

To be selected for induction into the Taekwondo Hall of Fame, or to be selected for a *Certificate of Special Recognition*, honorees must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- **Humanitarian Award** - The “Humanitarian Award” recognizes those person who using Taekwondo as a tool devotes an extraordinary amount of their time and energy to the improvement of the human condition, doing so with a mindset of acceptance of every human for plainly just being human while ignoring and abolishing biased social views, prejudice, and racism in the process.
- **Lifetime Achievement** - The “Lifetime Achievement Award” recognizes the person who primarily more than 25 – 30 years has contributed to the development, preservation and promotion of Taekwondo in more than one capacity. Those capacities may include but are not limited to being a competitor, coach, trainer, instructor or leader whether elected or appointed. That person does not necessarily have been what is deemed to be a Grandmaster. The person should be one who over the years has demonstrated moral character, and sound judgment.
- **Pioneer Instructor** - The “Pioneer Instructor Award” gives recognition to a person who was the first person of dan level to teach Taekwondo in his/her country or territory. Persons receiving “Pioneer Instructor” designation may also be referred to as “Founder of Taekwondo” or “Father of Taekwondo” in his country or territory. However, in cases where it is later learned that there was a previous instructor the initial designee may only refer to himself/herself as “Pioneer”
 - Nominee was the first person of dan level to teach Taekwondo in his/her country or territory.
 - Has demonstrated good attitude, moral character and sound judgment on and off of the field of play.
 - Is willing to promote the vision, goals and objectives of the Taekwondo Hall of Fame.
 - Is not currently involved in litigation with any local, national or international Taekwondo related entity.
- **Literary Excellence Award (Certificate Only)** - Special Recognition give to those who have written books or magazine articles which have significantly educated the taekwondo community (history, etc)
- **Excellence in Leadership** - One who has been appointed or elected to a leadership position in his/her organization and has served in that

capacity for several years. The person should be one who has consistently demonstrated good moral character and sound judgment and over those years has contributed significantly to the stability and growth of the organization.

- **Outstanding Referee** - One who over the years has demonstrated excellence as a referee and in doing so gained the admiration and respect of his/her peers and organization.
- **Coach of the Year** - The “Coach of the Year Award” gives recognition to a male or female Taekwondo coach who has led team(s) or players to victory during past or recent years in major national or international competition. The person making the nomination should utilize an objective or verifiable data source for the acquisition of the candidate’s record as a successful coach such as official records, internet-based queries, and/or printed trade related publications. If internet-based query is the primary component of acquisition, the person making the selection should also verify the competitive record by interviews with other reliable sources who have personal knowledge of the athlete’s record. The person forwarding the nomination should be objective and consider other candidates with whom he or she has not been personally involved.
 - Has an exemplary record of coaching the team or player in to a first-place victory(s) in recognized national or international events during recent years of competition.
 - Has demonstrated good attitude, moral character and sound judgment on and off of the field of play.
 - Is willing to promote the vision, goals and objectives of the Taekwondo Hall of Fame.
 - Is not currently involved in litigation with any local, national or international Taekwondo related entity.
- **Pioneer Competitor** - The “Pioneer Competitor Award” gives recognition to a male or female Taekwondo athlete who has successfully competed at the black belt level in a recognized regional, national or international competition during the earliest years of competition in his or her country. The person making the nomination should utilize an objective or verifiable data source for the acquisition of the candidate’s competitive record such as official records, internet-based queries, and/or printed trade related publications. If Internet based query is the primary component of acquisition, the person making the selection should also verify the

competitive record by interviews with other reliable sources who have personal knowledge of the athlete's record. While the person forwarding the nomination may also be the coach of the athlete that person should be objective and consider other candidates with whom he or she has not been personally involved.

- Has won a first, second or third place award in a recognized regional, national or international event during the earliest years of competition in his/her country.
 - Has demonstrated good attitude, moral character and sound judgment on and off of the field of play.
 - Is willing to promote the vision, goals and objectives of the Taekwondo Hall of Fame.
 - Is not currently involved in litigation with any local, national or international Taekwondo related entity.
 - Competition must have been at the black belt level in the forms or fighting category. While the "Pioneer Competitor" category has usually been relegated to sparring, the award could also be presented in the forms category which is also referred to as poomsae, patterns or tuls Other categories may be considered such as power or technical breaking.
- **Competitor of the Year (Certificate Only)** - The "Competitor of the Year Award" gives recognition to a male or female Taekwondo athlete who has successfully competed in an international competition over the past 1 to 5 years. The person making the nomination should utilize an objective or verifiable data source for the acquisition of the candidate's competitive record such as official records, internet-based queries, and/or printed trade related publications. If internet-based query is the primary component of acquisition, the person making the selection should also verify the competitive record by interviews with other reliable sources who have personal knowledge of the athlete's record. While the person forwarding the nomination may also be the coach of the athlete that person should be objective and consider other candidates with whom he or she has not been personally involved.
 - Has won a first, second or third place award in a major international or Olympic competition or consistently been a member of one's national team over several years.

- Has shown what would generally be considered outstanding or extraordinary skill competing in a “spectacular” fashion in only one recent international or Olympic competition.
- Has demonstrated good attitude, moral character and sound judgment on and off of the field of play.
- Is willing to promote the vision, goals and objectives of the Taekwondo Hall of Fame.
- Is not currently involved in litigation with any local, national or international Taekwondo related entity
- **Youth Excellence Award (Certificate Only)** - While diligently practicing the martial art of Taekwondo that person (whose current age is between 13-17) must have maintained an above average scholastic record and demonstrated, leadership ability, uncommon maturity, self-discipline inside and outside of the dojang, as well as demonstrate personality traits characteristic of an ideal role model. Consideration of the award to persons whose age is lower than 13 is at the discretion of the Taekwondo Hall of Fame.