

Report from Mr. Nasser Nassiri, the President of Asian Kickboxing Confederation (WAKO ASIA)

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Unfortunately, because opportunists are misleading the public and introducing themselves as the founder of kickboxing at the Olympic Council of Asia, we thought it was necessary to bring this report with different documents and photos to clarify the public opinion of athletes, enthusiasts, and sports officials of kickboxing.

About the history of the Asian Kickboxing Confederation (WAKO ASIA)

We were in Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan) back in 1996 preparing the WAKO World championships. During the various meeting, which I had with Mr. Aleksandr Voinov, the idea came that we should create our Asian Kickboxing Federation. The day after when we met with WAKO (IF) President Mr. Ennio Falsoni and we spoke with him about the important of having the Asian Kickboxing Federation composing of Asian Countries Kickboxing Federations/organizations members of WAKO and the idea of including the Kickboxing one day in Asian Games promoted by Olympic Council of Asia (OCA).

Mr. Ennio Falsoni who was leading WAKO for more than 20 years who is a man with a lot of experience in sport immediately understood the important of the our request and we could had discuss that during the WAKO board meeting and get approval of that.

I and Mr. Aleksandr Voinov have immediately started the work and putting together the necessary such as statutes, constitution documents and we have informed our members in Asia. Finally, the Asian Kickboxing Federation could be officially created on December 1996 and registered by ministry in Kyrgyzstan under the name of "All Asian Kickboxing Federation". We had several meeting and events in particular in Kyrgyzstan until 2003 but our activities were limited because we were concentrated to other international activities in particular in preparation of WAKO application GAISF known also as Sportaccord.

Suddenly, we were find out that some opportunist people trying to put together the new organization and we saw that from left and right of Asia every three months a new organization is coming up with the different name. Some of them almost mentioning the name of our members in their list and pretended that they have them as members. This happened in 2004 and continued in 2005 when we were informed that one of these organizations applied recognition within OCA in the name of our Asian Kickboxing Federation. We had immediately informed OCA and I together with Mr. Ennio Falsoni took the issue in our hands and finally we received an official letter from OCA that they were not taking in consideration the application of these organizations.

I have continued my efforts to restructure our organization and working on spreading our sport around the World including in Asia and finally the sport of Kickboxing was recognized during 24th OCA General Assembly held in Guangzhou on 9th September 2005. Shortly after in December 2005 during WAKO (IF) General Assembly, upon my recommendation, it was decided the creation of five continental division including WAKO Asian Continental Division and I was nominated as the President of WAKO Asian Continental Division (WAKO ASIA) and in charge of all WAKO's activities in Asia with the first goal as obtaining the recognition from OCA for Asian Kickboxing Federation. It was also decided to apply the significant changes in our Asian Kickboxing Federation and its constitution by an amendment of statutes, and modifying the name from "All Asian Kickboxing Federation" to WAKO Asian Kickboxing Federation.

On 19 December 2005, the Director General of OCA by an official letter addressed to 45 members of National Olympic Committees of Olympic of Council of Asia with subject as "De-recognition of Asian and World Kickboxing Federation", informed them that there have been some false claims made by the President of Asian and World Kickboxing Federation, who claimed to be the legitimate Federation and requested the members National Olympic Committee of Olympic of Asia to request their respective National Kickboxing Federation not to deal with Mr. Mohammad Ghassem Manoucheri.



The Olympic Council of Asia

Founded 1982

19th December 2005.

**Member National Olympic Committees of
Olympic Council of Asia.**

Re: De-recognition of Asian and World Kickboxing Federation

Dear Sir/Madam,

I present to you the best greetings of the OCA and would like to refer to the decision of the 24th OCA General Assembly held in Guangzhou on 9th of September 2005, wherein the OCA had granted recognition to the sport of Kickboxing.

However subsequently it has come to the attention of the OCA that there have been some false claims made by the President of Asian and World Kickboxing Federation, who claimed to be the legitimate Federation. Moreover there already exists other Kickboxing Federation which are recognized by GAISF and other international Federations.

The OCA in coordination with other agencies is investigation the matter. Pending the final decision of the OCA, the OCA has withdrawn its recognition of the Asian Kickboxing Federation of which Mr. Manoucheri is the President. The OCA would appreciate if you would also kindly request your National Kickboxing Federation not to deal with Mr. Mohammad Ghassem Manoucheri, till this issue is resolved.

