



WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

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TO ALL WKF NFs and CFs

Madrid, 5th December 2011

Dear President,

The WKF approval process for protective gear for the 2012-2015 term has already been completed. Please be informed that the eight approved companies that were selected by the WKF Executive Committee in Melaka have signed the agreement with the WKF; the companies with their trademarks are as follows:

WKF APPROVED BRAND

ADIDAS
ARAWAZA
BUDO NORD
DAEDO
HAYASHI
TOKAIDO
SHUREIDO
WESING

COMPANY

Double D
Arawaza
SBI Sport
Daedo
Budoland
Tokaido
Shureido
Wesing

The WKF approved protective gear from these companies is 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)
FACE MASK (**only for the Kumite male & female Cadet Categories**)

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 eight companies will be available on the WKF official web page (www.wkf.net) under the "Homologated Items" area. 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 for the WKF protective gear the quality, the design and the materials' specifications have significantly increased; this is going to have a rather positive impact on the athletes' safety as well as on the performance and the development of our competitions.

Best regards,

Antonio Espinós
WKF President

PS: Once the new homologation period is in force the WKF will allow the use of the previously approved protections (2008-2011) until June 30th of 2012, being rejected after that date.

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