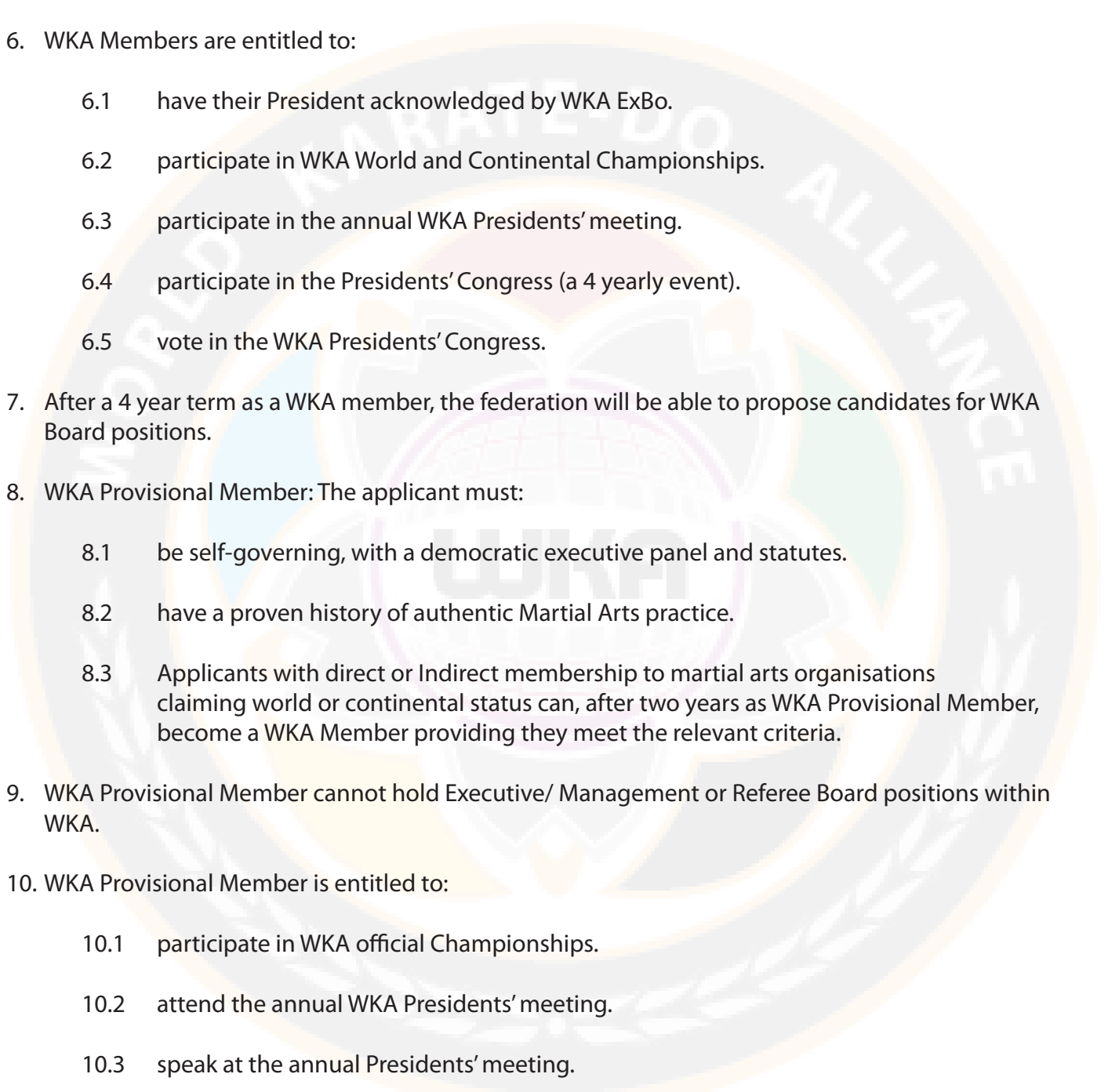




## **AFFILIATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

In this document, Federations/ Associations/ Clubs, are referred to as “Applicants” .

