

Official Invitation

Feb 25, 2023 – Halifax, Nova Scotia

**EASTERN
CANADIAN
TAEKWON-DO
CHAMPIONSHIP**

FEBRUARY 25, 2023

**HALIFAX FORUM
MULTIPURPOSE
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Dear Masters and Instructors,

We are very excited to invite you to participate in the 2022 CTFI Eastern Taekwon-Do Championships in Halifax, NS on February 25, 2023. All CTFI black belts and coloured belts, ages six plus are invited to participate in this memorable event.



It is our goal to provide an amazing and memorable experience for all participants and their supporters. This will be a well-organized event with excellent level of competition and sportsmanship, demonstrating the true spirit of the original ITF Taekwon-Do.

For the 2022 Eastern Championships, we are also pleased to provide the following features to the tournament program:

- Pre-Order shirts online through the Google Form!
- All competitors will receive their ring locations and estimated time schedule for their events.
- Coaches/Instructors will register participants on-line via Sportdata.
- The ITF Electronic Scoring System (ESS) will be used in most rings.



For more information on registration, rules, etc., we invite you to check for updates on the [CTFI website](#). All ITF/CTFI rules and the Team Manual are available through the “[Downloads and Resources](#)” page on the CTFI website as well.



All instructors are highly encouraged to become familiar with the most up to date rules as outlined by the ITF, and stress the importance of relaying the information to their participants.

We look forward to seeing you all at this exciting event!

2022 ITF TaeKwon- Do Canadian Eastern
Championships
Feb 25 2023
@ Halifax Forum Multipurpose Center

Sincerely,

CTFI TaeKwon-Do NS Association
Host of the 2022 CTFI Canadian Eastern Championships

Event Information

Who: All official CTFI affiliated schools and practitioners from Canada.
When: Saturday February 25, 2023
Where: Halifax Forum Multipurpose Centre
Corner of Windsor St. & Young St., with free parking. [CLICK HERE](#)

Contact: Mr. Jim Ripley (*VI*)
tel (902) 694-5425
email: jripley@jcstaekwondo.com

Tournament Director: Master Kevin Reinelt (*VII*)
email: tournamentdirector@ctfi.org

Umpire Director: Mr. Grant Arden (*VI*)
Email: grant@apollotkd.ca

Registration: All registrations are Online using SportData.
NOTE: Only Instructors/Coaches can register competitors using their SportData club account.

DEADLINE: All registration for Competitors, Coaches and Referees closes February 8, 2023 at 11pm Pacific time.

SportData Online Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

Events: These championships will feature the following events:

- Individual Patterns, Coloured Belt and Black Belt
- Individual Free Sparring, Coloured Belt and Black Belt
- Prearranged Sparring Black Belt and Blue/Red Belt (age 12+)
- Power Breaking Black Belt (age 15+) World Cup Rules

Entry Fees:

Coloured Belts (Age 6+) Patterns and/or Sparring.....	\$75
Super Sr & Veteran Black Belts (Age 36+) Patterns and/or Sparring.....	\$75
Pre-Jr, Jr & Sr. Black Belt (Age 12-35) Patterns and/or Sparring.....	\$90
Prearranged Sparring (Black Belt and Blue & Red Belt age 12+).....	\$30/team
Power Breaking (only Black Belt age 15+).....	\$20
Coach Pass - Head Coach (BB & CB, 1 per Dojang).....	\$50
Coach Pass - Black Belt Sparring (see limits in Coach section below).....	\$50
Coach Pass - Colour Belts (No Black Belts age 16+).....	\$30
Photographer Pass (No Black Belts age 16+).....	\$50
Pre-order Shirts online youth & adult.....	\$30

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Note: This schedule is tentative; the schedule is subject to change once all registrations have been received.

