



U.S. Open Taekwondo Hanmadang FAQs



“Hanmadang” means festival in Korean. This is an international Taekwondo Tournament (expected 1,100-1,400 athletes from around the world) to demonstrate their skill and talent in board breaking, forms, team demo and much more. Students who are yellow belt or above (min age 4) can compete. There are individual and team events, so entire families can compete in the same event together! For a full list of events please visit www.usopentkd.com or speak with a USTC instructor for assistance in picking an event.

USTC Student Participant Events:

BASIC COURSE (BC)

1. Individual Creative Breaking Using Board Breaking techniques learned in class

BLACK BELT CLUB (BBC)

1. Individual Traditional Forms
2. Team Traditional Forms
3. Individual Creative Forms Without Weapons
4. Team Creative Forms Without Weapons
5. Individual Creative Breaking
6. Individual Jumping High Kick
7. Individual Power Breaking (Back Kick, Side Kick, Knife Hand)
8. Individual Spinning Hook Kick
9. Demo Team Competition
10. Sparring
11. Pairs Traditional Forms(NEW)

LEADERSHIP & Above

1. Individual Traditional Forms
2. Individual Sport Poomsae
3. Team Traditional Forms
4. Individual Creative Forms With or Without Weapons
5. Team Creative Forms With or Without Weapons
6. Individual Creative Breaking
7. Individual Jumping High Kick
8. Individual Power Breaking (Back Kick, Side Kick, Knife Hand)
9. Individual Spinning Hook Kick
10. Demo Team Competition
11. Traditional Sparring
12. Pairs Traditional Forms(NEW)
13. Individual Creative Breaking Championships(NEW)

COST:

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: ENDS SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023 @ 11:59 PM

\$120 Registration Fee for the 1st event & \$20 for each additional event.

REGULAR REGISTRATION: ENDS SUNDAY, July 23, 2023 @ 11:59 PM

\$140 Registration Fee for the 1st Event & \$25 for each additional event.

***ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY: No cash payments or Dojang Dollars are accepted. Payment by credit/debit card and checking/savings account can be made online.**

***All Board Breaking events will incur an additional flat fee of \$10 per board breaking event.**

SPECTATORS

Children 3 & Under
 General Admission Friday, July 28
 General Admission Sat., July 29

Advance (Online)

FREE
 \$29
 \$19

At Door

FREE
 \$34
 \$29

NO REFUNDS

Thursday, July 27th - Saturday, July 29th ALL DOJANGS, CLOSED - NO CLASSES

- 1. What are the Opening Ceremonies?** The Opening Ceremonies will be held on Friday July 28, 2023 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM at Ed Robson Arena (Colorado College Hockey arena downtown Colorado Springs). There is a Parade of Athletes (similar to the Olympic Games), Performances by the Colorado Springs Children’s Chorale and the Fort Carson Marching Band. A Korean Demonstration Team (Shinhan University) will dazzle the audience with their expertise and exciting routines. Tickets for Friday Spectators including the Opening Ceremonies are \$29 per person (purchase online). Participants do NOT have to pay additional fees to watch the Opening Ceremonies or participate in the Parade of Athletes.
- 2. Why should you participate?** All USTC students must compete in a minimum of 4 USTC sponsored tournaments prior to testing for 1st degree black belt. Each time you participate in a tournament you will earn a red star for your uniform. Red Stars can only be earned by participating in:
 1. USTC Masters Challenge (Intramural tournament held in November) held once per year
 2. The U.S. Open Taekwondo Hanmadang (International Tournament) held once per year. In addition, the U.S. Open Taekwondo Hanmadang is a part of the Rocky Mountain State Games. Therefore, any participant that places 1-3rd place in any event will be qualified to participate in the 2024 State Games of America.
 3. Participants travel from all over the world to participate in this event. USTC students save hundreds of dollars since they do not have to pay airfare or hotel fees.
Earning a gold medal at a prestigious event like the U.S. Open Taekwondo Hanmadang is great for building a resume (both kids and adults) and will carry a “world medalist” title.
- 3. Can you participate in an international event?** Absolutely! All events are separated into divisions by age, rank, and gender. A black belt will not compete against a yellow belt. All divisions are created to offer fair competition and the requirements for events are based on the training level of the participant. EVERY participant is guaranteed a medal (1st – 3rd will receive Gold, Silver, Bronze, other placement will receive a “Best Spirit” participant medal.

