



United Kingdom Taekwon-do Initiative

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Constitution

Article 1

Definitions

In this Constitution and Rules and Regulations the following words and phrases shall have the meaning here set:-

"The Tenets of Taekwon-do" means the Tenets of Taekwon-do being: Courtesy, Integrity, Perseverance, Self-Control and Indomitable Spirit.

"U.K.T.I." means United Kingdom Taekwon-do Initiative

"I.T.F." means The International Taekwon-do Federation.

"N.G.B." means National Governing Body – in this case, U.K.T.I

"The Rules of I.T.F." means the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of I.T.F.

"The Executive Council" means the Executive Council elected in accordance with Article 4.

"Full Member" means all persons properly registered as Full members of the U.K.T.I pursuant to Article III who have fully paid all relevant dues and subscriptions in accordance with item I of the Rules and Regulations of the U.K.T.I.

"Full Member School" means all schools whose instructor and members are properly registered as Full members of the U.K.T.I pursuant to Article 3 who have fully paid all relevant dues and subscriptions in accordance with item I of the Rules and Regulations of the U.K.T.I.

"The Members" means all persons properly registered as Full members of the U.K.T.I pursuant to Article III who have fully paid all relevant dues and subscriptions in accordance with items I of the Rules and Regulations of the U.K.T.I.

"Examiner" means person of the grade 4th Degree or above who holds an I.T.F. International Instructors certificate and is a Full member of the U.K.T.I

Article 2

Objects

The Objects of the U.K.T.I, as a non-profit making body, are: -

1. To promote the Art of Taekwon-do as developed by General Choi Hong Hi 9th Degree World Grand Master and to promote observance of the Tenets of Taekwon-do.
2. To promote and encourage the physical, moral and cultural education of members of affiliated schools and organisations thereby creating respect and goodwill thereby improving their overall development and value to society in general with a view to the building of a better and more peaceful world.
3. To promote and enhance the authority and value of Taekwon-do by developing and standardising its techniques and theory and by encouraging U.K.T.I schools observance of the I.T.F. Rules and Regulations.
4. To promote and enhance the values of Taekwon-do with the general public by demonstrating the superior values, morals and ethics of the art that are required of all practitioners.
5. To advise and assist where necessary the instruction provided by U.K.T.I schools to ensure compliance with international standards of instruction and grading as stipulated by the I.T.F.
6. To encourage compliance by U.K.T.I schools and members with the rules of the I.T.F. and to suspend or expel any such school or member that fails to comply with the rules of the I.T.F. and thereby cancel recognition of such non-compliant by the I.T.F.
7. The U.K.T.I shall be a non-profit organisation.
8. To always be a non-political organisation which shall categorically reject and where possible work to prevent any type of national, political, religious or racial pressures or prejudices.
9. To seek membership and to remain an affiliated organisation within the International Taekwon-do Federation (the ITF), at Draugasse 3, 1210 Vienna, Austria.
10. Also, to seek recognition by the National Governing Body for standards of instruction and behaviour for Taekwon-do Instructors and Students in the United Kingdom.

Article 3

Membership

1. The United Kingdom Taekwon-do Initiative (U.K.T.I) is the governing body for the purpose of membership of all Affiliated Schools and Organisations. Any applications for membership of the U.K.T.I shall first be submitted to the President on the approved form and any subsequent decision made by the U.K.T.I in respect of any application shall be final.
2. The U.K.T.I is, and shall be, the national governing body for I.T.F. for the purpose of instruction of members of schools in the UK.
3. Application for Full membership of the U.K.T.I shall be submitted to the Executive Council on the appropriate form supplied by the Secretary and the decision of the Executive Council shall be in all respects final as to whether an applicant shall be elected a member or not.

Article 4

U.K.T.I. Committee

1. The Committee shall consist of U.K.T.I. Instructors who have schools affiliated to U.K.T.I.
2. All applicants applying to be on the U.K.T.I. committee must have been a full paying member for a minimum of 12 months.
3. The maximum number of committee members will normally be up to 15
4. Only U.K.T.I. Committee Members can attend committee meetings, unless invited in advance by the President giving two weeks' notice.
5. Notice of meetings of the U.K.T.I will include an agenda together with a copy of the minutes of the last committee meeting and copies of any other papers relevant to the meeting. Normally seven clear days will be given as to the business, time, date and place of meetings. However, in the case of an emergency two thirds of the members of the committee, which includes the President, can authorise the giving of lesser notice as may, at their sole discretion, seem reasonable. The agreed minutes of meetings will be circulated by the secretary or other minute taker to all members of the committee within seven working days of the meeting.
6. A quorum for a valid meeting shall be two thirds of the number of members of the U.K.T.I Committee.

