

Approved Personal Protective Equipment for Taekwondo Competition in the UK

The following categories of personal protective equipment (PPE) may be used in the BTCB British Open International Championships and other *kyorugi* (sparring) competitions in the UK:

- Any WTF-approved PPE
- Any ETU-approved PPE
- PPE for WTF taekwondo which has passed British Standards (BS) testing.

The items indicated with a tick ✓ in the table below are acceptable.

Brand	Adidas	Black Eagle	Budo Nord	Daedo	JCalicu	Kicksport	Kwon	Mooto/MTX	Pine Tree ¹	SMAI	Twin Tower ²
Approved by	WTF/BSi ³	BSi ³	ETU	WTF/BSi ³	WTF	BSi ³	WTF/BSi ³	WTF/BSi ³	BSi ³	BSi ³	WTF
Expiry of WTF approval	31/12/13	–	–	31/12/13	31/12/13	–	31/12/13	31/12/13	–	–	31/12/13
Protectors	Head	✓	✓ ⁵	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Trunk ⁴	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Arms	✓	✓ ⁵	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Hands ⁶	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
	Groin	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Shins	✓	✓ ⁵	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

NOTES

1. Pine Tree equipment may also be labelled as '*Sang Moo Sa*'. It is no longer WTF-recognized but has passed BS/EN testing.
2. Twin Tower equipment is sold as '*WACOKU*'.
3. BSi: British Standards Institute. Same as European (CEN) standards.
4. Trunk protectors must be the *new* type approved for WTF taekwondo. Old style WTF, World Karate Federation and International Wu Shu Federation trunk protectors are not acceptable.
5. Tested to British Standards and therefore acceptable but not WTF-approved.
6. The following brands of WTF-style hand protector may have the WTF logo but they are not WTF-recognised and are not acceptable:
 - Hanji
 - Aprowin
 - RDX
 - JM Fitness
 - Better
 - WESING/Nine Suns Mountain
7. KTA-approved or other brands of products will only be acceptable if they are also approved by the WTF or ETU, or have passed British or European standards tests.
8. The CE mark is *not* proof that equipment has been tested to British or European standards. Manufacturers can use the CE mark if they have tested goods themselves, in-house, but British Taekwondo can only accept certified test results from independent, accredited testing houses.
9. Macho equipment is not WTF-recognized and never has been. Some Macho equipment on sale incorrectly has the old 'WTF-recognized' mark.

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