



# WORLD ASSOCIATION OF KICKBOXING ORGANIZATIONS

## DISCIPLINARY & ETHICAL COMMITTEE

### Proceedings against Mr. Galin Dimov

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### **SUBJECT: Decision**

**Mr. Galin Dimov**  
**Mr. Svetoslav Bogdanov**

### **DECISION:**

The Disciplinary and Ethical Committee of WAKO decides that:

- 1) As the responsible official of WAKO Bulgaria (president) Mr. Galin Dimov violated WAKO regulations by allowing children and young people under the age of 15 to compete in full-contact ring disciplines, contrary to the protective provisions of the WAKO rules and regulations.
- 2) Mr. Galin Dimov has to pay a fine of € 1500,--.

### **REASON:**

- 1) On 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2025 the ASSOCIATION MARTIAL ARTS SPORTS CLUB - SCORPION, represented by Svetoslav Bogdanov send a complaint against Mr. Galin Dimov as follows:

*Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,*

*The governing body of our club took the unanimous decision to turn to you in your capacity of an organization in our sport of the highest rank seeking protection against the unjustified and unlawful actions of the chairman of the Bulgarian Kickboxing and Muay Thai Confederation. The occasion that made us turn to you follows the possible fail of the World Championship for*

children, juniors and cadets in 2026 and of the European cup 2026 due to withdrawal of the support by the chairman of the Confederation - Galin Dimov.

Amongst its outrageous attitude towards the sportsmen, international referees from Bulgaria, coaches and the sports clubs supporting the organization of the above international forums in 2026, we have been facing numerous violations of the international rules applicable for the members of WAKO.

Firstly, we established that the Bulgarian Confederation uses the platform of WAKO in sportdata.org for sport different than kickboxing, namely Muay Thai. The link to the event is approachable here [https://www.sportdata.org/kickboxing/set-online/veranstaltung\\_info\\_main.php?active\\_menu=calendar&vern=2489#a\\_eventhead](https://www.sportdata.org/kickboxing/set-online/veranstaltung_info_main.php?active_menu=calendar&vern=2489#a_eventhead).

We also present a screenshot of the webpage with the named information. We believe that this approach by the Bulgarian Confederation represents a direct violation of the rules of WAKO for organizing events that are only of the Sport Kickboxing. The event is state cup for Muay Thai under the section of kickboxing.

Secondly, we would like to inform that the Bulgarian Confederation systematically organizes sports events and official national championships in which children 7-9- and 10-12- years old participate in the knockout system in the ring styles. We believe this is a safeguarding issue and a serious violation of safety of our children.

You can see the draw of such sport event in this weblink:

[https://www.sportdata.org/kickboxing/set-online/veranstaltung\\_info\\_main.php?active\\_menu=calendar&vern=2489&verinfo\\_action=catauslist#a\\_eventheadend](https://www.sportdata.org/kickboxing/set-online/veranstaltung_info_main.php?active_menu=calendar&vern=2489&verinfo_action=catauslist#a_eventheadend)

We also present the adopted by the Bulgarian Confederation Ordinance on conducting state championships and rankings of the Bulgarian kickboxing and Muay Thai confederation. From its texts You could see that kids participate in full contact rounds in ring styles. The act is also accessible on the Confederation webpage:

<https://www.kickboxing.bg/%d0%bf%d1%80%d0%b0%d0%b2%d0%b8%d0%bb%d0%bd%d0%b8%d0%ba/>.

In our opinion those actions are in violation of the WAKO Kickboxing Competition Rules which on its side represents breach of art. 4, para 4.2. of the Disciplinary code.

Third, recently we realised that the WAKO Academy International Referee Seminar in 2024 was supposed to be organized by the Bulgarian Confederation. At the same time the referees had to pay participation fee to a Bulgarian company named WAKO Academy OOD. To our surprise it turned out that the WAKO Academy OOD that collects the participation fees is owned and represented by Mrs. Lilyana Dimova - the wife of the chairman of the Bulgarian Confederation. This is a serious violation of good governance.

