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Lublin, Poland – 29 June 2026

Subject: Call for election – by-election of one (1) female Member-at-Large of the Board of Directors (5th Ordinary ITF General Assembly)

To the ITF Member Associations of the International Taekwon-Do Federation

Dear Sirs and Madams,

We wish to inform you that the ITF Board of Directors has decided to convene the **9th Ordinary ITF General Assembly on 28 September 2026 in Benidorm, Spain**, and that a by-election for one (1) female Member-at-Large of the Board of Directors will be conducted.

1. Background and legal basis

At the 4th General Assembly held on 5 September 2023, Master Annick Van Driessche (Belgium) was elected as Vice-President of the International Taekwon-Do Federation. On 11 September 2025, Master Annick Van Driessche resigned from the Board of Directors.

Pursuant to Articles 34.14 and 34.15 of the ITF Statutes, the consequent vacancies were addressed through the replacement procedure foreseen for the Board of Directors, in the course of which a sitting member of the Board was appointed Vice-President and a candidate from the 2023 election who had not been elected at that time was co-opted to the Board for the remaining term, in accordance with Article 34.15 (a).

Following these changes, the Board of Directors currently includes only one (1) female member, and one (1) Member-at-Large position (Article 34.1 (e)) remains to be filled. Under Article 34.1 of the ITF Statutes, a minimum of two (2) of the nine (9) members of the Board must be female and a minimum of two (2) must be male. In order for the Board to comply with this requirement, the remaining Member-at-Large position **must be filled by a female** candidate, by election at the 5th Ordinary General Assembly.

The member elected to this position shall serve for the **remaining term of office of the Board**, i.e. until the next electoral General Assembly. In accordance with Article 34.4, a period served as a replacement for the remainder of another member's term shall not count towards the term limits.



2. Call for nominations

Enclosed you will find the prescribed Nomination Form referred to in Article 34.8 of the ITF Statutes and Article 8.4 of the ITF Electoral Code.

Candidates for a Member-at-Large position (Article 34.1 (e)) must be named individuals, proposed by their Member Association on the prescribed Nomination Form, and supported by at least three (3) other Member Associations.

The completed Nomination Form, together with the Integrity Questionnaire (see point 3), must reach the ITF General Secretariat at itfelections@itftkd.sport no later than **24:00 (Swiss time) on 28 July 2026**.

The following requirements apply to all candidatures (Articles 34.5, 34.6 and 34.9–34.11 of the ITF Statutes):

- the candidate must be under the age of eighty (80) at the date of the election, and a fit and proper person passing the eligibility check of the ITF Electoral Committee;
- a Member Association shall not propose more than one (1) candidate for the positions in Article 34.1 (a) to (e); if it does, or proposes a candidate for more than one (1) position, all its proposals shall be declared invalid;
- no Member Association may be represented by more than one (1) member on the Board of Directors;
- the candidate must be a citizen of, or a permanent resident of the country or territory represented by her Member Association and must meet all the other conditions set out in Article 34.11.

3. Integrity check

In accordance with Article 10 of the ITF Electoral Code, the ITF Electoral Committee shall conduct an integrity check of the candidatures and may, for that purpose, request the support of an external expert. Each candidate shall complete and sign the enclosed Integrity Questionnaire and submit it with the Nomination Form within the above deadline.



4. List of candidates

The official list of candidates shall be communicated to the Member Associations and published on the ITF website in accordance with Article 34.12 of the ITF Statutes, no later than thirty (30) days before the General Assembly.

The ITF General Secretariat will provide further details on accommodation, transport, official functions, visa requirements and travel arrangements in due course. Please do not hesitate to contact the General Secretariat with any inquiries.

5. Reservation

The information above is provided for convenience only and constitutes a general summary. The full and binding requirements, conditions and procedures are those set out in the ITF Statutes and the ITF Electoral Code. In the event of any inconsistency, the ITF Statutes and the ITF Electoral Code shall prevail. It is the sole responsibility of each candidate and his/her national association to study and be aware of all the eligibility requirements. Each candidate is therefore strongly advised to read the relevant provisions of the ITF Statutes and the ITF Electoral Code carefully.

