



Rules and Regulations of the International Taekwon-Do Federation

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1.0. MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1. ITF HQ Korea membership is a 3-year (36 months) plan that will commence from the date of approval and continue for a full 36 month period, expiring on the same day of the month 36 months hence. Once a membership has commenced it cannot be cancelled and refunds are not provided. However, if the applicant strongly wishes to cancel the membership, the applicant's details will be removed from the membership list on the website but no refunds will be given for the remaining period of the membership.
- 1.2. A renewal reminder notice 2 months prior to the expiry date of the membership will be sent to the members. If the members renew their membership, by paying the renewal fee prior to or up to 30 days after the expiry date, the members will maintain continuity of the membership benefits and the new membership renewal date will remain unchanged. If the members do not renew membership within 30 days of the expiry date, they will lose continuity of benefits and will be required to re-commence their ITF HQ Korea membership and an additional fee may be imposed.
- 1.3. Since the membership is closely associated with the rank recognition procedure (please see "rank recognition procedure"), the expiry of the membership will also affect the promotion application terms.
- 1.4. All students who join the group after the commencement of the group membership will be required to pay a pro-rata individual membership fee that will expire on the group expiry date. The fee will be based around 6monthly intervals with a minimum membership fee to cover one year's membership.

1.5. GROUP MEMBERSHIP CAN BE DIVIDED INTO 3 CATEGORIES:

- Dojang/ Club
- School
- Association

Each category differs by its internal structure and will gain different rights, benefits, insignia and will differ in the membership fee. The definitions of terms for the group membership categories are as follows:

- 1.6. **Dojang:** denotes a single club regardless of the number of members that conduct classes in one location.

- 1.7. **School:** (in Taekwon-Do terms) can be defined as a Taekwon-Do educational institution consisting of more than 1 Dojang operating in the same or different locations.
- 1.8. **Association:** is an accumulation of dojangs and schools working together under a structured organizational and leadership program.
- 1.9. The summary of the group membership program is presented in Table below.

Membership type	Eligibility and documents	Duration (years)	Benefits
Dojang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any single dojang that has its own registered name, regardless of the number of members, that conducts classes in one location can apply for this type of membership. All members of the dojang must be registered at minimum as regular members of ITF HQ Korea A member dojang will receive a certificate of affiliation with ITF HQ Korea with an original security hologram that is tamper evident, a (cm x cm) plaque and a specific number that will be assigned to that dojang throughout the entire affiliation period(s). Each student of the dojang will receive a membership card as per the individual membership scheme. Please note that the dojang must apply for an individual membership for each student. 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The dojang member will benefit with discounted prices of appropriate events, goods (internet shopping mall), tours and other programs organized by ITF HQ Korea (case by case basis) and will, where possible, receive assistance in coordinating ITF activities such as competitions, certifications, tests, courses etc. The dojang will gain voting rights attributed as one vote for each registered member, regardless whether the members possess a regular, premium or lifetime membership and regardless of the member's age. However, the voting decision will be treated as the dojang decision and not the individual decision. Therefore, dojang management based on their own operating procedure will make a decision on a voting topic and submit it on behalf of the dojang (with some conditions see Example 1 at the bottom of the table)
School (two or more dojangs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any SCHOOL that has its own registered name and consists of more than one dojang, regardless of the number of members can apply for this type of membership. 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SCHOOL members will benefit through discounted prices of appropriate events, goods (internet shopping mall), tours and other programs organized by ITF HQ Korea (on a case by case basis) and

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Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any ASSOCIATION that has its own registered name as an association or federation and consists of more than one school, can apply for this type of membership. • All members of the ASSOCIATION have to be registered at least as regular members of ITF HQ Korea • The ASSOCIATION will receive a certificate of affiliation with ITF HQ Korea with an original tamper evident security hologram, a (cm x cm) plaque and a specific number that will be assigned to that ASSOCIATION throughout 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ASSOCIATION members will benefit through discounted prices of appropriate events, goods (internet shopping mall), tours and other programs organized by ITF HQ Korea (on a case by case basis) and will, where possible, receive assistance in coordinating ITF activities such as competitions, certifications, tests, courses etc. • The ASSOCIATION will gain voting rights, one vote per registered member, regardless of whether the members possess a regular, premium or lifetime membership and