I thank you for your understanding and cooperation

With kind regards,
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I have started immediately working on that issue working every day together with Mr. Ennio Falsoni and Mr. Aleksandr Voinov. We had several meeting and preparation and finally on November 3, 2006 the General Assembly of All Asian Kickboxing Federation took place with Syria under Syrian NOC collaboration and coordination of Syrian Kickboxing Federation and its president Mr. Jalal Maa Al Bared. During the General Assembly, the new statutes and article of constitution were approved and the name of Federation was changed to WAKO Asian Kickboxing Federation (WAKO ASIA).

We have immediately filed our application of recognition with OCA and apply for inclusion of Kickboxing sport in Asian Indoor Games starting with Macau 2nd Asian Indoor Games in October 2007. After short trip to Kuwait during end of November 2006 with Mr. Ennio Falsoni, we could meet with the management team of OCA and present our file and application.



I was attending with Mr. Ennio Falsoni in Macedonia where WAKO was holding its European championships but in other hand, I should also travel at the same time to Doha to present the application of our Asian Federation for inclusion of Kickboxing in Macau 2007 Asian Indoor Games. After a long meeting and discussion in our hotel, we share the responsibility and we decided that Mr. Ennio Falsoni should attend the WAKO European championships in Macedonia and I should travel to Doha immediately. I had spent several days in Doha where I spent a lot of time with Mr. Driss El Hilali one of the WAKO old partner in Morocco. It was during these few days that we could finally obtain from OCA the confirmation of inclusion of Kickboxing sport in Macau 2nd Asian Indoor Games subject to approval of OCA executive board.





Following the success of our presentation in Kuwait and Qatar (Doha), during the 50th OCA Executive Board meeting, Olympic Council of Asia had granted the recognition to WAKO Asia on May 28, 2007 as body in charge of Kickboxing sport in Asia and had included Kickboxing sport in 2nd Asian Indoor Games in Macau.

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50th OCA Executive Board 28-05-2007

The 50th OCA Executive Board meeting was held in Almaty on 28th of May 2007 under the chairmanship of HE Sheikh Ahmad Al-Sabah, President OCA. During the course of the meeting the members also had the opportunity visit the various venues in Almaty which will be used for the 7th Asian Winter Games to be held in 2011.

The DECISIONS taken during the Executive Board meeting were:

1. The unanimous nomination of the members of the OCA Standing Committees for the term 2007 – 2011.
2. Approved the amended logo for the 1st Asian Beach Games.
3. Thanked the NOC of Qatar and Thailand for their offer to be the replacement NOCs for hosting the Asian Games should the City allotted to host the Asian Games is unable to do so due to unavoidable circumstances.
4. Approved to grant the NOC of Palestine a grant-in-aid of US \$ 10,000 to rebuild the sports venues devastated by war.
5. Approved to have the WADA office in the OCA premises in Kuwait under the umbrella of the regional WADA office in Tokyo.
6. To appoint Dr. Reza Gharkhanlou to conduct the requisite academic research and prepare the working paper and documents for the OCA Congress to be held during the inauguration of the OCA headquarters in 2008.
7. Grant recognition to Asian Jujitsu and Belt Wrestling Federation
8. Grant recognition to WAKO Asia as the body in charge of Kickboxing in Asia and include kickboxing as a demonstration sports during the 2nd Asian Indoor Games in Macau.
9. Include Cricket and Roller Skating in the sports programme of the Guangzhou 2010 Asian Games
10. Maintain Chess and Weiqi to be included as a discipline of Chess in the 2010 Asian Games Programme.
11. Soft Tennis to be included as a discipline of Tennis in the 2010 Asian Games programme.

Of course, this was not a one-man job but a teamwork. I would like to thank you the efforts of Mr. Aleksandr Voinov sharing with me this part of history of Asian Kickboxing. I also would like to thanks WAKO President Mr. Ennio Falsoni for his contribution as an International Federation's leader who was behind us, listening, guiding and sharing with us his experiences.

I would like also to say to all our members in Asia, "thank you", thank you for your contribution to our goal of obtaining the recognition from OCA and inclusion of Kickboxing sport in Asian Indoor and Asian Martial Arts Games promoted by Olympic Council of Asia.



After the Asian Indoor Games in Macau, I continued my efforts for inclusion the Kickboxing sport in the Asian Martial Arts Games under the auspices of the Olympic Council of Asia and I succeeded to include the Kickboxing as one of the official sports in the first edition of Asian Martial Arts Games 2009 Thailand.

