

International Taekwon-Do Document

iTKD Tournaments

Tournament Advisor



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Section 1

Tournament Hosting

1.0 Introduction

From 2013, all National Tournaments will be organised by the TAG, with Regional Assistance. This covers the Under 18 series, the National Tournament, the Oceanias, and any other tournament where participation is open to competitors from more than one region.

The reason for this is to increase the professionalism of our major tournaments.

In the past, each region took turns to host the Nationals, or apply to host an Under 18 Tournament. This will still be the case, however the running of each event, the tournament draw, organisation of officials, rules and many other areas will all be organised by the TAG.

Each year sees a new region take over the hosting of our National Tournament, and usually sees a new organiser take on the mammoth task of setting it up, running it, and being responsible for it. And each year, we see old mistakes being repeated, and new ones made.

We all appreciate the guy or girl who takes on this job, but often they lack the knowledge and experience needed and the end result is not what it could be. It makes much more sense to have the same group of professionals run the event each year, and the knowledge gained contained and built on, not lost.

Regions will still have to organise a venue, sort out food, and supply volunteers to assist, but the majority of work will be done by the TAG.

The TAG will not be involved with any Regional Tournament, local mini-kids event, or club challenge for example. We are happy to offer advice, but at a regional level is where mistakes can be made and lessons learnt for junior and up and coming members.

The following is a complete list of what the TAG is responsible for organising, and what each Region needs to do for each event.

1.1 Tag Responsibilities

TAG Responsibilities:

- Working with the organisers to set the budget and ensuring it's stuck to
- Setting the entry fees
- Setting the rules, which events will be competed, number of boards for power and what heights for special technique for example
- Organising the officials, who is attending and in what ring
- Setting the draw
- Setting the number of rings required
- Overseeing the weigh--in process for sparring competitors
- Stopping and starting the tournament
- Overseeing each ring during the competition
- Collating and publishing results
- Providing staff for a help desk for competitors and coaches alike
- Announcing all bouts
- Ensuring ring etiquette is followed at all times
- Awarding medals, trophies, certificates

1.2 Regional Responsibilities

- Working with the organisers to set the budget and ensuring it's stuck to
- Selecting and booking a suitable venue
- Providing one person as the regional contact, and main organiser
- Providing personnel to run the weigh-in and assist the TAG as runners, or provide assistance in other areas as required such as assistance to the Masters, or as an announcer
- Organising lunch for the officials, within the budget
- Policing the ring area, ensuring only those competitors and coaches that need to be there are on the floor
- Organising the mats required and laying out the rings as requested by the TAG
- 'Decorating' the venue as required, within the budget
- Ensuring all expenses are coordinated and within the budget as set by the TAG
- Organising and providing appropriate medals, trophies or certificates within budget
- Organising, printing and supplying all paperwork as required. For example, pattern and sparring score sheets in non electronic rings

Section 2

iTKD Tournament Changes (2013)

Dear members, this year the TAG has made a few changes to the way tournaments are run. Below is a list of what has changed and the reasons why:

Changing the iTKD rules to the ITF Rules

- It was confusing for our international competitors and officials to have two sets of rules
- The ITF has vast experience with tournaments, and their rules simply work better
- We don't have to worry about updating the rules, those with the experience will do this for us

Charging for umpires courses.

- We put this off for as long as we could, but like every other department, we now have to work to a budget. And a big part of the TAG budget is set aside for training, so our apologies

We have removed each regions right to host the Nationals in turn.

- We hope the Nationals will still move around the regions in turn, and we are going to work hard with each region when it is their turn to host the Nationals. But if that region cannot work to a budget that the TAG sets, then we will hold the Nationals in a region that can. The Nationals cannot run at a loss as it has done so in the past; some regions have run at more than \$10,000 in the red, while others have run at the same figure in the black.

The TAG will now run all tournaments in NZ above a regional level.

- In the past a region, or club could host an Under 18 Tournament or the Nationals, do the draw, organize the officials etc. And sometimes it would be great, and sometimes not so great
- Anyone wanting to organize a Tournament in NZ where more than one Regions competitors compete, will now need TAG permission, and involvement.

- We have developed a document outlining what the organisers will be responsible for, and what Tag will do. Essentially TAG will do the draw, organize the officials, and run the event, while the organizer will find a venue, get the rings setup, and provide support staff.
- Experience gained from running events will be retained and built on by TAG members. When new members are added to TAG, they will learn the ropes etc.
- The TAG won't be involved with any regional tournament, or interclub event etc, unless specifically asked. We want these events to be where members practice organizing and running skills

Setting all tournament dates at the beginning of the year

- This is so that competitors that are travelling can see what events are on, and then hopefully book cheaper flights etc
- All dates for the Under 18's will be announced in February. If they are not 'claimed' by a host, they will all run in Auckland
- We are proposing to permanently hold the Nationals in July. We are open to suggestions of course, but we feel that if we all get used to them always being around one month of the year, we can all plan a little better

Introducing a 'B' grade umpires course

- Members will no longer be able to gain a 'B' or even an 'A' qualification simply by being watched at a tournament.
- The B course is an intense 2 day course covering all roles. The first day is theory, while day 2 will be officiating at an Under 18, or similar tournament. Candidates will be under the spotlight and marked accordingly. We hope to roll this out about July 2013 for the first 20 participants. Our long term goal is to have 60 B officials in 3 years, who are exceptionally good, and ready to officiate.

