

2025 National Capitol Ope





Greetings from the 2025 NCO Director Grandmaster H.K. Lee



Welcome distinguished Guests, honorable Grandmasters, Masters, Instructors, Students and Supporters. I would like to express my deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks for all of those who have made this event possible. Without the support of my loyal students, trusted friends, and respected TaeKwonDo Family, this special 2024 National Capitol Open would not be taking place.

We are thankful to welcome everyone back to the Annual "National Capitol Open TaeKwonDo Championship." I personally believe that everyone here is a responsible person; this is evident by your support

and promotion of TaeKwonDo throughout our communities. Today, all those who made this event possible are demonstrating that they care and hope to set the example for others to follow. Our hope is that when we share the spirit of TaeKwonDo, our communities will grow strong and peaceful.

I believe with all my heart that responsible individuals can make the difference in our world. With the consistent practice of TaeKwonDo, one becomes a healthy and sound individual who is able to get the best out of his or her life and help others to do the same. With this awareness of one's physical, mental, and spiritual health; together we can eliminate violence and bring peace to our world.

Sincerely,

Grandmaster Hyeon Kon Lee H.K. Lee Academy of TaeKwonDo Herndon, Virginia

"I really appreciate this country...Without the sacrifices of the United States and the World Freedom Fighters, I might not be here today..."

Opening Ceremony

All participating athletes line up by rank at 8:50 AM

(Entrance of Guests and Masters and Instructors)

- Opening Remarks by Master of Ceremonies
- II. Color Guard Entrance and Salute to the Flags
- III. Korean National Anthem—Grandmaster H.K. Lee
- IV. U.S.A. National Anthem—Master Janelle Lee Pham
- V. Speeches by Distinguished Guests
 - A. Congratulatory Speech & Letter by:
 - Herndon Town Mayor Kevin LeBlanc
 - B. Congratulatory Letter by:
 - Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Ilryong Moon
 - C. 47th NCO Anniversary Congratulatory Speech
 - D. Welcome Speech by Grandmaster H.K. Lee with Remarks of Appreciation to all Sponsors, Guests, Masters & Grandmasters
- VI. Introduction of Championship Rules by Referee Chairman
- VII. Competitors' Oath
- VIII. Officials' Oath
- IX. Declaration of the Opening of the 2025 National Capitol Open TaeKwonDo Championship by Grandmaster H.K. Lee
- X. H.K. Lee TaeKwonDo Demonstration Team Performance

Let the Games Officially Begin!

According to the Championship Schedule on the following page, 11 & Under Poomsae / Elite Poomsae Competitors will start.

You are a fighter, not because of your participation in this tournament, but because you follow the tenets of TaeKwonDo: courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control, and the indomitable spirit. We hope you will take a moment with us, to feel gratitude that once again we can all be together!



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March 22, 2025

Dear Competitors, Coaches, Officials, and Guests,

On behalf of the Town of Herndon, it is my great honor to welcome you to the 2025 National Capitol Open Tae Kwon Do Championship, hosted by the H.K. Lee Academy of Tae Kwon Do. This prestigious event brings together athletes, instructors, and families from across the region to celebrate discipline, perseverance, and the pursuit of excellence. We are proud that Herndon serves as the home for this incredible tournament, which has become one of the most renowned Tae Kwon Do competitions on the East Coast.

Tae Kwon Do is far more than a sport—it is a philosophy, a discipline, and a way of life. It teaches not only physical strength and technique, but also the values of respect, integrity, and self-improvement. These are the very principles that help shape not just great martial artists, but great leaders and role models in our community. Through events like this championship, we witness firsthand the positive impact of martial arts training in developing character, sportsmanship, and a spirit of unity.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Grandmaster H.K. Lee and the dedicated team at H.K. Lee Academy for their tireless commitment to promoting the art of Tae Kwon Do and fostering a culture of excellence. Their leadership has not only elevated this championship but also strengthened the values of hard work and dedication within our community. I also commend all the Masters, instructors, volunteers, and families who support and inspire these athletes on their journey.

To all the competitors—whether this is your first tournament or you are a seasoned martial artist-I encourage you to embrace this experience with determination and humility. Winning is an achievement, but the true victory lies in the personal growth, discipline, and friendships you gain along the way. Compete with heart, uphold the traditions of Tae Kwon Do, and most importantly, enjoy the journey.