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	<p>the entire affiliation period(s). Each student of the ASSOCIATION will receive a membership card as per the individual membership scheme. Please note that the ASSOCIATION must apply for an individual membership for each student.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each dojang/school of the ASSOCIATION will receive a certificate of affiliation with ITF HQ Korea, an original tamper evident security hologram and can apply for a "Dojang/school to Association affiliation " (cm x cm) plaque. 		<p>regardless of the member's age. However, the voting decision will be treated as the ASSOCIATION decision and not an individual decision. Therefore, the ASSOCIATION management, based on their own operating procedure, will make a decision on a voting topic and submit it on behalf of the ASSOCIATION (similar arrangements apply for premium members in a dojang or school scenario. See example 1)</p>

Example 1: A dojang/ consisting of 20 students ranging in age between 6-50 years of age, all possessing individual regular membership will get 20 votes regardless of the age of the students. In an individual membership scenario all members under 18 years of age would not have a right to vote. As members of a registered dojang they gain the voting rights as a dojang voting decision. Members of the dojang that possess premium or lifetime membership however, are entitled to make their own decision and vote individually if they do not agree with the collective dojang voting decision. This will reduce the voting power of the dojang by the members who have appropriate memberships and decided to vote individually.

- 1.10. An undisclosed membership for those groups that support ITF HQ Korea in the homeland of Taekwon-Do but do not wish to be publically listed is available. All insignia, support, discounts and fees are the same as per group membership program however, the undisclosed members will not possess voting rights as it would be impossible to protect their privacy with a transparent voting process utilizing the ITF HQ Korea website. In order to request this type of membership a tick box is available on the application form that will automatically assign the applicant to the appropriate type of the membership.
- 1.11. The International Taekwon-Do Federation Headquarters Korea (ITF HQ Korea) offers several membership plans for individuals and groups to meet your needs. Anyone who practices, supports, likes or identifies with ITF Taekwon-Do can become a member. Therefore, all Taekwon-Do and other Martial Arts practitioners from white to black belt, individuals, parents, family members, enthusiasts, organizations, groups, single dojangs or

associations can apply for membership. Moreover, ITF HQ Korea membership programs do not restrict members from working or affiliating with any other organization and will secure our members confidentiality should the applicants not wish to be publically listed.

Therefore, become a member and enjoy the broad benefits of the membership program of ITF HQ Korea in the Homeland of Taekwon-Do.

1.12. THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP CAN BE DIVIDED INTO 3 MAIN CATEGORIES:

1.13. Regular membership

1.14. Premium membership

1.15. Lifetime membership

1.16. The category of membership determines the eligibility of candidates and their consequent voting rights, benefits and membership fee. The summary of the individual membership program is presented in Table below.

Membership type	Eligibility and documents	Duration (years)	Benefits
Regular member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any individual who practices, supports, likes or identifies with ITF Taekwon-Do can become a member. Therefore, all Taekwon-Do and non-Taekwon-Do practitioners from white to black belt, individuals, parents, family members, enthusiasts can apply for this type of membership Regular members will receive a regular membership card with their picture, hologram mark and a unique membership number that will be maintained throughout the entire affiliation period(s) 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular members will benefit through discounted prices of some events, goods, tours and other programs organized by ITF HQ Korea and will, where possible, receive assistance in coordinating ITF activities such as competitions, certifications, tests, courses etc. Individual regular members will not have voting rights and so will not be able to participate in a decision making process but they benefit with discounts in various programs. Every regular member will receive a membership number and will have access to the information available to the regular members on the ITF HQ Korea website

