



WORLD KARATE FEDERATION  
**The President**

Mr. Ronnie M.C. Wong, JP  
Hon. Sec. General  
Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China

13<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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Re: The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited (KFHKCL)

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Dear Mr Wong,

We have received your letter, reference (2) in SFOC/ADM/2018/GC/O. Upon the receipt of your letter, we have contacted our member The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited (KFHKCL), to understand the situation from their perspective, and also enquire their selection method.

We further noted the following:

1. The Sport Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China has implemented a disciplinary proceeding against our member federation, KFHKCL.
2. The disciplinary proceedings may result that our member be suspended from the Sport Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China.
3. The disciplinary proceedings against our member was mainly due to the complaints against the selection method adopted by our member, and the dissatisfaction of their explanations.

There are many difference selection methods, criteria, and procedures adopted by our member National Federations. There is no best selection method, nor there is any universal standard of selection method, and every method has its pros and cons. Nevertheless, all criteria of selection are derived from the WKF Competition Rules. After studying the criteria of their selection method, we find no irregularity, nor any major fraud.



The procedure (including the appeal mechanism) for the selection of National karate team is again depending on the Country, and its Sport Governing Authority (such as Ministry of Sport, National Sport Council etc.), and there are no standard procedures for selection. In fact, in some Asian countries, the selection panel comprises of member from the Sport Governing Authority, the NOC, and the NF. In terms of selection procedure, we shall reserve our opinion.

Based on our enquiries with KFHKCL, and the documents provided to us, we are of the following opinions:

1. We find no irregularity nor any fraud in the selection method adopted by KFHKCL.
2. We do not agree the KFHKCL to be suspended from The Sport Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, based on issues of selection of athletes.
3. The issue of selection of National athletes for Karate can be resolved amicably. WKF is willing and ready to assist Hong Kong to set up a selection system.

We hope our opinion will be considered seriously by The Sport Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Antonio Espinós", written over a horizontal line.

**Antonio Espinós**  
**WKF President**

CC: AKF President, Chang Kuang-Huei