

GIMCHEON, KOREA

2026 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

PTF PROFESSIONAL
TAEKWONDO
FEDERATION

JULY 10 - 12, 2026

김천실내체육관
Gimcheon Gymnasium



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Information & Questions: PTFEVENT@GMAIL.COM

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Post Registration Changes:

Before July 1, 2026 – PTFEVENT@GMAIL.COM

After July 1, 2026 - On-site at accreditation only.

VENUE AND DATE OF EVENT:

Gimcheon Gymnasium - Gimcheon, South Korea

Dates: JULY 10-12, 2026

HEADQUARTER HOTEL INFORMATION:

Hotel Logenir – Gimcheon, Korea www.logenir.com

Special Championships Rates Reservation at Hansung Tour

Email to - homms9882@hanmail.net

REGISTRATION:

All Entries will **only** be accepted through the online registration system and registration - www.PROTKD.org

REREREE & UMPIRE APPOINTMENT:

- PTF will appoint the required number of International Referees/Umpires. **Referees who are interested in officiating for this event must apply through EEY314@GMAIL.COM by FEBRUARY 28, 2026.**

- Round-trip Airfare shall be borne by each participating International Referee.

- The Organizing Committee shall cover four (4) nights of room and board expenses (check-in in early afternoon of July 9, 2026; checkout before Noon of July 13, 2026).

- Please note: **Referee meeting will be held on July 10th.**

- The Organizing Committee shall provide each participating International Referee with honorarium of USD\$150.00 per day for two (2) days of competition.

COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY AND FEES (in USD):

All participants must satisfy the following requirements in order to participate. This is an “Open” event, open to all ages and belt levels, in all Taekwondo disciplines.

- *Competitors will compete at the age based on their birth year.*

Early Reg. Fee (ends March 31, 2026 11:59pm KOREA Time):

- \$125 for first event. Extra \$50 for each additional event.

Regular Reg. Fee (ends May 31, 2026 11:59pm KOREA Time):

- \$150 for first event. Extra \$50 for each additional event.

Late Reg. Fee (ends July 1, 2026 11:59pm KOREA Time):

- \$200 for first event. Extra \$50 for each additional event.

COACH ELIGIBILITY AND FEES (in USD):

- All Coaches must be at least 18 years of age.

- Poomsae/Tul and Sparring: Early & Regular registration fee before May 31, 2026 11:59pm KOREA Time.

Coach Fee \$100 before May 31, 2026

Coach Late Registration Fee \$150 After June 1 – July 1, 2026

On Site Coach Registration - \$200.

TEAM MANAGER & DOCTOR, TRAINER & THERAPIST:

- \$100 registration fee for the entire duration of the event before May 31, 2026 11:59pm Korea Time. Late Registration Fee \$150 from June - July 1, 2026. **Door registration is not available.**

MEDIA ELIGIBILITY AND FEE (in USD):

- Eligible to photographers and videographers who represent both public and private sectors. Field of Play access permitted.

- \$200 USD, ALL DAYS – Online Registration by July 1, 2026

- \$300 USD – On Site Registration

SPECTATOR ADMISSION: FREE

CHANGES & FEES (in USD):

- Weight Changes – All Sparring athletes must weigh in one day before the competition. Any weight changes on site will be subjected to a **\$50 Weight Change Administration Fee.**

- ALL Changes - Including name change, event change, date of birth, belt rank, and Weight Changes after July 1, 2026 **must be done on-site** with completed Change Request Form and will result in a mandatory **\$50 Administration Fee** per change request. **Change Request Form can be found at www.protkd.org.**

Unpaid Online Registration will be subjected to late registration fees plus mandatory USD \$50.00 of onsite payment fee.

All onsite payments must be made in cash. US Dollars shall be the only accepted currency when payments are made onsite.