Fri., Feb. 24th (Host Hotel)	4pm-6pm	Black Belt weigh-ins, black belt card checks and Coach Check-In Hampton Inn Hotel
Sat., Feb. 25th (Venue)	7:30-8:00am	Last chance for Black Belt weigh-in/check-in/ coach registration
	8:00am	Black Belt/Umpire Meeting
	8:30-9:00am	Opening Ceremonies
	9:00am-1:00pm	Colour Belt patterns/sparring competition
	10:00am-1:00pm	Breaking Black Belts
	1:00-3:00pm	Black Belt Patterns, including Pre-Arranged
	3:00-7:00pm	Black Belt Individual Sparring

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT SHIRT PRE-ORDER:

Pre-order your official 2022 Eastern Canadian Championship t-shirt: [CLICK HERE](#)

Black cotton t-shirts available in youth and adult sizes. Price: \$30

**Sales on-site will be limited, so order your shirt now!*



ACCOMMODATIONS:

Host Hotel

The official event host hotel is the Hampton Inn - Halifax. Weigh-ins/Black Belt Check-in and coach's registration will all take place at this hotel Friday night 4-6 pm. Any Black Belts who have not checked in to show their ID card and weigh-in, and coaches who have not picked up their tournament packages by this time must do so at the tournament venue Saturday morning from 8:00-8:30 am.

Hampton Inn

1960 Brunswick Street
Halifax, NS B3J 2G7
(902) 422-1391



Room rates are **\$150.00/night plus applicable taxes (15%)**. The options available for room type are one king bed or two queen beds.

Check-in time is guaranteed at 3:00 pm, however early check-in needs to be arranged, if possible. Check out time is 12:00 pm.

To book reservations call local phone number (855) 331-0334

Note: When booking a room, please use Group Name: CTFI Taekwon-Do and rooms must be booked by 24 January 2023.

INSURANCE:

The Organizing Committee and CTFI are not responsible for any injuries. Participants must have full third-party liability insurance cover for any injuries they may cause to others. ***Instructors must provide proof of insurance to the Tournament Director (email: tournamentdirector@ctfi.org) by February 8, 2023, or their competitors will not be allowed to participate.***

REGISTRATION:

Coaches must register all competitors directly through the SportData system.

Note: Coaches, please make it clear to your participants that they must not try to make their own registration – if they do try, it will be rejected.

If a coach already has a Club account in SportData, they can re-use that account.

For complete instructions showing how to create an account and register competitors, umpires and coaches, see the additional document “Instructions for using Club Account to register competitors, umpires and coaches” This document is found under the “Downloads” button on the SportData web page for the event or go to the link [HERE](#).

Note: Registration Deadline for all Competitors, Coaches and Umpires is February 8, 2023, at 11pm Pacific Time.

International ID Number: Registration will require an “International ID” number for all competitors.

- *Colour Belts:* enter “N/A” as the International ID number.
- *Black Belts:* enter the International ID number found on the Black Belt wallet card (see image below circled in red).



Coaches note:

1. Degree number (i.e. C-1-1234) is **NOT** acceptable
2. The International ID number does not change as a competitor moves up in rank. If their number is 123456 as a 1st Dan Black Belt, it will also be 123456 if they are promoted to 2nd Dan. Therefore, if they recently have tested and do not have their new card, they can obtain their number from their old wallet card.
3. For competitors who have recently examined for 1st Dan Black Belt rank and have not yet received their new wallet card, please request the ID number from Ms. Stone at ctfihq@gmail.com.

Instructor Check-in:

All instructors or coaches must report to the tournament check-in and pick up the dobok stickers for their competitors and coach passes. Instructors are responsible for making sure competitors have these stickers on their dobok as proof that they are registered competitors.

Instructor/Coach Check-in will be available on Friday February 24, 2023 at the host hotel from 4-6 pm and at the tournament venue on Saturday February 25, 2023 from 7:30 – 8:00 am.

Black Belt Card:

All Black Belts, all ages, must be certified with ITF headquarters. When using the on-line registration process, there will be a space for providing the Black Belt ITF International ID number (see above).

Recently promoted 1st Degree Black Belts may not have received their certification cards yet, so Instructors must check with CTFI HQ (Ms. Stone) to request that number.

