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Student Handbook

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Waldorf Martial Art's Mission

Our mission is:

To provide our students with an exceptional Taekwondo program in a clean and friendly, family-oriented environment.

To always teach our students to the very best of our ability.

To guide our students to try their very best not only with their Taekwondo training, but in everything that they attempt.

Welcome to Waldorf Martial Arts!

Dear Student,

Welcome to Waldorf Martial Arts (WMA). You have chosen the finest school in the area, dedicated to making your martial arts experience enjoyable and rewarding. Our team of instructors are the best. And they are dedicated to assisting you in being the best that you can be.

Our program is structured so that our students develop a wide variety of personal safety skills, including kicking, punching, and blocking. As our students learn these skills, they are also absorbing the social and mental benefits for which the martial arts are renowned: self-discipline, respect, courage, honesty, compassion, commitment, and self-sacrifice. At Waldorf Martial Arts, we not only teach our students to defend themselves we teach them to better themselves mentally, physically, and socially. Although we honor martial arts traditions that go back centuries, we are not static. We constantly seek new and innovative ways to enthuse and excite our students.

This handbook has been developed so that we may better serve you. It contains the information you will need to take advantage of the many programs we offer. Please keep it available for future reference.

Your best interests are always uppermost in our minds. Our Instructors and staff are always ready to help you in any way during your training. We will be happy to discuss your progress at any time.

Best wishes on the journey you now begin.

Sincerely,

The Waldorf Martial Arts Staff

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About The Academy

History

The Waldorf Martial Arts Club was established in 1987 in an effort to offer the Waldorf Community a quality family environment in which to practice the martial art of Taekwondo. Our focus today remains the same as in the beginning: to provide a quality environment where families grow strong together through the discipline of martial arts practice.

Philosophy

The Waldorf Martial Arts approaches instruction in Taekwondo as not merely a method of learning how to defend one's self but rather as a way of living one's life and developing one's character. Put simply, academy members strive to become better persons, both physically and mentally. They do this by not only practicing the Art's physical techniques, but also by structuring their lives by a set of tenets (Code of Ethics). There are five tenets:

COURTESY: Refers to the student's ability to respect themselves, as well as others.

INTEGRITY: Refers to the student's adherence to an honor code of behavior. This concept entails striving to be honest with oneself and others in both thought and action. This approach enables students to develop their strengths and minimize their weaknesses.

PERSEVERANCE: Refers to the student holding steadfast to a course of action, belief, or purpose. This tenet governs the student's tenacity, or ability to complete what is begun.

SELF-CONTROL: Refers to the student's capability to keep their emotions consistent and in balance over time. Developing this principle will permit the student to better live in harmony with self and the environment.

INDOMITABLE SPIRIT: Refers to the student's freeing their spirits in a manner that enables them to achieve the greatest level of potential. This ideal also encourages students to tirelessly pursue and stand firmly for the principles they hold to be true. This tenet governs the student's self-confidence.

WMA's Founders

Master J. Roger Cavanaugh (a.k.a.: "Mr. C.") Mr. Cavanaugh began his Martial Art training in February 1977, at the University of Louisville. His instructor at the time was Dr. James Brockway of the American Chung Do Kwan Taekwondo Association (ACTA). Mr. Cavanaugh received his Black Belt in August 1979, from the ACTA. Shortly thereafter, he moved to the Washington, D.C., area. Upon relocation, Mr. Cavanaugh, not finding a Taekwondo school in his neighborhood, began studying another Korean Martial Art call Tang Soo Do and, in 1982, received his Midnight Blue Belt (the equivalent of a Black Belt in Taekwondo) from The United States Tang Soo Do Moo Duk Kwan Federation; U.S. affiliate to the Korean Soo Bahk Do Association, Grand Master Hwang Ki. Mr. Cavanaugh also had the opportunity to study the Chinese Art of Shaolin Long Fist Kung Fu and received a Black Sash in 1986 from Si-Gung Michael Barry. He also was certified in Yang Style Tai Chi Chuan in that same year.

In 1987, Mr. Cavanaugh decided to continue his training in Taekwondo as well as begin teaching it. Along with his wife, Debbie Cavanaugh, he established the Waldorf Taekwondo Academy. The academy's name was later changed to Waldorf Martial Arts.

Master Deborah J. Cavanaugh (a.k.a.: "Mrs. C.")- Mrs. Cavanaugh began her Martial Arts training in July 1974 at Prince Georges Community College, Largo, Maryland. The style was Okinawan Shuto Kahn Karate. Mrs. Cavanaugh also received instruction in Hap Ki do and Ju Jit Su while studying Shuto Kahn. In 1981, Master Cavanaugh began study in Tang Soo Do, Moo Duk Kwan, and, in 1984, received her Black Belt from the United States Tang Soo Do, Moo Duk Kwan Federation, Grand Master Hwang Ki, founder of Tang Soo Do. It was during this time that Mr. and Mrs. Cavanaugh met and were married. In 1984, in an effort to expand their knowledge of the Martial Arts, Mrs. Cavanaugh, along with Mr. Cavanaugh, began study in Shaolin Long Fist Kung Fu and Tai Chi Chuan. Master Cavanaugh resumed her training in Taekwondo in 1987 at the Cavanaugh's newly formed Club. Today, she is an integral part of the school's operation. Mrs. Cavanaugh also serves as the Waldorf Martial Arts General Manager in charge of school policies, procedures, & operations as well as student services.

What is Taekwondo?

A Brief History

Taekwondo is a Korean Martial Art. “Tae” means foot, “Kwon” means hand, and Do means “the Way”. Literally translated it means The Way of the Foot and Hand. The word “Taekwondo” was coined in 1955 by a South Korean Brigadier General named Hong Hi Choi. Taekwondo was born out of an indigenous Korean Foot-Fighting art called Tae Kyeon and Japanese Karate (which the General learned while imprisoned by the Japanese Government during their occupation of Korea). General Choi headed up the Military School of Taekwondo called the Oh Do Kwan (meaning School of My Way). The Famous South Korean 29th Infantry Division (also known as the White Horse Brigade) was the vehicle through which he developed Oh Do Kwan Taekwondo Training for the R.O.K. Armed Forces. At the same time a colleague of his, Won Kuk Lee, was training civilians in South Korea at the Chung Do Kwan School of Taekwondo (Chung Do Kwan means School of the Blue Wave). Master Lee’s Chung Do Kwan was the largest and most popular civilian Taekwondo School in Korea.

In the late 1950's and early 1960's, American Armed Forces were called to South Korea to help control the attempt of Communist North Korea to dominate the Democratic Republic of South Korea. While stationed in South Korea, many U.S. GI's learned Taekwondo from the South Korean soldiers. Upon returning to the States, they began teaching Taekwondo themselves to Americans. Most notably, Chuck Norris, actor and martial artist, came back and began teaching Taekwondo to movie stars and film directors in Hollywood, California. This eventually led him to his now highly successful career in acting.

Today, Taekwondo is taught in countries all over the world. It is the most popular and most widely practiced of the Asian Martial Arts. In 1988 it was made an Olympic Demonstration Sport and in the 2000 Olympics in Australia it will be introduced as an official Olympic Medal Sport.

Taekwondo is recognized, today, as not only the most effective and scientific method of learning self defense but also as a fun and exciting means to teach our youth values such as respect, discipline, patience, courage, and effort. Adults practicing Taekwondo can expect reduced stress levels in their lives, keep fit and feel better, increase their energy and self-esteem, and enjoy the comradery and friendship of other adults with an interest in Taekwondo.

The Purpose of Taekwondo

Taekwondo is not a sport. While it does have a competition aspect, this is just one small facet of the Art. Furthermore, the competition aspect of Taekwondo was not developed to win medals at all, but rather to test one’s skills in a situation that, as closely as possible, resembles an actual self defense scenario; it was meant to make a student face his or hers own fears and learn to control them under pressure.

In reality, the Art of Taekwondo in its entirety is a way of thinking and acting. It is a way of life that all students can enjoy. The utmost purpose of Taekwondo is to develop an individual’s self-confidence and self-esteem; to help him or her realize their full human potential, not just physically, but mentally and spiritually as well! It challenges each individual to develop, to the fullest, their personal abilities.

In short, Taekwondo’s purpose is to strengthen the individual physically and spiritually through it’s rigorous training methods and morally and ethically through its philosophy. As Taekwondo accomplishes this end, we will begin to see stronger families which lead to stronger communities and ultimately to a more peaceful world for us all. This is the promise of Taekwondo, the Art. And everyone, young or old, male or female, weak or strong, big or small, may enjoy the benefits attained from practicing Taekwondo’s physical and philosophical lessons.

