

British University Taekwon-Do League



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Titan University Cup Tournament Rules

ITF Team Patterns

There are three tournaments laid out separated by grades. Teams can be **mixed gender** and the three grade categories for forming a team are as follows:

- **White Belt (10th Kup) to Green Tag (7th Kup) - Beginner Class**
- **Green Belt (6th Kup) to Red Tag (3rd Kup) - Advanced Class**
- **Red Belt (2nd Kup) and Above (Dan Grades) - Elite Class**

Teams must consist of between **3-5 Members**. Each tournament will feature a group stage where all teams in each group will compete against one another with their **choice pattern**. The winner of each group will then progress onto the knockout rounds.

Example Tournament: Elite Class (Red Belt (2nd Kup and Above (Dan Grades)

16 Teams Enter

4 Teams in each group stage (4 groups A-D)

Each team will compete 3 times in their group stage.

Example: Group A

- Team 1 vs Team 2
- Team 1 vs Team 3
- Team 1 vs Team 4
- Team 2 vs Team 3
- Team 2 vs Team 4
- Team 3 vs Team 4

Winner of Group A progress to knock out rounds, against winners of Groups B.C and D.

All ITF Patterns are applicable, choice of the team whether they perform the same pattern each time or choose different ones. Only 1 pattern will be performed per bout. Umpires will signal winning team by standard ITF Pattern Flag Judging System.

To ensure inclusivity of all ITF Styles, Team Patterns will be judged on correct techniques, power, choreography and creativity

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Titan University Cup Tournament Rules

WT Team Poomsae

There are three tournaments laid out separated by grades. Teams can be **mixed gender** and the three grade categories for forming a team are as follows:

- **White Belt (10th Kup) to Green Tag (7th Kup) - Beginner Class**
- **Green Belt (6th Kup) to Red Tag (3rd Kup) - Advanced Class**
- **Red Belt (2nd Kup) and Above (Dan Grades) - Elite Class**

Teams must consist of between **3-5 Members**. Each tournament will feature a group stage where all teams in each group will compete against one another with their **choice poomsae**. The winner of each group will then progress onto the knockout rounds.

Example Tournament: Elite Class (Red Belt (2nd Kup and Above (Dan Grades)

16 Teams Enter

4 Teams in each group stage (4 groups A-D)

Each team will compete 3 times in their group stage.

Example: Group A

- Team 1 vs Team 2
- Team 1 vs Team 3
- Team 1 vs Team 4
- Team 2 vs Team 3
- Team 2 vs Team 4
- Team 3 vs Team 4

Winner of Group A progress to knock out rounds, against winners of Groups B.C and D.

All WT Poomsae are applicable, choice of the team whether they perform the same poomsae each time or choose different ones. Only 1 poomsae will be performed per bout. Referees will signal winning team by standard WT Poomsae Judging System.

To ensure inclusivity of all WT Styles, Team Poomsae will be judged on correct techniques, power, choreography and creativity

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Titan University Cup Tournament Rules

ITF Team Sparring

There are three tournaments laid out separated by grades and gender. Teams must be **same gender** and the three grade categories for forming a team are as follows:

- **White Belt (10th Kup) to Green Tag (7th Kup) - Beginner Class**
- **Green Belt (6th Kup) to Red Tag (3rd Kup) - Advanced Class**
- **Red Belt (2nd Kup) and Above (Dan Grades) - Elite Class**

Teams must aim for **5 Members (4 members can be acceptable)**. Each tournament will feature a group stage where all teams in each group will compete against one another in ITF Sparring. The winner of each group will then progress onto the knockout rounds.

Example Tournament: Elite Class (Red Belt (2nd Kup and Above (Dan Grades)

16 Teams Enter

4 Teams in each group stage (4 groups A-D)

Each team will compete 3 times in their group stage.

Example: Group A

- Team 1 vs Team 2 - 5 vs 5 bouts
- Team 1 vs Team 3 - 5 vs 5 bouts
- Team 1 vs Team 4 - 5 vs 5 bouts
- Team 2 vs Team 3 - 5 vs 5 bouts
- Team 2 vs Team 4 - 5 vs 5 bouts
- Team 3 vs Team 4 - 5 vs 5 bouts

Winner of Group A progress to knock out rounds, against winners of Groups B.C & D.

Each competitor will compete in one bout per match. Rounds will be 1 minute 30 in duration. All scoring is continuous and carries through all 5 bouts, the winning team will be revealed at the end of all 5 bouts. Warnings also carry through each bout. If a competitor gets disqualified for Fouls, the team loses 10 points from that bout. Competitors will go against closest matched up opponent on opposing team (weight).

Standard ITF Sparring Scoring consists of, 1 point for hand technique, 2 for body kick and 3 for a head kick.