U.S. Taekwondo Center’s Black Belt Conversion Chart			
	Belt Color	Geup	Form (Poomsae)
1	3 rd Dan/Poom	N/A	Geumgang
2	2 nd Dan/Poom	N/A	Taebaek
3	1 st Dan/Poom	N/A	Koryo
	Belt Color	Geup	Form (Poomsae)
1	Black Belt Eligible	1 st	Taegeuk 8
2	Bo Dan 2	1 st	Taegeuk 8
3	Bo Dan 1	1 st	Taegeuk 8
4	Red Senior 2	2 nd	Taegeuk 7
5	Red Senior 1	2 nd	Taegeuk 7
6	Red	3 rd	Taegeuk 6
7	Brown Senior	3 rd	Taegeuk 5 or 6
8	Brown	4 th	Taegeuk 5 or 6
9	Blue	5 th	Taegeuk 4
10	Purple	6 th	Taegeuk 3
11	Green	7 th	Taegeuk 2
12	Orange	8 th	Taegeuk 1 or 2
13	Yellow	8 th	Taegeuk 1 or 2
14	White	9 th	INELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE

****ITEMS NEEDED FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION:**

- 1. A photo** - head shot (**head and shoulders ONLY**) no more than 5MP in size. This will be uploaded during registration to create your unique participant badge.
- 2. Your height and weight** - This allows the Bracketing Committee to pair up competitors appropriately. Height chart & scale available at your dojang.
- 3. Your Geup (belt) Level** - “Geup” is the Korean Term for Belt rank. Please see the chart to identify your “geup” level All USTC Students. All USTC students must register their Geup following this chart.
- 4. Can I compete in more than one event?** Yes! Students are encouraged to participate in multiple events. Not only does it challenge you to become a better martial artist but there is more value by participating in multiple events.

5. **I don't know if I can be ready to compete by July.** Instructors will help everyone prepare to compete in classes between now and the end of July. In addition, there will be a free practice tournament on Saturday June 24, 2023 at the Stetson Hills location to give each student an opportunity to experience a competition. Instructors will provide feedback and assistance at this event. More details will be released soon.
6. **Should I watch or volunteer at this tournament and then compete at the next one?** Although this may seem logical it is always best to just give it a try. All your instructors will help you prepare. Remember that all of the divisions will be broken up by age and belt rank which means you will compete against others in the place in their Taekwondo journey. If you attend just to watch you will regret it. You will attend and realize that you could have competed. Follow Nike's motto: Just do it!
7. **I am not sure which event I want to compete in yet. Can I change my event?** Yes! Students can make changes or add events all the way up until the final deadline on Sunday July 23, 2023. Register now to save money with early bird pricing.
8. **I cannot be there both Friday and Saturday can I still participate?** Yes! You do not have to be present on both days. You only need to be present on the day of your competition event. The schedule is below. A more detailed schedule will be released soon.

Friday July 28, 2023

1. Sparring (IS)- All ages, BLACK BELTS
2. Individual Traditional Forms (ITF) – All ages and ranks
3. Individual Jumping High Kick (IJH) – All ages and ranks
4. Individual Power Skipping Side Kick (IPSSK) – All ages and ranks
5. Individual Power Back Kick (IPBK) – All ages and ranks
6. Team Demonstration Championship (TDC) – All ages and ranks
7. 6:00 – 7:30 PM – Opening ceremonies (Parade of athletes and Demonstration team performance)

Saturday July 29, 2023

1. Sparring (IS)- All ages, COLOR BELTS
2. Individual Power Knife Hand (IPKH)
3. Individual Creative Breaking (ICB)
4. Individual Creative Breaking Championship (ICBC)
5. Individual Creative Breaking Para (ICBP)
6. Individual Traditional Forms Para (ITFP)
7. Individual Spin Hook Kick (ISHK)
8. Individual Creative Forms with Weapons (ICFWW)
9. Individual Creative Forms without Weapons (ICFWO)
10. Team Creative Forms with Weapons (TCFWW)
11. Team Creative Forms without Weapons (TFCWO)
12. Team Demonstration Recreational (TDR)
13. Team Traditional Forms (TTF)
14. Pairs Traditional Forms (PTF)

9. **I cannot be there for Participant badge pick up on Thursday July 27, 2023. Can I pick up my badge on Friday or Saturday when I am there to compete?** Yes! Picking up your badge early on Thursday is recommended in case there are any issues with your badge. However, if you cannot be there on Thursday you can pick up your badge on Friday

or Saturday. Please give at least an hour to get your participant badge. A more detailed schedule will be shared soon.

- 10. Become a Volunteer!** This event cannot be held without the help of amazing volunteers. This is a great way for students to earn community service hours and help the U.S. Taekwondo Center. Volunteers who work at least a 5 hour block (shifts can be split up) will receive a free volunteer t-shirt, free admission into the event (the day you volunteer), and a meal during their shift. A 4 hour block will receive a free volunteer t-shirt, and free admission into the event (the day you volunteer). Register at www.usopentkd.com
- 11. Homestay opportunity.** The Korean Demonstration team will participate in a homestay and cultural exchange with USTC families. Tentative dates are Tue 7/25/23 to Thu 8/3/23. USTC families will provide: room and board, some meals, transportation to and from venue, training, and activities. Homestay families will receive free admission to the U.S. Open Taekwondo Hanmadang, free admission to Shinhan University Taekwondo seminars, Sat 7/29/23 Gala dinner, and much more. If you are interested please email homestay@usopentkd.com for more details.