School Communication

WMA Website and Facebook Fan Page

Keep abreast of Events, activities, announcements, interesting articles, pictures, videos and more at www.waldorfmarialarts.com and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/waldorfmarialarts/>

WMA Monthly Calendar

Every month, WMA publishes a Calendar of Events to keeps students and parents informed about upcoming events and activities. Please check your calendar each month and mark the important dates on your calendar. (also available on our website at: <http://waldorfmarialarts.com/category/waldorf-martial-arts-students-monthly-calendar-of-events/>)

Announcement Board and Class Announcements

Our Announcement Board is located in the school's lobby. Upcoming events are always announced during class as well. Please be sure to check the announcement board regularly for upcoming events, schedule changes, special classes, class cancellations, etc. There is also a monthly event calendar located at the school counter.

Suggestions & Comments

We are always open to suggestions and constructive comments about how we might be able to improve our school. Please write our type any suggestions or comments you have and drop them off that the school counter. Please don't forget to put your name on any suggestion you submit so we may discuss it with you further.

Private Appointments

Appointments are always available during the day and evenings. Please call to schedule one if there is a need to discuss an issue or concern.

School Procedures and Policies

Student Attendance

Attendance is crucial to progress. Progress keeps interest high. When interest is high, the goal is achieved. For this reason, attendance is closely monitored at our school. To help us do this, every student is issued an attendance card when they begin. Attendance cards are color coded based on the students Belt Color. Your instructor or an assistant will collect the attendance cards at the beginning of your class.

When you arrive for your first group lesson, ask our receptionist for your attendance card. Tell him/her that this is your first group lesson. He/She will prepare and give you your attendance card (and your uniform if you have not yet received it) and show you to your class.

After your first group lesson, you will be responsible for bringing your attendance card into class. If you have any problems finding your card, ask any of our staff and they will be glad to help.

Remember, your attendance card, in addition to being your record of attendance, is a visible indication of your progress toward your next stripe or belt. Please don't forget to pick up your card and take it into class. It is to your benefit. Each belt rank has a minimum attendance requirement of two classes per week for advancement. We understand that sometimes missing class is unavoidable. If you know in advance that you are going to be absent, please call the school and let us know. It is the student's responsibility to make up the class or risk being held back at belt promotion time.

If you are going on vacation, please be sure to let us know. If classes are being missed due to other sports activities, we recommend that you try to continue with your Taekwondo training with at least one class per week to maintain your skills. If this is not possible, please let us know so we can inform your instructors and put your program on hold if necessary.

Class Schedule

WMA offers an open schedule. You are not locked into specific days but may attend class at any regularly scheduled class for your rank and age. For beginner and intermediate ranks (white through blue/purple belts), a minimum of two classes per week is recommended. One class per week should be a designated "A" day, during which emphasis will be placed on Forms, One-step Sparring and Basic Technique Development. The second class-day during the week should be a "B" day, during which Free-sparring techniques & Self-defense skills are emphasized.

A copy of the current schedule, showing designated A and B days, is always available at the school counter. We will be glad to help you determine which days and times are best suited to your schedule. If you foresee a potential schedule conflict, please, contact the school so we can help you solve it.

Class Dress Code

The basic Taekwondo uniform consists of white pants and V-neck top. Female students should wear a white T-shirt under the top. Students may also wear an approved rank T-shirt (available in our Pro Shop) with uniform pants. Black Belts may wear all black uniforms.

Students practice bare-footed, so shoes and socks should be removed before class (Special Taekwondo practice shoes can be worn for students who may need to wear shoes. They may be ordered at our school Pro-Shop).

School Closing

Closings for holidays or special events will be posted on the school message board in the viewing area and will be announced on the monthly calendar. During the winter, WMA does not follow the Charles County Schools closings for bad weather. If bad weather occurs, please call the school for pre-recorded closing information.

Lost and Found

All items that are left behind at the Academy will be stored in the Lost and Found. Small articles, such as jewelry, keys, and watches will be kept safely behind the front counter. All items that remain unclaimed for more than 30 days will be donated to the Charles County Children's Aid. Socks, mouthpieces, and supporters will not be kept. WMA is not responsible for articles lost or stolen at the academy.

Take Pride in your school. Keep it Clean!

We ask that each student and family take pride in your school by helping to keep it clean and trash free. If you see some trash lying around either inside or outside, please pick it up and dispose of it properly. Please report spills, messes, and bathroom accidents to a staff member so we can clean it up. If soap, paper towels, or toilet paper is needed in a bathroom, please let one of the staff know about it. A clean and trash-free school is a school we can all be proud of!

Guest Policy

Your WMA family is always delighted to meet your friends and relatives. If you would like to bring guests, please do so. We will be happy to accommodate them. Please don't forget to introduce your guest to our staff and instructors. The school also provides special Buddy Day programs upon occasion. (See the section on Additional Programs.) Friends are always welcome at any of our extra-curricular events, too! Our VIP Trial Lesson Guest Passes are available at the counter if your guest is interested in taking lessons.

No Smoking Policy

Waldorf Martial Arts is a smoke free zone. However, patrons who wish to smoke may do so outside.

Pet Policy

Sorry, pets are not allowed inside of our school.

Tuition and Your Agreement

It is important to keep your tuition payments up to date. If there are ever any challenges to making timely tuition payments, please contact the academy about the situation.

Required Safety Rules of our School

Safety in the school is of vital importance. We must all work together to create a safe environment. If you observe anyone, at any time, who is failing, in your opinion, to maintain the highest levels of safety, report it to a staff member immediately. To maintain safety in our classroom and to maintain a positive and respectful Martial Arts environment, we request that our students follow these guidelines:

1. Always place your shoes and socks neatly in the cubbies provided or under the benches so that they are out of the way.
2. Respect the property of other people.
3. Keep uniforms neat and clean.
4. Practice good personal hygiene habits.
5. Please remove all jewelry before entering class (with the exception of wedding rings).
6. Respect the class that is in session: Lower the volume of your conversation if warming up in the back of the classroom, and quietly prepare for your class.

7. Please be on time for your class. Arrive 10 minutes prior to your class.
8. Always have your attendance card before entering class.
9. Perform a formal "bow" before you step onto the mat.
10. Always be well mannered and courteous toward others.
11. Introduce your guests or visitors to an instructor.
12. No unattended or unsupervised children are permitted on the training floor.
13. Enter class with energy and demonstrate your enthusiasm for learning.
14. Focus your eyes on your instructor.
15. Always show your best attention and give your instructor positive responses to questions.
16. Demonstrate proper posture and attitude at all times
17. No vulgarity or obscene language is permitted in the school.
18. No gum chewing is allowed in class.
19. ***Steady and consistent attendance is essential to progress.*** Please notify your instructor if you will be missing class.
20. Memorize the Taekwondo Oath and recite it at the end of each class. Learning, Understanding, and applying its meaning will enhance your progress.
21. Learn to tie your uniform and belt properly.

Required Safety Gear

Free-sparring is one part of the class curriculum that begins to be stressed more heavily at the Green Belt level; after the student has had nine to twelve months of training in various types of drills designed to prepare him/her for sparring. In order to fully participate in Green Belt classes, students should purchase protective sparring gear by the time they reach this rank.

Required gear for free-sparring includes foam dipped head gear, hand and feet gear, a mouth piece and protective groin cup for males. Optional equipment includes shin pads, forearm pads, and rib protector (or full chest and stomach protector).

Sparring gear is available at our pro-shop in specially priced packages. Please be sure to personalize your safety equipment by printing your name with a permanent marker on each piece.

Classroom Sparring Rules

Equipment: All students participating in free sparring are required to wear approved protective gear.

Contact Free Sparring rules: Most Free-sparring sessions are conducted with students wearing protective sparring gear. Students, in such sessions learn strategies to maneuver and score "points" on their partner by making light contact to appropriate target areas with proper and appropriate techniques. Every precaution is taken during contact free-sparring practice to ensure the safety of the student. Indeed, very few injuries ever occur during free-sparring practice at our school.

1. All punches and kicks are allowed to touch the target areas.
2. Target areas with the hands include the stomach, chest, side of chest/stomach area above the belt, and head area covered by head gear. Hand techniques are not allowed below the belt, to the back, or kidney areas. Hand techniques are not allowed to the face or neck. Light contact is permitted only to the areas of the head covered by head gear.

