

Dear Friends Board Members,

As requested by our vice-president Mr. Roy Baker, I am sending you a brief report of WAKO Panam. First and foremost, I believe that it is really important to share this information with you and I think that we could do that more often, since sharing our experiences with each other will definitely be beneficial to everybody and will help WAKO Kickboxing to develop throughout all the continents.



Panam Training Center, Piracicaba, Brazil.

WAKO Panam has been highlighted not only for organizing competitive events, but also for holding several events to capacitate our referees and athletes. We are proud to state that we are the only Continental Confederation that have two Training Centers in partnership with local government, being one of them located inside the facilities of the Training Center of the Paraguayan Olympic Committee, which brings to WAKO a positive status.



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1. Accounts

You will find attached the Financial Report of 2016, properly approved in 2017 and already sent to WAKO before.

I would like to inform that the bills of 2017 were already sent to the members of the Board of WAKO PANAM and will be exposed for approval of the members in the next Ordinary General Assembly to be held during the Pan-American Championship in Cancun, next October, as we do every year.

I also inform you that WAKO Panam still does not have a bank account since both Brazilian and Paraguayan laws are really demanding to open a bank account when you have foreign people in the board of a confederation. Anyway, our legal department is focused on this case and I am sure we will have the authorization soon.

Finally, as you all know, the annual fee paid by the members of WAKO Panam to WAKO IF is 1200 euro, and Panam does not receive any part of it.

2. Board composition



I am sending you below the current composition of the Board of Directors of WAKO Panam.

- Paulo Zorello, Brazil
- Hugo Lobo, Paraguay
- Juan Corrales, Argentina
- Fernando Granados, México
- Francisco Mutis, Chile
- Rob Zbilski, USA
- Chip Post, USA

I take the opportunity to inform that during the next election, which will take place in the Pan-American in Cancun and which you were already informed by e-mail, we will nominate two ladies to the new composition of the Board. I would like to mention that they have contributed a lot to WAKO Panam and deserve the nomination:

- Gimena Corrales, Argentina
- Paola Garrido, Chile

3. Board Meeting

Since its foundation in 2006, WAKO Panam holds a Board Meeting every year, in which we present and approve all the financial reports and the accounts and we propose and discuss the future objectives to the development of the entity. We always hold the Board Meeting during our Continental Championships to reunite our members, so we can optimize the costs.

With our objective of organizing more Continental events from 2019, we will be able to reunite at least one more time in the year.

The next Board Meeting will be held in Cancun, Mexico, in October, during the Pan-American Championship.

Finally, we inform that all the minutes of the board meetings are sent to WAKO IF.



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4. Event activity

The activities of WAKO Panam have increased each year. Most part of the countries have organized several national events, including official qualifying to the continental events, in which their participation have increased every year. In numbers:

- Pan-American Championship (Cancun, Mexico/2016): 816 athletes from 16 countries
- South-American Championship (Foz do Iguacu, Brazil/2017): 690 athletes form 09 countries



In 2018, we increased the number of championships and tournaments and, in addition to that, WAKO Panam have organized several events aiming the technical capacitation in many countries.

2018 Main International Events:



- International Referee Seminar and International Training Camp

Date: March 15th to 18th

Place: Panam Training Center, Piracicaba, Brazil

- Summer Open

Date: February 09th to 11th

Place: Mar del Plata, Argentina

- 3rd Bolivarian Championship

Date: April 18th to 22nd

Place: Aycucho, Peru

- CAC- Central America and Caribbean Open

Date: July 12th to 15th

Place: Puerto España, Trinidad and Tobago

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- International Referee Seminar

Date: August 18th to 20th

Place: Caracas, Venezuela

- National Sports Congress

Date: September 01st

Place: Bahia, Brazil

- Open South-American Cup

September 06th to 08th

Asunción, Paraguay

- International Referee Seminar

Date: September 07th to 09th

Place: Cartagena, Colombia

- 10th Pan-American Championship

Date: October 23rd to 28th

Place: Cancun, Mexico

- Brazil Open

Date: November 23rd to 25th

Place: Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil

In addition to the events under amateur rules, which are our main focus, I would like to highlight the huge contribution that WGP Kickboxing is giving to promote and develop WAKO Kickboxing in all continent. It will be 10 editions in 2018, broadcasted live to Brazil by Bandsports, from Band tv network, and Combate, from Globo media network (the same that has the rights to broadcast the UFC in Brazil), and to other 23 countries of the continent by Fox Sports.