7. The decision of the U.K.T.I Committee shall be made by a majority vote of the members present provided that, in the event of an equality of votes, the President shall have the casting vote.
8. The U.K.T.I Committee may conduct a postal vote on any matters amongst members who are also Full members or authorised instructors administering their own schools and providing a majority of those voting vote in favour of the resolution, any resolution by postal vote shall be as valid as a resolution of an Committee Meeting duly convened and held.
9. The U.K.T.I. has the power to discipline, suspend or expel a committee member should he/she refuse to co-operate/collaborate with the other members.
10. There shall be an Annual General Meeting of all fully paid-up members of U.K.T.I who are over eighteen years of age on the day of the meeting at which the committee will report on the financial affairs of the U.K.T.I and other matters related to the affairs of the U.K.T.I.
11. The U.K.T.I Committee may make amendments to any rule or regulation of the U.K.T.I which deals solely with the affairs of its Full members or Full member schools. Any such amendment may not conflict with the Rules of the I.T.F. nor with the Constitution of the U.K.T.I. Also, any such amendment must be presented at the succeeding Annual General Meeting for ratification by the members present.

Article 5

Executive Council

1. The Executive Council shall consist of all members of the U.K.T.I who have been members of the U.K.T.I. properly promoted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the I.T.F with exceptions agreed by the President of U.K.T.I.
2. Notice of meetings of the Executive Council will include an agenda together with a copy of the minutes of the last Council meeting and copies of any other papers relevant to the meeting. Normally seven clear days will be given as to the business, time, date and place of meetings. However, in the case of an emergency two thirds of the members of the Executive Council, which includes the President, can authorise the giving of lesser notice as may, at their sole discretion, seem reasonable. Draft minutes of the meeting will be circulated by the secretary or other minute taker to all members of the Executive Council within seven working days of the meeting.
3. The Executive Council will invite representatives from the U.K.T.I membership to liaise with the Executive Council and to put forward for consideration by the Executive Council suggestions for the more efficient running of the U.K.T.I. The representatives will be known as "Working Committees".

4. A quorum for a valid meeting shall be two thirds of the number of members of the Executive Council.
5. The decision of the Executive Council shall be made by a majority vote of the members present provided that, in the event of an equality of votes, the President shall have the casting vote.
6. The Executive Council may conduct a postal vote on any matters amongst black belt members who are also Full members or authorised instructors administering their own schools and providing a majority of those voting vote in favour of the resolution, any resolution by postal vote shall be as valid as a resolution of an Executive Council Meeting duly convened and held.
7. The Executive Council has the power to discipline, suspend or expel a Executive Council Member should he/she refuse to function with the other members.
8. There shall be an Annual General Meeting of all fully paid up black belt members of the U.K.T.I who are over eighteen years of age on the day of the meeting at which the Executive Council will report on the financial affairs of the U.K.T.I and other matters related to the affairs of the U.K.T.I.
9. The Executive Council may make amendments to any rule or regulation of the U.K.T.I which deals solely with the affairs of its Full members or Full member schools. Any such amendment may not conflict with the Rules of the I.T.F. nor with the Constitution of the U.K.T.I. Also, any such amendment must be presented at the succeeding Annual General Meeting for ratification by the members present.

Article 6

Voting Entitlement

All registered Instructors (who have their own plaque) shall be expected to vote on all subjects and to ensure equanimity they shall be entitled to vote proportional to their officially registered licence holding student membership which shall be as follows: -

- A registered school instructor with between 10 and 29 members shall have one vote.
- A registered school instructor with between 30 and above members shall be entitled to two votes.

Article 7

Officers

President

1. The U.K.T.I shall have a President, normally a senior (in grade), and who is a full black belt member of the U.K.T.I.
2. The President shall be responsible for the establishment of a suitable Head Office of the U.K.T.I and for the day-to-day management of that office. When the office has been established and is staffed, opening hours and response times will be published.
3. The President shall ensure that in their absence a suitable deputy is available to respond to any enquiries.
4. The President shall be responsible for ensuring that all Instructors are aware of all requirements of the U.K.T.I Constitution, Rules and Regulations.
5. Where any changes in requirements are necessary the President shall at the earliest opportunity ensure that all U.K.T.I Instructors are informed of the details and then implement a plan to ensure the early introduction of the changes.
6. The President shall be responsible for ensuring the smooth and correct implementation of the Procedure for Making Decisions.