Staying with the Under 18 Tournaments

- Reading the survey feedback, and talking to a lot of seniors and juniors, we have opted to stay with the Under 18 Tournament series.
- The Star series caused as many problems as it solved. Yes seniors could enter, but we were always short of officials, as they were competing, and we are not in favour of officials in Do Bok
- We are however holding a one-off seniors Star Tournament on the 1st September in Hamilton. Open to seniors only, in age grades (18-25, 25-35 etc). We are also hoping to be 'staffing' the event with junior officials as they can't enter. We really want this to be a fun family event

Splitting of the Tournament Advisory Group

- At the TAG meeting on the 2/2/13, we split the TAG into two separate groups, one to be in charge of Officials, and one to run Tournaments. These two groups work closely together but each deals with their own specific area.
- The Officials group deals with training, appointing officials to rings at tournaments etc
- The Tournament group runs the Tournament, works with local organisers, sets budgets, does the draw etc

Umpires Qualifications

- We have changed the umpires qualifications process in NZ
- iTKD "A" Grade has been removed
- iTKD "B" Grades shall be reserved for 1st – 3rd Dan and above
- iTKD "C" Grade shall be reserved for coloured belt students and for anyone else who would like to be involved in officiating at any capacity – Juror's assistants, Corner or Centre Referee – there may be people that are interested in becoming an iTKD Official with no knowledge of the Taekwon-Do Patterns, then they can earn a "C" grade qualification but will not be able to referee a pattern competition.
- The "B" grade qualification is the highest any ITFNZ referee can grade to at any of the iTKD courses. Any 4th Degree and above wishing to grade from a "B" to an ITF "A" grade is required to attend an official ITF course.
- Note: The iTKD "B" grade qualification shall also be the equivalent to an ITF "B" grade qualification.

Section 3

ITKD Tournament Rule Addendum (2013)

Additions / Alterations to the ITF Rules for use in New Zealand 2013 By Tournament Advisor Group (TAG)

From 2013 ITKD Tournaments will run according to the ITF Tournament Rules. This addendum outlines any changes or alterations needed as they apply to local tournaments run in New Zealand.

Officials

There shall be a minimum of one (1) fulltime official from each representative club for up to 10 competing members of that club at each tournament (2 officials for 11 to 20 competitors etc on a pro rata basis). Failure to supply the correct number of officials WILL result in that club/school being fined per missing official at an amount set by the TAG before the event. Clubs/schools without access to an official may 'borrow' them from another club/school.

Hosting

The TAG will not be involved with administering regional or interclub tournaments unless specifically asked to do so. We encourage each region to take charge of their regional events. Please see the Tournament Hosting document for more details.

3.0 General

T 2 Application

- These rule amendments apply to NZ Tournaments only

T 4 b, g Duties

- 3 pattern referees may be used at the Tournament Arbiters discretion
- The computer assistant may not be required if a paper system is in use.

T 5 Competitors

- Competitor divisions may be adjusted to include coloured belt, and/or intermediate, or pee wee competitors

T 6 Dress

- The iTkd S & D document applies to both competitors and officials

T 7 Safety i)

- Coloured belts are permitted to wear black hands and feet safety equipment (sparring gear), but must wear either red or blue head gear

T 8 Medical attention

- There must always be medical personal present at every tournament. It is permissible to use other suitably qualified medical staff if a doctor is not available.

T 9 Competitor Liability

- Not applicable for NZ citizens

T 10 Event insurance

- Not compulsory, but recommended

T 12 Recording

- A paper system is permissible if the electronic one is unavailable

T 15 Awards

- May differ for each NZ tournament depending on divisional totals

T 17 Division

- May change according to the needs of each tournament

T 18 Numbers

- Are unrestricted for all NZ Tournaments. If a restriction applies, it will be published in the event invitation

T 20 Draw

- Draws may be done manually if a computer is not present and will be available before the tournament starts.

3.1 Patterns

T 26 Patterns

- For coloured belts, the first designated pattern will be their last graded pattern

T 27 Performance

- May be changed according to the needs of the tournament

Section 4

iTKD National Tournament 2013 Rule Changes/Additions

Listed below are the divisions for the National Tournament 2013. Of note are the 'additional' divisions for this year's tournament.

