



WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

Member of:
Global Association of International Sport Federations (GAISF)
International World Games Association (IWGA)

To all WKF NFs and CFs

Madrid, 2nd September 2019

Dear President,

With regards to homologation during the **2020-2023 period** for WKF sport protections, we would like to inform you that the following 12 brands will have the certification "**WKF APPROVED**":

**ADIDAS – ARAWAZA - BEST SPORT - BUDO & FITNESS SPORT – DAEDO - HAYASHI
PUNOK – SHUREIDO - SMAI –TOKAIDO – WACOKU - WESING**

The WKF approved sport protections for these brands are:

FOR COMPLUSORY USE IN COMPETITION

KARATE MITTS (red and blue)
SHIN-PAD & FOOT PROTECTOR (red and blue)
BODY PROTECTOR (white) / FEMALE BODY PROTECTOR (white)
FEMALE CHEST PROTECTOR (white)
CHILDREN CHEST PROTECTOR (white) – Under 14 years -
WKF FACE MASK – Under 14 years -

FOR RECOMMENDED USE IN COMPETITION

MALE AND FEMALE GROIN GUARD (white)

FOR RECOMMENDED USE OUT OF COMPEITITON

FOREARM PROTECTOR (white)

The list of national distributors of these brands will be available on the WKF official website (www.wkf.net), as of 1st January 2020, in the "Homologated Items" section. The use of "WKF APPROVED" protections will be mandatory in all world competitions and/or continental competitions organised or supervised by the WKF or the Continental Federations and **cannot be rejected at any competition or activity carried out by a WKF-member National Federation, according to our Statutes and Rules.**

The new 2020-2023 period of sport protection homologation represents a significant and notable advance in its scope, with the inclusion of the five Continental Federations. This means that athletes will be competing with the same safety standards and quality of protection at all events of the Official WKF Calendar.

Your Sincerely,

Antonio Espinos
WKF President

Copy to: Members of the EC, Commission Chairmen and Secretary of the WKF Referee Commission