Vice Presidents

1. The U.K.T.I will have one Vice President who will be elected by the committee. Officers can put themselves forward for a role.

Chair

1. The Chair is responsible for chairing meetings with the U.K.T.I. Committee and the Executive Council.
2. The Chair will agree meeting agendas with the President and Secretary in advance of meetings.
3. The Chair will ensure meetings are run in accordance with the constitution and will ensure all attendees are provided appropriate opportunity to share their views.

Treasurer

1. The U.K.T.I shall have a Treasurer elected by the Executive Council in a ballot and ratified at the succeeding Annual General Meeting of the U.K.T.I
2. The Treasurer shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining a suitable Bank Account for the UKTI. To ensure that all financial and other commitments are always fully met, the Treasurer shall be responsible for all accountancy issues and for settling any debts that may be incurred by the UKTI.
3. The Treasurer will be responsible for providing an annual report for the AGM each year.

Other Officers

1. The U.K.T.I shall have a other officers elected by the committee in a ballot and ratified at the succeeding Annual General Meeting of the U.K.T.I
2. The U.K.T.I shall have a Secretary. The Secretary will be appointed and demised by the U.K.T.I. Committee. The Secretary will attend Committee Meetings and Executive Council meetings when requested but have no vote at Executive Council meetings unless he/she is a member of the Executive Council.
3. The U.K.T.I may have a Deputy Secretary who will be appointed and demised by the U.K.T.I. Committee. The duties of the Deputy Secretary will be to assist the Secretary when required and to deputise for the Secretary when required.
4. The U.K.T.I can have the following committees whose Chairperson may be a member of the Executive Council:
 - (a) Complaints and Disciplinary Committee
 - (b) Technical Committee

The following Committee's chairpersons will be Full Member Black Belts who may have skills relating to the particular committee.

- (c) Umpire Committee
- (d) Tournament Committee
- (e) Finance and Administration Committee
- (f) Development Committee
- (g) Juniors Committee
- (h) Public Relations Committee
- (i) Website / Digital Committee
- (j) Anti-Doping Officer

And any other committee that the Executive Council may deem necessary from time to time

Article 8

Procedures For Making Decisions

1. At any time, any officially registered U.K.T.I. Instructor may make a formal request to the President that a decision shall be made on any subject.
2. When making a request for a decision the registered U.K.T.I. Instructor shall always provide full written details of the subject and reason why they believe a decision is necessary.
3. The President shall be responsible for ensuring that any necessary clarifications of the request are obtained and then inform all registered Instructors of the U.K.T.I. of all details of the submission. Except for exceptional circumstances all decisions shall normally be made within eight weeks of a completed request
4. All submissions shall be decided by a vote taken by all Registered Instructors in accordance with their entitlements as decreed in this Constitution.
5. At the earliest opportunity the President shall inform all registered Instructors of the details of the decision that has been reached and how everyone voted to achieve the decision.

Article 9

Duties of the Executive Council

The duties of the Executive Council are:-

1. To study and develop the techniques and theory of Taekwon-do as developed by General Choi and the I.T.F.
2. To approve the appointment of instructors in Full member schools and to approve the staging of tournaments in the UK.
3. To select a National Coach to train and select contestants for international tournaments
4. To approve representative contestants selected by the National Coach for international tournaments.
5. To manage the finances of the Association and to place before the Annual General Meeting a report on those finances.
6. To consider and decide matters of importance relating to the practice of Taekwon-do by Full member schools and to report on the development of Taekwon-do in the UK at the Annual General Meeting.

7. To impose penalties on Full member schools for breach of instructions received from the U.K.T.I including the expulsion of such member school from membership of the U.K.T.I
8. Generally, to ensure that Full member schools abide by the spirit of the art of Taekwon-do as laid down by the I.T.F. and that they observe the tenets of Taekwon-do.
9. To organise umpire and referee courses and other courses and seminars relevant to the practice of Taekwon-do.
10. To set up and control the rules for disbursement of all U.K.T.I funds.