All Black Belts must show their ITF Black Belt registration card at the Weight Check/Check-in (see below). A photocopy of the Black Belt certificate showing name, rank and date information as well as the name of the ITF President is acceptable. Any Black Belt without appropriate proof of certification in the ITF will be disqualified with no refund of event fees.

Black Belts not competing in sparring **MUST** check-in and show ID to confirm Black Belt status. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

Declaration of Consent and Data Protection forms:

NOTE: Declaration of Consent and Data Protection forms are required for all participants in the event including:

- Competitors
- Coaches
- Referees

Instructors are responsible for downloading *Declaration of Consent and Data Protection* forms and having all competitors/coaches/referees or their legal guardians sign them. Instructors are responsible for sending scanned or photographed images of these files to the Tournament Director.

If you are sending 1 file for each document, please include the participant name in the file name. If you are sending a single document with many scanned pages, please put the pages in alphabetical order.

The forms in English and French are downloadable from here: [CLICK HERE](#)

Competitors/coaches/referees who do not have valid forms submitted to the Tournament Director by the deadline will not be allowed to compete.

Note: Deadline for Declaration of Consent and Data Protection forms submitted to Tournament Director: February 8, 2023, at 11pm Pacific Time.

BLACK BELT WEIGHT CATEGORIES:

Standard ITF Black Belt Weight categories will apply.

PRE-JUNIOR (AGE 12-14) WEIGHT CATEGORIES:

Male:

- (a) Up to 40 kg
- (b) 40.1 to 45 kg
- (c) 45.1 to 50 kg
- (d) 50.1 to 55 kg
- (e) 55.1 to 60 kg
- (f) 60.1 to 65 kg
- (g) Over 65 kg

Female:

- (a) Up to 40 kg
- (b) 40.1 to 44 kg
- (c) 44.1 to 48 kg
- (d) 48.1 to 52 kg
- (e) 52.1 to 56 kg
- (f) 56.1 to 60 kg
- (g) Over 60 kg

JUNIOR (AGE 15-17) WEIGHT CATEGORIES:

Male:

- (a) Up to 50 kg
- (b) 50.1 to 55 kg
- (c) 55.1 to 60 kg
- (d) 60.1 to 65 kg
- (e) 65.1 to 70 kg
- (f) 70.1 to 75 kg
- (g) Over 75 kg

Female:

- (a) Up to 45 kg
- (b) 45.1 to 49 kg
- (c) 49.1 to 53 kg
- (d) 53.1 to 57 kg
- (e) 57.1 to 61 kg
- (f) 61.1 to 65 kg
- (g) Over 65 kg

SENIOR (AGE 18+) WEIGHT CATEGORIES:

Male:

- (a) Up to 57 kg
- (b) 57.1 to 63 kg
- (c) 63.1 to 69 kg
- (d) 69.1 to 75 kg
- (e) 75.1 to 81 kg
- (f) 81.1 to 87 kg
- (g) Over 87 kg

Female:

- (a) Up to 50 kg
- (b) 50.1 to 55 kg
- (c) 55.1 to 60 kg
- (d) 60.1 to 65 kg
- (e) 65.1 to 70 kg
- (f) 70.1 to 75 kg
- (g) Over 75 kg

Note: Coaches please be careful to enter your Black Belt competitors' weight correctly in your SportData club account so the correct category is offered when registering.

Category Merging for Black Belts:

Any Black Belt sparring category may be merged if there are two or less competitors, they will always be merged within the same age group. This is to ensure there are no competitors alone in their category and improve competition for the athletes. Seeding points will be awarded regardless of which category the athletes compete in. Refer to CTFI Team Manual for full details of Seeding point system.

Weight Verification:

All Black Belts (all ages) must have their weight category verified at the weigh-ins. Weigh-in procedure will follow ITF World Championships rules. Black Belts must present their Black Belt certification card at the weight check.

Black Belts in Super Senior (age 36-45) and Veteran (age 46+) categories must be within +/- 3kg of their stated weight or they will be disqualified.