Coaches, please do not allow any coloured belt to enter power breaking or special technique unless you are assured of their preparation and skill level. The TAG reserves the right to immediately disqualify any competitor if they are deemed to be in danger of injuring themselves.

As a guideline for the above, all coloured belt competitors must exhibit their understanding of the etiquette and protocol involved in power breaking and special technique, and must be able to exhibit fundamentally sound technique in the execution of each attempt.

Overall:

Coaches, managers, and instructors must be aware that each competitor selected should meet a 'certain level' of competence, and those who don't meet that level should not be a part of their regional or club team, just to make up the numbers or gain experience.

The National Tournament is not the place for beginners

'having a go'.

Pee Wee

Pee Wee competitors must be under 11 years old at the first day of the competition beginning and shall compete in the divisions laid down in the following rules. All competitors must be registered and current iTKD members.

Intermediate

Intermediate competitors must be from 11 to 14 years old at the first day of the competition beginning and shall compete in the divisions laid down in the following rules. All competitors must be registered and current iTKD members.

Junior

Junior competitors must be from 15 to 17 years old at the first day of the competition beginning and shall compete in the divisions laid down in the following rules. All competitors must be registered and current iTKD members.

Senior

Senior competitors must be 18 years old or above at the first day of the competition beginning and shall compete in the divisions laid down in the following rules. All competitors must be registered and current iTKD members.

Veterans

Veteran competitors must be 35 years old or above at the first day of the competition beginning and shall compete in the divisions laid down in the following rules. All competitors must be registered and current iTKD members. Veterans may compete in the senior divisions.

Please Note: The following divisions may be split further or combined due to numbers and/or time limits.

T 27. GUP PATTERN DIVISIONS

8-7 Gup will compete with the designated Patterns being any from Chon-Ji to Dan-Gun*

*(If two 7th gups are competing against each other the designated patterns will include Do-San)

6-5 Gup will compete with the designated Patterns being any from Chon-Ji to Won-Hyo*

*(If two 5th gups are competing against each other the designated patterns will include Yul-Gok)

4-3 Gup will compete with the designated Patterns being any from Chon-Ji to Joong-Gun*

*(If two 3rd gups are competing against each other the designated patterns will include Toi-Gye)

2-1 Gup will compete with the designated Patterns being any from Chon-Ji to Hwa-Rang*

*(If two 1st gups are competing against each other the designated patterns will include Choong-Moo)

T 31. GUP SPARRING DIVISIONS

INDIVIDUAL

RANK DIVISIONS

- a. 8-5 Gup
- b. 4-1 Gup
- c. I-VI Degree

PEE WEE WEIGHT DIVISIONS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
a. Micro	Up to 25kg	Up to 30kg
b. Light	Over 25kg to 35kg	Over 30kg to 35kg
c. Middle	Over 35kg to 45kg	Over 35kg to 40kg
d. Light Heavy	Over 45kg to 55kg	Over 40kg to 48kg
e. Heavy	Over 55kg to 70kg	Over 48kg to 55kg
f. Hyper	Over 70kg	Over 55kg

INTERMEDIATE WEIGHT DIVISIONS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
a. Micro	Up to 35kg	Up to 35kg/
b. Light	Over 35kg to 44kg	Over 35kg to 43kg
c. Middle	Over 44kg to 52kg	Over 43kg to 51kg
d. Light Heavy	Over 52kg to 60kg	Over 51kg to 58kg
e. Heavy	Over 60kg to 75kg	Over 58kg to 70kg
f. Hyper	Over 75kg	Over 70kg

JUNIOR WEIGHT DIVISIONS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
a. Micro	Up to 50kg	Up to 45kg
b. Light	Over 50kg to 56kg	Over 45kg to 50kg
c. Middle	Over 56kg to 62kg	Over 50kg to 55kg
d. Light Heavy	Over 62kg to 68kg	Over 55kg to 60kg
e. Heavy	Over 68kg to 75kg	Over 60kg to 65kg
f. Hyper	Over 75kg	Over 65kg

SENIOR & VETERAN WEIGHT DIVISIONS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
a. Micro	Up to 57kg	Up to 50kg
b. Light	Over 57kg to 63kg	Over 50kg to 56kg
c. Middle	Over 63kg to 70kg	Over 56kg to 62kg
d. Light Heavy	Over 70kg to 78kg	Over 62kg to 68kg
e. Heavy	Over 78kg to 85kg	Over 68kg to 75kg
f. Hyper	Over 85kg	Over 75 kg

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

Additional Team Event

Coloured belt team pattern event:

- Each region is permitted to enter one (1) coloured belt team only
- 5 competitors per team, plus one reserve
- Teams may consist of male or female, junior or senior competitors or a combination of all
- Teams will perform one (1) optional pattern only. In the event of a draw, a further designated pattern will be chosen