Article 10

Advisors

1. The Executive Council may appoint suitably qualified persons to examine the finances of the U.K.T.I and any other necessary professional advisers.
2. The Executive Council may appoint a suitably qualified person to keep the financial records and prepare the annual report on the finances of the U.K.T.I

Article 11

Subscriptions

1. The Executive Council shall decide annually what subscriptions are to be paid by Full member schools and Full members. Failure to make payment of the same by a Full member school or Full member within 28 days of written demand thereof by the Secretary shall render the member school or member liable to be expelled from affiliation with or membership of the U.K.T.I The Executive Council shall decide if expulsion is to be imposed for such non-payment.

Article 12

Amendments

A fully paid up Black Belt member being over eighteen years of age may propose any addition, alteration, amendment or deletion of the constitution or any part of it and provided the proposal is seconded and passed by a two thirds' majority of black belts attending the Annual General Meeting the proposal will be deemed as passed except in so far as the same relates to the powers of the President and the Executive Council and their terms of office and the powers of the I.T.F. Any such proposal must be notified in

writing to the Executive Council and all Full member black belts thirty clear days before the annual general meeting to be a valid one for consideration at that Annual General Meeting.

Article 13

Purpose: This procedure explains how U.K.T.I. handles misconduct concerns in a fair, consistent and transparent way.

Scope: Applies to all U.K.T.I. members, officers, instructors, volunteers and participants.

1) How a Case Starts

Reporting concerns

- Allegations of misconduct must be submitted **in writing to U.K.T.I.**
- If an incident happens at a U.K.T.I. event, it should be reported to the **Chief Referee** or event lead, who will file an initial report.

Initial screening and investigation

- U.K.T.I. will carry out an investigation, gathering statements, evidence and relevant information.
- **Serious issues**, including safeguarding matters, may be referred to a **Case Management Group (CMG)** or relevant safeguarding authority.

Precautionary suspension

- In serious cases, U.K.T.I. may suspend an individual while the investigation takes place.
- This **does not imply guilt** - it is simply a protective and neutral measure.

2) The Charge and Your Response

Formal charge

If the investigation suggests there is a case to answer, U.K.T.I. will send a **charge letter** explaining:

- The allegation(s)
- Key facts and evidence
- Next steps and timelines
- Your rights and options

Your response

- You have **14 days** to respond in writing.
- You may request a **personal hearing**.

- A **£150 fee** applies for a personal hearing (refundable if the case is not proven or at U.K.TI.'s discretion).

Your rights

- You may be represented or bring a companion.
- You can submit evidence, witness statements or a written explanation.

3) The Hearing

Who hears the case

- A **U.K.T.I. Disciplinary Sub-Committee / Panel** of **at least three impartial people** will hear the case.
- They must not have been involved in the investigation.

Notice

- You will receive **at least 14 days' notice** of the hearing date, time and location, along with the case papers.

Standard of proof

- The panel reaches its decision based on the **balance of probabilities** (i.e., more likely than not).

Outcome report

- Within **14 days of the hearing**, U.K.T.I. will issue a **written outcome** setting out the decision and recommended sanctions (if any).

4) Possible Outcomes (Sanctions)

If the charge is **not proven**:

- The case is dismissed and any suspension is lifted.

If the charge is **proven**, sanctions may include:

- Verbal or written warning
- Required training or conditions
- Fine
- Suspension from membership or activities
- Removal from office
- **Expulsion from UKTI** (only the Executive Council can impose expulsion)

Expulsion

- A member may be expelled only after:
 - Being told the case against them
 - Being given the chance to respond

- Receiving at least **14 days' notice** of an Executive Council hearing
- The Executive Council may instead impose a **lesser penalty**, such as suspension or restricted activity.

5) Appeal Process

Your right to appeal

You may appeal the decision or the sanction.

- Appeals must be submitted **in writing** within **10–28 days** of receiving the outcome letter.

Fee

- A **£250 fee** applies (refundable if your appeal is successful or at UKTI's discretion).

Grounds for appeal

- Procedural unfairness or bias
- New evidence that could not reasonably have been provided earlier
- A sanction that is clearly too harsh
- A factual error affecting the decision

Who hears the appeal

- The **U.K.T.I. Executive Council** (excluding anyone who sat on the original panel) will hear the appeal.
- This may be a **re-hearing** depending on the grounds.

