WAKO IF Ordinary General Assembly
at ALMAR Lido Jesolo
Address: Via Dante Alighieri 106, 30016 Lido di Jesolo VE, Italy
Sunday, September 20th, 2026
Time: from 13:00 pm to 15:00 pm (CET time)

On the 20th of September 2026, at 13:00 pm (CET time) the Ordinary General Assembly of WAKO (World Association of Kickboxing Organizations) was held in order to discuss and resolve on the following

Agenda

Introduction:

- *Appointment of the Chairman of the General Assembly*
- *Appointment of the Secretary of the General Assembly*

a. *Approval of the Agenda;*
b. *Appointment of scrutineers;*
c. *Approval of the minutes of the preceding Ordinary General Assembly (Abu Dhabi 23/11/2025);*
d. *President's activity report;*
e. *Presentation of the financial statements 2025 and relevant audit report 2025;*
f. *Approval of the financial statements 2025 and relevant audit report 2025;*
g. *Appointment of the independent auditor for the auditing of the financial statements 2026;*
h. *Presentation and approval of the budget 2026;*
i. *Initial draft budget proposal 2027;*
j. *Admission for membership or NF's name change (if any approved);*
k. *Suspension and or expulsion of members, organizations/confederations (if any approved);*
l. *Information on the future priorities and strategic direction of WAKO;*
m. *Revision of WAKO Statutes' provisions;*
n. *Update on rules - Article 3.9.2.1. Political, Religious and Ideological Neutrality;*
o. *WAKO disciplines;*
p. *Discussion of proposals submitted by the members;*
q. *AOB (E-Learning platform)*

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By official call notice sent on July 20th, 2026, the Members were informed that proxies could have been granted in compliance with the provisions of article 20 of the WAKO's Statutes.

Therefore, all Delegates had to send to WAKO Administration a copy of the power of attorney/mandate (Proxy) signed by the duly authorized legal representative of the Member within 7 days before the date scheduled for the meeting of the Ordinary General Assembly (by and no later than **Sunday September 13th, 2026**).

Proxies were reviewed by the Electoral Committee, which was composed by Mrs. Francesca Falsoni, Mr. Nikolaus Gstättner, Mr. Aslam Mahomed and Mr. Paulo Zorello, duly appointed by the WAKO Executive Board of Directors before the Ordinary General Assembly was held.

As regards the voting rights of the Members, the requirements were always those set forth in article 22 of the Statutes:

a. participation to the WAKO World Championship held in the year of the GA (2026);
b. payment of the affiliation fees of the last 2 (two) years.

As regards the requirement under article 22, paragraph 3, letter b), of the WAKO's Statutes, it was clarified that the fees considered were those paid for the years 2025-2026.

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The President Mr. Roy Baker, after having ascertained that the Meeting:

- has been duly called by the Board of Directors (i) in compliance with Article 24, paragraph 2, of WAKO Statutes, through a notice of call sent to the Members by WAKO Administration by means of e-mail on July 20th, 2026;
- has been validly established pursuant to Article 21, paragraph 1, of the Statutes;
- has therefore the power to resolve upon the items on the Agenda;

declares the Meeting open and able to resolve on the items of the Agenda at 13:15 pm.

Roll call

The President requests Mrs. Francesca Falsoni (Chairwoman of the WAKO Legal Committee) to inform the Members about the attendance at the General Assembly. Mrs. Falsoni refers that the Electoral Committee has verified – pursuant to Article 22, paragraph 3, of the Statutes – that:

No.70 is the overall number of **possible votes**, among which **53 Members are in attendance** at the General Assembly **with voting right**, in short;

(i) **No.53 Full Members** are effectively present at the General Assembly **having voting rights**;

(ii) **No.12 Members**, that would have voting rights, are **not present** at the General Assembly;

(iii) **No.11 Members** are present at the General Assembly but have **no voting rights**.

In the present minutes, the word "Members" used below refers to the "Full Members" of WAKO with voting rights in attendance during the GA.

Introduction: Appointment of the Chairman and the Secretary of the General Assembly

The President introduces the motion on the appointment of the Chairman and the Secretary of the meeting.