3. Hand techniques that are acceptable during contact free sparring include punches, back fists, and ridge hand strikes. Hand techniques that are not acceptable during contact free sparring include any blind or uncontrolled hand techniques, as well as the following specific techniques: knife hands, spear hands, thrusting fingertip strikes, hammer fists and elbow techniques.
4. Target areas with the feet include the stomach, chest, side of chest/stomach area and head area that is covered by head gear. Foot techniques are not allowed below the belt, or to the back, kidney, or neck areas.
5. Foot techniques that are acceptable include any kick with the exception of blind techniques, sweeps, take-downs, or knee techniques.

Additional Student Services and Programs

Waldorf Martial Arts offers a wide variety of student services and programs in addition to regular classes to enrich the experience of our students and their friends.

The Pro Shop (School Office & Supply Store)

WMA has a full-service Pro Shop. The Pro Shop provides a wide variety of martial arts equipment, weapons, and clothing. The Pro Shop has made acquiring the proper safety equipment and weapons much easier for our students. Required sparring gear may be purchased one piece at a time, or you may choose one of the Shop's gear packages. In addition, clothing items, such as T-shirts, jackets, pants, shorts, novelty items, and special training packages are available that bring you special savings on items martial artists want most.

Many items are in-stock, but special orders may be placed. These orders are placed the first and third week of each month and can take 1 to 2 weeks to be delivered. Gift Certificates also are available at the Pro Shop. The Pro Shop accepts cash, checks, American Express, VISA or MasterCard.

Special Help Classes

From time to time, a student may need special attention. When this is the case, a special help class may be scheduled. This class is a private session with an that focuses on trouble areas in the curriculum. To set up a special help class, permission must be obtained from one of the instructors.

Buddy Days

Special days will be designated as "Buddy Days," meaning that regular WMA students may bring a buddy to class, free of charge. Buddy Days will be announced on the monthly calendar.

VIP Sponsorship Guest Pass Program

The VIP Sponsorship Program allows you to bring your friends and relatives to our school to try out classes at no expense or risk. We recognize that it is more fun to train with a friend and that students who have friends to support them at class time will train longer and classes will be more enjoyable. You may pick up a VIP Gift Certificate at the Pro Shop counter.

Academic Achiever

This program is designed for our school aged children. Its purpose is to recognize Taekwondo students who also excel in their academic school work. In order to qualify for this award, students must have regular attendance and receive nothing lower than an "A" or "B" on their report card. The award for this program is an "Academic Achiever" patch which is to be worn on the student's TKD uniform top. Subsequent recognition of academic excellence is awarded by presenting "Academic stars" to be worn underneath the "academic Achiever" patch (red stars are awarded for all "A" and "B" marks on the report card; gold stars for straight "A" marks.)

Tournaments and Clinics

Tournament competition is not a requirement at WMA. Nevertheless, we do participate in tournament competitions, if you or your children would like to get involved. Tournaments are designed for all ages and ranks. Most tournaments consist of forms competition and sparring competition.

Competition Team

For students interested in pursuing competition, we have a special competition-oriented class on Friday nights. Full sparring gear is required to participate in this class.

Curriculum and Advancement

What We Teach

Every movement in Taekwondo is scientifically designed with a specific purpose. Constant repetition teaches patience and how to overcome any difficulty. The tremendous power generated from one's body develops self-confidence. Sparring teaches humility, courage, alertness, accuracy, and self-control. Practicing forms teaches flexibility, grace, balance, and coordination, while the basic class drills and exercises develop preciseness and teaches the method, principle, and purpose. Eventually, Taekwondo training permeates every conscious and subconscious action of the student. Thus, Taekwondo offers a strict self-imposed discipline along with the spirit of cooperation and mutual respect.

Taekwondo also teaches tenacity and concentration and it is also an effective form of relieving tensions and pressures from long hours of work and study. A session of training can refresh the student and help calm and clear the mind, permitting the student to once again focus their energy on the task at hand.

At each level of study (beginner, intermediate, and advanced belt levels), the WMA curriculum includes these basic components: Basic blocking, striking and kicking techniques; Predetermined choreographed sets of blocking, striking and kicking techniques called "forms"; block and counter maneuvers called "One-step Sparring"; and "Free-sparring."

Forms can be compared to the floor exercises of gymnastics. Proper execution of one or two forms per rank is required for advancement.

One-step sparring drills are intended to help students perfect their blocking and evading skills, as well as their reactions. One-steps also focus on proper distancing and speed. At each rank, students are taught several new one-steps.

Free-Sparring practice brings together all the different techniques and drills learned during class and combines them with the competitive spirit of a sport. Initially, class sparring includes no contact exercises; later, for more experienced students, contact drills and matches are included in the curriculum. Safety gear is required for any contact drills or Free-sparring matches.

Beginning at the intermediate ranks (green belt and above), board breaking is included in the curriculum. Board breaking teaches the student focus. It also develops proper distancing in addition to the proper execution of a technique. It also helps to develop the student's self-confidence by eventually overcoming the fear of breaking the board. We have special "board breaking practice" nights each month. Please check the newsletter to find out which night best fits your schedule. Ask your instructor to help you determine what size board you should be practicing with. Boards may be purchased in various pre-cut sizes at our Pro Shop.

How we teach

To facilitate optimum learning and progress, we have several different Programs a student may be enrolled in based on age and maturity. Each program has its own curriculum and requirements for advancement.

Lil' Dragons: The Lil' Dragons Program, for 4-6-year old's, is a detailed curriculum that focuses on improving young school age children's basic motor and listening skills. These skills will help them enter society with a more confident and enthusiastic outlook. They will become better students at school, better listeners at home and more ambitious towards the future. Our program will enhance positive development in a fun and motivating way.

The Lil' Dragons curriculum consists of developing Eight Major Skills that are necessary for participation in any sport or activity. The curriculum also contains Eight Lil' Dragons Personal Development Skills that are used to reinforce family values. The following are the skills with the benefits from participating in the Lil' Dragons class: Focus, Teamwork, Control, Balance, Memory, Discipline, Fitness, and Coordination.

Junior's Program : Martial Arts is well known for enhancing a child's concentration and their ability to focus. Our Juniors program, for 7-12-year olds, fosters a supportive and caring environment for learning. It focuses on the personal development of each student. The program is structured to allow our instructors to give personalized attention to each student. Classes are designed to give every student both maximum progress and enjoyment.

Simply put, our Juniors program will develop your child into a stronger, more capable individual by teaching them self-discipline and how to avoid negative peer pressure.

This is accomplished not only through practicing the Art's physical techniques but also by encouraging each student to adopt a set of *tenets*, or rules, to help them maximize their full human potential. The five tenets are: Courtesy, Integrity, Perseverance, Self-control, & Indomitable Spirit.

The Teen & Adult Program : Many of our student's parents find that Taekwondo is an activity that they too can enjoy. Our teen & adult program is a great physical workout that is also a terrific stress reliever. The teen & adult program allows teens and adults of all ages to participate in Taekwondo training at their own pace. Students enrolled in our program can expect increased energy and vitality, a greater degree of flexibility, weight control, muscle toning and better overall health. Our teen & adult program is also a great way to meet and make new friends.

Adults who want to practice together with junior family members (ages 7 to 12) may attend Junior classes together. However, juniors may not attend adult classes, except in special situations with permission.

Class Structure

WMA has an entire staff of trained, full-time and part-time instructors. We strive to maintain at least a 10 to 1 student-teacher ratio at all times. Classes are broken down into "A" days and "B" days:

"A" day: "A" days cover one section of the curriculum, usually basic technique practice, block and counter reaction drills, such as "one-step" sparring, and Forms (patterns) practice.

"B" day: "B" days cover the other main section of the WMA curriculum, usually kicking drills, free-sparring drills, and, for advanced students, free sparring and grab-release drills.

Students are encouraged to attend at least one "A" day and one "B" day each week and should strive to make up any missed lessons as this could slow down their progress. Students who enjoy participating in seasonal sports (e.g., soccer, football, etc.) are encouraged to do so, and may cut their training back to one day a week for Taekwondo if they need to do so. Students who come only one day a week because of participation in a seasonal sport should come on the "A" day since the most important parts of our curriculum are taught on these days.

Our Belt-Promotion System

Waldorf Martial Arts has a ten Belt System of Advancement. Following are the Colored Belts in ascending order:

Beginner Belts:	White Belt, ½ White/ ½ Orange Belt, Orange Belt, & Yellow Belt
Intermediate Belts:	Green Belt, Blue Belt, ½ Blue/ ½ Purple Belt, & Purple Belt
Advanced Belts:	Brown Belt, Red Belt, ½ Red / ½ Black Belt, & Black Belt

Once a student attains their 1st Black Belt level, or "Degree" as it is called, they can continue training towards higher Degrees. There are 9 Degrees of Black Belt in Taekwondo 1st through 3rd Degrees are considered Novices, 4th through 7th Degrees are considered Master Instructors, 8th and 9th Degrees are considered Grand Masters of the Art.

