

LA 2026 INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY
AUG. 29



FELIX EVENT CENTER
701 E FOOTHILL BLVD, AZUSA, CA 91702

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ONLY**

BEGINNER GRASSROOTS
WORLD-CLASS GRASSROOTS
WORLD-CLASS BLACK BELTS



- WORLD-CLASS INTERNATIONAL REFEREES ON EVERY COURT
- K2 EQUIPMENTS & VIRTUAL WEIGH-IN FOR ALL DIVISIONS

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2026 LA Open International Taekwondo Championship

Welcome Message

Dear Grandmasters, Masters, Referees, Coaches, and Competitors,

It is my great honor and privilege to welcome you to the **2026 LA Open International Taekwondo Championship**, taking place on **August 29, 2026**, in California, USA.

This championship proudly stands as one of the premier **sparring (Kyorugi-only) tournaments in California**, bringing together dedicated Taekwondo athletes from across the state and beyond. With a shared commitment to excellence, the SoCal Taekwondo team has worked with unity and dedication to present a fair, well-organized, and high-level competition for all participants.

To our respected grandmasters, masters, coaches, and athletes, please know that every preparation has been made with you in mind. Having devoted our utmost effort to uphold the highest standards, we sincerely hope this championship will be a meaningful and rewarding experience that supports your continued growth and future success.

As we gather for this special event, let us uphold the values of **respect, humility, perseverance, and integrity**, while fostering an atmosphere of strong yet honorable competition, camaraderie, and mutual encouragement.

Finally, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our distinguished guests, referees, and dedicated volunteers who have traveled from near and far. Your support and commitment make this event possible.

Thank you for being an essential part of our Taekwondo community. We look forward to sharing an inspiring, memorable, and successful championship with you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keun Moo Ryu'.

Grandmaster Keun Moo Ryu
President / SoCal Taekwondo



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

- **Date:** Saturday, August 29, 2026
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VENUE INFORMATION

- **Felix Event Center - Azusa Pacific University**
701 E. Foothill Blvd.
Azusa, CA 91702 USA
 - Free Parking Lot G, F and H
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HOTEL INFORMATION

- **Home2 Suites by Hilton Azusa**
229 S Azusa Ave, Azusa, CA 91702 USA
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HOST ORGANIZATION

SoCal Taekwondo



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ELIGIBILITY

- Ages 8 and up
 - Must understand World Taekwondo (WT) & USA Taekwondo sparring rules
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REGISTRATION DEADLINES & FEE

- \$130 - Super Early Registration Deadline: June 15, 2026(Midnight PT)
 - \$150 - Early Registration Deadline: June 30, 2026 (Midnight PT)
 - \$160 - Regular Registration Deadline: August 15, 2026 (Midnight PT)
 - **\$170 - Late Registration Deadline: August 23, 2026 (Midnight PT)**
 - No registrations will be accepted after the Late Registration deadline
 - **No on-site registration.**
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COACH INFORMATION

- Registered Coaches: \$50 (Following the conclusion of the tournament, reimbursement for complimentary coach passes will be provided individually to eligible teams.)
- 1 FREE coach pass per 10 competitors (max 6 passes per school)
- All coaches must wear an official badge with a photo.
- Only athletes and coaches are allowed to enter the competition area.

ADMISSION

- Spectators: \$25 (Cash Only)
- Children 4 & under: Free
- Parking: Free(Parking lot G, F and H)

SCHEDULE(PT)

Please note that the schedule is subject to change due to circumstances.

Date	Time	Event	Location
Aug 23	3:00 PM ~	Representative Meeting	Zoom (TBA)
Aug 28	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Virtual Weigh-In	WhatsApp (TBA)
Aug 29	7:00 AM ~	ID Pickup	Entrance Hall
	7:30 AM ~	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referee Meeting • Coach Meeting 	Referee Room Ring #1
	8:00 AM ~	Match number Calling BG & WG	Holding Area
	8:30 AM ~	Opening Ceremony & Award Presentation	Main Floor
	9:00 AM ~	Competition Begins	All Rings
	12:30 PM ~	Lunch Time	
	1:00 PM ~	Match Resume	All Rings
	6:00 PM ~	WC Medal Ceremony	Ring #5
	7:00 PM ~	Closing Ceremony	Main Floor

Notes:

- One representative per dojang must pick up ID packets
- Individual athletes cannot collect IDs
- Schedule may adjust depending on division flow

- **All matches will be assigned match numbers and conducted accordingly. Beginner Grassroots and World-Class Grassroots matches will be completed first, followed by the World-Class Black Belt division.**
 - The OC will email the Zoom information for the representatives' meeting to coaches by August 20, 2026.
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VIRTUAL WEIGH-IN POLICY

- **Date:** August 28, 2026
- **Time:** 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM (PT)
- **Platform:** WhatsApp, TBA in the representative meeting

Rules

- **The contact information for the virtual weigh-in(WhatsApp) will be announced during the representatives' zoom meeting at 3:00 PM on August 23, 2026.**
 - Full-body video on scale
 - Weight clearly visible
 - Athletes must not be naked:
 - **17 years old and under shall be done in athletic clothing. Under NO circumstances may a contestant weigh-in in underwear or in the nude**
 - **For contestants 18 years old and older, the weigh-in shall be done in athletic clothing. However, if a contestant wishes, weigh-in may be done in underpants for male and underpants and a bra for female contestants.**
 - The Athletes must show their face and hold their ID in one hand while standing on the scale.
 - No one may surround the athlete.
 - Scale must be in kilograms(kg)
 - **A 0.2 kg allowance is permitted for athletes wearing light clothing.**
 - Two-time weigh-in only
 - **Submission deadline: Aug 28, 2026, 8:00 PM PT**
 - Late submissions may result in disqualification
 - Any falsification results in immediate disqualification
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COMPETITION RULES(Kyorugi / Sparring)

The LA Open International Taekwondo Championship follows the sparring rules of World Taekwondo and USA Taekwondo. However, some rules may be modified due to unexpected situations or to ensure a better tournament experience. If any rules are changed, all representatives will be informed during the representative meeting before the tournament.

