**1st ITF African Championship Report.**

**In the history of ITF in Africa the 1st African Championship held in Addis Ababa from August 18-19, 2018.**

**The Championship was organized by Ethiopian International Taekwon-Do Association, the 1st African Championship participants welcomed by Sabum Getachew Shiferaw the EITA Acting president and the tournament was officially opened by GM Paul Weiler the ITF Sr. Vice president and then the championship started after well-organized opening demonstration show. On the 1st African Champ. More than 250 competitors from 9 African counties (Djibouti, Ethiopia, Gambia, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Senegal, Tanzania & Uganda) successfully participated. The tournament divided by 4 major competition types like, Patters, Sparing, Power test and Traditional Sparing in Female and Male (Both Junior and Senior).**

**For very 1st time the champ was supported by sport data online technology by the ITF sport data Expert Master Harry Vones, and also power test competition conducted by the new digital machine which was sponsored and donated by ITF.**

**On 1st African Championship 30 Umpires from different countries throughout the world (Master Harry Vones from Germany ITF Tournament committee member and Sport data expert, Master Ernesto Santanillo from Italy served as a jury, Master Ken Maknezie from Canada served as a jury, Master David McNair from Scotland served as a jury, Sabum Niklas Enander from Sweden served as a center referee, Sabum Jonatan Morris from France served as a center referee, Sabum Elena Shutova from United Kingdom served as a center referee the rest 24 ring council members from Ethiopia actively participated.**

**On the 1st Afri CHamp 5 countries have in the medal list,**

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| **Sr. No.** | **Name of the country** | **Gold** | **Silver** | **Bronze** | **Total** | **Rank** |
| 1 | Ethiopia | 26 | 25 | 32 | 83 | 1st |
| 2 | Madagascar | 1 |  | 3 | 4 | 2nd |
| 3 | Djibouti | 1 |  | 1 | 2 | 3rd |
| 4 | Mozambique |  | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4th |
| 5 | Kenya |  |  | 1 | 1 | 5th |



