

UK TAEKWON-DO ASSOCIATION

Newsletter – January 2021



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As we look over our shoulder at Christmas it's still not too late to wish everyone a

Happy New Year!

January is marching us well into 2021. You will agree that we all wish for a better New Year, one that allows us to spend time in the company of family and friends we've missed and to remain encouraged and greet the small steps to the 'familiarities' of our lives.

"If my mind can conceive it, and my heart can believe it - then I can achieve it"

Quote: Muhammad Ali, from The Soul of a Butterfly

Perhaps a fitting lead into this 2021....

It has been frustrating for our Instructors, students and parents when having gained a toehold at a local level in training together, following the many restrictive guidelines, but to be returned to online classes. Many had to continue to train outdoors and your determination and spirit are to be admired. We must remain positive, patient and safe.

The last newsletter was only last month, but moving into a new year, and significant training opportunities, this is perhaps also a reiteration ensuring that everyone has recent communications.

You will hopefully have seen the recent posting of the promised, exciting events that were imminent to commence. The first 'Master Class' was held on Sunday 10th January and the feedback has rightly claimed a resounding success with more to come.

Masters online training:



Your Instructors will have the detailed information providing a breakdown by grade, which Master will conduct, and the relevant zoom joining codes. This is planned in a rolling strategy so that the massive collective experience is shared through the grades.

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Online Pattern competition:

Do not miss this championship opportunity!



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ONLINE OPEN PATTERNS CHAMPIONSHIP 2021

Enter online by midnight on 24th January 2021 FREE TO ENTER

This event is open to all ages 9th Kup and above.

The competition will require Colour belts to enter one ITF pattern of their choice. Blackbelts are required to enter their choice ITF pattern (from their grade) and the compulsory ITF pattern for their grade..

We hope you will all embrace this event, and help bring our ITF and UKTA community a little closer in these continued difficult times.

See below for details and information regarding this Championship entry.



As it is an open competition, it has already gained traction from the wider Taekwon-do family outside of the UK.

Get practising, get it on camera, get involved, there's still time.

Your Instructor will be able to share the full pack with you for all the elements you need. A chance to show that your Taekwon-do is as vital as ever by uploading your entry providing an opportunity to submit your best.

Umpires!

If you have not already submitted your name to be included in the teams being collated, and wish to be involved, please contact Master Alan Clark at your earliest opportunity.

National Seminar and Grading:

The details for this important event remain to be fully confirmed, putting health and safety first we still must be adaptable with our planning, and various scenario's of going ahead are under discussion.

The Grandmasters and Masters are committed to staying in touch with all its members and ensure everyone has the latest initiatives to keep us strong and as one.

Stay well by being safe.

Use your Taekwon-do to achieve the positivity you will need!