

THE INTERNATIONAL TAEKWONDO FESTIVAL 2025

MAY 17, 2025

Industry Hills Expo Center
16200 Temple Ave. City of Industry, CA 91744
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Tournament Director: Grandmaster Young In Cheon
Tournament Chairman: Grandmaster Tae Hwan Son
Tournament Honorary Chairman: Grandmaster Y. H. Park
Referee Chairman: Grandmaster Danny Gonzalez
Tournament Organizing Committee: YIC Taekwondo

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TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR GREETING

Dear Taekwondo Family,

It is my sincerest pleasure to invite you to the 29th International Taekwondo Festival 2025. Thank you for all the years of continued support and love for Taekwondo competition. I think it is very important for our young children especially to be challenged and by participating in tournaments it's a great way for them to develop confidence. Over the years we have attracted a lot competitors from all across the country and even internationally. I have seen athletes participate in their youth as grassroot athlete and now are have become high-level world-class athletes. I have seen athletes that were once young students but now they are Masters and Dojang Owners. Thank you to all the Parents for supporting their Children's Taekwondo journey and making these experiences possible for them. I wish you all good health and I look forward to seeing you all at the International Taekwondo Festival 2025!

Sincerely,

Grandmaster Young In Cheon
Tournament Director
2000 Olympic USA Team Head Coach



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TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN GREETING

Greetings to All Taekwondo Practitioners Around the World,

I would like to extend my best wishes to the International Taekwondo Festival on May 17, 2025, at the Industry Hills Expo Center in Los Angeles, California. This prestigious event has a long-standing tradition of bringing together Taekwondo practitioners from around the world, providing a platform for athletes to test their skills, grow in their journey, and embody the true martial spirit of Taekwondo.

For years, the International Taekwondo Festival has played a significant role in developing countless athletes, from young competitors taking their first steps in the sport to elite champions who have gone on to compete at the highest levels. Through fair competition, camaraderie, and a shared love for Taekwondo, this festival has helped shape the next generation of martial artists, fostering discipline, respect, and perseverance.

I would also like to recognize Grandmaster Young In Cheon, a great friend since my early years, whose dedication to Taekwondo and commitment to this event have been truly inspiring. His contributions to the Taekwondo community have been instrumental in developing athletes and promoting the values of our martial art worldwide.

Wishing all participants a memorable and successful festival! May this event continue to inspire and develop future generations of Taekwondo athletes.

Taekwondo Spirit!

Sincerely,

T.H.Son
Former World Champion



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TOURNAMENT HONOARY CHAIRMAN GREETING

Greeting to all Taekwondo Family's,

It is with great pleasure that I extend my best wishes to all those involved in the "International Taekwondo Festival" at city of industry in California.

Each of us plays a vital role in shaping the future of taekwondo. Therefore, responsibility to help it develop and grow. Moreover, it is our goal to help facilitate both Korean and American master/instructor to work together in harmony and strengthen the taekwondo movement in the United States.

Let's use this special day together and support taekwondo in USA and set a path for its prosperity.

Also, congratulations to Grandmaster Young In Cheon who was the US Olympic team Head coach and he is a True Martial artist.

I would like to thank all the people that made this event possible today!! A special thanks to Grand master young in Cheon without his guidance this event would not have taken place.

Please give to Grandmaster Cheon big applause.

