

# **BLUE BELT STUDY SHEET**

Each student should be training at this level for approximately 6-Months. Please keep in mind that this is the minimum wait time.

We recommend each student to train at least 2 time per week with a maximum of 4 times a week. The Promotion Testing to achieve the next level is comprised of three parts:

- A) The Written Test
- B) The Physical Test

### There is a fee of \$70 for this Promotion Test

C) The Technical Test

Now that you have achieved Blue Stripe, you should be advised of some upcoming requirements:

- You must keep your school membership and your OTFA membership active.

# PHYSICAL TEST REQUIREMENTS

9 minutes of running laps 9 minutes of skipping 40 push ups / 40 sit ups / 40 squats / 30 Tuck Jumps 20 Speed Kicks on each leg (front snap kick / turning kick / side piercing kick / reverse hooking kick)

# **FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENTS:**

#### Stances:

Attention Stance Parallel Stance / Parallel Ready Stance Walking Stance / Walking Ready Stance L-Stance / L-Ready Stance Sitting Stance / Sitting Ready Stance Close Stance / Close Ready Stance A Fixed Stance Bending Ready Stance A X-Stance Close Stance / Close Ready Stance B Rear Foot Stance Low Stance (learned at White Belt) (learned at White Belt) (learned at White Belt) (learned at Yellow Stripe) (learned at Yellow Stripe) (learned at Green Belt) (learned at Green Belt) (learned at Green Belt) (learned at Blue Stripe) (new at Blue Belt) (new at Blue Belt) (new at Blue Belt)





#### Hand Movements:

Parallel Stance Middle Punch Walking Stance Middle Obverse & Reverse Punc Walking Stance Low Forearm Block Walking Stance Low Knife-hand Block Walking Stance Middle Inner Forearm Block Sitting Stance Middle Punch L-Stance Middle Reverse Punch L-Stance Middle Inner Forearm Block L-Stance Middle Forearm Guarding Block L-Stance Middle Knife-hand Guarding Block Walking Stance High Obverse & Reverse Punch L-Stance Twin Forearm Block Walking Stance Outer Forearm Rising Block L-Stance Middle Knife-hand Side Strike Walking Stance High Outer Forearm Side Block Walking Stance Middle Straight Fingertip Thrust Walking Stance High Back-fist Side Strike Walking Stance High Outer Forearm Wedging Block L-Stance High Inward Knife-hand Strike Fixed Stance Middle Obverse Punch Walking Stance Middle Inner Forearm Circular Block Walking Stance Middle Hooking Block Walking Stance Middle Front Elbow Strike L-Stance Twin Knife-hand Block X-Stance High Back Fist Side Strike Walking Stance High Double Forearm Side Block L-Stance Middle Reverse Knife-hand Side Block Rear Foot Stance Palm Upward Block Walking Stance Upper Elbow Strike Walking Stance Twin Fore-Fist Vertical Punch Walking Stance Twin Fore-Fist Upset Punch Walking Stance X-Fist Rising Block Low Stance Palm Pressing Block **Close Stance Angle Punch** Fixed Stance U-Shape Block

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### Foot Techniques:

Front Rising Kick Outward Crescent Kick Inward Crescent Kick Side Rising Kick Front Snap Kick **Downward Kick Turning Kick** Side Piercing Kick **Reverse Hooking Kick** Jumping Front Snap Kick Back Piercing Kick (180 Back Piercing Kick) Jumping Turning Kick Jumping Side Piercing Kick 180 Reverse Hooking Kick Jumping Back Piercing Kick Jumping Reverse Hooking Kick Vertical Kick Jumping 180 Reverse Hooking Kick 180 Reverse Turning Kick Twisting Kick (Low, Middle & High)

#### **Types of Motions**:

Continuous Motion Fast Motion Connecting Motion Slow Motion

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# **PATTERN REQUIREMENTS:**

### Patterns / Pattern Exercises:

Saju Jirugi Saju Makgi Chon-Ji Tul Dan-Gun Tul Do-San Tul Won-Hyo Tul Yul-Gok Tul Joong-Gun Tul

#### 3-Step Sparring:

3-Step Sparring #1
3-Step Sparring #2
3-Step Sparring #3
3-Step Sparring #4
3-Step Sparring #5
3-Step Sparring #6

### 2-Step Sparring:

2-Step Sparring #12-Step Sparring #22-Step Sparring #32-Step Sparring #42-Step Sparring #52-Step Sparring #6

