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FAQ INTRODUCTION

This document is to help answer questions and give straightforward easy information and answers regarding the 2nd University Taekwon-Do World Championships, taking place at Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham, United Kingdom. March 22nd – 24th 2024.

REGISTRATION

Q1: When does registration and weigh in take place? Is it only available on day of events?

A: Registration and weigh in takes place across the whole Championship. It opens on Thursday 21st March 2024 (day before the Championships begins) and is additionally open each morning of the event days. This being Friday 22nd March, Saturday 23rd March and Sunday 24th March 2024. We encourage as many athletes as possible do this the day before they compete to ensure they are as safe and healthy as possible. You just need to turn up and the BUTL Staff Team will help you complete the process.

Q2: How do we register/enter? Are there different options?

A: There are a few different options depending on your individual or club circumstances. Here we have outlined all registering and entering options.

- **INDIVIDUAL ENTRY** – If entering individually (by yourself) you can enter via the official online entry portal, this is available at www.butl.org.uk/worldchampionships by clicking register. Your payment is taken immediately once you complete registration via the online entry portal.
- **GROUP/CLUB ENTRY** – If entering as a group we can send you a block group entry form, where all participating athletes can be added together and entered on one form. This way it allows your institution or organisation to pay via invoice etc. Contact us at info@butl.org.uk (UK based group) or international@butl.org.uk (World based group) and we can send you out the entry sheet and organise how best to invoice your institution or club accounts for you.

If there are any problems or questions about the above, please do get in touch and we can try and arrange other ways to assist. These queries will need to go through the above emails.

Q3: What do we need to bring to the event to register and weigh in?

A: When attending registration, athletes need to bring photo ID so we can check names and date of births. Student numbers will be checked and processed during initial entry process, but we encourage them to be brought to registration also. For weigh in you are only permitted to wear do bok trousers and a light t-shirt. Coaches just need to bring their photo ID.

EVENT

Q1: Do we have to attend and commit to all three days (22nd-24th March 2024) of the Championship?

A: No, you only need to attend the day in which you are a competitor. If an ITF colour belt competitor (10th Kup – 1st Kup) that is Friday 22nd March 2024, if an ITF black belt competitor (1st Dan +) that is Saturday 23rd March 2024, if an WT colour belt competitor (10th Kup – 1st Kup) or WT black belt (1st Dan +) that is Sunday 24th March 2024. You can of course weigh in and register from Thursday 21st March 2024 and take part in the extra celebrations happening across the weekend. All competitors, coaches pass etc allow them to be a spectator across all days, so you can attend and enjoy as many of the days as you like. We are aware that individuals may only be able to attend their day of competition etc, so there is no problem or penalization for this. Everyone is free to enjoy and experience as little or as much as they would like to at this World Championship. If registering on the day of your events, please ensure you arrive early and keep within the set times.

Q2: Who can enter the 2nd University Taekwon-Do World Championships?

A: We are aware that in different countries the education systems can vary in name, set up and delivery, in order to ensure all are covered under one education system criteria, entry is broken into three specific separate entry categories as follows:

- College/Further Education Athlete (Aged 17-18). Entrants in this category must be currently attending College, or their countries equivalent education system/school for this age range. Apprenticeships are included.
- University/Higher Education Athlete (Aged 17+). Entrants in this category must be currently attending University/College, or their countries equivalent education system/school. Apprenticeships and Open University are included.
- Alumni/Graduate Athlete (Aged 18+). Entrants in this category must have attended a recognised International or National University or College degree providing institution. Graduation year must be provided.

Athletes from both ITF and WT styles can both enter the Championships. All grades from 10th Kup are eligible. Please see specific FAQ's in this document for further information on this.

Q3: I am a ITF style competitor can I enter?

A: Yes! All ITF style competitors can enter the Championships. ITF Students are eligible to enter:

- Individual ITF Patterns (Tul)
- Individual ITF Sparring
- Team ITF Patterns (Team Tul)
- Team ITF Sparring

For specific rules for each event please see World Championships Rules and Regulations.

Q4: I am a WT style competitor can I enter?

A: Yes! All WT style competitors can enter the Championships. WT Students are eligible to enter:

- Individual WT Patterns (Poomsae)
- Team WT Patterns (Team Poomsae)
- Individual WT Sparring

For specific rules for each event please see World Championships Rules and Regulations.

