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Presidents and Secretaries General
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Re: Use of Electronic Protectors at 2009 WTF World Taekwondo Championships

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to take this opportunity to appreciate your continued devotion to the promotion and development of taekwondo throughout the world. It is widely believed that the future of taekwondo is bright as it not only gives hopes and educational values to its practitioners but also interests the spectators and TV viewers with more excitement and fair judgment in taekwondo competition.

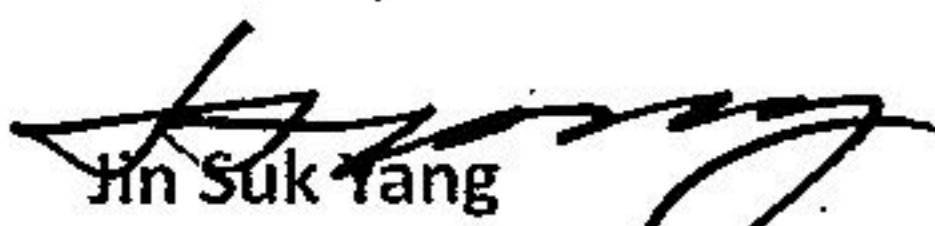
As a responsible organization for development and improvement of the sport of taekwondo, World Taekwondo Federation has finally decided to use Electronic Protectors at the upcoming 2009 WTF World Taekwondo Championships Copenhagen scheduled for October 14-18, 2009, following the recommendation by the Ad-Hoc Committee on Electronic Protectors, which unanimously proposed, at its meeting in Baku on June 12, 2009, the use of the electronic protectors at the World Championships in Copenhagen.

Although there are rooms to be improved, electronic protector produced by LaJust proved at the 2009 WTF World Cup Taekwondo Team Championships and 1st WTF World Para-Taekwondo Championships held in Baku, Azerbaijan on June 10-14, 2009 that it could make taekwondo competitions much fairer by minimizing personal errors, in conjunction with the newly-adopted instant video replay system. Concern over the use of electronic protectors from national teams who were not familiar with the system were substantially reduced since most of the top ranking teams at the World Cup Team Championships in Baku did not have the experience of using LaJust electronic protectors at their own major competitions such as Continental Taekwondo Championships.

We are sorry for the delayed announcement on the use of electronic protectors with such a short notice before the World Championships in Copenhagen. We hope you to understand, however, that we have always worked hard to go on the right way to excellence as well as fairness in our sport.

I extend my sincere gratitude to all our member national associations for their cooperation.

Sincerely yours,


Jin Suk Yang
Secretary General

Cc: WTF Council Members and Auditors
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