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REGISTRATION FEES (in USD)				
	COMPETITOR	COACH	DELEGATES (Team Manager, Doctor, Trainer, Therapists)	MEDIA (Photographers & Videographers)
EARLY REGISTRATION By MARCH 1, 2026	\$125 per event (extra \$50 for each additional event)	\$100 Poomsae or Kyorugi (Until May 31, 2026)	\$100 (Until JULY 1, 2026)	\$200 All Days (Until July 1, 2026)
REGULAR REGISTRATION By APRIL 1 – MAY 31, 2026	\$150 per event (extra \$50 for each additional event)	\$100 Poomsae or Kyorugi (Until May 31, 2026)	\$100 (Until JULY 1, 2026)	\$200 All Days (Until July 1, 2026)
LATE REGISTRATION By JUNE 1 – JULY 1, 2026	\$200 per event (extra \$50 for each additional event)	\$150 Poomsae or Kyorugi (JUNE 1 – JULY 1, 2026)	\$150 (JULY 1 – JULY 5, 2026)	\$200 All Days (Until July 1, 2026)
UNPAID REGISTRATION / ON-SITE PAYMENTS JULY 10-12, 2026	Late Registration Fee + \$50 Administration Fee when payment is made on-site.	Late Registration Fee + \$50 Administration Fee when payment is made on-site.	Late Registration Fee + \$50 Administration Fee when payment is made on-site.	\$300 All Days (Issued at Accreditation)
ALL DEADLINES ARE SET TO 11:59PM KOREA TIME				

OTHER FEES (in USD)	
WEIGHT CHANGE	<p style="text-align: center;">By JUNE 30, 2026: \$50 Administration Fee (Please email completed Weight Change Form. Change Request Form can be found at www.protkd.org.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">After JULY 1, 2026: \$50 per weight change (MUST BE MADE ON-SITE) (Please bring completed Weight Change Form and cash payment to Accreditation on July 10-12, 2026)</p>
ACCREDITATION REPRINT	\$25 per request at Accreditation On-Site (cash only)
AGE MOVE UP	Competitors who were born 2009 may compete in the Senior division. 17-year old Competitors may compete in both Junior and Senior divisions. Additional Event Fee Applies.

ON-SITE PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE IN CASH, U.S. DOLLARS ONLY!

REGISTRATION FEES AND CHANGE FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE with NO EXCEPTIONS



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OFFICIAL EVENTS:

- Olympic, Traditional (ITF) and Kombat (KT) Sparring
 - Kukkiwon Poomsae/ ITF Tul Competition (Individual, Pairs, Team)
 - Creative Team Poomsae/Tul (Team of 3-5 members)
 - Distance Board Breaking – Flying Side Kick
 - Height Board Breaking – Jump Front Kick
 - Weapon Form Demonstrations
 - Demo Team Competitions (Team of 7-12 members)
 - Para Taekwondo Competitions
- *Pairs & Team Poomsae/Tul – Same Gender & Coed allowed.

DRAW OF LOTS:

The draw sheets and brackets will be available at 00:01AM the day of the sparring competition divisions.

COMPETITION REGULATIONS:

Current Olympic, ITF and KT Sparring and Kukkiwon Poomsae / ITF Tul Competition Rules will govern the 2026 World Taekwondo Championships. The Organizing Committee retains full authority to modify, amend, or enforce changes to the championship rules at any time without prior notice.

ENTRY FEES, TERMS & CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION:

- All Registration for Athletes, Coaches, and Officials must be completed through the Professional Taekwondo Federation Registration System: www.protkd.org.
- Round trip airfares, ground transportation, and room and board expenses shall be borne by all participants.
- Professional Taekwondo Federation have a NO REFUND policy.
- **NO REFUNDS will be given for any reason after registration has been completed.**

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT PROCESS:

Athletes, Coaches and Team Officials must register for the event through www.protkd.org.

Please pay online during registration. Organizer accepts credit card payments ONLY. All online payments are subject to a **mandatory** credit card processing fee based on the total event registration due. Registration will **not be confirmed until payment is received**. **DO NOT** wait until the last minute to register/pay.