Head contact is not allowed in any Beginner Grassroots division. Head contact is permitted only in World-Class divisions. All World-Class athletes aged 14 and under must wear the face shield provided by the Organizing Committee at all times during competition.

Golden Point

- **A best-of-three rounds system will be used. In the event of a tie, an additional 30-second Golden Point round will be conducted. The athlete who scores 2 points first, including penalty points, will be declared the winner of the round.**
- Further details will be explained during the team representatives' video conference.

Match & Rest Time

- Ages 8–11, +33 years old division: 1 min match time, 30 sec rest time
- Ages 12~17 division: 1 min 30 sec match time, 30 sec rest time
- Ages 18~32 division: 2 min match time, 60 sec rest time

Uniform

- Official World Taekwondo or USA Taekwondo white uniform required
- Color uniforms are not permitted
- T-shirt not permitted

Organizing Committee Provided Items

- KPNP K2 Electronic Headgear (Mandatory faceshield up to 12 years old)
- KPNP K2 Electronic Chest Protector
- KPNP Electronic Gloves
- **Gray belt for all grassroots competitors** (Further details will be explained during the team representatives' video conference.)

Required Equipment

- Groin protector (all genders/ages)
- Forearm guards
- Shin guards
- **KPNP K2 socks (If you rent, a \$200 cash security deposit(for other renters) must be paid at the inspection booth, and can be picked up at the pick-up booth after the competition ends.)**
- Mouthguards are required and must be white or clear only.
- Athletes with braces must wear a bottom mouthguard.



**KPNP K2 Socks
Order QR Code**

Competition Notes

- Weight divisions may be adjusted based on registration numbers
- Exhibition matches may be given if no opponent is available
- Efforts will be made to avoid same-school matchups

No refunds under any circumstances

WEIGHT DIVISIONS: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

(Divisions may be combined or adjusted based on registration volume.)

BG (Beginner Grassroots) – Open to all belt levels

- For competitors with less than 1 year of sparring competition experience.
- **For competitors (Blue belt & up)** with USA ranking events are not eligible. (You have to compete in World-Class Grassroots)

WG (World-Class Grassroots) – Open to all belt levels

- For competitors with less than 3 years of sparring competition experience.
- Black belts with world-class competition experience are not eligible.

WC (World-Class Black Belts) – Black belts only

- Division for experienced World-Class black belt competitors
- For athletes who want to begin competing at the world-class level.

Age Group	Male Weight Classes	Female Weight Classes
8–9 years BG WG WB	-21kg, -25kg, -30kg, +30kg	-21kg, -25kg, -30kg, +30kg
10–11 years BG WG WB	-30kg, -35kg, -40kg, +40kg	-30kg, -35kg, -40kg, +40kg
12–14 years BG WG WB	-33kg, -37kg, -41kg, -45kg, -49kg, -53kg, -57kg, -61kg, -65kg, +65kg	-29kg, -33kg, -37kg, -41kg, -44kg, -47kg, -51kg, -55kg, -59kg, +59kg
15–17 years WG WB	-45kg, -48kg, -51kg, -55kg, -59kg, -63kg, -68kg, -73kg, -78kg, +78kg	-42kg, -44kg, -46kg, -49kg, -52kg, -55kg, -59kg, -63kg, -68kg, +68kg
18–32 years WG WB	-54kg, -58kg, -63kg, -68kg, -74kg, -80kg, -87kg, +87kg	-46kg, -49kg, -53kg, -57kg, -62kg, -67kg, -73kg, +73kg
33+ years BG WG WB	-58kg, -68kg, -80kg, +80kg	-49kg, -57kg, -67kg, +67kg

AWARDS

- In each weight division, one gold medal, one silver medal, and two bronze medals will be awarded.
- **Best Athlete Award:** Awarded to two(male & female) outstanding athletes in WC Black Belts division
- **Best Coach Award:** Awarded to two(male & female) outstanding coaches in WC Black Belts division
- **Best Referee Award:** Awarded to two(male & female) outstanding referees.
- A “**2026 LA Open Beginner Grassroots Champion**” patch will be awarded to each gold medalist in the Beginner Grassroots division.
- A “**2026 LA Open World-Class Grassroots Champion**” patch will be awarded to each gold medalist in the World-Class Grassroots division.
- A “**2026 LA Open World Class Black Belts Champion**” patch will be awarded to each gold medalist in the World Class division.
- **The WC Black Belt medal ceremony will be held separately after all WC Black Belt matches have finished.**

FINAL NOTES

We kindly ask all athletes, coaches, and families to arrive early and fully prepared. Our goal is to provide a safe, fair, and high-level competitive environment for all participants.

We sincerely appreciate your support and participation in making this championship a success.

We look forward to welcoming you on **August 29, 2026**.

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