



# 2016 WTF World Taekwondo Junior Championships Media Fact Sheet

Event Date:	November 16 – 20, 2016
Start/End Times:	9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. ( <i>times can change based on competition schedule</i> )
Opening Ceremony:	November 16, 2016 – 9:00 p.m.
Event Location:	Bill Copeland Sports Centre – 3676 Kensington Ave., Burnaby, Canada
Venue Capacity:	2,000

## About the 2016 WTF World Taekwondo Junior Championships

The World Taekwondo Junior Championships is one of the top events for the World Taekwondo Federation (WTF), the international body governing the sport. Burnaby won the bid against Turkey to host the 2016 WTF World Junior Championships. Athletes from more than 100 countries will gather at the Bill Copeland Sports Centre for the five-day competition taking place from November 16 to 20, 2016. Both male and female athletes, between the ages of 14 and 17, will be competing in 10 divisions. Medals in various weight divisions will be awarded each evening.

## The event, by the numbers

- 5 days of international competition
- 800+ athletes from 100+ countries (male and female)
- 500+ coaches
- 90+ referees
- 10 divisions
- 80 medals
- Expected economic impact: \$4 million in Burnaby and throughout B.C.

## City of Burnaby and Tourism Burnaby

British Columbia's third-largest city, Burnaby, occupies 98.60 square kilometres (38.07 sq. miles) and is located at the geographical centre of the Metro Vancouver area. With a multicultural population of more than 225,000 people, and a history of sporting excellence, Burnaby is ready to host the international taekwondo community in November 2016. [www.burnaby.ca](http://www.burnaby.ca)

Tourism Burnaby is the city's local destination management organization. Sport Burnaby is the dedicated sport hosting arm of Tourism Burnaby that partners with local, provincial, national and international sport organizations. [www.tourismburnaby.com](http://www.tourismburnaby.com)

## About Taekwondo Canada

Taekwondo Canada is the national Sport Federation in Canada recognized by the World Taekwondo Federation Pan American Taekwondo Union, Sport Canada and Canadian Olympic Committee. There are approximately 1,000 clubs and up to 20,000 people practising taekwondo in Canada. [www.taekwondo-canada.com](http://www.taekwondo-canada.com)

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