*As proof, we present payment order for participation fee paid in 2024 and an extract of the Bulgarian Commercial register with list of the shareholders and the managers of WAKO Academy OOD, Bulgaria. The company information can be accessed through the public register:*

*<https://portal.registryagency.bg/CR/en/Reports/ActiveConditionTabResult?uic=207790620>*

*In our opinion such approach is in violation of the Integrity principles of WAKO as stated in the Preamble of the WAKO Code of Ethics, art. 6 in it, and the Integrity Code of WAKO.*

*We would like to turn your attention to the fact that after the noise around all the problems caused by Mr. Galin Dimov, the WAKO Academy International Referee Seminar for 2025 that also takes place in Bulgaria, is announced as free for Bulgarian referees and we are not able to find out more about the company collecting the fees. For that reason, we ask You to perform an inspection about the 2025 Academy too.*

*We remain available and looking for your support to the Bulgarian kickbox.*

*Sincerely yours, ASSOCIATION MARTIAL ARTS SPORTS CLUB - SCORPION*

*Represented by Svetoslav Bogdanov*

- 2) On 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2025 SDRUJENIE SKBI SKORPION paid the fee of € 500,--
- 3) On 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2025 the WAKO DEC decided by written resolution to open proceedings against Mr. Galin Dimov. Furthermore, the WAKO DEC decided that Mr. Nikolaus Gstättnner conduct these proceedings as secretary.
- 4) On 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2025 Mr. Galin Dimov was informed about the opening of the procedure against him. He was given until 23<sup>rd</sup> of December to submit his comments.
- 5) On 19<sup>th</sup> of December 2025 Mr. Galin Dimov send a statement as follows:  
*Dear Nikolaus Gstättnner and Members of the WAKO Disciplinary and Ethics Committee,*  
*Please find attached my official statement in relation to the complaint and disciplinary procedure DC00152025.*  
*The statement is submitted in good faith and is structured strictly in accordance with the points raised in the complaint.*  
*Should the Committee require any further information or clarification, I remain fully available.*  
*Kind regards,*  
*Best regards*  
*Mr. Galin Dimov*  
*Board member of WAKO EUROPE*  
*President of the Bulgarian Confederation of Kickboxing and Muay thai*  
*President SC "Vokil"*



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**STATEMENT**

**To the WAKO Disciplinary and Ethical Committee**

**Subject: Filed complaint and initiated procedure DC00152025**

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Dear Members of the Disciplinary and Ethical Committee,

In connection with the complaint filed against me by ASSOCIATION MARTIAL ARTS SPORTS CLUB – SCORPION and the initiated disciplinary procedure, I hereby present the following statement, responding clearly and consecutively to each of the points set out in the complaint.

My intention is to present the facts as they are and to provide the necessary clarifications so that the Committee may obtain a full and objective understanding of the matters under consideration.

**POINT 1 OF THE COMPLAINT**

**Regarding the use of the Sportdata system for competitions involving Muay Thai**

**Facts**

The Bulgarian Confederation of Kickboxing and Muay Thai is a national sports organization licensed by the Ministry of Youth and Sports to administer two sports – Kickboxing and Muay Thai.

The event “Varna Cup” was a multidisciplinary national sports event, including:

- National Championship in Muay Thai;
- National Championship in Kickboxing – Light Contact;
- National Kickboxing Tournament “Varna Cup” – Full Contact.

All disciplines were clearly distinguished in terms of rules, categories and competitive content. The event was national in nature, conducted under the jurisdiction of the Bulgarian Confederation, and was not an international WAKO event.

The Sportdata platform is a technical system for registration and competition management, used by numerous sports and national federations for the administration of competitive activities.

The event was not branded as a WAKO kickboxing event, the WAKO logo was not used, and no impression was created that the Muay Thai discipline was conducted under the auspices of WAKO.

The events referred to in the present complaint are national championships, for which there is no explicit provision in the WAKO statutes or regulations imposing mandatory procedural requirements identical to those applicable to international events.



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It should be clearly stated that this was not a unilateral decision of the President of the Federation. Furthermore, within WAKO there are national federations which, by virtue of their national legislation and organizational model, administer more than one combat sport. In this sense, the combined administration of different disciplines at national level represents an established governance model in certain WAKO member countries.

