



WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

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Committee (IOC)
Member of SportAccord and of
the International World Games Association (IWGA)

TO ALL WKF NFs and CFs

Madrid, 4th January 2016

Dear President,

According to my last letter dated on April 30th, through which you were informed about the **TEN** brands with sport protections homologated for the **2016 - 2019** term, the use of the mentioned protections is in force from January 1st, according to the following:

COMPULSORY SPORT ITEMS IN COMPETITION

KARATE MITTS (red & blue)
SHIN-PAD & FOOT PROTECTOR (red & blue)
BODY PROTECTOR (white)
FEMALE CHEST PROTECTOR (white)

RECOMMENDED SPORT ITEMS IN COMPETITION

MALE AND FEMALE GROIN GUARD (white)

OUT-OF-COMPETITION RECOMMENDED SPORT ITEMS

FOREARM PROTECTOR (white)
CHILDREN CHEST PROTECTOR (white)

The use of the “**WKF Approved**” protections 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.**

Furthermore and as WKF partners, the **TEN** brands with “**WKF Approved**” protections **must have a preferential treatment in the allocation of a stand at international and/or continental events in which National Federations members take part.**

The **TEN** brands with “**WKF Approved**” sport protections are:

ADIDAS
ARAWAZA
BUDO NORD
DAEDO
HAYASHI

SHUREIDO
SMAI
TOKAIDO
WACOKU
WESING

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Antonio Espinós".

Antonio Espinós
WKF President

PS: **The WKF approved protections (2012-2015) will also be valid during the 2016-2019 term.**