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## WORLD MARTIAL ARTS GAMES COMMITTEE

### Welcome

In the summer of 2006, the World Martial Arts Games Committee was created. Born from the need to see a unification of all arts and styles, the WMAGC was instantly dedicated to fair play, non-profit competition, and the unification of martial sports. This movement has grown from the original founders to encompass the globe.

In the summer of 2015, this movement rededicated itself to sport for all and the non-partisan, non-political creation of international events that unify, rather than divide, the arts our members

sport, or their style to be included. The WMAGC is about everyone together. This is a special movement that is unique.”

### 2015 WMAC – World Games Norwich, United Kingdom.

27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> August 2015

The World Games were hosted by the United Kingdom this year in the City of Norwich.

After a fabulous opening ceremony and a VIP performance by one of the UK’s top Female Martial Artists Emma Elmes the games saw some excellent competition across the two days.



*The new WMAGC Logo*

so love.

“There are too many organizations that are more interested in money than in athletes,” said new President Alfred “Freddy” Kleinschwärzer. “There are also too many groups who only want their



*Emma Elmes at the 2015 WMAC – World Games.*

With Countries from three different Continents in attendance, including

Mexico, Australia and Azerbaijan amongst others from across Europe, the games saw nearly 800 starters.

British Athlete Jack Jolliffe 16 Years of age was the Star of the Games winning **SEVEN** Gold Medals across the weekend ! This was truly a magnificent performance from a very talented young man from Manchester, England.



Jack Jolliffe on the podium, winning one of his SEVEN Gold Medals with TAFISA Patronage for Team GB at the 2015 World Games.

Below: The 2015 Medals Table

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
GBR	112	109	87
GER	26	28	10
AUS	22	20	20
AUT	15	12	5
ESP	2	1	2
AZE	1	2	0
CZE	0	1	0
MEX	0	1	1
	<b>178</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>125</b>

## 2015 WMAGC Elections.

13<sup>th</sup> September 2015

After the democratic election process for new positions within the WMAGC the election results were as follows :

President	Mr Alfred Kleinschwärzer	GER
Vice Presidents	Ms Louise Viviers	ZAF
	Mr Nasrollah kakavand	IRN
Sec General	Mr Jan Sýkora	CZE
Chairman BOD	Mr Chris Hemstock	GBR
Treasurer	Mr Ian Soame	GBR
PR Director	Ms Iratxe De La Quintana	ESP
IRC Director	Mr Alberto Friedmann	USA

The current Board will remain in place for a maximum of four years, where upon new elections will take place as per our Statutes.

Newly elected President Kleinschwärzer was keen to encourage all the new Board members and Country Directors to actively start preparing for the 2016 World Games, he went on to say “All Country Directors must start their preparations for next year’s Games now, as twelve months is no time at all. I know the UK have two qualifiers for next year’s Games before the end of the year and will be selecting athletes immediately. We should all be doing the same.” The President also wanted to pass on his best wishes to the Newly Elected Board saying “People from all over the world have entrusted us with responsibilities, I’d like to assure all the member Countries that I and the WMAGC Board will have the interests of their athletes at heart. I’d also like to wish the Board success in their new positions and look forward to working alongside them over the coming months and years.”

## **WMAGC Launch new Facebook and Web Pages**

16<sup>th</sup> September 2015

The WMAGC has launched a new web page – [www.wmagc.org](http://www.wmagc.org) – as well as a new Facebook page – [https://www.facebook.com/World.Martial.Arts.Committee/?ref=br\\_rs](https://www.facebook.com/World.Martial.Arts.Committee/?ref=br_rs).

All members of the WMAGC are encouraged to visit the page regularly to stay up to date on the newest information and Games news. There will also be links on the web page to rules and the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Games for athletes, coaches, and families.

## **24<sup>th</sup> TAFISA World Congress Budapest, Hungary.**

14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Our Chairman of the Board Chris Hemstock travelled to Hungary and the 24<sup>th</sup> TAFISA World Congress as the WMAGC representative supporting our membership application. It gives us great pleasure to announce TAFISA – the international Sport For All organisation and branch of the International Olympic Committee – have supported and endorsed the WMAGC. The WMAGC's policy of inclusion and athlete-focused competitions has brought praise from martial arts organisations around the globe.