Failure to submit payment by the early or regular registration deadline **will** result in late registration fees with **no exceptions**.

-Payments made on-site after Late registration deadline will be subjected to Late Registration Fees AND a mandatory \$50 On-Site Payment Fee per participant with NO EXCEPTIONS.

-On-Site Cash Payments must be made in U.S. Dollars.

REGISTRATION FEES AND CHANGE FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE with NO EXCEPTIONS

AWARDS:

- 1st Place: Gold Medal (1) and Participation Certificate
- 2nd Place: Silver Medal (1) and Participation Certificate
- 3rd Place: Bronze Medal (2) and Participation Certificate
- Best Poomsae and Tul Competitor Award
- Best Sparring Competitor Award
- Best Poomsae and Tul Referee Award
- Best Sparring Referee Award
- Best Sparring Coach Award
- Best Poomsae Coach Award

BOARD BREAKING: All boards are provided at the tournament venue for fairness. Boards must be held by athlete's coach. NO Board Holder's Passes Will Be Given.

-DISTANCE BREAK - Winner will be the competitor who jumps the farthest while breaking one regulation sized demo board at the 1st or 2nd attempt without stepping on the foul line. A 2nd attempt will only be offered to competitors who step on the fault line or fail to break the board in the 1st attempt.

-HEIGHT BREAK – Winner will be the competitor who jumps the highest while breaking one regulation sized demo board at the 1st or 2nd attempt. A 2nd attempt will only be offered to competitors who fail to break the board in the 1st attempt.

WEAPONS COMPETITION RULES:

- Cut Off system: Maximum set up time in 1-minute, maximum time to compete the demonstration is 90 seconds. Music and assisted devices (such as chairs, tables, etc.) are not permitted.

VISA ENTRY:

- All participants are responsible for their own visa and airfare.
- **Invitation letters WILL NOT BE ISSUED TO REGISTRANTS WHO HAVE NOT SUBMITTED REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT ONLINE.**
- Please email **Event Registration AND Payment Confirmation along with photo of passport in PDF format to PTFEVENT@GMAIL.COM**
- All Athletes and coaches **must register for the tournament and be paid in full prior to requesting VISA assistance.**
- Refund of registration fees will **NOT** be granted due to VISA or travel arrangement issues.

***Please do NOT call for VISA request.**
Please do not call to request invitations.
VISA requests with Event Registration AND Payment Confirmation will be processed **within 5 Business Days.**
Please e-mail VISA Requests to PTFEVENT@GMAIL.COM



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Sparring Rules and Competition Format

Organizing committee has the right to change, modify the duration of rounds, divisions and make official decisions without prior notices.

HEAD OF THE TEAM / TECHNICAL MEETING:

PTF technical officials shall conduct the Head of Team & Technical meeting on Friday July 10, 2026. Head of the team meeting location and time will be announced prior to event date.

The PTF Technical Delegate and Organizing Committee have the rights to change, modify the duration of rounds, and combine divisions at the Head of Team meeting. The official drawing will be done automatically and posted on the Professional Taekwondo Federation Facebook pages.

OFFICIAL UNIFORMS:

All Sparring competitors must wear Olympic/ITF/KT approved white uniform (dobok) in good condition. Patches, embroidery, logos, team names, country names, athlete names, and stripes are permitted on uniforms. **NO TAPING IS ALLOWED ON ANY PART OF THE UNIFORM.**

COACHES ATTIRE: Absolutely no Taekwondo uniforms, shorts, barefoot, hats, or open toe shoes during coaching. No phone and hearing devices allowed on coach seats.

SPARRING EQUIPMENT:

All sparring competitors are responsible for supplying their own sparring equipment according to the divisions in which they compete. Color Belts Will Not Use KPNP systems.

All Black Belt Olympic Sparring athletes will be provided with *KPNP PSS chest protectors & E Headgear* at the event. However, *KPNP K1 electronic foot pads* are the responsibility of each athlete competing in the Black Belt Olympic Sparring division. Black Belt Olympic Sparring competitors must own KPNP Socks.

