



WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

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the International World Games Association (IWGA)

TO ALL WKF NFs and CFs

Madrid, 30th April 2015

Dear President,

Once the WKF homologation process of sport protections **for the 2016-2019 term** has been completed, please be informed that a total of 10 brands obtained the WKF APPROVED, signed the relevant agreements with the WKF. These companies with their trademarks are as follows:

WKF APPROVED BRAND

ADIDAS
ARAWAZA
BUDO NORD
DAEDO
HAYASHI
SHUREIDO
SMAI
TOKAIDO
WACOKU
WESING

COMPANY

Double D
Arawaza
SBI Sport
Daedo
Budoland
Shureido
Sport Master
Tokaido International
Twin Tower
Wesing Sports

The WKF approved protections from these companies are the following:

SPORTS ITEMS OF COMPULSORY USE IN COMPETITION

KARATE MITTS (red & blue)
SHIN-PAD & FOOT PROTECTOR (red & blue)
BODY PROTECTOR (white)
FEMALE CHEST PROTECTOR (white)

RECOMMENDED ITEMS IN COMPETITION

MALE AND FEMALE GROIN GUARD (white)

OUT-OF-COMPETITION RECOMMENDED ITEMS

FOREARM PROTECTOR (white)
CHILDREN CHEST PROTECTOR (white)

The list of national distributors for these 10 brands will be available on the WKF official web page (www.wkf.net), from December 1st, 2015, under the "Homologated Items" section. The use of the protections from these companies will be compulsory in all competitions organized or authorised by the WKF, **and cannot be rejected at any competition or activity held by any of the WKF National or Continental Federation members, in compliance with our Statutes and Rules.**

In this new homologation process of WKF approved protections, we follow the same line regarding the requirements and specifications according to the standard of safety and material quality, as the ones applied during the last period 2012 – 2015 since the results obtained were very positive in these last years, especially those concerning the safety of the athletes.

Best regards,

Antonio Espinós
WKF President

PS: **The WKF approved protections (2012-2015) will also be valid during the 2016-2019 term.**

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