Pre-Junior, Junior and Senior Black Belts (age 12-35) in unmerged categories must fall within their registered weight categories or they will be disqualified.

Where categories for Pre-Junior, Junior or Senior Black Belts (age 12-35) have been merged, the competitor must fall within the weight boundaries of the merged category. These weight boundaries will respect the ITF category boundaries listed above.

Examples:

1. Sr. Male categories (a), (b) and (c) are merged. The weight boundaries for the new category will be "Up to 69kg"
2. Jr. Female categories (e) and (f) are merged. The weight boundaries for the new category will be "57.1 to 65kg".

Weight checks will be available on Friday February 24th, 2022 at the host hotel from 4-6 pm and at the tournament venue on Saturday February 25th, 2022 from 7:30-8:00 am.

Black Belt Age Categories:

Black Belt Age Categories of this event:

Pre-Junior	age 12-14
Junior	age 15-17
Senior	age 18+
Super Senior	age 36+
Veteran	age 46+

Note: Black Belts age 36+ may choose to enter the Senior Age 18+ category. This will result in a higher entry fee. Categories for Black Belts age 36+ may be merged if there are less than three competitors.

Valid Age for Category:

The valid age for all Pre-Junior, Junior and Senior Black Belt competitors during the competition is the age at which they enter the year. To calculate this age, use the following formula:

$$\text{Year of competition} - \text{Year of birth} - 1 = \text{Competitors valid age during the competition}$$

Examples:

1. Year of event 2023 - Year of birth 2007-1 = 17
This Competitor is only allowed to compete as a Junior
2. Year of event 2023 - Year of birth 2006 - 1 = 18
This Competitor is only allowed to compete as a Senior
3. Year of event 2023 - Year of birth 2010 - 1 = 14
This Competitor is only allowed to compete as a Pre-Junior

Black Belts Competing Up:

Exact circumstances under which “Competing Up” is allowed are detailed in the current CTFI Team Manual, which is available on the “Resources and Downloads” page of the CTFI web site (refer to Appendix A). Coaches must register competitors for their normal category then make an email request to the Tournament Director to compete up. Please note the new Age Qualification rules and categories listed above.

Colour Belt Age Categories:

Minimum age is 6 years old. As per CTFI competition rules, the appropriate age division for all competitors will be determined based on the age of the person on the first day of the Tournament –February 25, 2023. Please note that Colour Belt age divisions with less than three people may be merged with other groups. Best effort will be made to create categories that are close in rank and age.

TOURNAMENT RULES:

All events at this tournament will follow the Canadian Taekwon-Do Federation International (CTFI) Rules for Coloured Belt Competition and the International Taekwon-Do Federation (ITF) Combined Competition Rules and Regulations. Copies of these rules are available on the CTFI website under the "[Downloads and Resources](#)" section.

Special additions to the rules are as listed below:

Patterns

Individual Colour Belt Patterns:

Competitors may perform the pattern of their rank or the pattern immediately below their current rank to accommodate recently promoted students. Coloured Belts may not perform any pattern above that of their current rank.

Individual Black Belt Patterns:

Black Belts Pre-Junior, Junior, Senior and Super Senior will compete 1 to 1 and will perform simultaneously two (2) Designated Patterns appropriate to their degree. The first designated pattern will be one of the last three patterns regarding the level of degree. The second designated pattern is from pattern Chon-Ji to the level of degree.

Black Belts Veteran will compete 1 to 1 and will perform simultaneously one (1) Designated Pattern chosen randomly from one of the last three patterns regarding the level of degree.

Black Belts Super Senior and Veteran may have categories merged with a different rank. Patterns performed will be for the lower rank of the two competitors in the ring when their competition begins. E.g. if a 3rd Dan is matched with a 4th Dan, only 3rd Dan patterns will be used, but if a different match in the same category sees 2 4th Dans competitors, 4th Dan patterns will be used.

Pre-Arranged Sparring

Categories are offered for Black Belt and Blue Belt +. Age groups are Pre-Junior, Junior, and Senior+. Standard ITF competition rules will apply to all categories.

