



Masters Examination Criteria Effective January 2017 Amended May 2019

INTRODUCTION

It is the sincere wish of the ITF Technical Committee to further improve the criteria for testing to 7th and 8th degree black belt in the ITF. Although we see extremely good performances around the world, until now we don't believe the criteria has been flexible enough to allow candidates to show their true level of expertise. We also wish to provide more information as to exactly what is required for the test.

To this end we have introduced a new criteria for the grading exam effective January 2017. All the normal application requirements as stated in the Bi Laws remain the unchanged.

MASTER EXAMINATION CRITERIA (7th & 8th dan)

Patterns

Tong-il, Se-Jong and one other black belt pattern of the candidate's choice. Candidates will be accessed on their technical competency, power and overall level of performance.

Sparring

3 step, 2 step, 1 step and free sparring
Candidates will be accessed on their ability to correctly perform these basic forms of pre-arranged sparring as taught in the IICs.

Breaking

One hand and one foot technique of the candidate's own choice.
(Optional for 8th degree)

Self Defence

Demonstrate effective Taekwon-Do techniques in a simulated self defence scenario where you are being grabbed or attacked by an assailant. Assume it is a serious high level attack where your life could be in danger, so effectively respond using Taekwon-Do techniques then disengage.

Specialty Area

Candidate must present their particular special area of expertise to the examination panel for a maximum of 10 minutes. This can be any physical aspect of Taekwon-Do such as patterns, sparring, breaking, instructing, self defence, kicking etc. Candidates will be accessed on their preparation, presentation and level of expertise of their chosen field.

Theory

Candidates will be asked general questions related to any aspects of Taekwon-Do such as technical, historical and theoretical information contained in the Encyclopaedia of Taekwon-Do. Candidates will be accessed on their knowledge.

Thesis Questions

Candidates will be asked questions relating directly to the thesis they submitted with the application. Candidates should be able to defend the ideas presented within their thesis, expand on, or further explain the subject. Candidates will be assessed on their knowledge of their thesis topic.

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