### Conclusion

In the absence of a specifically identified breached provision, there is no violation of WAKO rules with regard to the use of the Sportdata system for a national multidisciplinary event.

## POINT 2 OF THE COMPLAINT

### Regarding the participation of children in ring disciplines

#### Facts

The admission of children to participate in ring disciplines was not an individual decision, but the result of a collective governance process.

The initiative originated from the sports clubs affiliated to the Confederation, which raised the issue of creating a controlled and structured development model for children showing interest in ring disciplines.

The decision was:

- discussed at a meeting of the Governing Board;
- subsequently confirmed by the General Assembly of the Confederation.

The model is applied to internal national competitions for the age groups of 7–8, 9–10 and 11–12 years, and not as stated in the complaint.

It was developed with:

- compliance with applicable national legislation;
- consultations with sports medicine specialists;
- adapted rules, without full contact intensity;
- enhanced medical and refereeing supervision and mandatory protective equipment.

#### Essential circumstance

At the time the decisions were taken, a representative of the complainant club was a member of the Governing Board and participated in the vote in support of those decisions.





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At the subsequent General Assembly, the complainant club itself confirmed these decisions by voting "IN FAVOUR".

**Conclusion**

WAKO has not introduced an explicit and mandatory unified age framework for national championships identical to that applicable to international competitions.

Under these circumstances, the complaint challenges decisions in the adoption of which the complainant participated and which it supported, raising serious doubts as to its consistency and good faith.

**POINT 3 OF THE COMPLAINT**

**Regarding the WAKO Academy International Referee Seminar 2024**

**Facts**

The WAKO Academy International Referee Seminar 2024 was submitted in accordance with the established WAKO procedure, whereby the national federation submits an official application form, after which the seminar is included in the official WAKO calendar and distributed to members.

In order to clearly distinguish between the statutory activities of the federation and the operational organization of the event, the logistical and administrative activities related to the seminar were carried out through a separate legal entity – WAKO Academy OOD.

The operational organization, including the acceptance of applications, communication, administration of payments and issuance of payment documents, was carried out by a member of the Governing Board, an international referee of "A" class, through a specially created email address and the company's bank account.

The President of the Confederation did not participate in the operational organization, did not receive or make payments, did not operate bank accounts, and did not receive any financial or material benefit, directly or indirectly.

The seminar did not generate profit. The use of the legal entity was solely for the purposes of administrative and accounting compliance, avoidance of mixing activities, and preventing access to the federation's bank accounts by third parties.

**Conclusion**



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The payment documents and extracts from the commercial register submitted with the complaint demonstrate only that payments were made and that a legal entity exists, but do not demonstrate any violation, abuse of position, conflict of interest or personal gain.

References to "in our opinion" and to general principles, without identifying a specific breached provision of the WAKO Code of Ethics or Integrity Code, do not constitute sufficient grounds for establishing a disciplinary violation.

## **GENERAL CONCLUSION**

In light of the above, I consider that with regard to none of the three points raised in the complaint has a specific breached provision of the WAKO statutes, regulations or ethical codes been identified or proven.

The actions of the Bulgarian Confederation of Kickboxing and Muay Thai were carried out in good faith, transparently and within the scope of national competence, based on decisions of the highest collective governing body – the General Assembly, and no unilateral decision was taken.

I remain at the disposal of the WAKO Disciplinary and Ethical Committee for any further clarifications or assistance.



