

STUDENT TRANSFER, EXTRA- CURRICULAR TRAINING AND COMPETITION REPRESENTATION POLICY

This policy has been developed to give advice to students who wish to compete in other martial arts or who wish to transfer between Taekwon do Association of England schools.

Policy Framework

Student loyalty, respect and courtesy are fundamental to our teachings, to our martial art and within our affiliated schools. The framework to this policy comes from:

The philosophy of General Choi – in particular the meaning behind tying the belt once around the waist.

- Serve one master
- Pursue one goal
- Victory through one blow

And from the ITF By laws, particularly the following extracts

- Practitioners of Taekwon-Do (TKD) recognize that they are forever students of our Founder, General Choi Hong Hi. The ITF and its affiliated organisations and will strengthen and promote the legacy of General Choi as described in his Encyclopedia of Taekwon Do, notably the twenty-four patterns and his philosophy.
- The student owes respect, loyalty, and gratitude to his teacher at all times because of the teaching and guidance he has received. Therefore, as the student progresses to higher levels in ITF Taekwon-Do, he continues to work in affiliation with his teacher.

Extra –Curricular training

Students are occasionally permitted to train with other instructors within TAE but only in addition to regular attendance at classes with their instructor, and only with permission from their instructor before each attendance. We recognize the benefit of additional training when nearing a competition or grading.

The Association protocol for students training within other TAE clubs is as follows:-

1. Students should not train regularly with two or more instructors. The frequency that a student may train under another instructor should be down to the experience and thoughts of their own instructor.
2. Before a student travels to train in another dojang there should have been an agreement in place between the two respective instructors.
3. Students should firstly get permission from their instructor on each occasion they wish to attend another club and it should not become an open agreement.
4. The students' instructor will make contact with the other instructor and tell them they have authorized the student to attend their dojang.

5. Instructors should not allow visiting students to train in their dojangs unless they have been previously contacted by their instructor.
6. It is imperative that all instructors and students comply with these procedures and ensure that student loyalty towards their instructor is upheld and to ensure the upkeep of the harmony of our association.

Whilst the TAE does not prevent students from attending (other disciplines) to gain experience only, in the first instance the Instructor should be informed and permission obtained as a conflict may exist in the type, style and culture of the martial art being taught. This is basic respect and courtesy to the instructor and to Taekwon-Do.

Students and parents should not encourage and promote other martial art schools and encourage other TAE students to leave their current school or join another whilst still attending a TAE school. This is highly disrespectful and can result in dismissal from the TAE.

Students and parents should not promote other martial arts schools, their competitions, classes, Instructor etc., on social media, verbally or otherwise to current TAE students. This can result in dismissal from the TAE.

Competition representation

The representation of Taekwon do and our Association is our primary concern in regard to this policy. A great deal of time, effort and cost is put into developing a TAE/ITF student. To then use the skills transferred from the Taekwon do instructor for competitive success in another martial art is against the spirit of the student/instructor relationship. If TAE students wish to compete in another martial art, they forfeit the right to attend any ITF competition or competitor development opportunities. This is basic respect for your Instructor, School, the Association and the martial art itself.

In addition, under ITF Rules, Taekwon-Do students are not permitted to attend Taekwon-Do competitions hosted by any other organisation whilst still being a member of the ITF. This is against ITF By-Laws and could also have insurance implications.

Students of Taekwon-Do are expected to be loyal and courteous individuals and respectful to their Instructor, their school, the Associations and to the martial art. Anyone found to be not showing the expected and required level of respect for our Association, their Instructor and/or school will be subject to disciplinary procedures which could lead to expulsion.

This rule extends to parental conduct where their actions and decisions will be deemed to directly represent their child as a student.

Student Loyalty and student transfer between TAE schools

The default in all ITF schools is to be loyal to your instructor, and transfers are discouraged. This means that the objective should be to train with the same instructor for all of the length of your training life. According to TaeKwon Do Encyclopedia (5th Edition, page 45) a student should never betray their instructor and should always be loyal and never criticize the instructor or his or her teaching methods.

Students / parents should not approach another TAE instructor directly regarding any transfer as this will be discussed between instructors only.

If a student or parent has any concerns or difficulties in attending training they should firstly discuss these issues directly with their instructor and allow them to assist in the first instance.

We do recognize that there will be some circumstances where it is not possible to continue training with the original instructor. Our aim is to enable the student to be accommodated within the Association. If a student does wish to transfer between schools, this will be permissible in the following circumstances

- There is a valid reason for the transfer e.g. moving house
- This reason is agreed as being valid by both instructors
- The original instructor agrees to the transfer
- The new instructor agrees to the transfer
- **The current instructor will also be required to declare any ongoing or past conduct or disciplinary issues with this student (and/or parent's conduct) whilst within their club**
- **Once all sections of the transfer form are filled in if the receiving Instructor wishes to take the student, they will communicate directly with the current instructor to discuss when the transfer can be completed**
- **Students may only transfer if there are no outstanding issues (disciplinary or otherwise) with existing school/instructor.**

Please note that during transfer negotiations, it may be necessary to suspend student training until a resolution is achieved.