments.

Key responsibilities:

- Develop referee education and training
- Recommend referee appointments for ETU events
- Promote consistency in rule application
- Uphold referee codes of conduct

14. Juridical Committee

Purpose:

Provide legal and disciplinary guidance under ETU statutes.

Key responsibilities:

- Interpret ETU statutes and regulations
- Advise on disciplinary and dispute matters
- Ensure due process and fairness
- Support statutory and regulatory updates

15. TV and Media Committee

Purpose:

Enhance ETU visibility through media and broadcasting.

Key responsibilities:

- Advise on media and broadcast strategy
- Support promotion of ETU events
- Coordinate digital and communications initiatives
- Protect ETU brand and media integrity

16. Institutional Relations Committee

Purpose:

Manage strategic relationships with external institutions.

Key responsibilities:

- Liaise with World Taekwondo and partner organisations
- Support international cooperation and MOUs
- Advise on institutional and diplomatic matters
- Align partnerships with ETU strategy

17. Culture and Heritage Committee

Purpose:

Preserve and promote Taekwondo's cultural values and history.

Key responsibilities:

- Promote Taekwondo traditions and values
- Support cultural and heritage initiatives
- Document and celebrate European Taekwondo history
- Advise on ceremonial and cultural matters