



2026 Tae Kwon-Do International World Cup

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Hello Masters, School Owners, and Senior Instructors,

Thank you for your support of the 2026 Tae Kwon-Do International World Cup. This event could not happen without your participation. Before you arrive, there are a few details and deadlines that require your attention. Thank you for reviewing and responding in advance!

1. **Please let us know that you are coming** – This is a major event with 500+ competitors, coaches, VIPs, and supporters. School Owners and Masters can check in at the volunteer check-in table. If you let us know you are coming, we will add your name to the list and provide you with a coach wristband. If we do not know that you are coming, you may be asked to purchase a spectator ticket. Please help us avoid an awkward moment. Please send an email to worldcupvolunteers26@gmail.com with your name and school name.
2. **Coach's Pass** – Each School Owner will receive a non-transferable Coach Pass in the form of a wristband. If a school registers more than 10 competitors, one additional coach wristband will be given out. More than 20 competitors will receive up to a maximum of two additional coach wristbands. School owners will pick up and distribute their coaches passes as they see fit.
3. **Competitor Notifications** – When registering, competitors select (and in some cases add) their school to the registry. This school listing should include a contact person and email for the school. After completing the registration, the program automatically sends a confirmation to the contact person outlining the demographics and divisions entered for the competitor. Please take some time to review the information to ensure the competitor has entered the correct information (sex, age, rank and divisions). We will also confirm this at check in, but if school contacts also check it will result in fewer category errors for our software team to correct on the day of the event. Please note that it is the responsibility of the competitor to make sure they are entered in the correct divisions.

4. **Officials** – We are hopeful that each school will offer up one experienced adult black belt to serve as a corner official each day of the competition. While we are well staffed regarding officiating, it always helps to include officials from a variety of schools to give an opportunity for a break and reduce any perceived bias. If you can provide an official(s), please email GM Colin Nonomura (Director of Officiating) cnonomura4@gmail.com with the name, rank, school name and brief description of experience no later than June 22nd.
5. **Registering Teams** – Teams for Team Patterns and 3-Person Black Belt Point Sparring must register in Kihapp in advance. [Click here for step-by-step instructions](#) on how to register your team. *Please note that International Team Sparring registration will be created on Sunday morning at the event.
6. **Friday Night Black Belt Weigh-ins and Early Check-in** – These have been moved to the Nikka Yuko Japanese Garden (835 Mayor Magrath Drive South: 5–10-minute walk from the Coast Hotel) and will be held from 4 to 7 pm. All competitors may also check in at this time. Competitors and coaches will also have free access to the gardens. General admission for TKD supporters has been reduced to \$9. This is a great spot for team and individual photos.
7. **Special reception for Grand Masters (Friday)** – On Friday at 7 pm, we are hosting a small reception to honour the 19 Grand Masters who will be at the tournament at the Nikka Yuko Japanese Garden. This reception space is small, so we must limit attendance to GM's, Masters, and School Owners. **Please let GM Gibson know by July 1st** if you plan to attend so he can add your name to the guest list. Email: darin.gibson@telus.net.
8. **Tournament Bow-in** – We will have the 19 Grand Masters and dignitaries seated at the Head Table. We will have a special grand entry (by country) for the competitors, coaches, and instructors. We ask School Owners and Masters to march in and line up with their respective teams for the formal Bow-In at 9:30 am on Saturday.
9. **Leaders' Dinner (Saturday)** – This special ticketed event will be held on Saturday, July 4, beginning at 6:30 pm at Modern Chinese Restaurant (103 7th Street South) for School Leaders, Instructors, Masters, and Grand Masters.

We hope you can join us for a wonderful all-you-can-eat Chinese dinner. Meet new people, renew old friendships, and talk about all things Tae Kwon-Do in a friendly,

informal atmosphere. The goal is to network with other TKD leaders across organizations to create opportunities to support one another, work together, and advance Tae Kwon-Do. Tickets are \$65 (cost recovery – includes meal, tip and taxes) to reserve your spot. * Please note - Tickets will not be available at the tournament.

Deadline to purchase tickets is Monday, June 29. Limited tickets available. No host bar. We expect to sell out, so please don't wait to register. Please print the receipt and bring it to the event. [Leaders' Dinner Ticket Purchase Link](#).

10. **After-Party Celebration (Sunday)** – We are planning a fantastic celebration party after the event with food, drinks, and dancing in a beautiful ballroom at the venue on Sunday evening. Tickets are \$20 and include admission and food. All are welcome, but not suitable for young children. Purchase your Celebration Party and Dance [tickets in advance here](#). Print the receipt and bring it to the event.

Warm regards,

Grand Master Darin Gibson
UTTC President
Tournament Co-Director

Grand Master Colin Nonomura
UTTC Vice President
Tournament Co-Director

