



JCT Chicago Open Taekwondo Championships 2026
DATE- May 23 2026

Dear Grand Masters, Masters, Instructors and school owners,

We want to thank you for supporting us in our previous tournaments. This year we welcome you to our 10th Chicago Open Championship at the **INTENTIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX**
1841 N LARAMIE AVE CHICAGO IL.
ONLY 20 MINUTES AWAY FROM CHICAGO DOWNTOWN.

Our goal is to give all students the opportunity to take their skills to a higher level of competition. This year we will have **SPARRING AND POOMSAE A and B ONLY**. For sparring **A-DAEDO E SOCKS ARE MANDATORY** black and color belts 8 years and older. Everyone else will use **MANUAL SCORING** with corner judges.

WE WILL ALSO HAVE SPORT POOMSAE FOR BLACK BELTS ONLY.

WE WILL HAVE 6 GRAND CHAMPIONS TROPHIES FOR ALL POOMSAE DIVISIONS AND 4 GRAND CHAMPIONS FOR MOST SUPPORTING SCHOOLS.

As we all know, competition is a way to evaluate and develop skills as a martial artist by facing an opponent with the same abilities. It is also a good way to motivate students of all levels to improve their skills. Meeting with another competitor in a large crowd of spectators is not easy. Competition is an unforgettable experience. It is like summing up your whole life as a martial artist in those few minutes in the ring. When you win, your pride and confidence increases. When you lose, you learn how to analyze your strengths and weaknesses. Let's not forget, competition is not really about winning or losing, it's about pushing yourself to learn and strive to become better. This event is a peak of vision brought together by Cardenas Taekwondo Academy to have a tournament that is organized, fast, fun and fair for everyone and great for those students that are looking for a challenge. We are looking forward to your participation in this very special event. We hope that our tournament will be honored with your presence. We appreciate all your support in advance and good luck to you students. We hope to see you on May 23-2026.

With much of respect,
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