Q5: I am a WT style competitor; I want to enter ITF Sparring, but I do not own the correct equipment?

A: At the World Championships there will be a free rental system in place for anyone who does not have the correct sparring equipment or forgets a piece of their kit. We believe everyone should be supported as best we can. This supply will be limited and prioritised to those who do not have it for above reasons. All competitors who have their own kit must bring it with them. Please let us know in advance if you require this.

Q6: For sparring, do we need to have a specific colour of sparring gear?

A: We are aware that many students do not own multiple sets of sparring gear or may already have some with them. Due to this we have decided that all colour sparring gear is permitted for this Championship in regards to ITF Sparring. We do however recommend bringing full red or blue sparring kits if you have them, as this helps both competitors and umpires. WT Sparring kits are interchangeable and have no issue.

Q7: What does the £45 entry price cover?

A: All individual athlete entry is set at a one off £45 fee. The fee covers the following:

- Entry to Individual competition events (Sparring and Patterns)
- Personal Competitor Insurance Cover
- Personal Competitor Certificate
- World Championship After Party Ticket
- Weekend Exclusive Area Spectator Ticket
- Access to Professional Independent Medical Teams

Q8: Are there any hidden or extra costs?

A: No, there are no additional or extra costs on top of entry. We do not charge penalties for weight category changes, administration or any other reasons. We have a professional team who are fully capable of ensuring the Championship is of the highest standard and that any issues or problems are dealt with and corrected without harsh or unnecessary penalisations. Accommodation support and packages are available through us at discounted prices but are fully optional.

Q9: Do we need our own insurance to enter/we have insurance with another provider, does that cause a problem?

A: The answer to both questions is no! Having insurance already or with another supplier does not matter and does not affect your entry to this event. We insure every individual personally ourselves through our own martial art insurance providers EMAP (ITF events)

and British Taekwondo (WT events). This guarantees that everyone is covered under BUTL and that any currently held policies are not conflicting with one another. By entering you get automatic fully insurance cover for the event, policies can be emailed to all competitors on request.

Q10: My club is small, and I am the only person who wants to compete, can I still enter by myself?

A: Of course. You do not need to enter as a group or as a team. Each entrant represents their institution and their country regardless of how many of them there are. Please see individual entry FAQ above.

Q12: Do our athletes need any types of pass or membership to compete at the event?

A: No not at all. We as an organisation don't have passes or membership costs, the event is a one off entry fee for all athletes. Passes or memberships for other third parties are not needed or used at BUTL events. We personally insured all athletes.

Q13: Are competitors separated by grades or do they compete in wide classes?

A: Yes all our categories are separated to make it as fair and safe as possible, we don't use classes at BUTL. For example black belt pattern and poomsae categories are separated into 1st dan, 2nd dan, 3rd dan etc and colour belt example would be 8th (Yellow) to 7th Kups (Green Tags). Sparring is separated by weight categories with black belts only with black belts, and colour belts split into smaller belt categories, example 10th – 8th Kups (white to yellow).

Q14: What do we need for WT Sparring? Is it electronic scoring?

A: For Black Belt WT Sparring we are using the electronic scoring systems, so competitors need to ensure they have scoring socks. Colour Belt WT Sparring is using manual scoring systems to reduce pressure on students to purchase high end expensive equipment. Colour belts just need to bring any WT style head guard, body protectors, arm and shin guards, hands and feet. All competitors need to bring mouthguards, and males groin guards.

Q15: What do we need for ITF Sparring?

A: Any ITF style head guard, covered hands and feet, shin and mouthguards, plus groin guards for males. These can all be any colour.

Q16: What Patterns/Poomsaes would we need to know?

A: Each round competitors will perform a choice pattern/poomsae, this can be anything you like and can be the same for every round. From the semi finals and into the finals we also have a designated which will be anything from below your current grade. Example, if you are a green belt (6th Kup), it would be a green tag (7th Kup) or below selected, and if a 2nd Dan black belt, it would be a 1st Dan or below selected.

Q17: What happens if I don't make weight?

A: Don't panic! We have you covered. If you don't make the weight, worse case scenario we simply amend the categories, there's no disqualification and no fines or fees. We'd

rather you be safe and not stress than encourage weight loss pre event and dangerous choices. Our admin team are on hand to change things and make the day run safely and smoothly.

