



## **LETTER**

Re: World Taekwondo Junior Championships

Bill Copeland Arena, Burnaby, B.C.

Nov 16-20th, 2016

Dear Instructors, Masters, and Grandmasters,

On behalf of the BC Taekwondo Federation, we hope everyone had a wonderful summer!

We are extremely excited to announce that the World Taekwondo Junior Championships will be held in Burnaby, British Columbia at Bill Copeland Arena from November 16th to November 20th. As many of you know, this will be the first time since 1999 that Canada will be hosting an International Event of this magnitude. Approximately 100 countries and over 1000 athletes will be represented at this prestigious event and we would like to offer all BC Taekwondo clubs the opportunity to get involved!

We have volunteer positions available and more importantly, we are giving all BC Taekwondo clubs priority to purchase tickets to this event. This event will be SOLD OUT very soon so it is important that your club pre-purchase tickets for your students and family. The Opening Ceremony will be held on Day 1 of the Competition, Wednesday, November 16th followed by 4 days of competition.

Please find enclosed in the package you are receiving some posters and postcards to display at your club and help promote this once in a lifetime event.

Also, for any information about our event, sign up for volunteering, purchase tickets, and general information, please visit the official site at: www.burnabyjuniorchampionships.com.

Sincerely,

Master Song Chul Kim

Master Song Chul Kim President, BC Taekwondo Federation



# **ABOUT THE EVENT**

Burnaby is ready to host the 2016 World Taekwondo Junior Championships this November. It will be an exciting showcase of the next generation of taekwondo superstars, with over 800 athletes between the ages of 14 to 17 competing for top international honours. This event features 5 days of explosive competition involving some of the best young taekwondo athletes from around the world.

The competition will be hosted at Bill Copeland Sports Centre in Burnaby, BC on November 16-20, 2016. The event will be ticketed with capacity of 1,500 spectators daily. The event is sanctioned through Taekwondo Canada with the full support of BC Taekwondo Federation. It is delivered through cooperation between the City of Burnaby, Tourism Burnaby and the local, provincial and national taekwondo community.

## ABOUT THE EVENT

#### **EVENT HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:**

- + Participation of 110+ countries
- + 800 athletes, 600 support staff
- + International media coverage
- + Built in education session, meetings and training
- + Legacy plan to increase taekwondo participation in BC
- + Each country can send one athlete per weight division with coaches and support staff
- + There are ten weight divisions for both males and females:

Female Fin (under 42kg)	Male Fin (under 45kg)
Female Fly (under 44kg)	Male Fly (under 48kg)
Female Bantam (under 46kg)	Male Bantam (under 51kg)
Female Feather (under 49kg)	Male Feather (under 55kg)
Female Light (under 52kg)	Male Light (under 59kg)
Female Welter (under 55kg)	Male Welter (under 63kg)
Female Light Middle (under 59kg)	Male Light Middle (under 68kg)
Female Middle (under 63kg)	Male Middle (under 73kg)
Female Light Heavy (under 68kg)	Male Light Heavy (under 78kg)
Female Heavy (over 68kg)	Male Heavy (over 78kg)

More event details, including the competitive schedule can be found at: www.burnabyjuniorchampionships.com



# HOW YOUR STUDIO CAN SUPPORT

Local taekwondo studios are a key partner in the success of this event. We encourage you to get involved in the following ways:

- + Encourage your students to seize the opportunity to watch world-class taekwondo in their backyard
- + Build excitement for the event in your studio and classes
- + Be prepared to answer some questions about the event, and direct people to the event website if they need more information
- Arrange for all your students and instructors to check out one of the sessions. For example, organize a "Woo Kim Taekwondo Day at 2016 WTJC" and encourage everyone affiliated with your academy to make the trip Burnaby and watch the event together
- + Encourage your students 16 years and older to volunteer and get involved
- + Put up the poster in your studio(s)
- + Get engaged on social media. Join the conversation on twitter at: @WTJCBurnaby2016 and on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/BurnabyJuniorChampionships

## Did you know?

British Columbia will have two local taekwondo superstars competing for Team Canada.