Time Requirements for all students holding colored belts require the student to train no less than 2 times a week for a minimum of 3-4 months at each belt. Black Belt levels have varying time requirements depending on what Black Belt level a student is at.

Progress & Promotions: The Monthly Stripe Test & Belt Test

At Waldorf Martial Arts, we realize that, if people see genuine progress, they will enjoy the activity much more and practice longer. We make every effort to show our students the progress they are making through our innovative promotional "Stripe Testing" progress review system.

The "Stripe Test"

Students are evaluated monthly at a "stripe Test" usually in the 2nd full week of each month. To show progress towards their next belt color, colored "stripes" are placed on their belt to indicate their progress towards the next colored belt. Only one stripe is awarded each month. Once a student receives their "Red" stripe, he/she may attend the Belt Test later that month.

The "Belt Test"

At the Belt test the skills required at the current belt rank must be satisfactorily demonstrated to be promoted to the next colored belt. Students who pass their belt test are awarded new colored belts and certificates of rank. Students who do not pass their belt test may re-test the following month at the next scheduled Belt test.

In order to receive the new belt, a student's tuition payments must be up-to-date. The specific date for Stripe Testing and Belt Testing is in the WMA monthly Calendar of Events available in the school lobby.

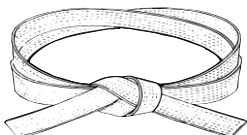
Required Curriculum by belt rank

All belts:

- Tuition payment is up to date.
 - Testing Application & fee turned in.
 - Grades are satisfactory at school.
- Intent to promote turned in.
 - Attendance is satisfactory at Taekwondo class.

BEGINNER LEVEL

Minimum Time per Rank: 2 months Mandatory Minimum Number of Classes: 16/rank



White Belt

Fundamental Stances & Techniques

Horse Riding Stance and 10 Count Blocking Drill

Front Stance with Down Block Back Stance with Side Block

Kicking Techniques-In place: Back Stance- Front Kick; Round Kick; Side Kick

One-step Self-Defense: Numbers 1-3, Demonstrated without a partner



White/Orange Belt

Fundamental Stances & Techniques

Horse Riding Stance and 10 Count Blocking Drill

Front Stance with Down Block Front Stance with High Block Back Stance with Side Block

Kicking Techniques: Back Stance- Front Kick; Round Kick; Side Kick; Crescent Kick; Moon-in Kick

Pattern: Ki-Cho. Number of Movements: 20

One-step Self-Defense: Numbers 1-3, Demonstrated without a partner.



Orange Belt

Fundamental Stances & Techniques

Horse Riding Stance and 10 Count Blocking Drill 10-Count Kicking Drill

Riding Stance-Middle Punch

Moving forward and backward: Front Stance * Low Block Back Stance * Side Block Front Stance * High Block

Back Stance * Knife Hand Strike Back Stance * Knife Hand Block

Moving forward, Rear leg: Front Kick; Round Kick; Side Kick; Crescent Kick; Moon Kick

Patterns: Dan Goon. Ki Cho.

One-step Self-Defense: Numbers 1-4, Demonstrated with partner.

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

Minimum Time per Rank: 3 months Mandatory Minimum Number of Classes: 24



Yellow Belt

Fundamentals

Demonstrate Block and Reverse Punch Combinations Kicking Combination: Round Kick * Skip Side Kick

Patterns: To San. Dan Goon. One-step Self-Defense: Numbers 1-6; Demonstrated with partner



Green Belt

Fundamentals

Demonstrate Block and Reverse Punch Combinations

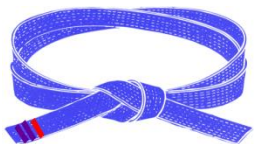
Kicking: Front Leg Front Kick; Round Kick; Side kick; Round Kick * Skip Side Kick; Round Kick * Spin Side Kick
Kicking Combination: Jab * Cross * Round Kick * Skip Side Kick; Back Fist * Cross * Round Kick * Spin Side Kick

Patterns: Won Hyo. Do San. One-step Self-Defense: Numbers 1-6, Demonstrated with partner

Ho Sin Sul: Wrist Grab Releases and Push Defenses.

Light-Contact, Controlled Free Sparring

Board Breaking: Demonstrate a Palm Heel Break or Elbow Break.



Blue Belt

Fundamentals

Double Kicking: Double Round Kick Round Kick * Side Kick Hook Kick * Round Kick

Patterns: Yul Guk. Won Hyo. One-step Self-Defense: Numbers 1-10 Light-Contact, Controlled Free Sparring

Board Breaking: Demonstrate a Front Kick or Side Kick at your test.



Blue/Purple Belt

Fundamentals: Double Kicking: Blue Belt Doubles plus: Round Kick * Crescent Kick Moon Kick * Side Kick

Patterns: Chun Goon. Yul Guk. One-step Self-Defense: 1-10 Ho Sin Sul: Single and Double Hand Lapel Grab Releases

Light-Contact, Controlled Free Sparring Class Board Breaking: Demonstrate a Knife Hand Strike and Side Kick or Ax Kick.

ADVANCED LEVEL

Minimum Time per Rank: 4 months Mandatory Minimum Number of Classes: 32



Purple Belt

Fundamentals: Jump Front Kick Jump Round Kick Jump Side Kick

Patterns: Tei Gei. Chun Goon.

One-step Self-Defense: Numbers 1-10

Ho Sin Sul: Choke Release

Light-Contact, Controlled Free Sparring

Board Breaking- Demonstrate an elbow strike and Skip Side Kick or Hook Kick at your test for Brown Belt



Brown Belt

Fundamentals: Jump Spin Side Kick Spin Heel Kick Spin Crescent Kick

Patterns: Wha Rang. Tei Gei. Review: Kicho, Dan Goon, Toe Sahn **One-step Self-Defense:** Numbers 11-15

Boxing Fundamentals: Jab-Cross; Cross-Hook; Hook-Upper Cut; Upper Cut-overhand; Jab-Cross- Hook- Uppercut-Overhand.

Light-Contact, Controlled Free Sparring

Board Breaking- Demonstrate Any 2 kicks; one with each leg, at your test for Red Belt



Red Belt

Fundamentals: Jump Spin Side Kick; Spin Heel Kick; Spin Crescent Kick; Spin Hook Kick (set foot in front); Flying Side Kick

Patterns: Choong Moo. Wha Rang. Chun Gee. Review: Won Yo, Yul Guk, Chun Gun

One-step Self-Defense: Numbers 16-20

Kick-Boxing Fundamentals: F. Front Kick-Jab-Cross-R. Round Kick; F Round Kick-Cross-Hook-Spin Side Kick; R. Round Kick (and return)-Hook-Upper Cut-Front Kick; F. Side Kick-R. Upper Cut*overhand-R. Crescent/Ax Kick; Step F. Ax Kick-Jab-Cross- R. Round Kick-Hook- Uppercut-Overhand-R. Hook Kick.

Ho Sin Sul: Hug Releases Head Lock Defense Full Nelson Break-away Rear Arm Bar release

Light-Contact, Controlled Free Sparring Class:

Board Breaking- Demonstrate a Ridge Hand or Rear Elbow Strike and any 2 kicks; one with each leg. One must be a spinning kick.



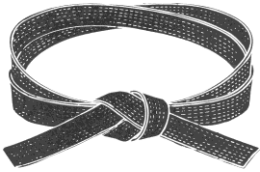
Red/Black Belt (Black Belt Candidate, Recommended)

Patterns: Demonstrate all 9 patterns

Demonstrate all One-step Self-Defense and Ho Sin Sul

Physical Requirements Push-ups & Sit-ups- 4 sets of 25 **Demonstrate 3 to 5 rounds of Higher-level Free Sparring:**

Board Breaking- Demonstrate at your Black Belt Test one of the Following Strikes: Ridge Hand, Forearm Elbow Strike, Rear Elbow Strike, Knife Hand Strike, Fore Fist Punch, Back Fist, & Inverted Knife Hand Strike. Any 2 kicks; one with each leg. One must be a spinning kick.



BLACK BELT LEVEL CURRICULUM

1st Dan Black Belt Curriculum

Minimum Time at Rank: 18 months

Minimum Number of Classes: 160

Forms: Gae Beck; Po Eun; Kwang Gae

One-steps: 21-30

Free-Sparring

Ho sin Sul

Weapons Play: Demonstrate 1

Physical Requirements: 100 Push-ups, Sit-ups.