Once again, welcome to Herndon and Reston! I wish you all a safe, successful, and memorable championship.

With best regards,

Mayor, Town of Herndon

Keven LeBlanc, Jr.

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- Goethe

Competitors' Oath

We the competitors do solemnly swear we will display our techniques and knowledge cheerfully, confidently, and as best as we can, and we will gain only positive benefits throughout today's Championship.

Officials' Oath

We the referees, as part of this expert Tae Kwon Do family, do solemnly swear to perform to the best of our abilities, judge fairly and correctly with dignity and a cheerful attitude, and to help all of the students perform as best as they can.

Tournament Schedule

8:00 – 8:45 AM	Late Registration & Weigh-In	
9:00 AM	Opening Ceremony	
9:30 AM	12+ Elite Poomsae/Kyorugi Competition*+	
9:30 AM	11 & Under Poomsae Competition* +	
10:30 AM	11 & Under Kyorugi Competition*+	
12:30 PM	12+ Poomsae Competition* +	
1:30 PM	12+ Open Kyorugi Competition*+	

Opening Ceremony is Mandatory for All Participants

^{*} All times are standby times and are approximate. All athletes should be prepared to report to the holding area no later than the above times. Schedule may need to be adjusted. Please pay attention to all announcements during Opening Ceremony about any schedule adjustments. Please also pay attention to the announcements throughout the competition so you do not miss your belt being called to the Holding Area.

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Divisional Chart*				
Male Divisions	Kyorugi	Poomsae	Female Divisions	
18 -32 Years Old, 33 – 40 Years Old, & 41 Years Old & Older				
127.6 lbs. & Under	Fly		112.2 lbs. & Under	
127.7 – 147.4 lbs.	Feather	All Weight Divisions Combined	112.3 – 129.8 lbs.	
147.5 – 171.6 lbs.	Welter		129.9 – 147.4 lbs.	
171.7 lbs. & Over	Heavy	Combined	147.5 lbs & Over	
15 – 17 Years Old				
105.8 lbs. & Under	Fly		97 lbs. & Under	
105.9 – 121.2 lbs.	Feather	All Weight	97.1 – 108.0 lbs.	
121.3 – 138.9 lbs.	Welter	Divisions	108.1 – 121.2 lbs.	
139.0 – 160.9 lbs	Middle	Combined	121.3 – 138.9 lbs.	
161 lbs. & Over	Heavy		139.0 lbs & over	
12 – 14 Years Old				
75 lbs. & Under	Fly		75 lbs. & Under	
75.1 – 95.0 lbs.	Feather	All Weight	75.1 – 95.0 lbs.	
95.1 – 115.0 lbs.	Welter	Divisions	95.1 – 115.0 lbs.	
115.1 – 135.0 lbs.	Middle	Combined	115.1 – 135.0 lbs.	
135.1 lbs & Over	Heavy		135.1 lbs & Over	
10 – 11 Years Old				
77 lbs. & Under	Light	A II 34/-:	77 lbs. & Under	
77.1 – 101.2 lbs.	Middle	All Weight Divisions	77.1 – 101.2 lbs.	
102.3 lbs & Over	Heavy	DIVISIONS	102.3 lbs & Over	
8 – 9 Years Old				
66.0 lbs & Under	Light		66.0 lbs & Under	
66.1 – 92.4 lbs.	Middle	All Weight Divisions	66.1 – 92.4 lbs.	
92.5 lbs. & Over	Heavy	Divisions	92.5 lbs. & Over	
6 – 7 Years Old				
52.8 lbs. & Under	Light	AU 147 . 1 .	52.8 lbs. & Under	
52.9 – 77.0 lbs	Middle	All Weight Divisions	52.9 – 77.0 lbs	
77.1 lbs & Over	Heavy	DIVISIONS	77.1 lbs & Over	
5 Years Old & Younger				
52.8 lbs. & Under	Light	A II 34/-!	52.8 lbs. & Under	
52.9 – 77.0 lbs	Middle	All Weight Divisions	52.9 – 77.0 lbs	
77.1 lbs & Over	Heavy	DIVISIONS	77.1 lbs & Over	

^{*} Color belts are divided in 3 groups: White/Yellow/Gold, Green/Blue/Purple, Red/Brown/Deputy Black. They are grouped in the same age groups as above. For Kyorugi they are also grouped by similar weight and height according to similar guidelines, not exact weight classes.

