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Attention:

Presidents and Secretary Generals of National Member Federations of the Asian Kickboxing Confederation

Dear Members,

By this circular, we wish to inform you that the Executive Board of the Asian Kickboxing Confederation (WAKO ASIA), during its meeting held on 22 July 2026, addressed several matters concerning the development and regulation of Kickboxing activities within the Asian continent.

Among the topics discussed, the Executive Board reviewed the participation of athletes from our national member federations in various levels of fighting events, including gala competitions, promotional and professional activities in all styles of Kickboxing (**Full Contact, Low Kick, K1, Point Fighting, Light Contact, Kick Light**). The Board also examined the possibility of opportunity of a new area of activity for athletes wishing to enter what may be considered Kickboxing promotional and professional activities.

The Executive Board reaffirmed that the national Kickboxing federation in each country is the **sole legitimate authority** responsible for the technical management, regulation, promotion and activities of Kickboxing at all levels within its territory. The President further highlighted comparable structures in other sports, such as football, where FIFA, AFC, their related leagues and national leagues operate within clearly defined governance frameworks.

The Executive Board also expressed serious concern regarding the emergence of unregulated activities in certain countries, particularly those interfering with the duties and responsibilities of our national Kickboxing member federations. Such actions jeopardize not only the integrity of the sport of Kickboxing but also the credibility of the Asian Kickboxing Confederation and the welfare of its athletes. It was further noted that individuals and groups have begun contacting member national federations, as well as persons not affiliated with them, while falsely claiming authority over official Kickboxing matters.

Mostly, these organizations are not recognized by WADA and operate without adherence to international anti-doping standards. Their irregular and unsupervised practices pose significant risks to athletes' health and safety and undermine the regulated development of the sport across Asia.

In alignment with the Constitution of the Asian Kickboxing Confederation, and in order to support member federations in strengthening their leadership role as national governing bodies for Kickboxing in all levels, the Executive Board discussed the following:

- The need to establish regulations and standards for Kickboxing promotional and professional activities including gala and related competitions.
- The importance of ensuring athlete safety, physical and mental health, medical protocols, and fair matchmaking.
- The potential for media exposure, sponsorship, and structured promotional and professional development and activities.

Taking into consideration that the principal objectives of the Asian Kickboxing Confederation include promoting, organizing, regulating, and popularizing the sport of Kickboxing throughout the Asian continent; to protect the physical and mental health of the athletes, to contribute to the development

of friendly relationships among the members, and defending the interests of the Sport of Kickboxing throughout Asian Continent and further considering the Confederation's duty to develop services, assistance, training, and support for its Members:

After due deliberation, the Executive Board unanimously adopted the following decisions:

- **To establish the Professional Kickboxing League Committee of the Asian Kickboxing Confederation (WAKO Asia) as an official project of the Confederation.**
- **Taking into account the professional background, technical expertise, and academic qualifications of Dr. Euncheon Jeong, to appoint him, with immediate effect, as Chairman of the Professional Kickboxing League Committee of the Asian Kickboxing Confederation.** Dr. Jeong is hereby granted the authority to propose and nominate committee members who will assist in preparing the necessary guidelines and communications for all AKC Members, to be issued **no later than 22 October 2026**, and to take all required steps to develop and implement related Kickboxing promotional and professional activities.
- **To issue a circular inviting all national federations to:**
 - Create a Kickboxing league within their own federation for the related Kickboxing promotional and professional activities.;
 - Appoint a chairman for their national Kickboxing league and communicate this appointment to the AKC Administration attention of the chairman of the Professional Kickboxing League committee;
 - Align their levels of fighting events, including gala competitions, promotional and professional activities in all styles of Kickboxing (**Full Contact, Low Kick, K1, Point Fighting, Light Contact, Kick Light**), with the continental framework established by the Confederation.

This decision of the Executive Board has been taken in full conformity with the provisions of the Statutes of the Asian Kickboxing Confederation, including the obligation to promote integrity, ethics, and fair play, and to prevent any methods or practices that may jeopardize the integrity of the sport of Kickboxing in Asia.

As provided under the Asian Kickboxing Confederation's regulatory framework, and in compliance with the Asian Kickboxing Confederation Statutes, you are hereby requested to comply with the decision of the Executive Board and the directions of the Asian Kickboxing Confederation no later than 22 November 2026, which corresponds to one month following the expected communication of guidelines by Dr. Jeong.

We also confirm that **no fee or additional financial charge** will be imposed on your federation in relation to this initiative.

A technical guideline is currently under preparation and will be communicated to you at the earliest possible time.

Yours faithfully,

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