

Policy on ITF Outstanding Personality Award

Policy on Awarding ITF Outstanding Personality

The ITF Policy on the ITF Outstanding Personality Award was written in order to clarify the purpose of the awarding of an outstanding personality and to identify the criteria to be used to determine who is eligible to be nominated, what can be awarded and what privileges will be associated with the ITF Outstanding Personality Award.

Purpose

The ITF Outstanding Personality Award is aimed at recognising and honouring excellence in the Taekwon-Do world. The awards celebrate those personalities and entities that accomplish remarkable achievements or make significant contributions in the world of the International Taekwon-Do Federation.

The ITF Outstanding Personality Award will be granted in the following categories:

- **Outstanding Competitor** - Awarded to a Sportsperson who has accomplished extraordinary sporting achievements throughout their sports career and embodies the true values of Taekwon-Do, whilst serving as a role model, inspiring practitioners around the world.
- **Outstanding Coach/Instructor** - Awarded to a Coach/Instructor who has accomplished extraordinary sporting achievements as a coach/Instructor throughout their sports career and embodies the true values of Taekwon-Do, whilst serving as a role model, inspiring others around the world.
- **Outstanding Umpire** - Awarded to an Umpire who has accomplished extraordinary umpire achievements and embodies the true values of Taekwon-Do and fair judgments, whilst serving as a role model, inspiring others around the world.
- **Outstanding Official** - Awarded to a Person who has made a significant contribution to the development of ITF Taekwon-Do, a person who has accomplished extraordinary achievements in the organizational field and embodies the true values of Taekwon-Do, whilst serving as a role model, inspiring other around the world.
- **Outstanding Pioneer/Master** - Awarded to a Person with the highest degree rank and the longest seniority in the organization who has made a significant contribution to the promotion or development of Taekwon-Do and embodies the true values of Taekwon-Do, whilst serving as a role model, inspiring others around the world.
- **Outstanding Country** – Awarded to a National Association, which serves as a role model for other organizations in reference to the development of Taekwon-Do, number of practitioners, range, potential and success.
- **Outstanding Sponsor** – Awarded to a Person who made a significant financial contribution to the promotion and development of Taekwon-Do and the ITF around the world.

Who can nominate candidates to the Award?

After the ITF Secretary General announces the submissions of the applicants for the ITF Outstanding Personality Award contest, the motion can be submitted by: National Associations, Continental Federations, ITF Standing Committees or ITF Board Members.

The application should be submitted to the ITF Secretary General six months before the World Championships.

Eligibility Criteria – who can be nominated?

Nominees for ITF Outstanding Personality Award shall be individuals who are Taekwon-Do practitioners or made a significant contribution to the development of the ITF and who are citizens of high repute with no criminal record.

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- **Outstanding Competitor:**

A person, who holds at least three (3) Individual World Champion titles in the seniors' age group.

- **Outstanding Instructor/Coach:**

A person, with at least five (5) students who have won the title of the Individual World Champion in the age group of seniors or juniors, with a remark that at least three (3) students won their titles in the senior age group

or

A person, with at least three (3) students who have won the title of the Individual World Champion in the age group of seniors more than one (1) time.

The National Team Coaches are not taken into account in this category, unless they are at the same time the club coaches of the mentioned competitors.

- **Outstanding Umpire:**

A person, who is elected by the members of the ITF Tournament and ITF Umpires Committees and Jury Presidents at the current World Championships, from the umpires present at these competitions and who were working as an umpire in the past at three World Championships and/or World Cups (with their presence in at least two (2) World Championships) and their work as umpires have been extraordinary and their judgments fair and just.

- **Outstanding Official**

A person, who is actively working for the promotion or development of the ITF and Taekwon-Do within the ITF Standing Committees, Board of Directors of the Continental Federations or National Associations and they were able to:

- make a significant contribution to the promotion or development of Taekwon-Do at the local, regional, national or international level, or
- give exceptional service to a national or international Taekwon-Do association, or
- make a significant contribution to the realization of a major national or international Taekwon-Do activity or event, e.g. organized a big Taekwon-Do event on a very high organizational level, with a remarkable impetus which made a huge impression on all participants, or
- whose commitment and persistent endeavors have significantly enhanced the well-being of society at regional, national or international level.

