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Dear Mr MacCallum

TAEKWONDO - SPORTS COUNCIL RECOGNITION

Thank you for your letter dated 13 September and received in this office on 24 September, addressed to Mr Derek Casey, Sports Council Director of National Services. Mr Casey has asked me to reply on his behalf.

You have asked in your letter for advice regarding the situation whereby some groups in membership of your own body, the International Taekwondo Federation (ITF) and who are also in membership of the Martial Arts Commission (MAC) may apparently be denied access to facilities because they do not belong to the British Taekwondo Council (BTC).

The Sports Council has recently conducted a review of martial arts and martial arts bodies, and I enclose for your information a copy of guidelines produced by the Sports Council as a result of this review.

From these guidelines you will note that the MAC no longer has any status in the eyes of the Sports Council, and that it is the opinion of the Sports Council that each recognised martial arts activity, including taekwondo, should have a single, unified governing body with responsibility for the activity.

The governing body for taekwondo in Great Britain recognised by the Sports Council is the BTC.

With regard to the matter of facility hire, any decision to ban organisations from using facilities is a matter for the facility providers alone and it would appear that, in relation to martial arts, many local authorities prefer to allow their premises only to be used by organisations in membership of governing bodies recognised by the Sports Council.

I am informed by the BTC that it would welcome applications for membership from affiliates to the ITF and my understanding is



that two of your own member groups (the UKTA and the UKTF) are currently in membership of the BTC.

I hope you find this helpful.

Yours sincerely



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