*TAFISA President Prof. Dr. Ju-Ho Chang is seen here with WMAGC Chairman of the Board Chris Hemstock.*

## **Welcome to the Family :**

This past year the WMAGC has grown with new member countries including:

- Azerbaijan
- Canada
- Czech Republic
- Ghana
- Kosovo
- India
- Iran
- Ireland
- Mexico
- Namibia
- South Africa
- Spain

With this growth and celebration the WMAGC has rededicated itself to the organization's goals and mission and unveiled a new logo to begin the next decade. "We will continue to create this movement and bring the best all-inclusive events in the world to athletes throughout the world," said Chairman Chris Hemstock. "We are dedicated to improving and making the next 10 years better than the first."

## **Namibia join the WMAGC :**

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015

During our Presidents trip to the continent of Africa, in particular Namibia, he kept himself busy by holding talks and meetings with the now NMAC Namibian Director Martin Günther.

Martin, from Swakopmund said "I'm so excited to have joined such a great organization steeped in history and prestige. I'm really looking forward to the World Games next year, not only to the competition but also the chance to make so many new friends"

Kleinschwärzer also had meetings with Grand Master Nic Kolbe in Windhoek, together with Martin, they will build a

strong NMAC Namibian Team for the Games next year.

*Master Martin Günther seen below our National Director for Namibia, together with WMAGC President Alfred Kleinschwärzer*



*Louise Viviers, Freddy Kleinschwärzer and Chris Hemstock pause for a quick photo between venues.*

After seven days of traveling around the Gauteng province and assessing several different venues it was decided that the Games will be held at the University of Wits in Johannesburg, which includes competition halls, a workout gym, spa, and more. The facilities are close to rapid transit stations with quick trips to Pretoria, Soweto, and the Lion Park, where you can interact and pet live lions!

South Africa Director Louise Viviers said she is excited to “welcome the world to our beautiful country.”

Start training and don't forget to pack you safari gear. The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary World Martial Arts Games will be held in the beautiful city of Johannesburg, South Africa. Prepare to Go For Gold in the Golden City of South Africa, home to international sporting events like the FIFA World Cup and Comrades Marathon.

More information about tourism in South Africa can be found at <http://www.tshwanetourism.com/>

## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Games To be held in South Africa

26<sup>th</sup> Oct – 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015

Vice President Louise Viviers and the South African Secretary General Greg Hart spent the last week in October along with President Alfred Kleinschwärzer, the Chairman of the Board Chris Hemstock and International Rules Committee representative Tracy Pillar (GBR), assessing different venues in and around the Johannesburg and Pretoria areas.

*Medal Designs for the 10th WMAGC*



## Canada join the WMAGC.

11<sup>th</sup> November 2015

We would like to welcome Master Shane Morris as the New Canadian NMAC Director. Shane is from Calgary, Alberta. In a brief statement Shane said “Thank you for your warm welcome. We are looking forward to building strong relationships in the martial arts community with all of you”



*Shane Morris - NMAC Canada*



*Lawrence Nyanyo - NMAC Ghana*

## History of WMAGC on our website.

16<sup>th</sup> November 2015



## Ghana join the WMAGC.

16<sup>th</sup> November 2015

We would like to welcome Lawrence Nyanyo as the New NMAC Director from Ghana. Lawrence works out of Switzerland with his Martial Arts Team but has strong connections back home in Accra, Ghana. Our President Alfred Kleinschwärzer and Chairman of the Board Chris Hemstock have both worked with Lawrence in the past and are looking forward to joining forces once again.

A page has been created on our website to reflect our roots and the Timeline the World Games have taken over the last 10 Years. It makes interesting reading and makes the WMAGC Transparent and authentic.

## **Updated Rule Book Coming in January 2016**

An updated set of rules that reflect the growth and self-scrutiny of the WMAGC during the past three years will be released this January, according to International Rules Committee Chairman Alberto Friedmann.

“The organization has grown and developed and our rules need to reflect that growth and insight,” Friedmann said. “We have formed an international board of experts to help fine-tune our rules to ensure everyone is safe and well cared for. Our first priority is, and always has been, to our competitors!”

Friedmann said the rules will be released in January to ensure coaches and competitors have time to appropriately prepare for the next World Games.