Board Breaking: One of the Following Strikes: Ridge Hand, Forearm Elbow Strike, Rear Elbow Strike, Knife Hand Strike, Fore Fist Punch, Back Fist , Inverted Knife Hand Strike. Any 2 kicks; one with each leg. One must be either a 1.) spin, 2.) jump, 3.) jump scissors, 4.) jump spin, 5.) flying kick, or 6.) flying obstacle kick.

2nd Dan Black Belt Curriculum

Minimum Time at Rank: 2 Years

Minimum Number of Classes: 208

Forms: Eui Am; Choong Jang; Ko Dang

One-steps: 31-40

Free-Sparring

Ho sin Sul

Weapons Play: Demonstrate 2

Physical Requirements : 100 Push-ups, Sit-ups.

Board Breaking: 2 of the Following Strikes (one with each hand): Ridge Hand, Forearm Elbow Strike, Rear Elbow Strike, Knife Hand Strike, Fore Fist Punch, Back Fist , Inverted Knife Hand Strike. Any 2 kicks; one with each leg. One must be either a 1.) spin, 2.) jump, 3.) jump scissors, 4.) jump spin, 5.) flying kick, or 6.) flying obstacle kick.

3rd Dan Black Belt Curriculum

Minimum Time at Rank: 3 Years

Minimum Number of Classes: 304

Forms: Sam Il; Yoo Sin; Choi Yong

One-steps

Free-Sparring

Ho sin Sul

Weapons Play: Demonstrate 3

Physical Requirements: 100 Push-ups, Sit-ups.

Board Breaking: 4 Stations. One break should be executed with each hand and each foot. Power breaks are acceptable. Speed breaks are acceptable. Double Kicks are acceptable but count only as 1 station. Pick 2 of the Following Strikes (one with each hand): Ridge Hand, Forearm Elbow Strike, Rear Elbow Strike, Knife Hand Strike, Fore Fist Punch, Back Fist, Inverted Knife Hand Strike. Pick Any 2 kicks; one with each leg. One must be either a 1.) spin, 2.) jump, 3.) jump scissors, 4.) jump spin, 5.) flying kick, or 6.) flying obstacle kick.

4th Dan Master Black Belt Curriculum

Minimum Time at Rank: 4 Years

Minimum Number of Classes: 400

Forms: Yon Gae, Ul Ji, Moon Moo

One-steps

Free-Sparring

Ho sin Sul

Weapons Play: Demonstrate 4

Physical Requirements: 100 Push-ups, Sit-ups.

Board Breaking: Same as 3rd Dan

5th Dan Master Black Belt Curriculum

Minimum Time at Rank: 5 years

Minimum Number of Classes: 496

Forms: So San, Se Jong, Tong Il

One-steps

Free-Sparring

Ho sin Sul

Weapons Play: Demonstrate 5

Physical Requirements: 100 Push-ups, Sit-ups.

Board Breaking: Same as 3rd Dan

6th Dan Senior Master Black Belt

Minimum Time at Rank: 6 Years

7th Dan Senior Master Black Belt

Minimum Time at Rank: 7 Years

8th Dan Grand Master Black Belt

Minimum Time at Rank: 8 Years

9th Dan Grand Master Black Belt

One-steps

One-steps (also known as 1-step sparring) are pre-arranged partner drills, designed to develop razor-sharp defensive reaction skills as well as develop one's spatial awareness, distancing, and hand/foot — eye coordination. One-steps, practiced for years, become second nature. When confronted, a Taekwondo Black Belt will automatically react using his one-steps.

White Belt to White/Orange Belt: 1-3

1. Block (with right arm) blocking his punching arm. Cross arms and deliver a knife hand strike step towards attacker with right foot into a back stance as you execute an out-to-in forearm (right hand) to attacker jaw. Kiop!
2. Hop to your right into a front stance (left leg forward) as attacker punches. Execute right leg front snap kick to attacker's stomach or face (whichever you prefer). Set the right leg down into a horse-riding stance facing the attacker and execute a triple punch combination (right to stomach; left to stomach; right to face). Kiop!
3. Pick up the left foot and slide 45 degrees to the left into a horse-riding stance and execute an out-to-in palm heel block with the left palm (blocking the attackers punching arm). Execute a triple punch combination (right to ribs; left to ribs; right to temple). Execute roundhouse kick with right leg to stomach. Kiop!

Orange Belt: 1-4

4. Step towards attacker with your left leg into a front stance as you execute a high block with your left forearm, blocking his punching arm. Keeping the left arm in the high block position, execute a right middle punch to attacker's stomach. Recoil right arm (you just punched with) and execute a right palm heel strike to attackers' upper lip. When delivering the palm heel strike the left arm recoils to the left side hip. Kiop!

Yellow Belt to Green Belt: 1-6

5. As the attacker punches, execute, from a ready stance (joon bee stance), a right leg in-to-out crescent kick blocking his punching arm to the side. Set the right foot down behind the left foot and shuffle forward as you execute a double punch combination (left to face; right to face). Execute roundhouse kick with your right leg to attacker's stomach or face (whichever you prefer). Kiop!
6. As the attacker punches, execute a side kick to his rib section with your right foot. Set the right foot down into a horse-riding stance to the outside of his front leg. Your back will be to the attacker. Cross your arms and deliver a knife hand strike to his rib section with right hand. Cross arms again and deliver a knife hand strike to his jaw (again with right hand). Pivoting feet and turning upper body counterclockwise, cross arms and deliver left knife hand strike to attacker's stomach. Step away from attacker with right leg into a back stance (left leg forward) as you deliver a left knife hand block to his punching arm. Execute a roundhouse kick with right foot to attacker's face or stomach (whichever you prefer). Kiop!

Blue Belt to Purple Belt: 1-10

7. Hop to the right and execute a front snap kick with the right foot to the stomach or face. Set the foot down and execute a jump scissors front kick with the same foot to the chin. Kiop!

8. Step 90 degrees to the left and execute a side kick with right foot to attacker's ribs. Set the right foot down into a front stance (right leg forward) and execute a right in-to-out forearm block to the attacker's punching arm. Execute a left punch to his ribs. Kiop!

9. Step 45 degrees to right into a horse-riding stance simultaneously executing a knife hand block (left hand) to attacker's punch and an inverted knife hand strike to his jaw. Shift weight to a back stance (left leg forward) as you execute a fore elbow strike to attacker's jaw with your right elbow. Grab attacker's punching arm with your left hand. As you bring your right foot to your left and pull him towards you with your left grabbing hand, deliver a right knife hand strike to his opposite jaw. Kiop!

10. As opponent punches, slide toward him with your left foot into a back stance while blocking his punching arm with a left side block. With right hand, punch to solar plexus with left hand, punch to upper lip with left front foot side kick to body or face and Kiop!

Brown Belt: 1-15

11. Take a half step right with your right foot and move your left foot towards the attacker's left shoulder so that you are in a back stance, left foot forward. As you are moving into the back stance, execute a left knife hand strike to the attacker's jaw, drop the hand straight down to the shoulder and execute a right upset punch to the shoulder right below your hand. Jump straight back and execute a right round house kick to ribs or face. Kiop!

12. Deliver a Moon-in kick with right leg to attacker's punching arm. Without setting the foot down, execute right side kick to stomach or face. Set your right foot down in front of you into a front stance and execute a left reverse punch. Kiop!

13. Stepping, with your left foot, 90 degrees to the right, execute a side kick with the left leg to attacker's face. Set the foot down next to your supporting leg and execute a right leg spin side kick. Kiop!

14. As attacker punches, deliver a left leg front kick. Set the foot down next to the supporting foot and execute a right leg side kick. Set the foot down next to the supporting foot and execute a left spin side kick. Set the foot down next to the supporting foot as you spin around and block the punching arm with a right palm heel and round house kick with the right leg. Kiop!

15. Step towards the attacker with your right leg into a back stance and execute an out/ in fore arm block. Palm facing you. Pull blocking arm back and deliver a fore elbow strike to attacker's jaw with the right elbow. Pull arm back and deliver a backfist strike to attacker's temple with a right backfist. Without moving feet, pivot counterclockwise and deliver a spin back elbow strike to floating rib. Pick up right leg and step back away from attacker into a forearm guarding block position blocking punching arm if necessary. Finish with a right round house kick to attacker's ribs or face. Kiop!