Best regards

Mr. Galin Dimov

Board member of WAKO EUROPE

President of the Bulgarian Confederation of Kickboxing and Muay thai

- 6) On 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 2025 Mr. Galin Dimov send a statement as follows:
- Dear Mr. Chairman,*
- Dear Members of the WAKO Disciplinary and Ethical Committee,*
- Please find attached an institutional statement of the Executive Board of the Bulgarian Confederation of Kickboxing and Muay Thai, submitted as a supplementary clarification to the official response sent on 19 December 2025 in the framework of procedure DC00152025.*
- The statement is intended to outline a matter of principle related to collective governance and national federation autonomy, in a constructive and respectful spirit.*
- Kind regards*
- Mr. Galin Dimov*
- Board member of WAKO EUROPE*
- President of the Bulgarian Confederation of Kickboxing and Muay thai*
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## **INSTITUTIONAL STATEMENT**

**of the Executive Board of the Bulgarian Confederation of Kickboxing and Muay Thai  
To the WAKO Disciplinary and Ethical Committee**

Dear Mr. Chairman,  
Dear Members of the Disciplinary and Ethical Committee,

Further to the official response submitted in relation to the filed complaint, the Executive Board of the Bulgarian Confederation of Kickboxing and Muay Thai considers it necessary to bring to your attention a matter of **principled and institutional nature**, which goes beyond the specific allegations that are the subject of the ongoing disciplinary procedure.

National federations operate on the basis of **collective governance**. Decisions adopted by the Executive Board and by the General Assembly — as the highest collective governing body — constitute the foundation of the democratic, lawful and sustainable functioning of any national federation.

When such collective decisions, adopted in accordance with national legislation and internal statutory rules, are challenged through external disciplinary mechanisms, this raises a broader issue concerning the **balance between international oversight and national autonomy**.

The Executive Board considers that subjecting decisions of the General Assembly and the Executive Board to external pressure could jeopardize not only the stability of the federation concerned, but also the **long-term development of the sport as a whole**.

This issue is particularly sensitive in the field of youth development, where national federations bear direct responsibility for designing and implementing policies adapted to national legal frameworks, medical standards and organizational realities.

The Executive Board expresses its full respect for the role of WAKO and for the work of the Disciplinary and Ethical Committee. At the same time, we consider it essential to preserve the principle that **collective decisions of national governing bodies should not be equated with individual misconduct**, nor be neutralized through disciplinary procedures in the absence of a clearly established breach of applicable WAKO rules.

This institutional statement is submitted in a constructive spirit and with a view to safeguarding the stability, unity and future development of the sport within the international WAKO family.

Respectfully,  
**Executive Board**  
**Bulgarian Confederation of Kickboxing and Muay Thai**

- 7) On 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2026 the WAKO DEC held a meeting and discussed the case. The WAKO DEC decided that Mr. Galin Dimov violated the regulations of WAKO. As President of WAKO Bulgaria, he is responsible for ensuring that the competition and safety regulations of WAKO IF are followed in Bulgaria.



## APPLICABLE RULES :

### WAKO Statutes, Article 39. Disciplinary Committee

6. The Disciplinary and Ethical Committee is competent to deal with any disciplinary and ethical matters.

7. Further and more detailed provisions regarding the Disciplinary and Ethical Committee and the disciplinary and ethical proceedings under its competence are set forth in regulations issued by the Board.

### Article 13. Members' Obligations

1. The Members of WAKO shall have the following obligations:

a. to comply with these Statutes as well as ANY and all regulations, directives and DECISIONS enacted or issued by WAKO BODIES at any time and to comply with the decisions of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS);

4. WAKO Individual Affiliates, when participating to WAKO activities and competitions shall be subject to the provisions of these Statutes and of other WAKO regulations. In case of breach, they shall be subject to disciplinary actions as well as consequences and sanctions resulting therefrom, as provided by these Statutes and other WAKO regulations.

### WAKO By-Laws, 1.6.13 Disciplinary and Ethical Committee

the Disciplinary and Ethical Committee is in charge of the conduct of the disciplinary proceedings and investigations conducted as a consequence of any possible violations of the WAKO Statutes and further WAKO rules and regulations and codes by WAKO Members, officials, officers and/or WAKO Individual Affiliates National Federations or Continental Federations (as indicated in WAKO Disciplinary Code); - Moreover, the Disciplinary and Ethical Committee is responsible to take actions and apply sanctions on the basis of the WAKO Disciplinary Code and the suggestions of the President and/or the Board of Directors.

