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1st Time Exam Takers FAQ

Dear Students and Family,

CONGRATULATIONS on your hard work and dedication because you are now eligible to participate in your first belt exam. Belt exams are an important part of a martial art journey because not only is it the way you rank up in our belt system, but belt exams also teach students to stand tall and proud of themselves especially in a pressured environment. Learning to stand tall will help you not only as a martial artist but in many aspects of your life.

With this being your first exam, I want to take a moment and answer some of the frequently asked questions from students and parents.

Am I really ready for the exam?

If you have received an exam form from myself or one of the other coaches, then we believe you are ready and will pass your exam. Now with that said, receiving an exam form is only the first part of this equation. You (and your parents for our younger students) have to decide if you are willing to commit to participating in the exam.

How often are Color Belt Exams held?

We do color belt exams typically every 2 months and we typically schedule them for the last available weekend of the month (we will not schedule them on a holiday weekend). Check our academy board for the next tentative color belt exam date.

What is on the exam?

Everything we have been practicing in class will make up the vast majority of everything on your exam. You can expect to do basic kicking, blocking, and punching motions both in the air and against a target. You'll do combination motions both in the air and against a target. You'll do your white belt pattern (probably a couple of times). The only thing that we do not do in class and you will need to study at home is your rank's verbal information which is connected to this exam packet. For white belts you'll need to: 1) Count to ten in Korean. 2) List the Aims to achieve (just the terms not the definitions on this exam) 3) recite the student pledge, and finally 4) recite your current ranks pattern meaning in its entirety. (NOTE: Parents with younger children, for their first exam I'm happy with just getting in the ballpark. We know it can be hard for a 3 to 5 year old to say terms like "indomitable spirit" and "interpreted", we are just looking for the effort in studying hoping to teach them good study habits. Now with that said, as they progress through the ranks we become more and more strict on what we expect from our youngest students). On the back of this paper is the required verbal material. Please also remember that we keep verbal sheets available in the file sorter above the fridge in the lobby as well as online in the student resource section of our website at Houston-TaeKwonDo.com

Can family members watch the exam?

YES! We love for family members to join us on this day. But please remember that seating is limited and especially with the number of bodies in the room, the training area will get hot.



What is the exam fee?

The exam fee covers everything required in your exam from the actual exam, the board(s) you break during the exam, and your new belt. For white belts going for yellow belt the exam fee is \$62 (Tot students testing from white belt to white belt with yellow stripe the exam fee is \$45). A full list of exam fees and other material can be found at our academy in the black file sorter above the fridge in the lobby.

Why is the exam fee not part of tuition?

We do not include the exam fee as part of tuition because not every student will test each time an exam comes up. We want students to not feel pressured to take an exam just because they have already paid for it when they are in fact not ready for taking the exam.

What Should I Wear For My Exam?

All belt exams are always done in FULL UNIFORMS. Full uniform includes your TKD Pants, TKD Jacket, and TKD Belt. NO academy or Affiliate shirts will be allowed as a substitute for the TKD Jacket when it comes to the belt exams.

I can't make my exam, is there a make-up exam or do I have to wait for the next exam?

We do offer a make-up exam because we understand that it can be hard to schedule everything in life. Especially between work, family, school, and other activities all wanting time out of your day. We typically post make up exam dates on both the academy calendar as well as as typically on the exam forms. Occasionally, the dates for the make up exam may not be posted till after the primary exams are done so that we know how much time we will need.

Is my child really ready for the exam?

The other coaches and I are firm believers in merit, we won't say your child is ready to participate in the exam unless we truly believe they are ready for it.

I hope this helps answer any questions you have about your exam. As always, if you ever have any questions please do not hesitate to email our academy at chostkdcopperfield@gmail.com.

As always, "Work Hard, Have Fun, and I'll see you on the mats."

- Master Kevin Blackburn and the Copperfield Coaches.

Counting to 10 in Korean

Ha-Na (1), Tul (2), Set (3), Net (4),
Tah-Sot (5), Yo-Sot (6), iL-Gohp (7),
Yoh-Duhl (8), Ah-hope (9), Yuhl (10)

Student Pledge

To Train Both Mind and Body Through Tae Kwon Do.
To promote a friendly relationship amongst all people.
To Be a courageous opponent against untruths.
To Follow all the Rules of Tae Kwon Do and my instructors.

Aims to Achieve:

- Modesty
- Courtesy
- Integrity
- Self Control
- Perseverance
- Indomitable Sprint.

Pattern Meaning:

Chan-Ji means literally "Heaven & Earth". In the Orient, it is interpreted as the creation of the world or the beginning of human history, therefore it is the initial pattern played by the beginner. 19 movements, Sir.