Teams may be Female-Female, Male-Male or mixed Female-Male.

Free Sparring

Duration of matches:

Coloured Belts	1 round of 2 minutes.
Black Belts Pre-Junior, Junior, Senior	2 rounds of 2 minutes.
Black Belts Super Senior, Veteran	2 rounds of 1.5 minutes

Note: Breaks between rounds will be 1 minute in all cases.

Safety Equipment:

Mandatory Safety equipment:

- Hand, Foot and Head guards of an approved type (see below);
- Mouth guard – must be transparent with no colours;
- Groin protection for all males (must be worn inside the trousers);

Optional Safety equipment:

- Shin protectors of an approved type (no hard materials);
- Groin protection or chest protection for females (must be worn inside the dobok)
- Approved soft frame, prescription sport glasses. Written approval must have been requested and granted from the CTFI Tournament and Umpire Committee prior to the event.

Approved types of sparring safety equipment:

Black Belts competing in the Pre-Junior, Junior and Senior divisions must have hand, foot and head protectors approved by ITF for international competition. Full details of approved equipment are found in the ITF Combined Competition Rules and Regulations.

Pre-Junior, Junior and Senior Black Belts will be required to wear either red or blue hand/foot/head protectors depending on their position in the draw. Pre-Junior, Junior and Senior Black Belts must have sets of both colours available.

Coloured Belts (all ages) and Super Senior/Veteran Black Belts (age 36+) may wear ITF approved gear or the standard foam safety gear such as Macho or Century. Any colour is allowed for this group, but we recommend red or blue (if you have it) to help the umpires.

No jewellery, piercings, watches or other adornments may be worn; hair may be kept in place using a material of a soft elastic nature only. Hard materials (e.g. plastic, wood or metal) are not allowed.

Note: Students must compete with required safety equipment that is in good condition and covers the toes, fingers and heels properly. Students without required equipment may be disqualified. Competitors sharing properly sanitized equipment is acceptable.

Power Breaking

All power breaking competition will follow the ITF rules for World Cup competition, Section IV and Section V.

NOTE In all categories, competitors must successfully make at least 1 break to qualify for a medal.

Power Breaking will be open only to Black Belts age 15+. Competitors will attempt 2 breaks – one hand technique of choice and one foot technique of choice from the allowed list below.

HAND TECHNIQUES	FOOT TECHNIQUES
Fore fist Front Punch (Ap Joomuk Jirugi)	Side kick (Yop Chagi)
Knife hand strike (Sonkal Taerigi)	Back kick (Dwit Chagi)
Back fist strike (Dung Joomuk)	Turning kick (Dollyo Chagi)
Reverse knife hand strike (Sonkal Dung Taerigi)	Reverse turning kick (Bandae Dollyo Chagi)

Board counts

Age Category	MALE		FEMALE	
	BOARDS (hand)	BOARDS (foot)	BOARDS (hand)	BOARDS (foot)
15 - 17 years	2	3	1	2
18 - 35 years	3	4	2	3
36 years +	2	3	2	2

All board counts will follow the ITF World Cup standard.

Competitor Dress Code:

Dobok

Competitors must wear the internationally approved ITF dobok from a recognized manufacturer. ***Old style doboks without the ITF Coloured Fist shall not be worn.***

Belt

All Black Belt and Colour Belt competitors must wear belts that conform to ITF standards found in the ITF Official Rules of Competition, Appendix 2 – pages 83-85.

Undergarments

Competitors may wear head/neck coverings which must:

- Be constructed of a solid white colour;
- Be made of a soft and/or elastic material;
- NOT contain any hard materials, metal, grips or slides; and
- Fit, and remain, fully within the confines of the safety headguard and the dobok jacket while the competitor is sparring.

Undergarments, of a soft or elastic nature ONLY, may be worn beneath the competitor's dobok (beneath the top and/or trousers). Undergarments (only those garments that are visible while competitor is competing) MUST:

- Be of a solid white colour; and
- Be made of a single layer of soft and/or elastic material.