Red Belt to Red/Black Belt: 1-20

16. Deliver front snap kick with left foot to attacker's stomach. Deliver jump scissors crescent kick with left foot to attacker's punching hand. Deliver roundhouse kick to side of face with right foot and Kiop!
17. Deliver crescent kick with right leg to attacker's punching hand. Deliver roundhouse kick with left leg to side of face. Deliver spin side kick with right leg and Kiop!
18. Hopping 90 degrees to your right, deliver a side kick with your left leg. Set the left leg down so you are in a left-leg-forward front stance facing the attacker. As you set the foot down, deliver a left knife hand block to his punching arm followed by a right-hand reverse punch to his solar plexus. With right leg, step in front of the attacker and to his right side as you clear his punching hand with a double forearm block. Pivoting counterclockwise into a back stance with left foot forward, deliver a knife hand strike to his upper lip. Shifting your weight into a front stance with left foot forward, deliver a reverse ridge hand strike to bridge of nose. With right leg, deliver a roundhouse kick to face and Kiop!
19. Step to the right and execute a side kick with your left leg to either attacker's stomach. Spinning clockwise, set the left foot down behind your right. Pick up the right front foot and execute a round house kick to attacker's face. Set the right foot down into a front stance and execute a left middle punch to solar plexus of attacker. Kiop!
20. Deliver a left leg crescent kick to punching arm. Deliver a right leg roundhouse kick to side of face. Deliver a left leg spin heel kick to face. Kiop!

1st Dan Black Belt: 1-30

21. Slip left to avoid punch and execute elbow dislocation*right elbow to rib* step thru and left back elbow to rib*finish with technique of choice. KIOP!
22. Slip left to avoid punch and execute elbow dislocation*with right hand, grab top of partner's fist circling it in a downward counter clock-wise motion. As you step through an under the arm, grab the fist with your other hand too, cranking his wrist to create wrist pain as well. Once you are behind your partner, put him in a rear arm lock. Let go of his hand with your left hand and put him in a tracheal choke with your forearm. Finish with a takedown by pulling with your left arm and pushing his lower back forward with your right arm. (don't let go of the arm lock.) KIOP!
23. Right leg moon-in kick*left leg spin side kick*left punch-right punch* right leg jump spin kick. KIOP!
24. As opponent punches, stepping with right foot, slip inside and block punch with twin forearm block. Then stun him with a right Knife hand strike to side of neck or jaw hinge. Then, quickly, slide your left arm under and around your partner's arm at his shoulder. Grab your left wrist with your right hand and explosively pull his shoulder/arm to your body (trapping arm in an arm bar), turning his elbow and shoulder over as you do this. Circle him down to the ground keeping the shoulder locked tight to your body. KIOP!
25. Step straight in while executing left knife hand block and right ridge strike to groin* slide forward a little and execute right upward elbow strike to chin*finish with a downward palm heel strike to bridge of nose. Add a kick if you'd like! KIOP!

26. Slip left 45° to left-leg forward front stance and execute a side block with the right ridge hand—staying in the left-leg forward front stance, execute a right knife hand strike to the floating rib-- shift to a riding stance and execute a right fore-fist punch--shift to a right leg forward front stance as you execute a left hooking block, clearing his arm out to the side--shift back to a left leg forward front stance executing an right inverted knife hand strike to his jaw. Finish with a right leg crescent kick in front of his face (target is the right jaw/temple). KIOP!

27. With left leg, step 45° across to the right into a walking stance and immediately execute a jump spinning heel kick with right leg- then execute a right-left leg flutter round kick. Set the left leg down in front and execute a right inverted knife hand strike to his neck. Finish by grabbing the back of the neck with your right hand, sliding forward, execute a left fore-elbow strike. KIOP!

28. Left leg downward moon-in block to punching arm as it reaches full extension. Right leg spin heel kick-right leg jump spin heel kick. KIOP!

29. Side block*reverse punch*left leg defensive side kick*right leg high section round kick*slide back and right leg jumping scissors spin side kick. KIOP!

30. Slip 45° left, and, with the left hand, in a downward sweeping motion, catch your partners punch as it reaches full extension. Continue pulling it downward as you slide forward and execute a right horizontal elbow strike nose bridge/chin. Now grab the punching hand with your right hand and counter twist in a clockwise motion to the left, placing him in a painful wrist lock and either breaking the wrist or taking him down. KIOP!

2nd Dan Black Belt: 1-40

31. Step straight in to a left leg forward Back Stance, while executing a left Square-Block with Knife hand to attacker's punch. Then execute a right inverted knife and strike (palm up) to jaw, drawing the left arm back to your right shoulder. With left knife hand, execute a strike to neck. Shift to a front stance and execute a right reverse punch to solar plexus. Shift to back stance and execute a left leg side kick to ribs. KIOP!

32. Step backwards, away from attacker, with the right leg into a left leg forward back stance while you execute an inward block with the palm heel. Move the front foot back half the distance to your back foot (right leg) and execute a right leg spin back kick. Set the kicking leg down in front of the supporting leg at shoulder width, and with the left leg execute a an inward "moon" kick to the attackers punching arm. Then execute, at a 45-degree angle to the right of your opponent, a scissors jump spinning moon kick across the front of the attacker's face! KIOP!

33. Step diagonally to your left into a left leg forward front stance while executing a hooking block with the right hand to the attackers punching arm. Execute a right leg round kick to his solar plexus. Set the kicking leg down shoulders width in front of your left leg, and then sliding your left leg behind your opponent's front leg into a back stance as you execute a hammer fist strike to his solar plexus. Slip to a front stance and finish with a reverse punch to the floating rib. KIOP!

34. Step diagonally to your left into a left leg forward front stance while executing a hooking block with the right hand to the attackers punching arm. Execute a right leg round kick to his solar plexus. Set the kicking

leg down shoulders width in front of your left leg, and then execute a spinning crescent kick to the side of his head.

35. As attacker begins to punch, with your right leg, step diagonally to your left and to the outside of his front leg as you execute an inward block with your right arm. Then execute a counter-clockwise spinning elbow with your left arm to his upper-lip. Perform the block and strike in a continuous motion. Now, pick up your right leg and spin (180°) counter-clockwise away from the attacker into a front stance while executing right reverse punch to his solar plexus. To finish, pick up your left (front) foot and spin (180°) clockwise away from the attacker into a right leg forward back stance with guarding block. Execute a jump side kick to his neck. KIOP!

36. Execute a left leg downward moon-in block to attacker's punching arm as it reaches full extension. Set the foot down shoulders distance in front of your right leg and immediately execute a right leg spin heel kick to the right-side temple of the attacker. Stop the kick in mid-air, next to his temple. Then set the right foot down diagonally to your right and to the attacker's left, into a right leg forward front stance and execute a left leg twisting kick to the left jaw of the attacker. KIOP!

37. As attacker punches, slip diagonally to your left with your left leg into a riding stance and executing a pushing block with the left palm heel. Follow with a right punch to floating rib. Then execute a right leg twisting kick to the right side of his head to the area just below his ear (back side of his jaw). Set the foot down slightly in front of the left foot and execute a left leg spin hook kick (under his punching arm) to his sternum. KIOP! (Variation: execute the spin heel kick across the right side of his head following through (360°) all the way.)

38. Choon Jang: As attacker punches, step back with right leg and execute a knife hand block. Follow with a right leg front kick to solar plexus. Set foot down in front stance as you execute flat finger-tip thrust to throat. Drop to floor onto left knee and execute a right round kick to inner thigh. Come up to left kneeling stance and execute a right punch to groin. Standing up, step towards the attacker and execute a rear elbow strike with your left elbow. Spin away in a clockwise motion and come to guarding block. KIOP!

39. As attacker punches, slip diagonally to your left with your left leg into a back stance while executing a pushing block with the left palm heel and an upset punch to ribs simultaneously. With your left hand trap the attacker's punching arm in a downward motion as you execute a right elbow attack to his jaw/chin area. With your left leg, stepping away in a clockwise motion, finish with a right spin crescent kick to attacker's jaw. KIOP!

40. As attacker punches, step in towards him with right leg and execute simultaneously a left block to attack and right strike to side of neck/jaw (as in Ul Ji). Follow with a left palm heel strike to chin, a right vertical punch to liver, a left knife hand strike to side of neck, and a right inverted knife hand strike to side of neck. Finish by grabbing the back of his head with both hands and pulling him into a knee strike (right or left; your choice). KIOP!

3rd Dan Black Belt: 1-44

Choke Applications

41. Slip to left of punch while executing palm block with left hand. Continue to slip behind partner and slide right arm over punching arm and around the front of partner's neck and grab your left bicep. Elbow should be in front of Adam's apple. Apply choke very slowly. Stop when partner taps.
42. Slip to left of punch while executing palm block with left hand. Continue to slip behind partner and slide right arm under punching arm and around the back of partner's neck. Bring your left arm around the front of your partner's neck and grab your right bicep. Elbow should be in front of Adam's apple. Apply choke very slowly. Stop when partner taps.
43. Slip to left of punch while executing palm block with left hand. Continue to slip behind partner and slide right arm under punching arm and around the front of partner's neck. Grab your left bicep. Apply choke very slowly. Stop when partner taps.
44. As opponent punches, stepping with left foot, slip inside and blocking punch with left knife-hand. At the same instant slide your right arm around your partner's head putting him in a front headlock choke and grab your left bicep.