1. In countries where WKA has affiliated members and/or collaborative partners, the WKA Executive Board (WKA ExBo) may consult them before reaching a decision to granting WKA membership status to applicants.
2. The WKA ExBo shall request additional details from the applicant federation about their Instructors, Membership, History of their federation, and their National and International achievements.
  - 2.1 WKA ExBo will consider applications for membership from self-governing independent Applicants that have proven their own autonomy.
  - 2.2 WKA ExBo will consider membership applications from self-governing individual applicants that are members of other organisations claiming World or Continental status.
  - 2.3 WKA ExBo will consider applications from regional organisations .
3. The WKA ExBo shall determine if there is a good relationship between the existing WKA member(s) and the new applicant. The WKA ExBo will decide if the relationship(s) between the applicant and the existing WKA member(s) will not cause serious problems affecting the acquired rights of existing WKA member(s).
  - 3.1 WKA ExBo will reserve the right to reject membership applications in view of maintaining harmony within WKA community.
  - 3.2 In the first instance, new applicants will only be granted WKA Provisional Member status.
  - 3.3 If there are 3 or less WKA members in that country, the WKA ExBo may take the decision to award Provisional Membership status without consulting existing members.
4. The WKA ExBo shall decide, based on the information acquired, to accept or reject the applicant as a member of WKA.
  - 4.1 Applicants whose application has been rejected will, if they can meet all criteria specified by WKA ExBo, have the right to re-apply after 6 months from the date of WKA ExBo decision to reject.

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5. WKA Members are free to have multiple memberships of any other martial arts organisation claiming world or continental status. The applicant must:
    - 5.1 be a self-governing, with a democratic executive panel and statutes.
    - 5.2 have a proven history of authentic martial art practice.
    - 5.3 Endeavour to participate in all official WKA International events each year.
  6. WKA Members are entitled to:
    - 6.1 have their President acknowledged by WKA ExBo.
    - 6.2 participate in WKA World and Continental Championships.
    - 6.3 participate in the annual WKA Presidents' meeting.
    - 6.4 participate in the Presidents' Congress (a 4 yearly event).
    - 6.5 vote in the WKA Presidents' Congress.
  7. After a 4 year term as a WKA member, the federation will be able to propose candidates for WKA Board positions.
  8. WKA Provisional Member: The applicant must:
    - 8.1 be self-governing, with a democratic executive panel and statutes.
    - 8.2 have a proven history of authentic Martial Arts practice.
    - 8.3 Applicants with direct or Indirect membership to martial arts organisations claiming world or continental status can, after two years as WKA Provisional Member, become a WKA Member providing they meet the relevant criteria.
  9. WKA Provisional Member cannot hold Executive/ Management or Referee Board positions within WKA.
  10. WKA Provisional Member is entitled to:
    - 10.1 participate in WKA official Championships.
    - 10.2 attend the annual WKA Presidents' meeting.
    - 10.3 speak at the annual Presidents' meeting.
    - 10.4 be promoted to WKA Member status on meeting the relevant criteria required. This membership status can only be awarded at the annual WKA Presidents' meeting.

11. Breakaway group from a current WKA Member: There must be a clear date from which the applicant broke away from its parent body. The applicant must present valid reasons for breaking away.

- 11.1 Before they apply for membership of WKA they MUST have had a successful 12-month period of self-sufficiency at national level and be able to evidence this.
- 11.2 Consent from the parent federation is expected but if it is not forthcoming and there is a valid reason for this refusal, the WKA ExBo may, in its discretion, impose conditions on the breakaway group and allow them a minimum of 6 months to meet these conditions before re-applying for membership of WKA.
- 11.3 Any special cases may be discussed and a majority decision made by the WKA ExBo.

12. Annual membership fee: Memberships will be valid for 12 months, between the dates 1st January and 31st December each year. All members must pay their relevant membership fees to WKA by 1st March each year. Failing to meet this deadline, the fees for the year in question will increase to €140, €115 and €100 for Organisations, Clubs and Individuals respectively.

- 12.1 WKA ExBo will issue annual membership certificates at the 1st WKA official event each year.
- 12.2 Only those members who have paid the annual membership renewal fee will be included in the WKA online membership list.
- 12.3 Members who have not paid their Annual membership fee by the 1st official WKA event will not be entitled to participate in any of the WKA official events.
- 12.4 When a member cannot pay the affiliation fee, the WKA ExBo will decide the date when they will pay the membership fee.