Undergarments MUST NOT:

- Provide additional protection from impact;
- Contain any hard materials, metal, grips or slides; and
- Extend past the distal portion of either the wrist or the ankle.

Taping

Tape/soft bandaging/soft strapping may be used for medical or first aid reasons, provided:

- That it is not used in an excessive manner;
- No hard plastic/metal fasteners, laces, studs or mechanical fasteners are to be used;
- No mechanical means of support are included in the bandaging/taping/strapping. (Including though not limited to: bracing/stays/splints, mechanical joints/articulations/hinges...);
- The Umpire Committee is satisfied that it's use does not give the competitor any undue advantage;
- All Tape/soft bandaging/soft strapping MUST be either white or skin-coloured if it is visible while competitor is competing; and
- Any Tape/soft bandaging/soft used on areas not visible (i.e. knee) may be of any colour so long as the colour is not plainly visible through the material of the dobok.

Tape/soft banding/soft strapping may NOT be used in the following circumstances:

- Special Technique: NO tape/soft bandaging/soft strapping may be used on any joint of the competitor's lower extremities. (Knees, ankles, toes); and
- Power Test: NO tape/soft bandaging/soft strapping may be used on any part of the competitor's attacking tool or the joints associated with the break being performed. (Fingers, wrist, elbow, toes, ankle, knee).

Tape/soft bandaging/soft strapping may be used on parts of the body not directly involved in the breaking process

- Example 1: Breaking with right fore-fist and competitor has banding on left elbow due to injury in sparring; and
- Example 2: Breaking with left side piercing kick and competitor has a band aid/plaster on left hand due to a laceration

All competitors' safety equipment, protective wear, taping/bandaging/strapping, clothing and/or accessories/adornments may be subject to inspection and approval or rejection by either the CTFI Tournament/Umpire Committees. Determination of the committee involved is final and binding.

Awards:

For all patterns categories, four medals will be awarded for each competition category: gold, silver and two bronzes.

For all sparring categories for Colour Belt and Black Belt Super Senior and Veteran: four medals will be awarded for each competition category: gold, silver and two bronzes.

For all sparring categories for Black Belt Pre-Junior, Junior and Senior, three medals will be awarded for each competition category: gold, silver and one bronze.

Medals for all competitors and events will be presented immediately after completion of their events at an award podium set up at the competition venue. It will be arranged so that supporters can get close to take good photographs.

Protests:

Only the Coach for a competitor in a Black Belt match can present a protest when a decision or procedure seems to violate the rules. All protests must be written on the official Protest Form (provided at each ring) and must be presented to the Jury President of the ring within 5 minutes of the end of the match in question. The Umpire Committee will rule on all protests. The protest tax for this event is set at CAD\$100.

Umpires:

“It is our mission to provide a safe, fair, exciting and efficient competition for all students.”

Full-Time Umpires:

TNSA and the CTFI are working very hard to produce a great event with a high calibre of competition that will be safe, fair and enjoyable for all participants. To have a successful event, it is critical that we have a strong team of full-time umpires and officials.

All Full-time umpires (not competing in any events) must be registered by their Instructor using their club account. Do not use the e-Referee system used for the eTournament.

For complete instructions showing how to create an account and register umpires, see the additional document “Instructions for using Club Account to register competitors, umpires and coaches”. This document is found under the “Downloads” button on the SportData web page for the event or go to the link [HERE](#).

If you have any difficulties, please contact the Tournament Director via email (tournamentdirector@ctfi.org).

Note: Full-time Umpire Registration Deadline: February 8, 2023, at 11pm Atlantic Standard Time.

Competitor/Coach Umpires:

All Black Belts (age 16 +) are required to assist with the umpire duties at this tournament. In the event of an umpire shortage, Black Stripes age 16+ and Black Belts age 14+ may also be asked to assist with umpire duties for coloured belts.

All Umpires (full-time and competitors) will receive a complimentary lunch on the day of competition.