### WAKO Code of Ethics, Art. 1 Scope of application

The Code of Ethics shall apply to all WAKO members (the affiliated National Federations or Associations and their members), any persons elected or appointed to any position within the organization of WAKO and its Continental Divisions, WAKO staff, officials, athletes, coaches and referees, and, in general, any individual engaged in WAKO activities and events (collectively, the "Parties"). It shall also apply to consultants and contractually-connected persons/companies, including those representing and/or serving WAKO. The Parties shall observe the Ethical Principles (as hereinafter defined) set forth in this Code of Ethics, including but not limited to fair play and sportsmanship, when participating in any WAKO's championships, events and any other activities.

### WAKO Code of Ethics, Art. 2 General conduct regulations

2.1 All Parties shall show commitment to an ethical attitude while fulfilling their task. They shall pledge to behave in accordance with all ethical principles set forth in the present Code of Ethics such as, by way of example but not limited to, the following:

- 1) Human Dignity;
- 2) Non-discrimination, either on the basis of race, gender, nationality, ethnic origin, religion, philosophical or political opinions, nationality, sexual preference or any other grounds;
- 3) Non-violence, including abstaining from any kind of pressure and harassment, whether physical, mental, professional or sexual;
- 4) Friendship, mutual aid and fair play;
- 5) Integrity;
- 6) Priority to the interests of the sport of Kickboxing and of the athletes in relation to financial interests;
- 7) Protection of the environment and health and safety of the athletes and participants;
- 8) Political neutrality;
- 9) Promotion of the Olympic Movement ideals and principles;
- 10) Non defamatory approach to any party;
- 11) Respect and adherence to WAKO Statutes, By-laws, policies, meeting conduct and procedures;
- 12) Collective Agreement, respecting the majority decision on the various Committees.

#### WAKO Disciplinary Code, Art. 4 General principles

- 4.1. Violations of the WAKO Statutes, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and decisions of the Board of Directors or the General Assembly, including the ethical principles outlined in the WAKO Ethical Code, may be sanctioned in accordance with the terms of this Code save as otherwise provided under the respective provisions of the aforementioned legal documents whereby the competence of another Committee (i.e. the Arbitration Committee) may be provided.
- 4.3. Unless otherwise specified, offenses and infringements are punishable regardless of whether they have been committed intentionally or negligently.
- 4.7. Any Subjected Parties can request to DEC to initiate an inquiry on any matter which is under the application of this Code.

#### WAKO Disciplinary Code, Art. 5. Disciplinary Measures

- 5.1. The following sanctions may be imposed on a natural person:
- a) Reprimand and Warning;
  - b) Ban from participation in events for a defined period of time;
  - c) Fine;
- .....

#### WAKO Disciplinary Code, Art. 6. Common Rules

- 6.1. Sanctions provided for above in Article 5 may be combined, where deemed appropriate by the DEC.
- 6.4. The DEC is permitted, where appropriate, to impose a partial suspension of the sanction imposed. In doing so, the person or entity is subject to a probationary period from three months up to three years. If during the probationary period the sanctioned person commits another offense, the suspended portion of the sanction

will be served in addition to the sanction imposed for the subsequent offense in accordance with Article 6.5.

WAKO Disciplinary Code, Art.15. Competence of the WAKO Disciplinary and Ethical Committee (DEC)

The WAKO Disciplinary and Ethical Committee (DEC) is the body responsible for the application and the implementation of the provisions of the Code regarding disciplinary matters and (ii) the Code of Ethics regarding the ethical matters related to the Subjected Parties under Article 2 above as a consequence of an offense or a breach as provided in Article 1 above.

WAKO Disciplinary Code, Art 17. Disciplinary Procedure

17.1. The proceeding under this Code is initiated by written notification (or by e-mail) to the DEC by the petitioner (the “Claimant”). This request has to be filed within 30 days after the day of the knowledge of the infringements sanctioned under this Code but, in any event, no later than 1 year.

WAKO Rules, Article 2.1.1.2.

Age categories Kickboxers are divided in age and weight categories which are defined in Ring General Rules and Tatami General Rules.

Age is determined by the year of birth.

Legitimizing - positive proof of age will be required at all championships (passport or ID-card).