Q18: How will I know what ring/time my category is?

A: Before the event we always publish our rings and the order of categories, this way you know what ring your on and what's best for you. At the event we will also have these available alongside our help desk and ring information viewable on event screens.

Q19: Who referees the events? Are they external?

A: Yes, for our ITF events we have International ITF Umpires refereeing all events, all umpires must have completed in person courses prior to the event and are BUTL approved. For our WT events we have official British Taekwondo (WT National Governing Body) referees running all rings and all events. These are all provided by our partners British Taekwondo, via their Referee Committee and insured under British Taekwondo's insurance policies.

Q20: I'm a qualified Umpire, can I volunteer to umpire at the event?

A: Yes. We appreciate any individuals wanting to volunteer and assist at this event. As a requirement we can only accept volunteers to umpire as jury or corner umpires. We ensure all ITF referees are BUTL approved and registered in advance. We ensure all WT referees are British Taekwondo approved and registered in advance. You must be a 1st Kup or above to assist and to apply please contact us at info@butl.org.uk if an ITF umpire, if WT referee, please refer through British Taekwondo Referee Committee.

TRAVEL

Q1: Where is the competition venue, what is the address?

A: The venue for the World Championships is located at Nottingham Trent University, Lee Westwood Sports Centre, Nottingham, NG11 8NS, United Kingdom. More details can be found in the official worlds information document.

Q2: Does the competition venue have a car park? Is it free?

A: Yes and yes! The venue has a large car park and is also free for all those attending or competing at the World Championships. It is located to the right of the competition hall, a couple minute walk from the door.

Q3: We need accommodation, are there options to book through the organisers?

A: Yes, we have hotel support available in the local area available for you to enquire with through us. If interested in booking, please email info@butl.org.uk for more information. Details can be found in the hotel and accommodation document. Additionally, you can book your own accommodation independently.

Q4: We need an Invite letter to complete our travel visa documentation, can you help?

A: We can provide written invite letters to all competitors who require it for their visa applications. However, before we send them, we require proof of Taekwon-Do Certification and proof of identity. We are working with the UK Home Office and as per their requirement we will not be able to administer any invite letters without receiving this proof of required documentation first. We will not be able to do or provide any visa applications ourselves we can only provide an invite letter for the Championship.

GENERAL

Q1: How much does it cost to spectate?

A: Spectating at this event is free. We partner with local mental health charities, who raise awareness and money to tackle mental health across the city. We kindly ask all spectators to consider donating to the Charity instead. There will be collection stations helmed by the Charity at the event in the spectator area so that anyone spectating can choose whether they would like to donate whilst there.

Q2: Is there a World Championship After Party?

A: Yes! On the evening of the final day of the World Championships (Sunday 24th March 2024) we will be hosting a celebration after party within Nottingham. This celebration will be open to all competitors, coaches, umpires, volunteers, spectators and guests. We will have seated areas, a live DJ and bar, serving both non-alcoholic and alcoholic options. Venue details to be confirmed.

Q3: Will there be an opening ceremony?

A: Yes. Across all Championship days there will be an opening ceremony. This will start off the proceedings and welcome everyone to the event. Please keep up to date with the event schedule to view confirmation on what times the ceremonies will be taking place.

Q4: Will there be medics and first aiders at the event?

A: Yes, absolutely! We hire in independent professional medics and first aid teams at every event, who will be present at all days. We don't use basic first aiders and ensure a full team including paramedics are present at all our events.

Q5: Will there be food available at the venue?

A: There are no cafes or food outlets inside the competition venue, so all attendees are encouraged to bring their own food to each day of events. There is the campus shops and student union available a 5 minute walk from the sports hall. The venue has basic vending machines and soft drink machines.

Q6: Where can we find all the above information regarding the University Taekwon-Do World Championships?

A: All information is available via www.butl.org.uk/worldchampionships

Q7: Is there a social media event we can view?

A: Yes, we have a facebook event page available for viewing and posting, this can be found also at www.butl.org.uk/worldchampionships or via our facebook page, www.facebook.com/BritishUniversityTKDLeague

Q8: Who can we contact if we have any further questions about the event?

A: For all major enquiries please contact the team at info@butl.org.uk and for international specific enquiries please contact the team at international@butl.org.uk