We also continued to expand the sport of Kickboxing in Asia, and we were one of the official events of the Vietnam's 2009 Indoor Games. From 2013 and following the decision of the Olympic Council of Asia to merge together the Asian Indoor Games and Asian Martial Arts Games and the creation of "Asian Indoor Games and Martial Arts" in 2013 to be held once every 4 years, the fourth Asian Indoor & Martial Arts Games were held in South Korea in 2013.

In addition, the sport of Kickboxing under the auspices of the Asian Kickboxing Confederation (WAKO ASIA) was one of the official events of the Games.

The Sport of Kickboxing again was one of the official events of the 5th Asian Indoor & Martial Arts Games 2017 in Turkmenistan.

The Participation in the competitions of these games exclusively belongs to the Asian countries National Kickboxing Federations/Associations that are members of the Asian Kickboxing Confederation and represent the National Olympic Committee of their country at the Olympic Council of Asia.

On 3rd September 2016, the General Assembly of Asian Kickboxing Federation among its various decisions took the decision to modify the name of organization from WAKO Asian Kickboxing Federation (WAKO ASIA) to Asian Kickboxing Confederation (WAKO ASIA) and the new logo of the Confederation was also approved by the General Assembly .

We also continued to expand Kickboxing in different zones of Asia, and finally, after several years of efforts in 2018, we finally succeed to include the sport of Kickboxing as an official sport at the South East Asian Games which were held in December 2019 in the Philippines. I would like to say that it was successfully held under the supervision of the Asian Kickboxing Confederation. It should be noted that the South East Asian Games are of special importance for 11 countries in the South East Asian region and are considered to be among the Olympic events in the region. The success of sport of Kickboxing events in these games led to inclusion of the sport of Kickboxing as the official events of the 2021 East Asian Games in Vietnam. The Participation in the competitions of these games exclusively belongs to the Asian countries National Kickboxing Federations/Associations that are members of the Asian Kickboxing Confederation and represent the National Olympic Committee of their country at the Olympic Council of Asia.

This report is completed and prepared on Thursday, May 7, 2020.


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About the Asian Indoor & Martial Arts Games under the auspices of the Olympic Council of Asia

- 1st Asian Indoor Games took place in 2005 in Thailand,
- 2nd Asian Indoor Games took place in 2007 in Macau,
- 1st Asian Martial Arts Games took place in 2009 in Thailand,
- 3rd Asian Indoor Games took place in 2009 in Vietnam,

After these games, which were held every two years, the Olympic Council of Asia decided to merge the Asian Indoor Games and the Asian Martial Arts Games, which since 2013 have been held every four years.

- 4th Asian Indoor & Martial Arts Games took place in 2013 in South Korea,
- 5th Asian Indoor & Martial Arts Games took place in 2017 in Turkmenistan,
- 6th Asian Indoor & Martial Arts Games will take place in 2021 in Thailand.



8th January 2019

To who it may concern,

This is to confirm that the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) duly recognized the Asian Kickboxing Confederation (WAKO ASIA) as the sole body representing the sport of Kickboxing in the Asian Continent.

The recognition has been granted by decision of 50th OCA Executive Board meeting held in Almaty in 28th of May 2007.

Asian Kickboxing Confederation (WAKO ASIA) is the only body recognized by OCA to be technically in charge of the Kickboxing competition during the Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games.

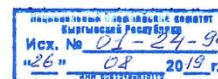
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Dear Mr. President,

I refer to your letter reference 2019-03-123 AKC/NOC KGZ of 27 March 2019 and our recent discussions.

I confirm that Asian Kickboxing Confederation (WAKO ASIA) previously known as Asian Kickboxing Federation is duly registered in Ministry of justice of the Kyrgyz Republic and is duly recognized by Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) as sole body representing the sport of Kickboxing in Asian continent as confirmed by Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) official declaration.

I also confirm that the latest update of charter and protocol have been received and the necessary actions such as translation, legalization and etc... have been taken to update (if necessary) the file of Confederation within our authorities.

The National Olympic of Kyrgyz Republic recognized Asian Kickboxing Confederation as official and valid sport confederation and support all its activities.

Sincerely Yours,

Salamat ERGESHOV
Secretary General

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**Sincerely,
Director**

K.M. Amankulov



OCA recognized body in charge of Kickboxing in Asia



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