Age categories are:

CHILDREN (CH) (boys and girls)

YOUNGER CADETS (YC) (boys and girls)

OLDER CADETS (OC) (boys and girls)

JUNIORS (J) (male and female)

YOUNGER JUNIORS (YJ) (male and female)

OLDER JUNIORS (OJ) (male and female)

SENIORS (S) (male and female)

MASTER CLASS (VETERANS) (V) (male and female)

CHILDREN category (CH): 7,8 and 9 years old. the age group is determined by the year of birth. In the year of the competition, the kickboxer can be 7, 8 and 9 years old. Children can participate in tatami disciplines point fighting and musical forms. YOUNGER CADETS Category (YC): 10, 11 and 12 years old. The age group is determined by the year of birth. In the year of the competition, the kickboxer can be 10, 11 and 12 years old. Younger cadets can participate in tatami disciplines point fighting and musical forms.

OLDER CADETS Category (OC): 13, 14 and 15 years old. The age group is determined by the year of birth. In the year of the competition, the kickboxer can be 13, 14 and 15 years old. Older cadets can participate in tatami disciplines point fighting, light contact, kick light and musical forms.

JUNIORS Category (J): 16, 17 and 18 years old. The age group is determined by the year of birth. In the year of the competition, the kickboxer can be 16, 17 and 18 years old. Juniors can participate in tatami disciplines point fighting, light contact, kick light and musical forms.

YOUNGER JUNIORS category (YJ): 15 and 16 years old. The age group is determined by the year of birth. In the year of the competition, the kickboxer can be 15 and 16 years old. Younger juniors can participate in ring disciplines: full contact, low kick and K1 Style

OLDER JUNIORS category (OJ): 17 and 18 years old. The age group is determined by the year of birth. In the year of the competition, the kickboxer can be 17 and 18 years old. Older juniors can participate in ring disciplines: full contact, low kick and K-1 Style

#### FINDINGS AND DECLARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE WAKO DISCIPLINARY AND ETHICAL COMMITTEE:

- 1) Sportdata is an event platform that is not limited to kickboxing competitions. Other sports associations also use Sportdata, such as IFMA for Thai boxing. The WAKO DEC does not consider its use for other martial arts to be a violation of WAKO regulations.
- 2) The allegations relating to the organisation of the international referee seminar are to be clarified first at a general meeting of WAKO Bulgaria.
- 3) As president, Mr. Galin Dimov is responsible for ensuring that the competition rules and safety regulations of WAKO IF are followed in Bulgaria.
- 4) The age regulations of WAKO IF are protective regulations for young athletes and serve to protect their health. These are mandatory rules that apply to all member countries of WAKO. Youth protection is an extremely important rule of WAKO IF.
- 5) A violation of youth protection and health regulations is a violation of the of the WAKO Disciplinary Code and the WAKO Code of Ethics.
- 6) The safety of athletes are the top priority for officials in their actions.

#### CONCLUSION:

The WAKO Disciplinary and Ethical Committee decides the following:

- 1) As the responsible official of WAKO Bulgaria (president) Mr. Galin Dimov violated WAKO regulations by allowing children and young people under the age of 15 to compete in full-contact ring disciplines, contrary to the protective provisions of the WAKO rules and regulations.
- 2) Mr. Galin Dimov has to pay a fine of € 1500,--.
- 3) The plaintiff will be reimbursed for the procedural fee by WAKO.



## INFORMATION ABOUT APPEALS:

Decisions passed by the DEC may be appealed before the Arbitration Committee within 30 days from the date of issuance of the relevant decision issued and notified by the DEC. The appeal will not suspend the decision of the DEC.

### WAKO DISCIPLINARY AND ETHICAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Nikolaus Gstättner (Austria) (Chairman),

Mrs. Özge Kayıcı (Turkey), Mr. Kiandro Lebon (Belgium),

Mrs. Lamiya Ogric (Bosnia Herzegovina), Mr. Thomas Steenberg (Norway)

On behalf of WAKO DEC

Mag. Nikolaus Gstättner  
Chairman WAKO Disciplinary and Ethical Committee  
<https://wako.sport/committees/>

Ludmannsdorf, 4.2.2026