MOTION: to appoint the President Roy Bakeras Chairman of the meeting and Mrs. Barbara Falsoni as secretary of the meeting.

The motion is approved by unanimous decision.

a. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: to approve the Agenda of today's General Assembly.

The motion is approved by unanimous decision.

b. Appointment of scrutineers

MOTION: to appoint Mrs. Katarzyna Kociszewska-Palacz and Mr. Romeo Desa as scrutineers of todays' General Assembly.

The motion is approved by unanimous decision.

c. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Ordinary General Assembly (Abu Dhabi 23/11/2025)

The Chairman makes reference to the minutes of the last Ordinary General Assembly held in Abu Dhabi (UAE), on 23 November 2025, that have been made available to the Members in advance of the Meeting by means of e-mail sent by WAKO Administration (attached hereto under **Exhibit N. 1**). Neither clarifications nor amendments were received about the minutes of the GA 2025.

MOTION: to approve the minutes of the Ordinary General Assembly held in Abu Dhabi (UAE), on 23 November 2025

The motion is approved by unanimous decision.

d. President's Report

The Chairman introduces the report prepared in connection with the activities carried out by WAKO since the last General Assembly and during the year 2026.

The Chairman illustrates to the Members - through a power point document - the presentation of his activity report (herewith attached under **Exhibit N.2** hereto) that later on will be sent out to the members.

- *Governance and Strategic Development*

The President reaffirms WAKO's commitment to unity, good governance, collaboration among National Federations and the sustainable development of kickboxing. He highlighted the importance of athlete development, coach education, grassroots participation, gender equality, safeguarding and succession planning. The President also acknowledges the work of the Board of Directors, which had held four meetings during the year, and congratulates the newly elected continental and National Federation presidents.

- *International Recognition and Major Sporting Events*

The President highlights WAKO's progress in securing opportunities for kickboxing within international and multi-sport events, including:

Full medal-sport status at the 2027 European Games.

Full medal-sport status at the 2027 African Games.

Ongoing discussions regarding possible demonstration-sport participation at the 2027 Pan American Games in Lima.

Continued cooperation with FISU and the International School Sport Federation (ISF).

Ongoing efforts to secure kickboxing's inclusion in other international and regional multi-sport events recognized by IOC and or Continental bodies.

The President emphasizes the importance of National Federations engaging with their respective school sport structures and taking advantage of WAKO's international affiliations.

He also reports on discussions aimed at securing kickboxing's inclusion in future Islamic Games and on initiatives to strengthen WAKO's presence in Asia, Oceania, Africa, Pan America and Europe.

- *Continental Development and Support*

The President outlines development initiatives undertaken across the continents, including seminars, equipment donations and strategic engagement with national and regional sports authorities.

Particular attention is given to equipment support for the five African regions, development activities in Pan America and plans to strengthen WAKO's presence in Oceania.

The President confirms that development seminars will be organized across all five continents for athletes, coaches and referees.

- *Strategic Partnerships and WAKO Pro*

The Assembly is informed of the continued development of strategic partnerships, including cooperation with FISU and ISF.

The President announces that, as per Board's decision, from 2027 clothing labelling would no longer be mandatory at C-Class events, following negotiations with Platinum sponsors. While safety equipment labelling requirements would remain in place for all events at all levels.

An Executive Steering Group had been appointed by the WAKO Board to oversee the strategic management of WAKO Pro, while the WAKO Pro Council would remain responsible for operational management and financial matters. WAKO IF will also be developing a global team concept, WAKO Premier League.

- *Education, Leadership and Safeguarding*

The President highlights the importance of the GameChangers programme, which develops young leaders within the WAKO community. The third edition will be announced soon following the championships.

The programme would also seek to reactivate participants from previous editions and support the implementation of their projects.

The President further emphasizes safeguarding, particularly the protection of children and vulnerable individuals, and the need for National Federations to maintain appropriate safeguarding procedures.

- *Anti-Doping and Medical Matters*

The President reported that WAKO had recorded zero anti-doping incidents at its championships during the previous year.

Given the importance of protecting kickboxing's participation and athlete quotas at multi-sport events, targeted anti-doping education and support would be provided to athletes and coaches selected for the 2027 European Games, African Games and Pan American Games.