With that, our Kickboxing is reaching millions of homes in the continent and opening the doors to WAKO to get stronger in our amateur modalities.

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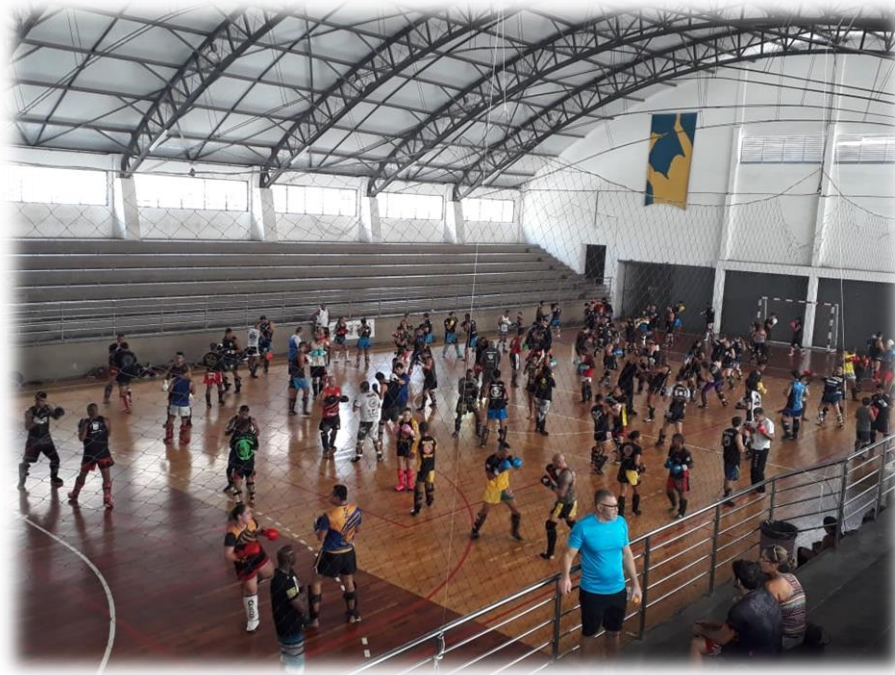
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05. Focus

For 2019, our main objectives are:

- to establish the National Referee's Academy program and, after that, to start developing a Pan-American Referee's Academy program.
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- to strengthen the relationship between WAKO and the National Universities Federations and, therefore, to strengthen the relationship with FISU America.
- to establish a big event in the three regions of the continent:

A – South America: the South-American Championship is already the most important championship of the region. The 10th edition in 2017 took place in Foz do Iguazu, Brasil and the next one will be held in 2019 in Lima, Peru.

B – Central America and Caribbean: the CAC (Central American and Caribbean Open) will be the official event of the region and will be organized in different countries. This year, the event was held in Trinidad and Tobago and in 2019 It will be held in Guatemala. It will be organized every two years,

in odd years, to obey WAKO IF calendar, which determines that the continental championships for adults must be organized in odd years.

C – North America: we will bring the three countries closer (Mexico, USA and Canada) and we will organize the first official edition of the North-American Championship in 2019.

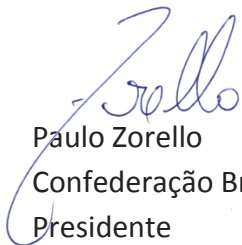
- To establish the South-American Kickboxing Confederation. The current president of ODESUR (Organización Deportiva Suramericana), an entity which has 14 country members in the region, is Mr. Dom Camilo Perez, president of the Paraguayan Olympic Committee, where WAKO Panam has one of its Training Centers.

Dom Camilo requested the foundation of the South-American Confederation, since it can be a member of ODESUR and, with that membership, WAKO Kickboxing can be eligible to participate as a demonstration sport at the South American Games, which will be held in 2022, in Asuncion, Paraguay.

- To give all the support to our members so they can achieve the recognition towards their Sports Ministry or National Olympic Committee. This year, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina and Guatemala achieved that recognition.

- to strengthen the relation with ODEPA, but in this case, we will need all the support from WAKO If and, specially, from our vice-president Mr. Espen Lund.

My Kind Regards,



Paulo Zorello
Confederação Brasileira de Kickboxing
Presidente



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