#### **JOSIPA KAFADAR**

- + 15 years old
- + Under 55kg weight class
- + Coach & Club Jason Ruiter, Metro Taekwondo Studio
- + Hometown: Burnaby
- + Favourite kick Back kick

#### **SANTIAGO HERRARA**

- + 16 years old
- + 59kg weight class
- + Coach & Club Master Michell Ge, HPAC Black Belt World
- + Hometown: Coquitlam BC
- + Favourite kick Back Leg Axe Kick

Come cheer on your local heroes!!

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers 16 years of age and older to help us make this a successful and memorable event. This is a great opportunity to be part of a large-scale international sporting event, and to build skills and gain experience in the areas of leadership, customer service, and sport event management.

#### There are a wide variety of roles including:

- + Event hospitality
- + Registration and accreditation
- + Sport services
- + Transportation
- + Logistics
- + Ceremonies
- + And many more

High school students can use these volunteer hours towards their high school graduation requirements. Please note all volunteers will have to undergo a police record check.

#### TO APPLY AND TO GET MORE INFORMATION:

- Visit: www.burnabyjuniorchampionships.com/volunteer/
- Email: volunteers.wtjc2016@gmail.com with any specific questions



## **TICKETS**

Don't miss a moment of the action, get your tickets now! Tickets for the event and opening ceremonies are available online at: www.burnabyjuniorchampionships.com/tickets

#### **INDIVIDUAL TICKETS**

- + Day Pass \$15
- + Weekly Pass \$65
- + Kids under 12 years old are free

#### **GROUP TICKETS**

Use coupon code "TKDOBurnabyBC" when purchasing 20+ tickets to receive 20% of regular ticket prices.

When your academy purchases 20+ tickets for a session, we will give your studio a shout out on our jumbo screen at the event!

# THINGS TO DO IN BURNABY

- Shop at British Columbia's largest mall, Metropolis at Metrotown.
- Be awe inspired by the Playground of the Gods totem poles, and the views of Vancouver and beyond, high above Burnaby Mountain.
- Enjoy lakeside serenity at Deer Lake Park.
- Stroll back in time in the historic Height's District.

### LEGACY

The 2016 WTF World Taekwondo Junior Championships will create a lasting legacy for taekwondo in British Columbia. There are several initiatives that will foster grassroots participation, community engagement and capacity development. To fully leverage this event, we need your help.

#### **GRASSROOTS PARTICIPATION:**

Our priority is to have people try taekwondo and learn first-hand the benefits of participation. We are committed to creating supportive first touches with taekwondo that are low-barrier, inclusive, rewarding and fosters lifelong participation.

#### **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

- + Member academies of BC Taekwondo can run complimentary introductory sessions to capture the interest of the event and transition that enthusiasm to participation in taekwondo
- + Lower Mainland taekwondo academies are encouraged to offer free introductory classes from November 16-December 2, 2016, where by anyone (all ages, abilities) who attended the World Juniors can participate in these designated introductory classes
- + This initiative will be promoted heavily during the event, participating academies will be listed on the event website at www.burnabyjuniorchampionships.com
- + To get your academy involved, please contact jscott@tourismburnaby.com for more details

### EDUCATION

BC Taekwondo Federation and Taekwondo Canada will be offering a variety of education sessions for local referees and instructors just prior to the event. Details are being finalized, keep checking www.burnabyjuniorchampionships.com for up to date information.

## **EQUIPMENT**

#### **FUN FACTS:**

There will be a significant equipment legacy for BC Taekwondo Federation. After the event, BC Taekwondo will take ownership of the KP&P Adidas body protectors, software and charger. This equipment will be used in upcoming local and provincial events, meaning BC's taekwondo athletes get a chance to compete with the latest equipment.





# **ABOUT BURNABY**

#### **FUN FACTS**

- Burnaby is the 3rd largest city in British Columbia (after Vancouver and Surrey), with a population of approximately 223,000.
- Famous Burnaby locals include: singer Michael Buble, actor Michael J. Fox, NHL Hall of Famer Joe Sakic, and national soccer team player Christine Sinclair.
- Burnaby's official flower is the rhododendron.

- Burnaby's Simon Fraser University is the only Canadian university competing in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).
- Burnaby's ratio of parkland to residents is one of the highest in North America. 25% of Burnaby's land is designated as parks and open space (the city has over 200 parks!)