Outcome

- The Appeal Panel may uphold, reduce, overturn or vary the original decision.
- The decision of the U.K.T.I. Executive Council is **final**.

6) Roles and Responsibilities

- **Disciplinary Sub-Committee / Panel**
 - Hears the case
 - Issues a written outcome and recommendations
- **U.K.T.I. Executive Council**
 - Imposes sanctions such as suspension, censure, fines
 - Decides on expulsion
 - Hears appeals (with different members to ensure fairness)

7) Fairness, Confidentiality and Safeguarding

- All parties must be treated with respect and impartiality.

- Anyone with a conflict of interest must step aside.
- Records will be managed securely and confidentially in line with data protection law.
- Safeguarding cases may be referred to specialised safeguarding bodies or the CMG.

8) Quick Timeline Overview

Step	Timeframe
Report received	Immediate acknowledgement
Investigation	As required
Charge issued	If there is a case to answer
Response deadline	14 days
Hearing notice	At least 14 days in advance
Outcome letter	Within 14 days of hearing
Appeal window	10–28 days
Appeal hearing	As soon as reasonably possible

Article 14

Expulsions

1. In exercising any power of Expulsion given by this Constitution the Executive Council shall follow the terms of this Article.
2. In addition to the grounds for expulsion set out in this constitution the Executive Council may expel from membership of the U.K.T.I any member who it finds to be in material breach of the Objects set out in Article 2.
3. In considering expulsion the Executive Council may impose any lesser penalty as it may see fit, including (but not limited to) suspension or limitation of activities.
4. No member shall be expelled (nor suffer any other penalty under this Article) without an opportunity to know the case against him/her and to answer it before the Executive Council. At least fourteen day's notice of any hearing by the Executive Council shall be given to the member concerned and such notice shall broadly state the case against him/her.
5. A member may be expelled from the U.K.T.I. by the Executive Council, if they are found to be in serious breach of one of the tenets of Taekwon-do.
6. A member may be expelled from the U.K.T.I. by the Executive Council, if they are found to act against the interests of the U.K.T.I

7. The Complaints and Disciplinary Committee has the power to investigate complaints against a member of the U.K.T.I. After its investigation it can clear, discipline, suspend or expel a member of the association. Its rule and procedures will be outlined in the U.K.T.I's rules and regulations.

Article 15

Power to borrow and charge

1. The U.K.T.I through the Executive Council shall have power to buy, hold and sell estates and interests in land and property whether freehold or leasehold and to borrow against, pledge, charge or create encumbrances over such estates and interests.

Rules and regulations

These Rules and Regulations may be varied from time to time by the Executive Council acting alone but may not conflict with the Rules of the I.T.F. nor with the Constitution of the U.K.T.I. Any of these Rules and Regulations which deal solely with the affairs of Full members or Full member schools may be varied from time to time by the Executive Council as outlined in Article IV of the constitution. Any variations must be ratified at the next Annual General Meeting.

1. Full member

A Full Member shall be any person who has paid the appropriate Full annual fee and has a current licence and a current Full Membership card. The annual subscription shall be agreed by the Executive Council.

2. Honorary member

A person may be granted an honorary membership by the President.

3. Black Belt

- a) A Black Belt is a person who has passed the appropriate grading at 18 years of age or over. A Black Belt member above the age of 13 years may participate in the I.T.F. World Championships if they are selected to do so by the National Coach. Such members must possess their own personal injury insurance and agree not to hold any member of the U.K.T.I responsible for any injuries which they may incur.
- b) A Junior Black Belt is a person who has passed the appropriate grading at under 18 years of age.
- c) All U.K.T.I members will become members of the I.T.F. by payment of the appropriate fees.

4. Instructor

- a) An instructor is a Black Belt aged 21 years or over who has passed the appropriate Instructor's Training Course. Under special circumstances the Executive Council may make exceptions to this rule.
- b) Having passed the appropriate course an instructor may wear the appropriate epaulettes relevant to the instructors' qualifications.
- c) All instructors must possess Personal Indemnity Insurance. A data-base is required to be held by the secretary of proof of the insurers, copy of personal indemnity and renewal date to protect against any claims against the U.K.T.I.
- d) An International Instructor will wear a black stripe 3cm wide on the outside of the jacket sleeves and trousers (TKD Encyclopaedia Vol. 2 page 178).

