

# Application of the World Taekwondo competition rules during the Keumgang Open Kyorugi on January 17, 2026.

The new World Taekwondo competition rules will take effect on January 1, 2026.

In consultation with the referee committee of our federation, the World Taekwondo rules will be applied with the following adjustments:

## 1. Weight categories for seniors:

To ensure a smooth weigh-in, the old weight categories will be retained. These are the weight categories as they are currently listed on Martial Events.

## 2. Electronic gloves

Because it will likely not be possible for all participants to have electronic gloves in time, points for fist punches will be awarded according to the old rules. This is done by the two corner referees together.

Participants may, but are not required to, use the new electronic gloves.

## 3. Instant Video Replay

As in previous years, there will be no IVR at our tournament this year.

The new rules for Kyorugi competitions regarding IVR are applied as follows:

Coaches cannot request IVR for valid head shots that are not registered by the electronic helmets.

For a head shot with sufficient impact that is not registered by the electronic helmet, only the central referee can take the initiative to consult the two corner judges. If both corner judges approve the hit, the corresponding points are awarded.

## 4. Scoring for turning Kicks

World Taekwondo has determined that the points for valid spinning kicks will be doubled. This scoring will also be applied during the Keumgang Open.

This means that:

4 points will be awarded for valid turning kicks to the body registered by the Hoo-Goo.

6 points will be awarded for valid turning kicks to the head registered by the helmet or by the referees.