Ho Sin Sul (Grab Defenses)

Defense to Wrist grabs

1. A: Wrist grab across the body (Attacker grabs your right wrist with his right hands):
D: Step left with left foot as you simultaneously execute a clockwise circular hook block grabbing the attacker's wrist. Execute a right-leg round kick to attackers' mid-section. Follow with a right-leg downward crescent kick to attackers back followed by Kiop. Clear out to a guarding block, back stance. Practice with a left-hand wrist grab also.
2. Attacker grabs both wrists from the front (Attacker grabs your right wrist with his left hand, your left wrist with his right hand): Step back into a front stance with either leg. Simultaneously perform a counter-clockwise circular release with your right hand and a clockwise circular release with your left hand. This will bring the attackers head down. Grab his shoulders and pull his head down as you execute a knee strike with the leg with which you stepped back. Kiop. Clear out to a guarding block, back stance.

Defense to Pushes

3. A: Pushes with both hands
D: Slap down both arms and execute thumb gouge to eyes. Then a right elbow to jaw. Finish by pulling him into a knee strike. Push him away and front kick.
4. A: Pushes with both hands
D: Slip sideways (pulling your right foot back as in an "ELITE" step) as you execute out to inside forearm block. Execute a ridge hand to neck. Finish with side kick to knee and ax kick to spine with the same leg.

Defense to Single arm lapel/shoulder grabs

5. A: Right hand Lapel Grab from front (Same Side Grab).
D: Defender grabs the sleeve of attacker with right hand at his elbow and grabs with the left hand the middle of his back. He then pulls attacker backwards while sweeping his leg with his left foot to a takedown. Finishes with a punch or stomp.
6. A: Grabs shoulder with 1 arm, same side grab
D: Slips head under attacker's arm to the outside as he executes a ridge hand strike to neck as he steps behind attacker's right leg preparing for a sweep. He then does Osoti-Geri Sweep. Finishes with a stomp kick.
7. A: Grabs lapel with right hand
D: Wraps his left arm in a clockwise motion around attacker's arm putting him in an elbow lock and bending him over backwards as he sweeps him with left foot. When attacker hits the ground, defender puts him in a straight arm elbow lock. (or you could simply finish with a stomp kick.)
8. A: Grabs shoulder with 1 arm, same side grab
D: Wraps his left arm in a clockwise motion around attacker's arm putting him in an elbow lock and executes a right upset punch to body and right knee to body.
9. A: Grabs shoulder with 1 arm, same side grab
D: Slips head under attacker's arm to the outside as he spins to execute a left elbow strike and then reverses his spin, sweeping the attackers leg with his right foot.
10. A: Grabs shoulder with 1 arm, same side grab
D: turns and execute left knife hand strike and right ridge hand.
11. A: Attacker grabs your lapel and tries to punch you with his other hand.
D: Block the punch with one hand as you trap his grab with your other hand. After blocking punch, execute a palm-up knife hand strike to the side of his neck. Reach across and grab the hand you trapped and place him in a wrist lock. Finish with a kick to the back of his knee. Kiop. Clear out to a guarding block, back stance.

Defense to 2-hand Lapel grabs

12. A: Twin Lapel Grab and pulls defender in close to him.
D: Executes a twin palm punch to jaws and immediately follows with a jump front kick.
13. A: Twin Lapel Grab pulling Defender in to him.
D: Defender places his left hand on the opposite side of attacker's jaw and pushes attackers head to the left as he executes a right cross to the jaw.
14. A: Twin Lapel Grab
D: Defender snakes' right arm over and under attacker's forearms. Then with left hand grabbing his right fist, pushes up and over to right breaking hold. Defender counters with a right uppercut and then grabs the attacker's shoulders to pull him into a right knee strike.
15. A: 2 hand lapel grab.
D: Stepping back with right leg and, with left forearm, execute a downward block to attacker's arms. Follow with a right elbow or right cross to his jaw.
16. A: Grabs lapels and attempts a head butt.
D: Blocks head butt with heaven hands, then grabs the attacker by the back of the head with left hand and executes a right horizontal elbow strike to jaw. (Alternate finish: He finishes by executing a right reverse throat choke as he strikes the attackers trunk with knee strikes.)

17. A: Grabs throat with left hand, then punches with right fist to head
 D: With left hand, execute inward palm block to throat grab and outward knife hand block to punch. Counter with right-left punches and finish with rear leg (R) Jump Front Kick.
18. A: Grabs throat with both hands.
 D: Executes right forearm Inward Block to break hold and continues to spin around to a left rear elbow strike. He finishes by reversing to the right and executes a right rear elbow attack.
19. A: Twin Lapel Grab.
 D: B: Executes right forearm Inward Block to break hold and counters with a left upset punch to body and right downward hook to jaw.
20. A: Twin Lapel Grab
 D: Answers with a right punch-left punch combo to throat and finishes with a jump front kick.
21. A: Front choke with both hands:
 D: Tuck your chin down so attacker can't get a good hold on your neck. Grab both of the attacker's wrists as you step back with your right leg. Execute a low front kick to attacker's stomach. Let go his wrists and raise your fists above your head. Execute a twin downward strike to his forearms with your hammer fists. Follow with a twin strike to his jaws with your palm heels. Kiop. Clear out to a guarding block, back stance.
22. A: Attacker puts you in a Headlock from front (guillotine Choke).
 D: Tuck your chin to your chest as soon as you can. Execute a ridge hand strike to his groin. Then with both hands, grab the arm around your neck and pull down hard, loosening his grip. Step through and behind him while putting him in an arm bar and forearm choke from behind. Take him down to the ground. Clear out to a guarding block, back stance.

Defense to Bear Hug

23. Attacker grabs you from the front in a Bear Hug. Place both thumbs in the crease where his legs join his torso and push him away. At the same time step back with one of your legs and execute a knee strike to attacker's stomach. Push him away and front kick. Kiop. Clear out to a guarding block, back stance.

Defense to Grabs from Behind

24. A: One hand shoulder grab from behind (left hand)
 D: Defender raises left arm high as he turns and executes a downward elbow to attacker's arm, breaking the hold. Immediately counters with a right cross to face.
25. A: Twin wrist grab from rear
 D1: Step away and Back Kick
 D2: Step away with one leg, pulling attacker forward, then reverse your motion backwards so attacker slams into your back, knocking the air out of him.
26. A: Choke from Rear with hands.
 D: Defender raises right arm high as he spins out clockwise (which breaks the hold). He continues to turn to face the attacker as he grabs attacker with both hands and pulls him into a right knee strike. He finishes with a downward elbow to the opponent's spine.
27. A: Rear arm bar choke with right arm
 D: Steps out to right into a riding stance as he executes a left rear elbow strike to solar plexus. He then retorques his body to the left and executes a right "angle punch" over his left shoulder to opponent's face.

28. A: Attacker comes up from behind and puts you in a headlock from the side (he hugs your head with his right arm):
D: Tuck your chin and head in case he tries to punch you. If he does start punching reach across your body with your right hand and grab the arm he is punching with. With your left arm reach up behind his shoulder and between your head and his. Place your index and middle fingers under his nose and sharply pull his nose upwards and backwards in the shape of an upside-down j. Take him down backwards onto his back. Kiop. Clear out to a guarding block, back stance.
29. A: Attacker grabs you from behind in a bear hug:
D: Soften him up with a head-butt to the bridge of his nose. Inhale deeply and immediately drop your weight into a low horse-riding stance and shoot both arms out straight in front of you. This will cause the attacker's arms to slide up. Immediately execute an elbow strike with one arm to his ribs or face. Then turn and execute another elbow strike with the other arm to his ribs or face. Execute both elbow strikes as a continuous motion. Step away and finish with a side kick to his mid-section. Kiop. Clear out to a guarding block, back stance.
30. A: Attacker puts you in a Forearm Choke from Behind.
D: As soon as you sense a choke from behind, tuck your chin to your chest so he cannot cut off your air supply. Grab his forearm with both hands and pull down as you back out of the hold and put him in a rear arm bar and forearm choke of your own. Take him down backwards by backing up and forcing him down to the ground. Clear out to a guarding block, back stance.
31. A: Attacker puts you in an Arm Bar from behind and is holding your wrist with his other hand.
D: First you must escape the wrist grab by pulling your wrist away and into a palm up position. Then with your free arm, execute a spin elbow strike to his head. Step away to release from the arm bar. Grab his wrist and round kick or side kick to body. Kiop. Clear out to a guarding block, back stance.
32. A: Attacker chokes you with both hands from behind.
D: Tuck chin as soon as you sense the grab. Raise one arm high up overhead as you spin in the direction of your raised arm. This will release the choke hold. Quickly either counter attack or create distance between you and the attacker. Clear out to a guarding block, back stance.
33. A: Attacker grabs you from behind in a Twin wrist grab.
D: Try Smashing his instep with a heel stomp. Then with either foot step back towards attacker quickly as you shoot both hands out in front of you twisting the palms up. If done properly this will not only break the hold but also knock the wind out of him. Finish with a back kick to his sternum. Kiop! Clear out to a guarding block, back stance.
34. A: Attacker puts you in a Full Nelson.
D: Try not to let him bend you down by placing the backs of both hands firmly against your forehead and push backwards. Suddenly, drop your weight into a low riding stance as you explosively drop your elbows to your ribs. This should break the hold. Step away and back kick to his sternum. Kiop. Clear out to a guarding block, back stance.