Premises

- a) A School is a recognised training hall under the supervision of an instructor and in possession of an ITF Plaque.
- b) An Dojang is a recognised training hall, available always and solely for TKD training, with a 4th Degree or above as senior Instructor and in possession of an ITF Plaque.
- c) An Academy is a recognised training hall, available always and solely for TKD training, with a Master as its Chief Instructor, and in possession of an ITF Plaque.
- d) An annual risk assessment to be provided to the secretary of all schools/ academies.

5. New premises

Instructors may open new premises by writing to the Executive Council through the Secretary and obtaining permission to do so.

6. Gradings

- a) Black Belt gradings will be held twice per year at approximately six-month intervals.
- b) Coloured Belt members should be given the opportunity to grade regularly. Instructors should make gradings available to students at least four times per year.

- c) All applications for Degree certificates from the I.T.F. must be signed by the President of the National Governing Body. The President of the N.G.B. must be fully aware and be happy with what he/she is signing.
- d) Applications for IV Degree promotion grading and above, ideally be the chief instructor of their own school. However, A III Degree Assistant Instructor in a school can also apply to the Executive Council for permission to grade for 4th degree. The Executive Council will outline criteria for Assistant Instructors' applications.

7. Grading fees

- a) The level of fees for full members will be set by the Executive Council.
- b) Full members who need to re-apply for gradings will pay a fee agreed by the Executive Council.

8. Grading Exam Panel

- a) The President of the U.K.T.I will be the Chief Examiner as long as he/she remains in office. At Black Belt gradings the Chief Examiner will appoint a Panel of Examiners who must be 4th Degree or higher to assist the Chief Examiner. In the event that the Chief Examiner and the Panel are unqualified to grade certain members, the Executive Council will invite a guest I.T.F. Master to perform the grading.
- b) Appropriate hospitality will be accorded to the Chief Examiner and members of the Panel.
- c) As per I.T.F. Rules and Regulations Item 10, 4th Degrees and above being classified as International Instructors will be entitled to grade their own colour belt students.
- d) In accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the I.T.F. no member or member school other than the Executive Council of the U.K.T.I may invite examiners from outside the U.K.T.I to grade their students.
- e) No Black Belt member may apply to grade outside U.K.T.I without the written permission of the Executive Council.

9. Badges and Uniforms

All members must wear the officially approved uniform (Dobok) with the I.T.F. Tree on the back of the Dobok.

A. BLACK BELT

- a) Must wear a black belt that indicates the degree held in roman numerals along the belt's length at one end, to be worn on the left side (TKD Encyclopaedia Vol. 13 page 107, Vol. 2 page 180).
- b) Black edging 3cm in width must be worn on the border of the Dobok top (TKD Encyclopaedia Vol. 2 page 180).
- c) Officially approved I.T.F. coloured badge on the left front of the Dobok at breast height.
- d) Officially approved U.K.T.I badge on the right front of the Dobok at breast height.
- e) (v) The UK Flag may be worn by black belt members who have represented the UK in an international championship. The flag should be worn on the right sleeve of the Dobok at approximately four inches below the top of the shoulder height.

B. JUNIOR BLACK BELT

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) as outlined above in A for Black Belts.

C. COLOURED BELTS

- a) Must wear the appropriate coloured belt with tag (TKD Encyclopaedia Vol. 2 page 181).
- (a) (c) and (d) as in A above.
- (e) Coloured Belts can wear the UK flag if they are selected by the U.K.T.I coach until they reach I Degree Black Belt level.

D. OFFICIAL DRESS

- a) Official dress shall consist of a navy blue blazer with a U.K.T.I badge on the left breast, grey trousers (grey skirt for lady members if they wish), long sleeved white shirt, blue U.K.T.I tie, black shoes
- b) Black Belts of International Instructor status must wear the official dress (i.e. blue suit etc.) as outlined in the I.T.F. tournament rules.
- c) Official dress must be worn by all senior Black Belts at all official functions, such as gradings, A.G.M.s and tournaments.

- d) The official dress outlined above in D (a) must be worn by all senior Black Belts when travelling as a member of the national team. Official track suits or similar may be worn on overseas travel.

E. GENERAL

- a) All other badges and flashes including blazer badges must be worn only with the permission of the Executive Council.
- b) The U.K.T.I crest is a registered Trade Mark – Intellectual Property Office - Number UK00003390056 and can only be used with the permission of the Executive Council. This applies to all the intellectual property (name, logos, trademarks etc) of the association.