# 1-Step Sparring:

1-Step Sparring #1 1-Step Sparring #2 1-Step Sparring #3 (Four Direction Punch – 14 movements total / white belt level) (Four Direction Block – 16 movements total / white belt level) (Pattern Chon-Ji – 19 movements / yellow stripe level) (Pattern Dan-Gun – 21 movements / yellow belt level) (Pattern Do-San – 24 movements / green stripe level) (Pattern Won-Hyo – 28 movements / green belt level) (Pattern Yul-Gok – 38 movements / blue stripe level) (Pattern Joong-Gun – 32 movements / blue belt level)

# **SPARRING REQUIREMENTS:**

#### White Belt to Yellow Belt level

(Attack with Middle Obverse Punch / Defend with Middle Inner Forearm Block)
(Attack with Low Front Snap Kick / Defend with Low Forearm Block)
(Attack with L-Stance Punch / Defend with L-Stance Inner Forearm Block)
(Attack with L-Stance Punch / Defend with L-Stance Forearm Guarding Block)
(Attack with Middle Turning Kick / Defend with Knife-hand Guarding Block)
(Attack with High Obverse Punch / Defend with Outer Forearm Rising Block)

### **Green Stripe to Blue Stripe Level**

(Attack: Punch & Front Kick / Defend: Middle Inner Forearm & Low Forearm Blocks)
(Attack: Punch & Turning Kick / Defend: Forearm Guarding & Knife-hand Guarding Block)
(Attack: Turning Kick & High Punch / Defend: Knife-hand guarding block & Rising Block)
(Attack: Front Kick & Front Grab / Defend: Low Knife-hand Block & Wedging Block)
(Attack: Reverse Punch & Downward Kick / Defend: Hooking Block & Forearm Guarding)
(Attack: Side Punch & Side Kick / Defend: Double Forearm Block & Downward Block)

### Blue Belt to Black Stripe level

(Attack with Middle Obverse Punch / Defend: step left to dodge and counter turning kick) (Attack with Middle Obverse Punch / Defend with Middle Knife-hand Guarding Block) (Attack with Middle Obverse Punch / Defend with Inward Crescent Kick)





Free Sparring: 1-on-1 Sparring For Levels Green Stripe & Up 6-Rounds of 90 seconds

# **SELF-DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS:**

#### Self-Defense Requirements:

Front, Side & Back Break Falls	(all performed from a standing position)
Wrist Releases	(demonstrate releasing, controlling & striking)
Front Choke	(demonstrate releasing, controlling & striking)
Front Grab Release	(must learn how to control the wrist and release the hold)
Front Roll	(perform from standing position – finish in a standing position)
Backward Roll	(perform from standing position – finish in a standing position)
Bear Hug Release	(Opponent is hugging from behind – escape by tripping the attacker)
Catching a Front Snap Kick	(Opponent performs a Front Snap Kick – Move to the outside and trap the leg)
Side Head Lock	(Opponent is putting a headlock from the side)
Catching a Turning Kick	(Opponent performs a Turning Kick – follow the direction of the kick, trap the leg)
Defend against a Haymaker	(Opponent performs a Haymaker – Move under the arm, strike the neck and trap)
Choke from behind (sleeper)	(Opponent performs a rear choke - turn head and use the arms and hips to swing
	The opponent around)
Front Head Lock	(Opponent is putting a headlock from the front)
Ground Choke	(Opponent is sitting on your stomach and applying a two handed choke)

#### **Oral Test Questions:**

Meaning of the belt colors What is continuous motion? What is connecting motion? Meaning of ITF? What is the Theory of Power? (on the next pages) (on the next pages) (on the next pages) (on the next pages) Meaning of the patterns What is fast motion? What is slow motion? ITF & TKD Birthdays? The Training Secrets

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Meaning of the Belt Colors, Meaning of the Patterns & Meaning Various Motions

### White Belt

White symbolizes innocence as that of a beginner student who has no previous knowledge of Taekwon-Do.

### **Yellow Belt**

Yellow signifies the earth from which a plant sprouts and takes root as the Taekwon-Do foundation is being laid.

## **Green Belt**

Green signifies the plant's growth as Taekwon-Do skills begin to develop

# <u>Blue Belt</u>

Signifies heaven, toward which the plant matures into a towering tree as training in Taekwon-Do progresses.

# What is Continuous Motion?

Continuous Motion is when two or more movements are joined continuously by the breath. There are 2sinewave motions, 2-separate movements with 2exhales while in a continuous motion and only 1breath.

# What is Fast Motion?

Fast motion is two movements in succession where there is no interruption in rhythm and the sinewave does not restart for the 2<sup>nd</sup> movement. The breakdown is 2-movements, 2-breaths with 1 & 2/3 Sinewave motions.