All sparring competitors must also bring their own gloves, arm guards, shin guards, groin protectors, head gears, chest guards (if applicable), and **clear mouth guards**. No eyeglasses or goggles—prescription or nonprescription—are permitted under any circumstances. Face shields are mandatory for competitors aged 14 and under.

Please Note: Organizer reserves the right to disallow any uniform or equipment if it is found to be offensive or degrading in any fashion.

Weight Change **before** JULY 1, 2026 must be made through by email with completed Weight Change Form
Change Request Form can be found at www.protkd.org.
Weight Change after JULY 1, 2026 must be made on-site.

COMPETITION RULES:

Olympic Sparring – Official Olympic Taekwondo Kyorugi rules.

Traditional Sparring (ITF) – Official International Taekwon-Do Federation Sparring rules apply.

Kombat Sparring (KT) – Official Kombat Taekwondo Minor & Major Rules apply.

The Organizing Committee retains full authority to modify, amend, or enforce changes to the championship rules at any time without prior notice.

SINGLE ELIMINATION SYSTEM:

Single Elimination rules will apply to all sparring divisions.

SPARRING COMPETITIONS:

(Ages 6-7, 8-9, 10-11), (Ages 12-14), (Ages 15-17), (Ages 18 - 30), (Ages 31 - 49), (Ages 50+)

WEIGH-IN:

Weigh-in for ALL sparring competitors will take place at designated weigh-in area **one (1) day prior** to the start of the respective weight category of competition. **PLEASE REFER TO EVENT SCHEDULE FOR WEIGH IN TIME / DATE.**

- All weigh-in competitors must present a form of government issued photo ID.
- At weigh-in, male competitors must wear a minimal of underpants and female competitors must wear a minimal of underpants & brassieres. **Under NO circumstances may an athlete weigh-in in the nude.**
- Each athlete shall have one (1) attempt to pass the weigh in. However, one (1) extra attempt is allowed for those athletes who did not qualify the first time. This extra attempt shall be done within the time limit of the official weigh-in hours on the same day.
- If an athlete wants to change weight at the time of registration, he/she may do so for a fee of \$50.00. Athlete may change weight for the same fee after their 1st weigh-in attempt. A test scale will be available outside of the weigh in rooms.
- Weight change fee must be paid in cash, US currency only.
- Competitors who fail to weigh in within the registered weight divisions will be disqualified unless weight change request is made during weigh in time.

Sparring Competitors **CANNOT** participate in more than one (1) weight category in the same age division.



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Olympic, Traditional & Kombat Sparring Weight Divisions

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6-7 YEARS Male / Female	8-9 YEARS Male / Female	10 - 11 YEARS Male / Female
FIN -19KG	FIN -21KG	FIN -30KG
LIGHT -23KG	LIGHT -25KG	LIGHT -35KG
MIDDLE -27KG	MIDDLE -30KG	MIDDLE -40KG
HEAVY +27KG	HEAVY +30KG	HEAVY +40KG

12-14 YEARS CADET MEN	12-14 YEARS CADET WOMEN	15-17 YEARS JUNIOR MEN	15-17 YEARS JUNIOR WOMEN	18-32 YEARS SENIOR MEN Black Belts	18-32 YEARS SENIOR WOMEN Black Belts	33+ ULTRA/MASTER MEN Black Belts	33+ ULTRA/MASTER WOMEN Black Belt
-33KG	-29KG	-45KG	-42KG	-54KG	-46KG	-58KG	-49KG
-37KG	-33KG	-48KG	-44KG	-58KG	-49KG	-68 KG	-57KG
-41KG	-37KG	-51KG	-46KG	-63KG	-53KG	80 KG	-67KG
-45KG	-41KG	-55KG	-49KG	-68KG	-57KG	+80KG	+67KG
-49KG	-44KG	-59KG	-52KG	-74KG	-62KG		
-53KG	-47KG	-63KG	-55KG	-80KG	-67KG		
-57KG	-51KG	-68KG	-59KG	-87KG	-73KG		
-61KG	-55KG	-73KG	-63KG	+87KG	+73KG		
-65KG	-59KG	-78KG	-68KG				
+65KG	+59KG	+78KG	+68KG				