The Medical Committee will strengthen cooperation with other WAKO committees. National Federations are reminded to appoint a qualified medical doctor and submit his/her contact details to the WAKO Medical Committee.

- *Media, Membership and Sports Data*

The President presents significant growth in WAKO's media reach, reporting approximately 85 million viewers across its digital platforms and substantial growth in social media engagement.

National Federations are encouraged to collaborate more closely with the WAKO media team to increase visibility and benefit from international promotional opportunities.

The Assembly also receives an overview of participation and organizational statistics, including 446 events, approximately 225,843 registered athletes and 2,641 active clubs in the reporting period.

The President expresses concern about the decline in female participation from 34% to 28%. The Board will examine the reasons for this decrease at its next meeting and consider measures to reverse the trend.

MOTION: to approve the President's Activity Report.

The motion is approved by unanimous decision.

e. Presentation of the financial statements 2025 and relevant audit report 2025;

The Treasurer presents the financial statements noting that the relevant documentation had previously been circulated to National Federations.

The independent auditor has confirmed compliance with applicable Swiss law and the organization's legal obligations.

WAKO reported a surplus of EUR 284,725 for 2025. This money will be invested in developing WAKO globally and the multisport games as indicated in budget.

The Treasurer highlights the importance of sponsorship and the equipment and clothing labelling system as significant sources of income, supporting the organization's expanding activities, which is reinvested in to the federations and athletes.

f. Approval of the financial statements 2025 and relevant audit report 2025;

After the presentation of the documents, the Chairman requests to the Members to express their vote on the financial statements 2025 and the audit report 2025 (as per the document attached under **Exhibit N. 3**)

MOTION: to approve the WAKO financial statements 2025 and the relevant audit report 2025.

The motion is approved by unanimous decision.

g. Appointment of the independent auditor for the auditing of the financial statements 2026;

The Treasurer Mr. Nikolaus Gstättner refers of the need to appoint the auditors for the audit of the financial statements 2026. The recommendation of the Board is to appoint again the following company as auditor for the financial year 2026: **MSZ Group AG Zug**, from Switzerland, as they fulfill the requirements set forth by WAKO's Statutes and Swiss law. The 2026 will be their fourth financial year of WAKO to be audited.

MOTION: to approve the Swiss company MSZ Group AG Zug as independent auditor for the auditing of the financial statements of WAKO 2026.

The motion is approved by unanimous decision.

h. Presentation and approval of the budget 2026;

The Chairman invites the Treasurer Mr. Nikolaus Gstättner to illustrate to the Members the budget of 2026 (attached under **Exhibit N.4**), with a projected income of approximately EUR 2.6 million, expenditure of approximately EUR 2.5 million and an expected surplus of EUR 112,379.49. It is reminded that the budget is just a draft, an indication based on the accounts (income/expenditure) that we have up today - end of September - so it may be subject to some changes by the end of the year.

MOTION: to approve the draft budget update 2026, which is an estimation based on the actual financial situation.

The motion is approved by unanimous decision.

i. Initial draft budget proposal 2027;

The Treasurer presents also the draft budget for 2027, projecting a surplus of EUR 311,521.80 (attached under **Exhibit N.5**). Sponsorship income is expected to remain a significant component of WAKO's revenues.

MOTION: to approve the provisional draft budget 2027.

The motion is approved by unanimous decision.

j. Admission for membership or NF's name change;

The Assembly is informed that there are no applications for admission to membership or changes of National Federation names requiring approval.

k. Suspension and or expulsion of members, organizations/confederations;

No suspensions or expulsions of member organizations or confederations are proposed.

l. Information on the future priorities and strategic direction of WAKO;

The strategic priorities, as presented in the President's Report, have already been covered by the relevant approval.

m. Revision of WAKO Statutes' provisions;

Francesca Falsoni, as Chairperson of the WAKO Legal Committee, presents the proposed amendments to the WAKO Statutes, prepared in consultation with Swiss legal advisers to ensure compliance with applicable Swiss law and alignment with the Olympic Charter.