Takedowns and Ground Defense:

1. Takedown to a 2-hand grab/punch: O'soto Geri Leg Sweep: Grab attacker and pull him into you as you step behind him deep with outside leg. With inside leg sweep the back of his calf and take him down.
2. Takedown to a front kick: side step and perform a circular trapping block to catch his leg. Step behind attacker's supporting leg and push shoulder backwards while lifting trapped leg up simultaneously, causing him to fall backwards.

3. Takedown to a round kick: As attacker kicks step away from the kick as you execute a universal cross arm block to trap his leg. Once leg is trapped, Step behind attackers supporting leg and push shoulder backwards while lifting trapped leg up simultaneously, causing him to fall backwards.
4. Escape out of a mounted position: Trap arm and leg, bridge and roll in the direction of trapped arm and leg to mount position. Finish with strikes and stand up and clear out into a guarding stance.
5. Escape out of a guard position (bottom): Shift hips so you can get one foot locked into attacker's lower abdomen and push him away as you slide away get the other foot into his abdomen and push him away. Finish with a kick to his face. Stand up and clear out into a guarding stance.

Short Stick Defense

1. **Vertical Stick Defense 1:** Parry outside to arm bar from behind, disarm stick and choke.
2. **Vertical Stick Defense 2:** Parry inside and reverse motion wrist lock.
3. **Vertical Stick Defense 3:** Reverse High Block (step 45 to left with left leg and high block with right arm). Grab attacker's shirt at kidney level and pull into several right knee strikes to ribs. Then sweep backwards with left leg and once he's down, transfer his attacking arm to your left hand and put in arm bar over left leg. Disarm.
4. **Vertical Stick Defense 4:** High X-Block, clear arm with left hand as you execute arc-hand to throat with right hand. Then sweep (Osoto-Geri), grab arm and arm lock.
5. **Diagonal Stick Defense 1:** High block, Reverse Punch, Grab and knee strike, elbow to spine.
6. **Diagonal Stick defense 2:** Stabbing Block. Trap arm. Elbow and knee strikes.
7. **Horizontal stick defense 1:** Universal cross arm block. Trap arm. Elbow and knee strikes then take down.
8. **Horizontal stick defense 2:** avoid 1st swing. Close and trap arm on return swing. Finish with leg sweep and arm bar.
9. **Horizontal stick defense 3:** Twin Forearm Block. Grab arm with left hand and strike with knife hand to ribs. Grab stick arm with both hands and circle under and turn and Round kick to stomach/face. Sweep backwards and put in arm bar.
10. **Horizontal stick defense 4:** Twin Forearm Block. Grab arm with left hand and strike with knife hand to ribs. Grab stick arm with both hands and circle under and turn and execute an arch kick to back of knee. Hammer fist to spine.

Knife Defense

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| 1. To Overhead Downward Stab (angle 1) | 7. To Diagonal Slashing (Upward angle 6): |
| 2. To Lunging Thrust (angle 8) | 8. To Diagonal Slashing (Upward angle 7) |
| 3. To Horizontal Slashing (angle 4): | 9. To Upward Thrust (angle 9): |
| 4. To Horizontal Slashing (angle 5): | 10. To Threat Behind the back: |
| 5. To Diagonal Slashing (Downward angle 2): | 11. To Threat Against the throat: |
| 6. To Diagonal Slashing (Downward angle 3): | |

Handgun Disarms:

1. Pointed at head
2. Pointed at body
3. Pointed at head from behind
3. Pointed at body from behind
4. 2 hand grip points at head
5. 2 hand grip pointed at body
6. Gangster grip at head
7. Horizontal slapping disarm
8. Vertical slapping disarm

APPENDIX

Five Tenets of Taekwondo

Courtesy, Integrity, Perseverance, self-control, Indomitable Spirit

The Taekwondo Oath

As a dedicated student of the martial arts:

I will live by the tenets of Taekwondo: Courtesy, Integrity, Perseverance,
self-control, and Indomitable Spirit

I will respect my seniors, instructors;
my parents and my fellow students.

I will never misuse Taekwondo.

I will be a champion of freedom and justice.

I will build a more peaceful world.

The Student Pledge

As a Student of Taekwondo and an ambassador of Waldorf Martial Arts, I pledge:

1. To become the best I can be through cultivating knowledge in the mind, honesty in the heart and strength in the body.
2. To be respectful, trustworthy, and self-disciplined in order to bring out the best in myself and others.
3. To practice leadership by acting responsibly with compassion, confidence, and courage.
4. To use what I learn in class constructively and defensively, and never to do anything that might hurt myself or others.

Korean terminology

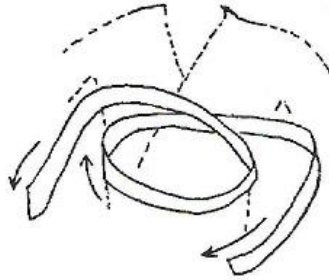
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Bow: _____ kyung-eh
Ready stance: _____ joon bee
Begin: _____ shee-jak
Stop: _____ go mahn
Return to ready: _____ bah-roh
At ease: _____ sheut
Forms: _____ hyungs
One: _____ hanah
Two: _____ duhl
Three: _____ set
Four: _____ net
Five: _____ dah-sut
Six: _____ yuh-sut
Seven: _____ ill-gop

Eight: _____ yo-dul
Nine: _____ ah-hope
Ten: _____ yul
Front stretch kick: _____ ap cha leg gi
Front snap kick: _____ ap cha gi
Round kick: _____ dollyo cha gi
Side kick: _____ yup cha gi
Spin side kick: _____ dwi dora yup cha gi
Spin heel kick: _____ dwi whorigi
Knife hand: _____ soo do to leggi
Inverted knife hand: _____ ahn soo do
Side block: _____ yup mahki
High block: _____ han dan mahki
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Elbow smash: _____ palkup
Ridge hand: _____ yuk soo do
Master instructor: _____ sabumnim

HOW TO TIE THE BELT



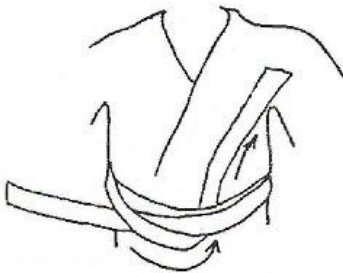
Step 1. Fold belt so its ends are even. This will allow you to locate the center of the belt.



Step 2. Place the center of the belt one inch below the navel. If you have stripes they should start on your left side. Wrap the belt around you body, crossing the right side over the left on your back. Your stripes should now be on your right side. Now, check to make sure the belt ends are even.



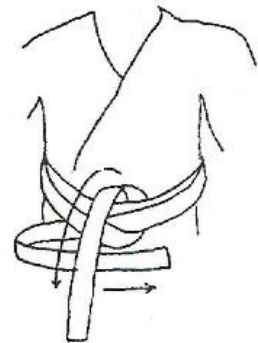
Step 3. Take the belt end on your left side and align it with the belt below your navel. Take the right belt end and cross it over the other belt section. Your stripes will now be on your left side.



Step 4. Slide the left end (striped) of the belt under and behind all of the belt loops. The striped end will now be in front of your patch.



Step 5. Bring the right end of the belt around toward the left side to form a U.



Step 6. Bring the end of the belt that is by your patch (striped end), down and over the front of the U formed in step 5.



Step 7. Loop the striped end under and through the U to form the knot.



Step 8. Pull the two ends out in opposite directions to tighten the knot. The stripes should be on your right side.



Step 9. Check to see that the Belt ends are even and hang neatly.