***COMPETITORS** cannot participate in more than one (1) weight category in the same age division.

WEIGHT CHANGES & FEES (in USD):

A mandatory Administration Fee of **\$50.00 (USD)** will be assessed to ALL weight change requests that are made **with no exceptions**.

- Weight Changes **from** JULY 1, 2026 **must be done on-site** with completed Change Request Form.
 An Administration Fee of USD\$50.00 will be assessed to ALL weight change requests that are made **from** JULY 1, 2026 with no exceptions. Weight Change requests from JULY 1, 2026 MUST be made on-site with completed Weight Change Request Form and cash payment in U.S. Dollars. Weight Changes before July 1, 2026 will result in a USD\$50 change fee.
Change Request Form can be found at www.protkd.org.

NO REFUNDS will be given for any reason after registration has been completed.
Absolutely no registration accepted after JULY 1, 2026 under any circumstances.



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Kukkiwon Poomsae/ ITF Tul Rules and Competition Format

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HEAD OF THE TEAM / TECHNICAL MEETING:

OC shall conduct the Head of Team & Technical meeting on Friday, July 10, 2026. The PTF Technical Delegate and Organizing Committee have the rights to change, modify competition format and combine divisions at the Head of Team meeting.

OFFICIAL UNIFORMS: Olympic & ITF style V or Y-neck Taekwondo uniforms are mandatory for all competitors in all Poomsae/Tul divisions.

COACHES ATTIRE: Absolutely no Taekwondo uniforms, shorts, barefoot, hats, or open toe shoes during coaching. No phone and hearing devices allowed on coach seats.

OFFICIAL POOMSAE/TUL EVENTS:

World Taekwondo Poomsae

- Individual
- Pairs (2 people – Mixed Gender, Age & Belt Ranks Allowed)
- Team (3 people – Mixed Gender, Age & Belt Ranks Allowed)

International Taekwon-Do Tul

- Individual
- Pairs (2 people – Mixed Gender, Age & Belt Rank Allowed)
- Team (3 people – Mixed Gender, Age & Belt Rank Allowed)

Creative Team Poomsae

- Team of 3-5 people – Mixed Gender, Age & Belt Rank Allowed

Demo Team Competition

- Team of 7-12 people – Mixed Gender, Age & Belt Rank Allowed

POOMSAE / TUL COMPETITIONS:

Cut-Off system will be used in the Preliminary and semi-final rounds of all recognize Poomsae / Tul divisions.

COMPETITION RULES:

Competitors will perform Designated Poomsae / Tul. Please visit www.PROTKD.org for Designated Poomsae/Tul.

Kukkiwon Poomsae – Official Poomsae rules apply

ITF Tul – Official ITF rules apply.

Traditional Poomsae – Organizing Committee rules apply.

CUT OFF SYSTEM:

Cut off system rules will be used for all Poomsae / Tul divisions. Please visit www.PROTKD.org for Designated Poomsae/Tul.

Demo Team Rules

Organizing committee has the right to change, modify and make official decisions without prior notices.

