



WORLD KARATE FEDERATION
The President

Mr. Ronnie M.C. Wong, JP
Hon. Sec. General
Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China

19th March 2018

Re: The Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China Limited (KFHKCL)

Dear Mr. Wong,

Your email dated 16th March 2018 is referred. You have highlighted to us 2 main issues that lead to the Board of The Sport Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC) to have formed the opinion that KFHKCL has failed to act with minimum level of integrity.

The 2 main issues highlighted by you are however invalid to us and insufficient to constitute an offence to be suspended:

1. The Office Bearers of KFHKCL were elected from the member organisations. It is common for many NFs that some of their office bearers are also involve in the Technical matters related to the sport or holding important Technical positions.

KFHKCL is formed by clubs, dojo, or associations, naturally most of the athletes, referees and office bearers will be coming from the member organisations, we do not see how this could be a conflict of interest. In fact, it will be a major disaster if the Technical Officers of Karate have no knowledge or limited knowledge about the Sport of Karate.

Secondly, according to our WKF Rules and practices, the referee or judges of a bout cannot be of the same organisation as that of the athletes in the same bout. Unless this rule has been violated we cannot consider the situation of KFHKCL as conflict of interest.



2. We understood from KFHKCL that the results of the selection were sent to all participants by post office mail. They would send to the successful candidates first and then the unsuccessful candidates second.

We do not see how they can prove that they had sent the results to all individual participants, unless the posts were sent by AR Register mail. On the other hand, we could not understand how SF&OC can prove that KFHKCL did not send the results.

It is in our view that this is weakness in the management of KFHKCL, and it is not an integrity issue.

Based on the above, we cannot agree with you on the justification to move the motion to suspend our member NF, KFHKCL.

In addition, the proposed suspension of KFHKCL, if approved by the members of SF&OC, will not be at all beneficial to the development of Karate in Hong Kong. In view of the ASIAN GAMES just around the corner, the preparation of athletes will also definitely be affected.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Antonio Espinós", written in a cursive style.

Antonio Espinós
WKF President

CC: AKF President, Chang Kuang-Huei