- **Outstanding Pioneer/Master**

A person, who is a Taekwon-Do Officer with the highest rank and the longest seniority in the organization and has made a contribution to the education of the next generation of instructors, promotes the "Do" philosophy around the world and his/her biography is an example to others.

- **Outstanding Country**

Awarded to a National Association, which serves as a role model for other organizations in reference to the development of Taekwon-Do, number of practitioners, range, potential and success

- **Outstanding Sponsor**

A person who makes a significant financial contribution to the promotion and development of Taekwon-Do and the ITF around the world.

Awarding Criteria

1. A person can be awarded in one year only in one category, even if he/she fulfills the eligibility criteria in a few categories.

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2. ITF Outstanding Personality Award can be awarded once in a life time with some exceptions:

– Competitor

A competitor may be awarded again only if, after receiving the award for the first time, he/she fulfills the criteria in the next period of time, which means he/she becomes the Individual Senior World Champion at least three times again.

– Coach /Instructor

A coach/instructor may be awarded again only if, after receiving the award for the first time, his/her students fulfill criteria in the next period of time.

– Official

An official may be awarded again only if, after receiving the award for the first time, thanks to his/her activity in the next period of time, he/she made a visible contribution to the promotion and development of Taekwon-Do at the highest level as before.

– Sponsor

The sponsor may be awarded even every two years if their financial contribution significantly supports the Taekwon-Do and ITF.

– Country

The National Association may be awarded even every two years if its achievements are exceptional and significantly support the Taekwon-Do and ITF.

3. The ITF Outstanding Personality Award may be not awarded in a year if there will be no candidates who fulfill the eligibility criteria.

4. The Nominations for the ITF Outstanding Personality Award shall be approved by the ITF Board of Directors.

Privileges Associated With ITF Outstanding Personality Award

The successful nominee shall be awarded by statuette made of bronze, representing Gen. Choi Hong Hi, the Founder of Taekwon-Do, in the left walking stance whilst executing a high twin fist vertical punch and shall be issued an Outstanding Personality Certificate.

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Each Person to be awarded the ITF Outstanding Personality Award shall receive an invitation to attend the official ITF Outstanding Personality Awarding Ceremony as a guest of the International Taekwon-Do Federation. The person shall have their accommodation covered with full board for three days, however, no stipend shall be given nor shall the travel expenses be reimbursed, unless the ITF Board of Directors decides about any additional conditions of participation.

The people, awarded the ITF Outstanding Personality Award will be listed in the ITF Hall of Outstanding Personalities on the official ITF Website.

Awarding Ceremony

The ITF Outstanding Personality Awards are awarded during the Opening Ceremony of the World Championships, eventually during the official, specially organized banquet.

The nominee who can not receive the award by himself (because not present at the World Championships), should designate a person who will receive the award on his/her behalf.

In special cases and at the request of the nominee the award can be awarded at the next World Championships.

Conclusion

ITF organizations are encouraged to use the awarding of Outstanding Personality Awards to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the development and promotion of the ITF and Taekwon-Do as well those whose commitment and endeavors have provided benefits to the society or a community.

However, the importance of selecting nominees carefully cannot be overemphasized. Those who are recommended for Outstanding Personality Awards must be citizens of high repute and have proven themselves worthy of this honor. Careful selection of nominees will ensure that high standards are maintained.

Note:

*This is the **Policy on the Outstanding Personality Award of the ITF**, as approved by the ITF Board of Directors on 26th, May 2015 in Jesolo, Italy. It is applicable from that date until such time as the policy is modified, replaced, or revoked by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.*

*This **Policy on the Outstanding Personality Award** was developed in the context of the ITF Constitution and of By-Law No. 1. In case of any perceived inconsistencies or discrepancies, the text of the ITF Constitution and that of By-Law No. 1 take precedence over the text of the policy.*