



# WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

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Committee (IOC)  
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the International World Games Association (IWGA)

TO ALL WKF NFs

Madrid, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2012

Dear President,

According to the letter dated on December 5<sup>th</sup> 2011, in which you were informed on the new WKF protective gear and the eight WKF approved brands for the period 2012 – 2015, it is very important to note that these protections must be identified with the WKF logo and the legend "WKF APPROVED" as follows:



In the next World Championships we will only accept the approved sports items with this identification as was reported in the PS of the referred letter sent in 2011 (find copy attached). Regarding the Body Protector, the ones without any legend 2012 – 2015 will be accepted, as the protection is the same one as for the previous approved period.

Furthermore, please be informed that the **eight** WKF approved brands are the only ones that entitled to print their logo or name embroidered in white, on the shoulders of the kata and kumite karategis, to be used in competition. To the 2010 World champions from in individual or team categories, participating in 2012, will be allowed to use the karategi with the above mentioned logo embroidered in gold, **exclusively on the bouts of their corresponding categories.**

Best Regards,

**Antonio Espinós**  
WKF President

Copy to: WKF-EC, WKF Commissions Directors.