All Umpires must attend the Black Belt meetings to be held at the beginning of the tournament at the time noted in the schedule above.

All Umpires must wear official ITF dress:

- White Shirt;
- Blue Tie;
- Blue Pants (no jeans);
- White athletic shoes;
- or
- Full ITF Dobok (no track jackets) with white athletic shoes.

Casual or club clothing will not be permitted.

Black Belts who do not participate in umpiring as assigned will not be allowed to compete. Registration of Black Belts will be used to create the Umpires list.

Coaches and club photographers:

At this event, coaches will be allowed for both Coloured Belts and Black Belt competition.

Coach/Photographer Registration Deadline: February 8, 2023, at 11pm Pacific Time.

All Coaches must register on-line using the SportData system via their club account. For complete instructions showing how to create an account and register coaches, see the additional document "Instructions for using Club Account to register competitors, umpires and coaches". This document is found under the "Downloads" button on the SportData web page for the event or go to the link [HERE](#).

Head Coach:

Each School will be allowed one (1) senior Black Belt eligible to coach Colour Belts and/or Black Belts. This person is the designated "Head Coach" for each school.

Head Coaches will not be asked to officiate for Coloured Belt competition nor for Black Belt sparring competition. **Please note that Head Coaches with rank of 4th degree or higher will likely be asked to judge for the Black Belt patterns competition.**

The fee for the "Head Coach" is \$50.

Each Club/Dojang may have one Black Belt Coach (including head coach) for every 4 Black Belts registered for competition.

Coloured Belt Coaches:

Coaches for Coloured Belts will help them have a more positive experience and ensure they get to the proper location on time. Coaches for Coloured Belts also offer a safety factor during a sparring match.

Because all Black Belts age 16 and older may be required to officiate during the Coloured Belt competition, only other coloured belts or Black Belts aged 15 and under will be allowed to coach Coloured Belts.

There is no limit to the number of colour belt coaches that meet the above restrictions. The fee for a Colour Belt coach is \$30.

Note: Instructors, it is very important that any of your students acting as coaches must be aware of and follow the correct protocol for interaction with officials. Before the Championships, please instruct any of your members who will be coaching.

Black Belt Sparring Coach:

Black Belt Coaches may be any person regardless of rank. ***Note: Black Belt Coaches will be asked to judge for Colour Belt competition. They will likely also be asked to judge Black Belt patterns if they hold rank of 4th degree or higher.***

Black Belt Sparring Coaches will not be asked to judge for Black Belt Sparring. The fee for Black Belt coaches is \$50.

Black Belt Sparring Coach limit:

Each Club/Dojang may have one Black Belt Coach (including Head Coach) for every four Black Belts registered for competition. E.g. a Club with 10 Black Belts entered in competition may have up to 3 Black Belt coaches including the Head Coach.

Coaching Rules:

For individual or team competition there will be only one (1) Head Coach or Colour Belt Coach or Black Belt Sparring Coach close to the square. During the tournament, coaches must wear an athletic training suit, gymnastic shoes, carry a towel and have medical exam gloves on their person. Coaches may alternatively wear an ITF official dobok covered with a track jacket.

Coaches will be seated at least one (1) meter away from the square. They must not interfere in the competition by action or words. They are the only ones allowed to present an official protest.

Failure to abide by the above-mentioned rules may render the coach liable to be disqualified from his/her advisory position.

Photographers:

Any school or club may apply for accreditation for photographers to have access to the competition floor to take photos of their participants.

Note: This is not meant as a pass to exempt Black Belts from judging. Under no circumstances will active, training Black Belts age 16 and above be allowed to be photographer. If they are not competing, they are expected to sign up as full-time umpires.

For safety and efficiency, only competitors, officials, volunteers, accredited coaches and accredited photographers will be allowed to enter the competition floor. All will require accreditation passes.

All Photographers must register on-line using the SportData system via their club account.

Coach/Photographer Registration Deadline: February 8, 2023, at 11pm Pacific Time.