



2025 Kukkiwon World Taekwondo Hanmadang FAQs



"Hanmadang" means festival in Korean. This is an international Taekwondo Tournament (expected 3,000 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.worldhanmadang.com or speak with a USTC instructor for assistance in picking an event.

USTC Student Participant Events:

BASIC COURSE (BC)

- Individual Creative Breaking using Board Breaking techniques learned in class

Black Belts ONLY

- Individual Traditional Forms Elite
- Pairs Traditional Forms Elite
- Individual Creative Forms Without Weapons Elite
- Individual Creative Breaking Elite
- Team Demonstration Elite
- Taekwondo Aerobics

BLACK BELT CLUB (BBC)

- Individual Traditional Forms
- Team Traditional Forms
- Individual Creative Forms Without Weapons
- Team Creative Forms Without Weapons
- Individual Creative Breaking
- Individual Jumping High Kick
- Individual Power Breaking (Back Kick, Side Kick, Knife Hand)
- Individual Spinning Hook Kick
- Team Demonstration Recreational
- Pairs Traditional Forms

COST:

LEADERSHIP & Above

- Individual Traditional Forms
- Team Traditional Forms
- Individual Creative Forms With or Without Weapons
- Team Creative Forms With or Without Weapons
- Individual Creative Breaking
- Individual Jumping High Kick
- Individual Power Breaking (Back Kick, Side Kick, Knife Hand)
- Individual Spinning Hook Kick
- Team Demonstration Recreational
- Pairs Traditional Forms

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: ENDS SATURDAY, May 31st, 2025 @ 11:59 PM

\$175 Registration Fee for the 1st event & \$25 for each additional event.

REGULAR REGISTRATION: ENDS WEDNESDAY, July 9th, 2025 @ 11:59 PM

\$200 Registration Fee for the 1st Event & \$35 for each additional event.

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

***All Board Breaking events will incur an additional flat fee of \$20 per board breaking event.**

SPECTATORS

Children 3 and under
General Admission Thu. July 17th
General Admission Fri. July 18th
General Admission Sat. July 19th

Advance (Online)

FREE
\$25
\$35
\$25

At Door

FREE
\$35
\$45
\$35

Ticket Package of \$70 for all 3 days (Save \$15) for pre-order ONLY.

NO REFUNDS

NO EXCEPTIONS

Monday, July 14th - Monday, July 21st ALL DOJANGS, CLOSED - NO CLASSES

1. **Where will the 2025 World Taekwondo Hanmadang take place?** It will take place at the Anaheim Convention Center Arena which is across the street from Disneyland! There are 3 hotels available at discounted rates that are a 5 minute walk from the venue. For more details, please visit www.worldhanmadang.com
2. **Why is this event different than other tournaments?** Kukkiwon is the world Taekwondo Headquarters. This is the official Kukkiwon World Taekwondo Hanmadang. This is only the 2nd time in its 30 year history that it will be held outside of Korea. If you want to participate in the future you will have to travel to Korea which is a large expense. Become a world champion and participate in an event that will likely not return to the United States.
3. **What are the Opening Ceremonies?** The Opening Ceremonies will be held on Friday July 18th, 2025 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM at Anaheim Convention Center Arena. There is a Parade of Athletes (similar to the Olympic Games) participants are encouraged to join. The Kukkiwon Demonstration Team will dazzle the audience with their expertise and exciting routines. Tickets for Friday Spectators including the Opening Ceremonies are \$35 per person (purchased online). Participants do NOT have to pay additional fees to watch the Opening Ceremonies or participate in the Parade of Athletes.
4. **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 World Taekwondo Hanmadang (International Tournament) held once per year. Participants travel from all over the world to participate in this event.

Earning a gold medal at a prestigious event like the Kukkiwon World 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.)

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

- I. **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.
- II. **Your height and weight** - This allows the Bracketing Committee to pair up competitors appropriately. A height chart & scale are available at your dojang.
- III. **Your Geup (belt) Level** - “Geup” is the Korean Term for Belt rank. Please see the chart to identify your “geup” level.
All USTC students must register their Geup following this chart.

U.S. Taekwondo Center's Black Belt Conversion Chart			
	Belt Color	----	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

OTHER FAQs:

1. **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.
2. **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 7th, 2025 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.
3. **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!
4. **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 Wednesday, July 9th, 2025. Register now to save money with early bird pricing. ***Now until February 23, 2025 at 11:59 PM Pacific time, save 15% off your registration!***
5. **I can be there one or two days, can I still participate?** Yes! You do not have to be present on all 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.

Thursday, July 17th, 2025

1. Individual Power Back Kick (IPBK)
2. Individual Power Knife Hand (IPKH)
3. Individual Power Skipping Side Kick (IPSSK)
4. Individual Spin Hook Kick (ISHK)
5. Individual Traditional Forms (ITF)
6. Individual Traditional Forms Elite (ITFE)

Friday July 18th, 2025

1. Individual Creative Breaking Para (ICBP)
2. Individual Creative Forms With Weapons (ICFWW)
3. Individual Creative Forms Without Weapons (ICFWO)
4. Individual Creative Forms Without Weapons ELITE (ICFWOE)
5. Individual Traditional Forms Para (ITFP)
6. Taekwondo Aerobics (TA)
7. Team Creative Forms With Weapons (TCFWW)
8. Team Creative Forms Without Weapons (TCFWO)
9. Team Demonstration Arirang (TDA)
10. Team Demonstration ELITE (TDE)
11. Team Demonstration Recreational (TDR)
12. Team Traditional Forms (TTF)
13. 6:00 – 7:30 PM – Opening ceremonies (Parade of athletes and Kukkiwon Demonstration Team performance)

Saturday July 19th, 2025

1. Individual Creative Breaking (ICB)

2. Individual Creative Breaking ELITE (ICBE)
3. Individual Jumping High Kick (IJH)
4. Pairs Traditional Forms (PTF)
5. Pairs Traditional Forms ELITE (PTFE)
6. 5:00PM Competition Ends, 8:00PM Closing Gala, 10:00PM Closing Party

6. **I cannot be there for the Participant badge pick up on Wednesday, July 16th. Can I pick up my badge on Thursday, Friday or Saturday when I am there to compete?** Yes! Picking up your badge early on Wednesday is recommended in case there are any issues with your badge. However, if you cannot be there on Wednesday, you can pick up your badge on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday. Please give at least an hour to get your participant badge. A more detailed schedule will be shared soon.

7. **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.worldhanmadang.com**