Sincerely

Y.H. Park

US Olympian

Chairman of New York Open Taekwondo Championships



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GENERAL INFORMATION

TOURNAMENT VENUE	Industry Hills Expo Center: 16200 Temple Ave. City of Industry, CA 91744 www.IndustryExpoCenter.com (626) 330-0324		
TOURNAMENT HOTEL INFORMATION	Pacific Palms Resort \$175/night 1 Industry Hills Pkwy, Industry, CA 91744 (626) 810-4455		
REGISTRATION	Early Registration Deadline 4/26/2024	Regular Registration Deadline 5/3/2024	Late Registration Deadline 5/13/2025
GRASSROOT REGISTRATION Color Belts & Black Belts All Ages 4 Max Competitors Per Division	GRASSROOT POOMSAE SPARRING (4 Max Per Division) Registration Fee: \$125 Each Additional Event: \$25	GRASSROOT POOMSAE SPARRING (4 Max Per Division) Registration Fee: \$140 Each Additional Event: \$25	GRASSROOT POOMSAE SPARRING (4 Max Per Division) Registration Fee: \$155 Each Additional Event: \$25
WORLD CLASS REGISTRATION Poomsae: Youth to U30 Sparring: Youth to Seniors <u>Experienced Black Belts Only</u>	SPORT POOMSAE INDIVIDUAL WORLD CLASS SPARRING Registration Fee: \$125 Each Additional Event: \$25	SPORT POOMSAE INDIVIDUAL WORLD CLASS SPARRING Registration Fee: \$140 Each Additional Event: \$25	SPORT POOMSAE INDIVIDUAL WORLD CLASS SPARRING Registration Fee: \$155 Each Additional Event: \$25
MORE REGISTRATION Info	Due to logistics and athlete safety, some 2 event combinations will not be allowed. You may not do both World Class Sparring and Grassroot Sparring. You may not do both Sport Poomsae and Grassroot Poomsae. You can do Sport Poomsae and World Class Sparring. You can do Sport Poomsae and Grassroot Sparring. You may do Grassroot Poomsae and World Class Sparring. You can do Grassroot Sparring and Grassroot Poomsae. NO REFUNDS		
WEIGH-IN FRIDAY, MAY 17th	Weigh-in for World Class Black Belts Only 2:00-6:00pm at the Venue. We will also have satellite weigh in locations which will be announced shortly.		
COMPETITOR AWARDS	All Grassroot divisions will have 4 maximum competitors per division and guarantees 1st, 2nd and two 3rd place winners. World Class Sparring and Sport Poomsae divisions will be full bracket divisions with only one 1 st , one 2 nd and two 3 rd place winners.		
MANDATORY EQUIPMENT	WT approved WHITE v-neck uniform ONLY. All kyorogi competitors must wear WT approved equipment. Groin protector must be worn underneath. World Class Black Belt Sparring 10-32 yrs old must bring their own Daedo Gen-2 Electronic-socks.		
COMPETITION RULES	Current USAT Rules with Daedo Electronic Scoring System for World Class Black Belts		
COACHING	Coaching Pass: \$60 (access into tournament floor) Each dojang owner will receive 1 complimentary Master pass which also grants coaching access. Coach attire will be enforced: no jeans, no shorts, no hats, no sandals/slippers		
VENUE INFO	Parking: \$10 Admission: \$20 , Children 3yrs and under free. NO OUTSIDE FOOD, COOLER OR DRINKS ALLOWED. Only water approved. CASH ONLY! Please be prepared. Subject to changes by venue staff.		



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TIME		FRIDAY – MAY 16TH	LOCATION
2:00pm	6:00pm	WEIGH IN – World Class Black Belts ONLY	Industry Hills Expo Center or We will also have satellite weigh in locations.
TIME		SATURDAY – MAY 17TH	LOCATION
7:30AM	11:00AM	REGISTRATION One representative will pick up the credential badges for the school. Please make sure to contact your Master for your badge.	Industry Hills Expo Center
8:30AM	9:00AM	OPENING CEREMONY National Anthem	Industry Hills Expo Center
8:30AM		POOMSAE COMPETITION <i>Competitors will be called by their age and belt rank starting with age 5 & Under.</i>	Competition Floor
8:30AM		SPORT POOMSAE COMPETITION <i>Competitors will be called straight to Ring</i> <i>Individual Only – Youth 10-11, Cadet 12-14, Jr 15-17, Under 30</i> <i>Youth and Cadet will be called 1st.</i>	Competition Floor Ring TBD
8:30am		WORLD CLASS SPARRING COMPETITION <i>Black Belt Youth, Cadet, Jr. and Senior Only. Need Daedo Socks.</i> [8:30am Seniors] [10:00am Juniors] [12:30pm Youth] [3:00pm Cadet] These are ESTIMATED times. Please be present and ready.	Competition Floor World Class Ring TBD
11:00am		SPARRING COMPETITION <i>Competitors will be called by their age and belt rank.</i> <i>Competitors will be matched by age, gender, rank, and weight</i> <i>(4 max per division)</i>	Competition Floor

*Subject to changes. These are estimated times. We may start sparring before 11:00am if Poomsae concludes.



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COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

POOMSAE: Poomsae competitors must perform only the poomsae designated for their specific rank. Scores based on: proper order, beauty, grace, rhythm, accuracy, power, technique and attitude. 4 competitors per division except for Sport Poomsae.

Rank (Kup)	10-9	8-7	6-5	4-3	2-1	Poom-Dan 1-2-3
Belt Colors	White	Yellow	Green	Blue	Red	Black
Poomsae Taeguk	Kicho or T1	T1 or T2	T3 or T4	T5 or T6	T7 or T8	Koryo-Keumgang-Taebaek etc.

SPORT POOMSAE will be released May 3. We will share on our Facebook and Instagram.

SPARRING/KYOROOGI: The current USAT & WT competition rules will govern this championship. Best out of 3 round format. The organizing committee may modify some rules according to the local condition. Grassroots = 60 second rounds, best out of 3. World-class = 90 second round, best out of 3. 12 point gap and 5 gamjeon rule.