Kyorugi Rules

- Modified WTF/USAT Rules will apply
- Color Belts, All Ages No Head Contact
- Black Belts, 11 Years Old and Younger No Head Contact
- Black Belts, 12 14 Year Old Open: No Head Contact

Elite: Light Head Contact

Black Belts, 15 & Up - Open: No Head Contact

Elite: USAT Rules

- Head Kick = 3 pts (Elite Only)
- Spinning Kick to Body = 4 pts
- Spinning Kick to Head (Elite Only) = 5 pts
- Head, Chest, Forearm, Shin & Instep Guards, Cup (males only), and Mouthpiece are mandatory
- All athletes must wear a clean, proper uniform
- A 12 Point Ceiling will not be in effect
- Color Belts: Two 60 Second Rounds
- Black Belts: Two 90 Second Rounds
- Best of Three

We may adjust the number of divisions depending on the number of competitors. If there are less than four athletes in a weight division and the athletes wish to gain competition experience, we may combine weight divisions. Athletes over 33 years of age have the option to compete in their own division, or the 18 – 32 year old division for their weight. Children's division athletes may compete in their own division or an older age division. Only Black Belt athletes 12 years old & older will be required to weigh-in. Color belts will be grouped by similar weight and height according to similar guidelines, not exact weight classes.

Poomsae Rules

- Open to any Traditional Poomsae
- Poomsae will be judged according to proper technique, strength, yell, focus, balance, power, rhythm, and a proper TaeKwonDo attitude.

Exemplary Character Award

Dojang owners may submit the name of a student that is competing in the NCO, to be among those eligible to be selected for the Exemplary Character Award. This award will take into consideration the recommendation by the dojang owner as well as the athletes character performance during competition. The Exemplary Character Award will be awarded to the student that most displays the Tenets of TaeKwonDo both during practice at their dojang (based on dojang owner recommendation) and during competition (judge/referee selection). The final determination will be made by a committee of Masters and Grandmasters.

Thank You to all our Tournament Sponsors!



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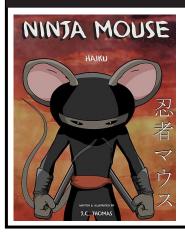






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2025 National Capitol Open TaeKwonDo Championship **Team Competition**

This year's National Capitol Open will continue our exciting team competition. The winner of the team competition will be calculated on which team has scored the most points throughout the championship, based on the following criteria:

- 2 points for each pre-registered athlete
- 5 points for each pre-registered athlete that competes in both Poomsae (forms) and Kyorugi (sparring)
- 5 points for every 1st place finish
- 4 points for every 2nd place finish 2 points for every 3rd place finish
- 10 points for every Exemplary Character Award won by each team
- 5 points for each participating official
- 10 points for each participating referee
- 20 points for sportsmanlike conduct of athletes, coaches and parents

There is no entry fee for participating in the Team Competition. However, all schools that wish to participate in the championship must complete the Team Competition Registration Form and turn it in before the end of Pre-Registration. The points based on the number of participating athletes, officials, and referees will be calculated before the championship and announced during the opening ceremony. The final Team Champions will be announced at the end of the championship, following the completion of the Grand Championship.

"The True Champion is the One Who Never Gives Up"

- Grandmaster H.K. Lee

"A Man of a right spirit is not a man of narrow and private views, but is greatly interested and concerned for the good of the community to which he belongs, and particularly of the village in which he resides, and for the true welfare of the society of which he is a member."

- Jonathan Edwards

Current Team Competition Standings

Based on all pre-registered teams as of Thursday, 3/20/25, the current standings at the beginning of the championship are as follows:

FIRST:

Everest World Class TaeKwonDo Master Kumar Karki 70 points

SECOND:

United Everest TaeKwonDo Master Binta 52 points

THIRD:

Jun Lee TaeKwonDo Grandmaster Jun Hak Lee 41 points

FOURTH:

Global TaeKwonDo Academy Master Prakash Dhugana 35 points

Celebrating 50 Years in Herndon

Grandmaster H.K. Lee TaeKwonDo has been a pillar of the community of Herndon for over 50+ years. Grandmaster H.K. Lee TaeKwonDo holds annual demonstrations and tournaments that have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the local community including the Herndon HS and South Lakes HS Booster Clubs. In 2006, Grandmaster H.K. Lee was honored to accept Virginia House Resolution 503, commending him for his life work of creating good citizens by teaching courtesy, discipline, and integrity through the art of TaeKwonDo.