10. Newsletters

These will be published regularly and are for the benefit and information of all instructors, black belts and colour belts.

11. Press and Public Relations

All articles for publicity or statements about the U.K.T.I must be authorised by the Executive Council before release.

12. Competitions and Tournaments

- 1. These may only be organised with the permission of the Executive Council. Rules and Regulations for organising and running competitions and tournaments will be based on I.T.F. rules and will drawn up separately.
- 2. The National Championships organised by the U.K.T.I will be open to fully paid up Full members of the U.K.T.I
- 3. International Umpires must wear the Official Dress (i.e. blue suit etc.) as outlined in the I.T.F. tournament rules. National Umpires must dress in the Official Dress outlined in Item X(D) above except white shoes must be worn in place of black shoes.
- 4. A National Umpire is a senior Black Belt who has sat and passed an Umpires Course organised by the U.K.T.I

13. U.K.T.I Licence and Grading Booklet

All Full members must possess and retain in good condition the booklet supplied by the I.T.F. Full members must possess a N.G.B. registration card.

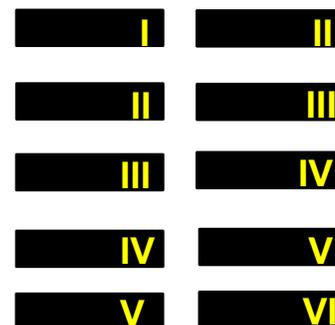
14. Black Belt Gradings

The qualifications for taking Black Belt gradings are:-

- a) All U.K.T.I. Black Belt members must be graded by the U.K.T.I Grading Exam Panel, unless special permission is given in writing by the U.K.T.I. Executive Council.
- b) The person taking the grading must have trained under a qualified instructor for a reasonable time before taking the grading, must have attended a preliminary grading and must be recommended for promotion by his/her instructor, and proof of the previous Degree grading to be sent into the U.K.T.I office.
- c) From 1st Degree onwards members who wish to grade must attend a minimum of two official U.K.T.I courses, Black Belt training sessions or seminars.
- d) The pre-grading course must be attended.
- e) The Dobok should be very smart and clean (new, if possible) with all the necessary badges and flashes sewn on.
- f) The only protective equipment to be worn is a gum shield and a groin guard for males or a gum shield and a breast guard for females. Groin guards are compulsory for all members above the grade of 6th kup.
- g) The participants must be physically fit and not suffering from any medical condition which may endanger themselves or others.

15. Period of minimum waiting between Black Belt Gradings

1. 1st Degree to 2nd Degree - 18 months.
2. 2nd Degree to 3rd Degree - 24 months.
3. 3rd Degree to 4th Degree - 36 months.
4. 4th Degree to 5th Degree - 48 months.
5. 5th Degree to 6th Degree – 60 months.



(TKD Encyclopaedia Vol. 1 page 94.)

16. Recommended period of waiting between Kup Gradings

A.	White: Yellow Tag:	10th - 9th Kup 9th - 8th Kup	1 month.	
B.	Yellow: Green Tag:	8th - 7th Kup 7th - 6th Kup	2 months.	
C.	Green: Blue Tag:	6th - 5th Kup 5th - 4th Kup	3 months.	
D.	Blue: Red Tag:	4th - 3rd Kup 3rd - 2nd Kup	4 months.	
E.	Red:	2nd - 1st Kup	5 months.	
F.	Black Tag:	1st Kup - 1st Degree	6 months.	
G.	'A' level pass can halve the above-mentioned training periods.			

17. Qualifications other than under the U.K.T.I

Anyone wishing to join the U.K.T.I who has a Black Belt certificate from another country or association must have it verified by the I.T.F.

18. U.K.T.I Improvements

All projects that are presented to the Executive Council by the Working Committees for the betterment of the U.K.T.I and the I.T.F. and are approved by the Executive Council will be supported by all members.

19. Contravention of Rules and Regulations

Any member contravening the above Rules and Regulations will be disciplined and may be expelled from the U.K.T.I at the discretion of the Executive Council.

20. Disputes

In any dispute the ruling of the U.K.T.I Executive Council is final.

21. Alterations

Any alterations will be circulated to all registered Full members who will ensure that their copy of the Rules and Regulations is kept fully up to date.

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