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Titan University Cup Tournament Rules

WT Team Sparring

There are three tournaments laid out separated by grades and gender. Teams must be **same gender** and the three grade categories for forming a team are as follows:

- **White Belt (10th Kup) to Green Tag (7th Kup) - Beginner Class**
- **Green Belt (6th Kup) to Red Tag (3rd Kup) - Advanced Class**
- **Red Belt (2nd Kup) and Above (Dan Grades) - Elite Class**

Teams must aim for **5 Members (4 members can be acceptable)**. Each tournament will feature a group stage where all teams in each group will compete against one another in WT Sparring. The winner of each group will then progress onto the knockout rounds.

Example Tournament: Elite Class (Red Belt (2nd Kup and Above (Dan Grades)

16 Teams Enter

4 Teams in each group stage (4 groups A-D)

Each team will compete 3 times in their group stage.

Example: Group A

- Team 1 vs Team 2 - 5 vs 5 bouts
- Team 1 vs Team 3 - 5 vs 5 bouts
- Team 1 vs Team 4 - 5 vs 5 bouts
- Team 2 vs Team 3 - 5 vs 5 bouts
- Team 2 vs Team 4 - 5 vs 5 bouts
- Team 3 vs Team 4 - 5 vs 5 bouts

Winner of Group A progress to knock out rounds, against winners of Groups B.C & D.

Each competitor will compete in one bout per match. Rounds will be 1 minute 30 in duration. All scoring is continuous and carries through all 5 bouts, the winning team will be revealed at the end of all 5 bouts. Warnings are reset after each bout. If a competitor gets disqualified for 5 warnings, the team loses 10 points from that bout. Competitors will go against closest matched up opponent on opposing team (weight).

Standard British Taekwondo WT Sparring Scoring consists of, 1 point for hand technique, 2 for body kick and 3 for a head kick, 4 for spinning kick

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FAQ

Q: What if we don't have enough people ourselves for an event?

A: If for example your club/group only has say 3 female red belts and above, and they want to do sparring, there's a few options.

1. Get in touch, we can speak with your club/lead contact to discuss options
2. We can help you find other athletes to join you. There's loads of athletes at other Unis who may be able to combine
3. We can put you in touch via our committee whatsapp group and you can find people to add into the teams
4. Competitors can fight up categories. This means if say you have a blue belt (4th Kup) they can be added into your team if in the elite category (2nd Kup and above). This must be agreed by both competitor and team lead beforehand and we must be let know of this in advance. Competitors cannot however fight down, eg move as a higher grade into a lower category.

Q: We loved the old leagues, is the titan cup similar?

A: Yes, it's a team based tournament involving separate team events, broken into a few leagues, followed by knockout rounds. So it keeps the atmosphere and elements of the old league events, with a new exciting spin.

Q: How much does it cost to enter?

A: It's just a one off £20 per competitor. This includes personal insurance cover and the opportunity to compete in teams for all the events (up to 4 different events)

Q: Is this a good competition for both beginners and advanced?

A: Yes, this event is aimed to give new tkd athletes a great first real experience,, with fair play and professionalism at its core, whilst also providing advanced athletes with a unique rare dynamic of competition.

Q: What equipment do we need for sparring?

A: For ITF Sparring, any standard closed hands, feet, helmets, shin guards, mouthguards etc, of any colour. For WT sparring any standard armour, feet, hands, helmeted, arm and shin guards etc. You do not need any electric gear for this based on how we do the unique team sparring scoring system.

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FAQ

Q: What if we don't have enough people ourselves for an event?

A: To enter your teams, just download the team entry sheet and add your competitors details into it. This can be found at www.butl.org.uk/nationals

Q: Can someone participate in both ITF and WT Sparring events?

A: Yes of course. This will run separately after one another, so anyone wanting to form a team or be involved in both can do so without being called to two different rings.

Q: Who umpires/referees BUTL Events?

A: We ensure that all our events have the highest quality and safeguarding procedures, especially when it comes to our officials. We only use Independently registered and official referees and umpires. We do not need volunteers or have expectations that university clubs must provide them to us. For ITF events we use our pool of international qualified A class Umpires, and for our WT events we are partnered with NGB British Taekwondo who provide us with referees from their official referee department.

Q: We want to gain some umpire experience can we volunteer?

A: Yes of course, we are always happy to have people gain experience. All our referees and umpires are officially registered and qualified externally via the relevant NGB's but we are happy to allow volunteers to help in other areas to gain some experience. Just let us know your situation.

Q: How long do BUTL events usually take? We rely on public transport to return.

A: Our events are typically organised for to begin categories at 9:30am and we always have a latest end time of 5pm. Our staff team are incredibly professional and experienced in event running and we often finish way before 5pm, an example of this was the 2023 Uni Nationals, 300+ competitors each day, starting at 9:30am and finishing at 3:30pm. Our event promise is to always ensure you aren't delayed or waiting around all day and night.