Yours sincerely,



Tadeusz Loboda
ITF Secretary General
(on behalf of the Chairman of the Electoral Committee)



Enclosures: Nomination Form (Article 34.1 (e)); Integrity Questionnaire

Copy: ITF Board of Directors



9TH ORDINARY ITF GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2026

NOMINATION FORM

For positions of Board of Directors listed in art. 34 lit e)
of the ITF Statutes

Term 2026-2027

Candidate (name and surname):	
Submitted by:	
Member Association	Member Association Official Seal
President* Name and Signature	General Secretary** Name and Signature

* Where the Candidate for any of the above capacities holds the position of the President of the proposing Member Association, this proposal will be signed on behalf of the relevant Member Association by the next senior Board member of the Member Association.

** In case that in a proposing Member Association the titles of the managing person/s are different (for instance where there is no General Secretary) the signature of the person that is requested to sign together with the President is the one holding the usual responsibilities of a Secretary General or DG or CEO of the Member Association.

The following information presented is for convenience purposes only and consist of a general summary. The full and mandatory requirements, conditions and procedures are those contained in the ITF Statutes and the ITF Electoral Code. In case of any inconsistencies or contradictions, the full terms as set out in the Statutes and the ITF Electoral Code shall prevail. It is the sole responsibility of each candidate and his/her national association to study and be aware of all the eligibility requirements. Each Candidate and each Member Association is therefore strongly recommended and advised to read and study carefully the relevant terms and requirements as laid down in the ITF Statutes and the ITF Electoral Code.

In accordance with the requirements set out in Article 34 of the ITF Statutes and Article 7, 8 and 9 of the ITF Electoral Code, each Candidate for the seat of ITF Board of Directors shall comply with the following criteria:

- a) be under the age of eighty (80) as at the date of the elections;
- b) not serve more than two (2) consecutives full terms of office of four (4) years each for the same positions listed in Article 34.1 (a) to (e) of the ITF Satatutes;
- c) be supported by at least three (3) other Member Associations;
- d) be a citizen of, or a permanent resident of the country or territory represented by her Member Association, and must meet all the other conditions set out in Article 34.11 of the ITF Statutes.
- e) not holding any position (either sportive or as an officer or director or in any other managerial capacity) in any Other Taekwon-Do Body either in national or international level, or in any other sport federation or association being a governing body, either in national or international level, of any martial art or a sport that is considered by the ITF as a competitor of the ITF; and
- f) must pass an eligibility check carried out by the ITF Electoral Committee.

Each Candidate is required to provide the following Annexed Documents to this Nomination Form to demonstrate that they meet the above requirements:

- i. Supporting letters from at least three (3) other Member Associations.
- ii. copy of Passport or ID (legible, in PDF or JPG);
- iii. a portrait picture (JPG, 300 DPI)
- iv. the Integrity Questionnaire; and
- v. copy of their Curriculum Vitae and relevant supporting documents.

Annexed Documents form an integral part of this Nomination Form. Annexed Documents shall be provided in English or in Spanish. Where translations are required, they shall be undertaken by an accredited translation service. The original (non-English or non-Spanish) document shall also be provided.

If any material information provided in this Nomination Form and its Annexed Documents are found to be incorrect or false or any of the Annexed Documents are not received, the nomination of the



Candidate may, after examination, not be approved by the ITF Electoral Committee and the Candidate not included on the final official list of candidates sent to all the members of the ITF in accordance with the relevant provisions in the ITF Statutes.

In accordance with Articles 34 of the ITF Statutes and Article 8 of the ITF Electoral Code, this original Nomination Form and all Annexed Documents must reach the ITF General Secretariat at itfelections@itfkd.sport by no later than 24:00 hours (Swiss time) on 28 July 2026.

I hereby accept my nomination to be elected as member of the ITF Board of Directors for the term 2026-2027. Without prejudice, I agree that my candidature shall be governed by all applicable ITF rules and regulations. I undertake to comply with all decisions of the ITF Electoral Committee relating to my candidature.

Candidate

Name and Surname

Signature