The principal amendments concern the provisions which have been circulated to all the National Federations before the General Assembly (attached under **Exhibit N.6**) and refer to Articles N.22, 31, 32, 33, and 34 of the WAKO Statutes.

MOTION: to approve the proposed amendments to Articles N.22, 31, 32, 33, 34 of the WAKO Statutes.

The motion is approved by unanimous decision.

n. Update on rules - Article 3.9.2.1. Political, Religious and Ideological Neutrality

Romeo Desa, as WAKO Technical Director, presents a proposed amendment to the WAKO Rules, based on Rule 50 of the Olympic Charter, concerning political, religious and racial neutrality at WAKO events.

The proposal seeks to establish a mechanism for addressing conduct involving political, religious or other non-sporting expressions at championships, tournaments, seminars and other WAKO activities.

The discussion focuses particularly on refusals to compete for political or other non-sporting reasons, the potential consequences for athletes and National Federations, and the need to ensure fair and consistent treatment while recognizing the complex circumstances faced by athletes in certain countries.

Several delegates raise concerns about the potential impact of the rule on athletes whose participation may be

restricted by national legislation, government directives or political circumstances. The President emphasizes the distinction between genuine sporting reasons for non-participation, such as injury, and conduct that is explicitly politicized.

Following the discussion, the wording of the proposed article will be amended from "must" to "may", making the application of sanctions discretionary rather than automatic. The President explains that the Technical Commission would assess individual cases in light of the circumstances.

MOTION: to approve the proposed Article 3.9.2.1. of the WAKO Rules with amendment to the wording of the article from "must" to "may".

The motion is approved by majority decision.
N.4 countries against.
N.1 country abstained.

o. WAKO disciplines;

The President informs the Assembly that WAKO intends to review its existing disciplines and gather feedback from National Federations.

A survey will be circulated before the end of 2026 to collect views on whether disciplines should be maintained, reduced, expanded or modified, including possible changes to weight categories.

No immediate decision is taken on changes to the disciplines.

p. Discussion of proposals submitted by the members;

No additional proposals have been submitted by the members.

q. AOB (E-Learning platform)

Francesca Falsoni, as Chairperson of the WAKO Innovation and Technology Committee, presents an update on the Kickboxing Hub project, a digital platform designed to connect athletes, coaches, referees and the wider WAKO community.

The first phase focus is on referee education and certification, incorporating online learning modules, assessments and AI-assisted analysis of refereeing decisions. The platform will support transparent recording of certifications and results while retaining the practical components of referee training.

Future phases will extend the platform to coaches and athletes, including educational and training resources.

The Board has agreed that WAKO-IF funds the initial implementation period, making participation free of charge during the first one to two years.

The initiative is presented as a strategic investment in digitalization, education and improved access to training, particularly for National Federations facing geographical or financial barriers.

- ***Migration to Sports ID***

The President invites Dr. Dominik Hoelbling to talk about the WAKO's transition **from RSportz to SportsID** as its membership system starting from January 2027.

The migration will be coordinated centrally by WAKO, with National Federations receiving individual information, onboard support and training sessions. The transition is expected to begin in December 2026, and to be completed by the end of December 2026 or January 2027.

The new system will simplify registration and administration, provide integrated membership management with SportData and improve access to data and reporting tools.

The President reminds all National Federations and administrators that it is mandatory to use the SportData system when hosting events nationally and internationally, this is a fundamental requirement of membership.

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The President thanks the National Federations, the Board of Directors, the committees, the organizers and all participants for their contribution to WAKO's development.

He encourages National Federations to make use of WAKO's branding resources, including the possibility of incorporating their national flags into the WAKO brand identity.

The President then formally declares the WAKO Ordinary General Assembly 2026 closed at 14:45 pm (CET).

No further item has been added to the agenda.

Roy Baker
WAKO President

Barbara Falsoni
Secretary of the Meeting

Enclosed Exhibits:

- Exhibit N.1: Minutes of GA 2025
- Exhibit N. 2: President's activity report 2026
- Exhibit N. 3: FS 2025 and Audit Report 2025
- Exhibit N.4: Draft Budget 2026
- Exhibit N.5: Provisional draft budget 2027
- Exhibit N.6: Amendments to the WAKO Statutes