In September 1973, Grandmaster Chan Hak Park opened Park's TaeKwonDo School at 733 Elden St. in historic downtown Herndon. In February 1976, H.K. Lee came to Herndon invited by Park, his Korean Army team senior, taking over the school in September 1978.

We moved into this building of 7,000 square feet next door at 688 Spring St., in August 1983 where we operated the school for the next 21 years and added the area's first after school martial arts program.





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"What really makes this the ultimate school is Headmaster H.K. Lee, one of the world's most famous and respected Grandmasters..."

Grandmaster H.K. Lee was born in Korea and later immigrated to the United States where he made Herndon, Virginia, his second home. He received his U.S. citizenship in 1981. Since then, Grandmaster Lee has dedicated himself to being a strong community-minded citizen of his new country.

In addition, Grandmaster Lee travels all over this and many other countries in order to help needy people and promote the benefits of TaeKwonDo for everyone. He has helped organizations raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for charity. His own TaeKwonDo academy has raised tens of thousands of dollars for worthy charities.

Internationally known and respected as an exceptional TaeKwonDo technician, a top competitor, a caring talented teacher and a deep philosopher, Grandmaster H.K. Lee is an incarnation of Martial Arts excellence. He will personally help you to become physically and mentally fit and be to be the best that you can be.

Accomplishments revealing Grandmaster Lee's never ending pursuit of perfection:

- ★ Korean National President's Award, received at the Grand Opening of TaeKwonDo Won (Only 8 in the world received this honor!)
- ★ U.S. TaeKwonDo Grandmaster's Society Hall of Fame (Ambassador Category)
- ★ Former Vice Chairman of Education for World TaeKwonDo Federation
- ★ Former Chair of USTU (now USAT) National Education/Certification Committee
- ★ 9th Degree Black Belt by the Korea Moo Duk Kwan Association
- ★ 9th Degree Black Belt by the World TaeKwonDo Federation HQ / Kukkiwon
- ★ Author of "Tae Kwon Do Instructional Reference and Curriculum Book"
- ★ Cover story of Black Belt Magazine (January 1996)
- ★ Two time cover story of Tae Kwon Do Times (1992 yearbook, April 1995)
- ★ 1984 Hall of Fame in the World by Traditional Tae Kwon Do magazine
- ★ 1984 Master Instructor of the Year by the American Tae Kwon Do Federation
- ★ 1985 Man of the Year by American World Tae Kwon Do Federation
- ★ 1986 Man of the Year by World Tae Kwon Do magazine
- ★ Former President of the Virginia AAU (now USAT) TaeKwonDo Association
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"...Although Grandmaster Lee could obviously make more money by owning more schools like most other masters, to him TaeKwonDo is not a business but a life calling. Therefore, quality control comes first. He chooses to have just one best quality school. He is present most every day, he knows each student personally."



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March 22, 2025

To All Tae Kwon Do Fans,

It is my great pleasure to extend my most sincere welcome to all participants of the 2025 National Capitol Open Tae Kwon Do Championship, especially those students from Fairfax County Public Schools. Your dedication to mastering this incredible martial art and your commitment to competing at such a high level are truly inspiring.

This championship is an opportunity to not only showcase your skills but also to celebrate the remarkable journey of Tae Kwon Do. As you know, Tae Kwon Do has its roots in ancient practices and emphasizes discipline, agility, and self-defense. Over the years, it has evolved into a dynamic martial art known for its powerful kicks, precision, and adaptability. Its recognition as an Olympic sport further demonstrates its global importance.

On a personal note, I have known Grandmaster H.K. Lee, the host of this event, for several decades. His dedication to advancing Tae Kwon Do and nurturing future generations of martial artists is truly commendable, and I want to thank him for his lifetime devotion to our young students.

As you step into the ring, it's important to remember that this competition is about more than winning. It's about discipline, resilience, and respect. Your participation honors the spirit of Tae Kwon Do, and every match reflects your hard work, determination, and love for this art form.

Thank you for being a part of this special event. I wish you all the best in your matches and hope this championship becomes a cherished milestone in your Tae Kwon Do journey.

Sincerely.

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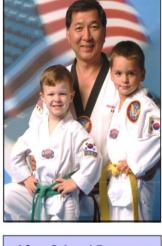
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