



USA TAE KWON DO MASTERS ASSOCIATION



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Dear Tae Kwon Doist or Parent:

We are pleased to announce that on April 22, 2017, we will have our annual tournament and black belt testing. Participants from other areas of the country will join with the students in our Southeastern Region for the event. Master Jim Cahill from New York, Master Ron Geoffrion from New Mexico, and Master Ralph Rubino from Texas will be in attendance.

The TOURNAMENT will be held at the Isle of Palms Recreation Department on 28th Avenue. All students are encouraged, indeed advised, to participate in the tournament. Such participation is absolutely essential to obtain a full Tae Kwon Do experience. The entry fee is \$45, which includes forms and sparring (3-step for white belts). There is a discount for families. Please make tournament checks payable to Isle of Palms Recreation Center, but give them to your instructor along with your registration forms. The tournament will be free and open for spectators. Students and parents should remember that, although it is nice to win, the important part of a tournament is the spirit of full participation with 100% effort and friendly competition, regardless of outcome.

Participants from white belts through 3rd degree black belts will perform in 4 events, 2 in forms and 2 in sparring, giving an opportunity to score up to 4 points for the day. The judges will give constructive feedback to each participant during each event, making it a beneficial learning experience. Awards will be given to each participant according to the number of points earned. Please sign up early if possible.

EXTRA: this year, for the first time, 4th and 5th degree black belts will compete in 2-on-1 sparring. Registration fee: \$30

In the afternoon we will hold the BLACKBELT TEST. This is also open to families, friends and spectators.

There is an optional SUPPER Saturday evening.

- 9:00 am Late registration for those who have not pre-registered for the tournament.
- 10:00 am All competition, demonstrations, including board-breaking
- 1:30 pm (approx) LUNCH BREAK
- 2:30 pm (approx) Black Belt Testing
- 7:30 pm Optional Supper at Liberty in Mt. Pleasant. This is open to students AND their family members who have made prior reservations through their teacher. The dining area opens at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$35 per person. Children may opt to order from the children's menu instead, but will still need reservations. Sign up with your instructor or online at USATMASE.com. You must sign up in advance.
- Sunday morning 8AM Blackbelt workout at the beach. If weather is inclement, this will be held back at the IOP Rec Dept



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