

The 29th California Open Taekwondo Championship <u>FAQ</u>

When:

Saturday, October 14th: 8:00am-8:00pm Doors: 7:30am Admissions: \$20 per person/ Ages 5 and Under Free CASH ONLY

Location:

El Camino College- North Gym 16007 Crenshaw Blvd Torrance, Ca 90506

Important Things to Know:

1. When will the tournament begin?

<u>REPORT TIMES</u> (Please expect delays) :

Group I (Morning)

- WORLD CLASS JUNIOR / SENIOR SPARRING- 8:00am (AGES 15-32)

- POOMSAE (TRADITIONAL) AND SPORT POOMSAE- 8:00am (ALL AGES)

- **SPARRING AGES 9 AND YOUNGER**- At conclusion of Poomsae Competition (estimate 9:30am) **Competitors doing two events must report for 8:00am start time. Arrive early!*

<u>Group II (Afternoon)</u> -WORLD CLASS CADET SPARRING- 1:00pm Start Time WEIGH IN- 11:00am-12:30pm

-SPARRING AGES 10 AND OLDER- 1:00PM Start Time

2. I am a first time competitor, what should I expect?

Not a problem! Here is the process:

Step 1- Arrive early to find parking and the venue. <mark>Locate your Master and grab your credentials</mark> from them.

Step 2- Purchase spectator tickets for non-competing members and find a place to warm up. Admission is \$20 per person and free for ages 5 and younger. CASH ONLY

Step 3<u>- Listen for the announcer to call out your division</u> and head to the holding area, which will be held outside on the other side of the gym.

Step 4- <mark>Compete! Grab your medals from the awards table, take a professional photo for</mark> <mark>purchase and you're good to go!</mark>

Tournaments are potentially long and arduous and seating can be limited. Competitors may have extended wait times due to delays. Parents and spectators may have to wait a while before their child comes out of the holding area to compete. We will try our best to get the tournament moving as fast as we can! In the meantime, please enjoy watching the other competitors fight!

3. What time will the Tournament finish?

We will try our best to finish the tournament as fast as we can, while also delivering the best experience possible for our athletes. The morning group will finish around 12:30pm, while the afternoon session may finish close to 8pm. Please expect delays as it's very likely to happen.

4. Can I pick up my own credentials?

An instructor or Master may be the only people to pick up badges for competitors.

5. Where should I park?

Parking is free! Spectators may park in both lot C and lot F, which is outlined in yellow on the map. From there, the gymnasium is a 2-3 min walk, located in green. The venue is located right near the football field and book store. Please do not park in a Staff Spots. Student Parking is Free!



6. What time will weigh in's be for DAEDO World Class Black Belts? What gear do I need?

<u>Weigh In Time:</u> Junior (15-17) Seniors (18-32)- 8:00-8:30am Cadets (12-14)- 11:00-12:30pm Competition Time: Brackets begin at 9:00am Brackets begin at 1:00pm

-<mark>World Class competitors must bring their own shin/arm protector, groin guard, helmet, </mark> mouthguard and GEN II Daedo socks.

<u>-Each ring will supply a daedo hogu and helmet overlays. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN SOCKS, GEAR</u> AND HELMET

7. Are we allowed to bring coolers? Will there be food? Vendors?

Spectators are not allowed to bring coolers or any kind into the venue. There will be food for purchase! Sparring equipment, shirts and souvenirs will be available.

8. How big is the venue?

The venue consists of 4 basketball courts which will be covered with bleacher seating and 8 competition rings.

We will have extra seating outside the venue for those who would like to get some air in between the tournament.

9. I registered my child, but never received a confirmation?

Please make sure to check your spam folder as some confirmations end up there. Also, each school will receive a competitor list, so refer to your Master to confirm.

You may also email us directly: thecaopentkd@gmail.com

10. Where are the restrooms located?

Due to construction at the college, there will be restrooms spread out through the venue. There will be portable restrooms with a hand washing station right outside the venue and restrooms at the book store right around the corner of the gym. We apologize for the inconvenience.

11. What gear do I need for Sparring?

- -Mouthguard- Any color EXCEPT RED
- Groin protection- Both Male and Female inside the uniform
- Shin/Foot/Arm/Helmet protection. Foot protector for color belts required