



Dear All Instructors, Competitors, Family and Friends:

I look forward to seeing everyone in a couple of days at the **XXIV ITF NY Taekwon-Do Tournament!**

I want to take this opportunity to remind you of several important items. In order to facilitate the check-in process and avoid any unnecessary problems during the event we ask that everyone please read all the information and prepare accordingly.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The Fitzgerald Gymnasium is located at **CUNY Queens College, 65-30 Kissena Blvd, Flushing, NY 11367**
- The venue offers **FREE PARKING** for visitors on the day of the event. *If you wish to use the parking area, please be sure to enter through Gate 3 located on Reeves Ave and 153rd Street.*
- If you need directions, or a map of the college campus, you can find them on our website at <https://www.itfnkytdtournament.com/directions> or the Fitzgerald Gym website <https://queensknights.com/sports/2019/5/9/directions.aspx>
- We will have cafeteria service available throughout the day
 - Please remember there is **NO FOOD PERMITTED INSIDE THE GYMNASIUM!**
- We will have available several small areas offering various good/services, including **T-shirts, massage therapy, Martial Arts Depot supplies**, and a **Power Breaking table** hosted by our special guest Mr. Brendan Doogan from New Zealand

COMPETITORS AND PARENTS / SPECTATORS

- Check-In for **ALL COMPETITORS** will begin at 8:00AM in the main lobby of the gymnasium.
 - Check-in will be organized alphabetically by school name
 - For the parents of young children, please know the name of your child's school and/or head instructor to facilitate this process
 - All competitors will receive a bracelet upon check-in that has their information. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT EVERYONE CHECK THE INFORMATION ON THE BRACELET IS CORRECT** in order to avoid anyone missing their division or taking time to correct brackets during the tournament.
- Anyone who did not purchase spectator tickets online at the time of registration can buy tickets at the door.
 - Spectator tickets will be **\$5.00 each for ANYONE who wishes to enter the tournament.** (No tickets will be needed for children 2 years old and under).
- Remember that to keep the tournament running efficiently **all black belts are expected to help as referees/ring assistants.**
- **Team Pattern Competition Cancelled:**
 - Remember that a few weeks back we had cancelled team pattern competition due to a scheduling conflict. We sincerely apologize to anyone who was preparing for this event.
- **Individual Pattern Competition**
 - In an effort to improve the scoring system for individual pattern competition, we have implemented a new procedure this year in which patterns will be performed individually. This remains in effect but will apply to individual pattern competition for **BLACK BELTS, AGE 14 & ABOVE ONLY.** Individual pattern competition for all color belts and all black belts will proceed as usual.

MASTERS, INSTRUCTORS & REFEREES

- The referee meeting **will begin at 8:30AM** in the gymnasium. Remember in order to keep the tournament running efficiently **all black belts are expected to help as referees/ring assistants.**
- Only Masters, Head Instructors, and Referees approved by Master Suarez will receive designated wrist bands at no cost. Please be sure to get your wrist band at the check-in table before trying to enter the arena!
- Coaches and other instructors who are not competing or refereeing must purchase a ticket at the spectator table to enter.

I wish everyone safe travels to New York. Let's work together in the spirit of Taekwon-Do to help make this a great year.

Yours in Taekwon-Do

A stylized, handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to Master Ruben D. Suarez.

Master Ruben D. Suarez
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