## Chon-Ji Tul (19-movements)

Chon-Ji means literally "the heaven, the earth". It is in the Orient interpreted as the creation of the world or the beginning of human history, therefore is the initial pattern played by the beginner. This pattern has two similar parts, one to represent the heaven and the other, the earth.

## Dan-Gun Tul (21-movements)

Dan-Gun is named after the holy Dan-Gun, the legendary founder of Korea in the year 2333 BC.

# Do-San Tul (24-movements)

Do-San is the pseudonym of the patriot Ahn-Chang Ho (1876 – 1938). The 24-movenents represent his entire life which he devoted to furthering the education of Korea and its independence movement.

### Won-Hyo Tul (28-movements)

Won-Hyo was the noted monk who introduced Buddhism to the Silla Dynasty in the year 686 AD.

### Yul-Gok Tul (38-movements)

Yul-Gok is the pseudonym of the famous philosopher and scholar Yi-I (1536-1584) nicknamed the
"Confucious of Korea". The 38 movements refer to his birthplace on the 38 degree latitude and the diagram (±) represents scholar.

### Joong-Gun Tul (32-Movements)

Joong Gun is named after the patriot Ahn Joong Gun who assassinated Hiro Bumi Ito, the first Japanese governor general of Korea, who played a leading part in the Korea-Japan Merger. The 32 movements in this pattern represent Ahn Joong Gun's age when he was executed at Lui-Shing prison in 1910.





### What is Connecting Motion?

Connecting motion is two movements in succession sharing one sinewave. Usually it is a soft or natural motion followed by a normal or hard motion. The breakdown is 2-movements, 1breaths and 1 Sinewave motion.

### What is Slow Motion?

Slow motion is designed to demonstrate the control, balance and beauty of a movement. The movement should be performed in a relaxed manner gradually moving toward the completed technique – with the movement performed correctly.

## The Meaning of ITF

ITF stands for International Taekwon-Do Federation which was created on March 22, 1966. There were 9-founding countries: Egypt, USA, Korea, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, Turkey, West Germany & Italy

# The Training Secrets of Taekwon-Do

#### Students should keep in mind the following secrets:

- 1) To study the theory of power thoroughly.
- 2) To understand the purpose and method of each movement clearly.
- 3) To bring the action of eyes, hands, feet and breath into one single coordinated action.
- 4) To choose the appropriate attacking tool for each vital spot.
- 5) To become familiar with the correct angle and distance for attack and defense.
- 6) Keep both the arms and legs bent slightly while movement is in motion.
- 7) All movements must begin with a backward motion with very few exceptions. However, once the movement is in motion it should not be stopped before reaching the target.
- 8) To create sine wave during the movement by utilizing the knee spring.
- 9) To exhale briefly at the moment of each blow except a connecting motion.





#### The Theory of Power:

The average person uses only 10 to 20 percent of their potential while any person, regardless of their size, age, or sex who can be trained to use 100 percent of this potential using the "Theory of Power". It is broken down into 6-elements which are:

#### **REACTION FORCE**

- (Opposite Motions to balance the body)
- Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Law: For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction.
- Having both arms to travel the same distance in <u>opposite</u> directions (arriving both hands at the same time, which will increase the overall power in the movement).

#### **CONCENTRATION**

#### (Mental and Physical Focus)

- The smaller the attacking/blocking tool (surface area) the greater the force (power).
- Channeling the maximum energy through the correct attacking/blocking tool.

#### <u>EQUILIBRIUM</u>

#### (Balance)

- It is also difficult to complete a blow or take a blow when not in balance.
- There are two kinds of equilibrium (balance). Balance while in motion and balance while still.

By keeping the body always in good balance, a blow is more effective and deadly. Conversely unbalanced is easily toppled. The stance should always be stable yet flexible, for both attack & defense.

#### <u>MASS</u>

#### (Bodyweight)

- Adding mass (weight) to a movement by either coordinating a stance or using the hip increases the power in a movement greatly.

Example: Walking Stance Middle Punch - By coordinating the stance (foot), the punch (hand) together you are increasing the power with the momentum of the movement because of the body mass.

#### **BREATH CONTROL**

#### (Using the correct breathing)

- Breathing is important as it allows the body to function (one can't live without breathing). Every activity requires various techniques or types of breathing as it uses different levels of energy.
- By breathing sharply at the end of the blow, one <u>reinforces tensing</u> the muscles of the body. This makes one physically stronger to deliver a blow as well as to receive an attack.

#### <u>SPEED</u>

#### (Acceleration- to speed up)

- To speed up (or accelerate) to obtain maximum speed as the technique reaches the target
- The technique must start from a relaxed position in order to be able to accelerate to maximum speed