



Notice of Charge

Against Mr Leipidis and Mr Bolz

Case no.: ETU-2017/007

Charges

Mr Leipidis and Mr Bolz, officials within the German Taekwondo Union (hereinafter: DTU) as shown in exh. 4 and 5, are allegedly responsible for publishing several anonymous articles with unsubstantiated allegations defaming ETU officials. In addition, the articles contain unsubstantiated claims which severely attack the good name and reputation of the ETU as an organization. As both accused are officials of the DTU, the DTU is considered as a third party in this case.

Mr Leipidis and Mr Bolz are allegedly responsible for one count on the basis of being subject to the Bylaws of Dispute Resolution & Disciplinary Actions (article 3 of the Bylaws) including:

- Violating articles 16 of the Bylaws.

Complaint

On 3 May 2017, ETU discovered on the website www.tkd-news.de an article concerning ETU in which several unsubstantiated allegations have been made towards ETU officials as well as to ETU as an organization. Spreading false rumours and unsubstantiated claims with a mass media tool are considered as a serious infringement of the ETU Rules and Regulations.

Preliminary decision

After reviewing the complaint the Investigations and Sanctions Committee under its jurisdiction decided:

- to order the accused to remove the articles as mentioned in Exhibit 2 and 3 and specified below within 24 hours:
 - <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=tkd-news.de>
 - <http://www.tkd-news.de/?p=1271#more-1271>
- in case the articles and posts are not removed within 24 hours, the accused as well as the DTU – as third party - forfeit a direct payable fine of five thousand euros for each day the accused are

not removing the abovementioned articles and posts after 4 May 2017;

- to order the accused place a rectification stating that they distance themselves from the anonymous and unsubstantiated claims.

Proceedings

The accused have the right to file a written reply to this Notice of Charge. The deadline for this statement is 24 May 2017. This deadline in does not influence in any way or form the preliminary decision issued in this Notice of Charge.

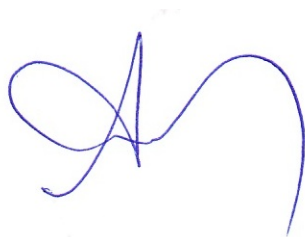
Based on the statement of the accused, a hearing will be scheduled by ETU. More information on the location and date will be given after receiving the statement. The hearing will take place behind closed doors and is thus not open for the public. The accused have:

- The right to be assisted in the presentation of one's case at the hearing.
- The right to call witnesses and present oral and written evidence and argument at a hearing.
- The right to confront witnesses, including the right to be provided the identity of the witnesses in advance of the hearing.
- The right to have a record made of the hearing if desired.

A final written decision, with reasons for the decision, based solely on the evidence of record, will be issued in a timely fashion.

Attached are the exhibits 1 – 5 as mentioned in this Notice of Charge.

3 May 2017



Ali Sagirkaya

Chairman Investigations and Sanctions Committee