Application of Junior Safety Rules for USAT State and Local Championships

Age	Belt Color	Applicable Rules
Dragon 6 - 7	Yellow	No Head Contact
	Green	
	Blue	
	Red	
	Black	
Ninja 8 - 9	Yellow	No Head Contact
	Green	
	Blue	
	Red	
	Black	Junior Safety Rules
Youth 10 - 11	Yellow	No Head Contact
	Green	
	Blue	
	Red	
	Black	Junior Safety Rules
Cadet (12 - 14)	Yellow	Junior Safety Rules
	Green	
	Blue	
	Red	
	Black	
Junior (15 - 17)	Yellow	Junior Safety Rules
	Green	
	Blue	
	Red	
	Black	Adult Rules
Senior	Yellow	Adult Rules
	Green	
	Blue	
	Red	
	Black	



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* Note: Tournament director may change the time limit and alter weight division if necessary to ensure fairness and maintain safety

WORLD CLASS BLACK BELT DIVISIONS

- We may combine two weight class to ensure everyone gets a match. Please look for updates.

Male:	Youth (10-11)	Female:
-30kg (66.0)	Fin	-30kg (66.0)
-35kg (77.0)	Light	-35kg (77.0)
-40kg (88.0)	Middle	-40kg (88.0)
+40kg	Heavy	+40kg

Male:	Cadet (12-14)	Female:
-33kg (72.8)	Fin	-29kg (63.9)
-37kg (81.6)	Fly	-33kg (72.8)
-41kg (90.4)	Bantam	-37kg (81.6)
-45kg (99.2)	Feather	-41kg (90.4)
-49kg (108)	Light	-44kg (97)
-53kg (116.8)	Welter	-47kg (103.6)
-57kg (125.7)	Light Middle	-51kg (112.4)
-61kg (134.4)	Middle	-55kg (121.3)
-65kg (143.3)	Light Heavy	-59kg (130.1)

Male:	Juniors (15-17)	Female:
-45kg (99.2)	Fin	-42kg (92.6)
-48kg (105.8)	Fly	-44kg (97)
-51kg (112.4)	Bantam	-46kg (101.4)
-55kg (121.3)	Feather	-49kg (108)
-59kg (130)	Light	-52kg (114.6)
-63kg (138.9)	Welter	-55kg (121.3)
-68kg (149.9)	Light Middle	-59kg (130.0)
-73kg (160.9)	Middle	-63kg (138.9)
-78kg (172)	Light Heavy	-68kg (149.9)
+78kg	Heavy	+68kg

Seniors

Weight class	Men	Women
	Weight limit kg (lb)	Weight limit kg (lb)
Heavyweight	unlimited	unlimited
Middleweight	87 (191.8)	73 (160.9)
Welterweight	80 (176.4)	67 (147.7)
Lightweight	74 (163.1)	62 (136.7)
Featherweight	68 (149.9)	57 (125.7)
Bantamweight	63 (138.9)	53 (116.8)
Flyweight	58 (127.9)	49 (108.0)
Finweight	54 (119.0)	46 (101.4)



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REFEREE SUPPORT



Referee Co-Chairmans – Grandmaster Danny Gonzalez

Our Tournament success would not be possible without the support of our hardworking Referees.

International Referee: \$200/ day USAT/AAU Certified Referee: \$150 / day Non-Certified: \$100 / day

Breakfast and Lunch will be provided. Shared Hotel accommodations provided for those that qualify for Friday the 17th.
\$200 flight credit for IR's that qualify.

Referee Online Registration: www.TKDFEST.com

REFEREE SEMINAR: To be annouced

Please contact us at tkdfest@gmail.com to sign up for the seminar.



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THINGS TO KNOW

1. The Industry Expo Center Grand Arena is an equestrian center turned into a competition arena. There is a roof covering but you will be outdoors and weather can be cool and windy in the early morning and evening. We encourage you to bring a light jacket or sweater.
2. There will be no ins and outs in the parking lot. Please note that once you leave the parking area you will have to pay for parking again. Parking is \$10 and Admission is \$20 children 3 and under are free.
3. Registration. One representative will pick up the credential badges for the school. Please make sure to contact your Master for your credential badge. Registration and badge pickup will be closed at 11:00am.
4. Athlete may not compete in both Grassroot Sparring Competition and World Class Sparring Competition. Athlete may not compete in both Junior and Senior divisions. Black Belts who are high level and experience please select World Class. Black Belts with not much experience please select grassroots.
5. Opening Ceremony will be at 9am this year. We will NOT stop for any breaks once the tournament begins. Sparring competition will begin immediately after Poomsae. Referees will take lunch break in shifts. Please arrive early.
6. The competition floor must be kept clear throughout the tournament for fire hazard policy. If security has to ask you to leave more than twice you may risk the loss of your coaching/master pass.
7. The Industry Hills Expo Center will have many food vendors from Mexican Café, BBQ grill, Kettle Popcorn and vegetarian options available. No outside food or drinks (water allowed)
8. Sangmoosa/Mooto martial art supply vendor will be on site for your equipment needs.
9. Imagine Special Events will be our photo vendor please stop by to purchase your souvenir photos.