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Premium member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any individual over 18 years of age who practices, supports, likes or identifies with ITF Taekwon-Do can become a member. Therefore, all Taekwon-Do and non-Taekwon-Do practitioners from white to black belt, individuals, parents, family members, enthusiasts can apply for this type of membership Premium members will receive a premium membership card with their picture, hologram mark and a unique membership number that will be maintained throughout the entire affiliation period(s) 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Premium members will benefit through greater discounted prices than the regular members from events, goods (internet shopping mall), tours and other programs organized by ITF HQ Korea and will, where possible, receive assistance in coordinating ITF activities such as competitions, certifications, tests, courses etc. Premium members will benefit by being eligible to participate in a decision making process since they will have voting rights allocated as one vote per member Each premium member will receive a membership number and will have access to the information available to premium members on the ITF HQ Korea website
Lifetime Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This membership holds greater prestige and will only be available to individuals over 18 years of age with outstanding achievements in practicing, supporting or promoting Taekwon-Do. They must have been premium members for at least one year. This type of membership will be granted by a specially formed committee that will assess the candidate's achievements after previous endorsement of the candidate by a minimum of 3 members. Lifetime members will receive a lifetime membership card with their picture and a hologram mark with a unique membership number that will be maintained throughout the entire affiliation period 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lifetime (prestigious) members will benefit with even greater discounts than regular or premium members from participation in events, purchase of goods (internet shopping mall), tours and other programs organized by the ITF HQ Korea and will, where possible, receive assistance in coordinating ITF activities such as competitions, certifications, tests, courses etc. Moreover, their profiles and pictures will be listed in a special section on the ITF HQ Korea website the "LIFETIME MEMBERS CLUB" Lifetime members will also benefit by being able to participate in a decision making process as they will have equivalent voting rights to premium members. Every lifetime member will receive a membership number and will have access to the information available to lifetime members on the ITF website as well as to the

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			lifetime members club.

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- 1.21. All students who join the group after the commencement of the group membership will be required to pay a pro-rata individual membership fee that will expire on the group expiry date. The fee will be based around 6monthly intervals with a minimum membership fee to cover one year's membership.

2.0. MEMBERSHIP FEES:

2.1. GROUP MEMBERSHIP:

- 2.2. Each group membership certificate (A3 size) is issued for a single location or dojang and is charged at \$10/three years irrespective of the type of group membership. i.e. if there is more than one certificate needed for a group then the fee is charged for each certificate issued.
- 2.3. Each membership Plaque is charged at \$375.
- 2.4. Each member will pay \$30 for a three year membership that is charged pro-rata with the renewal of the group membership.
- 2.5. Economically disadvantaged countries will pay a discounted rate as determined by the Secretary General.
- 2.6. Fees will have additional national tax and postage applied.

2.7. TABLE OF COSTS

No	Variable	DOJANG (minimum 10 members)	SCHOOL (minimum 20 members & 2 locations)	ASSOCIATION (minimum 100 members)	Disadvantaged country cost
[A]	Minimum Membership fee (@\$24USD)	10 x \$30 = \$300	20 x \$30 = \$600	100 x \$30 = \$3000	Min memb fee US\$18/ member
[B]	Group Plate	\$280	\$280	\$280	US \$200
[C]	A3 Group certificate	\$50	\$50	\$50	free
[D]	Postage vis EMS that delivers to your door within a few working days	Depends on the region and weight	Depends on the region and weight	Depends on the region and weight	Depends on the region and weight
[E]	TOTAL [A+B+C +D]	\$693 + [E]	\$1023 + [E]	\$ 3660 + [E]	TOTAL [A+B+C +D+E]

Note: * This is the minimal fee as based on the minimum number of members per each group; if more members then the fee needs to be added to [A] that will change also [D] and final fee [F]

** All currency is in \$USD

2.8. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP:

- 2.9. Regular: Cost is \$30 per three years
- 2.10. Premium: Cost is \$60 per three years
- 2.11. Undisclosed: Cost is \$30 per three years
- 2.12. Lifetime: No charge (honorary)

Fees will have additional national tax and postage applied.