OFFICIAL UNIFORMS:

All Demo Team competitors must wear Olympic/ITF/PTF approved white uniform (dobok) in good condition. Patches, embroidery, logos, team names, country names, athlete names, and stripes are permitted on uniforms. **NO TAPING IS ALLOWED ON ANY PART OF THE UNIFORM. NO KNEE / ELBOW PADS.**

DEMONSTRATION TEAM COMPETITION:

- Maximum time to complete the demonstration is 8 minutes including set-up and clean-up time.
- The routine shall be done within at least 8mx8m area.
- Minimum of 7 members and no more than 12 members. All Demo Teams must be self-sufficient for Board breaking part of their Demo routine. No coach, master or outside board holders are allowed. Boards must be held by demo team members.
- Music and reproductive system must be provided by the demonstration team. **Teams without music will be disqualified.**
- No pyrotechnics, fireworks or rockets.
- Boards, weapons, official tables or other accessories shall be provided by the demonstration team.
- All Demo performances must include, Poomsae / Tul, Self-defense, and board breaking routine. Additional routines are encouraged.
- Additional presentation points will be awarded for weapons demonstration.

DEMO TEAM SCORING:

Based on the following order of superiority in ascending order:

1. Synchronization technique (20%).
2. Excitement on the performance (20%).
3. Successful completion of Taekwondo techniques (20%).
4. Entertainment generated (20%).
5. Display of Precision, Speed and Power (20%).

Major Deduction (0.5 points):

- Any part of the body above the ankle bone that touch the mats.
- Crossing the boundary line with both feet.
- Under or Over time
- Inability to complete all four (4) mandatory skills.
- Assistance from team members in completing aerial techniques.
- Extreme remarkable and offensive behavior amongst coaches and competitors; failure to obey directions from referees / officials.

Minor Deduction (0.1 points):

- Failure to break boards or execute board breaking techniques.
- Losing balance, extended pause, lack of synchronization and harmony.



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EVENT SCHEDULE

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DATE	TIME	EVENTS	PLACE
WEDNESDAY JULY 8, 2026	All Day	Officials, Athletes and Coaches Arrivals	GIMCHEON KOREA
THURSDAY JULY 9, 2026	All Day 9:00am – 3:00pm 3:30pm – 5:30pm	Officials, Athletes, and Coaches Arrivals International Poomsae Seminar – Open to All Ages & Belt Levels **All participants who are attending FREE Black Belt Dan & Skip Dan Testing must attend International Poomsae Seminar. Kombat Taekwondo Referee License & Refresher Course. Official KT Certification Provided.	GIMCHEON KOREA Location To Be Announced
FRIDAY JULY 10, 2026	All Day 10:00am – 11:30am 12:00pm – 9:00pm 1:00pm – 2:30pm 2:30pm- 5:00pm 5:15pm – 7:00pm	Officials, Athletes, and Coaches Arrivals Professional Taekwondo Federation General Assembly Registration and Check In for Competitors & Participants FREE Black Belt Dan & Skip Dan Testing (Black Belts Only) **Seminar & Dan Testing information on www.protkd.org Referee Training & Meeting Head of Team & Technical Meeting (Open to all officials, managers and coaches)	GIMCHEON KOREA Championships Headquarter Hotel Hotel Logenir
SATURDAY JULY 11, 2026	7:00am – 3:00pm 8:00am 10:00am 2:00pm – 4:00pm 11:30pm	Registration & Check In for Competitors & Participants 2026 World Championships -Poomsae & Tul (Pattern) Competitions -Board Break Competition -Weapons -Demo Team Competitions Opening Ceremony Weigh In for JULY 12th Sparring Competitors Draw Sheets for Competition for JULY 12 TH will be posted on PTF Facebook – “Professional Taekwondo Federation”	GIMCHEON Gymnasium
SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026	7:00am - 10:00am 8:00am	Registration and Check In 2026 World Championships -Sparring Competitions -Olympic, Traditional (ITF) & Kombat Taekwondo (KT) Sparring	GIMCHEON KOREA
MON - THU JULY 13 -16 2026	All Day	2026 Korea Taekwondo Camp & Tour 2 Days of Taekwondo Camp & 2 Days of Korea Tour **For More Information, please visit www.protkd.org	KOREA
FRI JULY 17, 2026	All Day	Departure	KOREA

Detailed staging reporting time for all competitors will be posted on
PTF Facebook Page “Professional Taekwondo Federation” by 11:30pm the evening before competition day.