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## GREAT BRITAIN OFFICIALLY JOINS WMAGC MOVEMENT

### ROSS IANNOCCARO TO LEAD FORMALIZED GB NMAGC

**February 9, 2010 Geneva, Switzerland** - The World Martial Arts Games Committee (WMAGC) is pleased to announce that Great Britain is the latest country to establish an Official National Martial Arts Games Committee by completing the initial phase of the new National Martial Arts Games Committee guidelines. Leading the NMAG GB will be Ross Iannoccaro, who is also WMAGC's Grappling Committee Chair.

"I am pleased to announce the official launch of the Great Britain National Martial Arts Games Committee and our new website [www.nmag.org.uk](http://www.nmag.org.uk)", says Ross Iannoccaro, National WMAG Director for Great Britain, "Great Britain's association with the WMAGC has been welcomed with excitement and support by many martial arts practitioners here in the UK, and I look forward to working with schools, athletes and fellow national committee members. NMAG GB is open to all styles, benefits all martial artists and promotes the very best of what we do. Our doors are now open and we invite our fellow martial artists from all styles to the future history of martial arts."

"We are very pleased to have an official NMAGC member in Great Britain", says Ken Marchtaler, WMAGC President, "Great Britain has been a stronger supporter of WMAGC since the 1st World Martial Arts Games in 2006. Since that time, we have found it necessary to re-structure to bring a more organized approach to our national and international councils. We are just starting to feel the benefits that a formalized system can bring and we are excited to have the UK on board!"

The World Martial Arts Games Committee (WMAGC) is a non-profit society formed in August 2005. It is the supreme authority of the World Martial Arts Games Movement. Its role is to promote top-level sport as well as sport for all in accordance with the World Martial Arts Games Charter. It ensures the regular celebration of the World Martial Arts Games and strongly encourages appropriate sports ethics and the protection of athletes. The WMAGC is an Active International Member of TAFISA ( [www.tafisa.net](http://www.tafisa.net) ), an IOC recognized Multi-Sport Organisation.

Further information about the World Martial Arts Games Committee and the 2010 World Martial Arts Games in Las Vegas can be found by visiting the WMAGC website at [www.worldmartialartsgames.com](http://www.worldmartialartsgames.com) .

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