Additional Individual Events

Individual Coloured belt Power:

Open to:

- Blue belts (4th gups) and above
- Male and Female competitors in the age divisions as listed below

Individual Coloured belt Special Technique:

Open to:

- Blue belts (4th gups) and above
- Male and Female competitors in the age divisions as listed below

Power

Divisions

- a. Male and female black belt individuals and teams, both Senior, Intermediate and Junior
- b. Male and female coloured belt individuals, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior (4th gups and above)

Intermediate Coloured Belts & Intermediate Black Belts

It is compulsory for each **Intermediate coloured belt & intermediate Black Belt** competitor to attempt each item listed as follows, for their group:

Male	Boards (Polar Boards)	Female	Boards (Polar Boards)
Forefist punch	N/A	N/A	
Elbow	1 White	Elbow	1 White
Side kick	1 Red	Side kick	1 White
Turning kick	1 Red	Turning kick	1 White
Reverse turning kick	N/A	N/A	

Junior Coloured Belts

It is compulsory for each **Junior coloured belt** competitor to attempt each item listed as follows, for their group:

Male	Boards (Polar Boards)	Female	Boards (Polar Boards)
Forefist punch	N/A	N/A	
Knifehand	1 White	Knifehand	1 White
Side kick	1 Black	Side kick	1 Red
Turning kick	1 Black	Turning kick	1 White
Reverse turning kick	N/A	N/A	

Senior Coloured Belts

It is compulsory for each **senior coloured belt** competitor to attempt each item listed as follows, for their group:

Male	Boards (white polar boards)	Female	Boards (white polar boards)
Forefist punch	N/A	N/A	
Knife hand	2	Knife hand	1
Side kick	3	Side kick	2
Turning kick	2	Turning kick	1
Reverse turning kick	N/A	N/A	

Junior Black Belts

It is compulsory for each **junior black belt** competitor to attempt each item listed as follows, for their group:

Male	Boards (white polar boards)	Female	Boards (white polar boards)
Forefist punch	1	N/A	
Knife hand	1	Knife hand	1
Side kick	2	Side kick	2
Turning kick	2	Turning kick	2
Reverse turning kick	2	N/A	

Senior Black Belts

It is compulsory for each **senior black belt** competitor to attempt each item listed as follows, for their group:

Male	Boards (white polar boards)	Female	Boards (white polar boards)
Forefist punch	2	N/A	
Knife hand	2	Knife hand	1
Side kick	4	Side kick	3
Turning kick	3	Turning kick	2
Reverse turning kick	3	N/A	

Special Technique

DIVISIONS

- a) Male and female black belt individuals and teams, both Senior Intermediate and Junior
- b) Male and female coloured belt individuals, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior

Intermediate Coloured Belts & Intermediate Black Belts

It is compulsory for each **intermediate coloured belt & intermediate Black Belt** competitor to attempt each item listed as follows, for their group:

Male	Heights (Metres)	Female	Heights (Metres)
Flying high front kick	2.1	Flying high front kick	2
Flying high Side kick	1.2	Flying high Side kick	1
Flying high turning kick	1.8	Flying high turning kick	1.7

Junior Coloured Belts

It is compulsory for each **junior coloured belt** competitor to attempt each item listed as follows, for their group:

Male	Heights (Metres)	Female	Heights (Metres)
Flying high front kick	2.2	Flying high front kick	2.1
Flying high Side kick	1.3	Flying high Side kick	1.1
Flying high turning kick	1.9	Flying high turning kick	1.8

Senior Coloured Belts

It is compulsory for each **senior coloured belt** competitor to attempt each item listed as follows, for their group:

Male	Heights (Metres)	Female	Heights (Metres)
Flying high front kick	2.3	Flying high front kick	2.2
Flying high Side kick	1.35	Flying high Side kick	1.25
Flying high turning kick	2	Flying high turning kick	1.9

Junior Black Belts

It is compulsory for each **junior black belt** competitor to attempt each item listed as follows, for their group:

Male	Heights (Metres)	Female	Heights (Metres)
Flying high front kick	2.2	Flying high front kick	2.1
Flying high Side kick	1.3	Flying high Side kick	1.1
Flying high turning kick	2	Flying high turning kick	1.9
Flying mid air kick	1.9	N/A	
Flying reverse turning kick	1.9	N/A	

Senior Black Belts

It is compulsory for each **senior black belt** competitor to attempt each item listed as follows, for their group:

Male	Heights (Metres)	Female	Heights (Metres)
Flying high front kick	2.4	Flying high front kick	2.2
Flying high Side kick	1.35	Flying high Side kick	1.25
Flying high turning kick	2.1	Flying high turning kick	2
Flying mid air kick	2	N/A	
Flying reverse turning kick	2	N/A	