



Sovereign Open
Saturday 4th October 2025

Venue : The Deanery CE Academy School, Peglars Wy, Swindon SN1 7DA

Door Open: 9.30am

Officials to Arrive by 9.30am

Patterns to start at 10am

Colour belts to arrive by 9.45am

Black belts to arrive by Midday

EVENT VENUE INFORMATION

Google Map: <https://rb.gy/nydtop>

TCUK Rule Book: <https://tkdngb.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Competition-Rule-Book-TCUKmar-24-May.pdf>

Car Parking: Ample free parking including disabled bays to rear of the building

Nearest Train Station: Swindon

Local Taxi Company: Veezu - 01793 701 701

Nearest Bus Stop: Deanery School - <https://www.swindonbus.co.uk/services/TDTR/11>

Hotels: <https://rb.gy/p46wsv>

Facilities at the venue:

- Refreshments will be available
- The nearest supermarket is Waitrose which is 2-minute walk away over the footbridge
- Restaurant (H&W) over the road
- There are toilets, disabled toilets and changing facilities at the venue.
- Some seating is available in viewing gallery, all spectators to stay behind the barrier
- There is level access for the disabled.

DIVISIONS AT THIS COMPETITION

JUNIORS - Up to & including 17 years old (note patterns will be split to under 13's/13-17)

ADULTS - 18 years & over

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES Thursday 2nd October 2025

Students Guide to Entering Sovereign Competitions

BEFORE ENTERING: - Please make sure that:

- You have a current Taekwondo Licence (eCard) with TCUK or any other Taekwondo organisation or National Governing Body.
- You are training regularly and understand what is expected of you.
- You are wearing a Taekwondo Suit (dobok) and belt (no t-shirts) which is approved/awarded by your coach or instructor.
- You have a full set of correctly fitting sparring equipment which meets the criteria set out in the TCUK Rules for competition i.e. boots, shin guards, groin guards (for men and boys) gloves (with enclosed fingers and tethered thumb), head guard and gum shield – all with no rips or tears.
- You have transport to the venue, and you arrive on time.
- All junior (aged under 18) competitors must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Note: All sparring competitors may wear forearm protectors in addition to their regulation sparring equipment.

All competitors make sure you are the correct grade as stated on your entry form. If you have been promoted since entering, you must compete as your previous grade shown on entry form.

HOW TO ENTER

All competitors (juniors or adults) can enter online (using card payment) via the following link:
<https://ma.blackculm.com/comp/cef4b916316/sovereign-open-2025/>

Early Bird Price: £30 per student

After **20th September 2025:** £35 per student

ENTRY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

Entry fee includes entry into: Individual patterns and sparring. There is no speed kick/destruction or team events at this competition.

Spectators: ALL spectators can attend for FREE – bring your friends and family to cheer you on.

Fees to be paid in advance with entry, no entries will be accepted on the day.

Instructors Offer: Enter 5 students and get the 6th FREE! (All students must be on the same block entry form to qualify). **Offer ends on 20th September.**

Instructors wishing to do block entry (minimum 5 students), please use the block entry form which can be obtained by emailing events@tkdngb.co.uk. Payment can then be made using BACS using the details on the block entry form.

PLEASE NOTE - Registrations that require a VISA application will not be accepted. We will not comply with such. If you still insist on registering while you need a VISA and you make payments, these payments will not be refunded, and this will be at your own risk.

JUNIORS (12 and under): Make sure you are the correct height for your division. You will be height tested on the day and if you are not in the correct height division you may be disqualified from that division.

CADETS (13 - 17): Make sure you are the correct height for your division. You will be height tested on the day and if you are not in the correct height division you may be disqualified from that division.

ADULTS (18 years +): Make sure that you are the correct weight for the division you want to compete in. You may be weighed in on the day, and if you are not within your entered weight division you may be disqualified from that division.

ALL COMPETITORS: Upon entry to the venue, you will be given a wristband. This must be visible to enable entry onto the competition floor. Juniors will be height tested upon entry – please be ready to remove your shoes!

OFFICIALS: Those wishing to officiate: All officials must have a TCUK recognised qualification.

- Ring Assistant must be Blue Belt age 14+ or Red Belt age 12+, Umpires must be black belt and 14 years +, Referees must be black belts and 18+.
- YOU MUST ARRIVE BY 9.30 A.M. OTHERWISE YOU WILL BE ASKED TO PAY TO ENTER.
- Please register at the officials' desk upon entry, to gain your officials wristband.
- Please wear dark trousers or skirt with a white or blue shirt. Ties and Blazers are optional.
- Lunch will be provided.

COACHES: Clubs sending multiple students will be allocated one coach pass per five students entered. If you have less than 5 students entered, you will need to pay £5 fee to enter. Coaches must register at the door to obtain your coaches wristband – this will allow you entry onto the competition floor. Instructors: please consider officiating – the more officials, the smoother the competition will run!

PHOTOGRAPHY

There may be an official photographers present on the day. Spectators are not allowed onto the competition floor to take photographs.

ON THE DAY OF THE COMPETITION

NO SPECTATORS ARE ALLOWED AROUND THE COMPETITION AREAS – THEY MUST REMAIN BEHIND THE BARRIER, OR THEY MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE HALL.

NO VIDEO/CAMERAS PERMITTED ANYWHERE ON THE COMPETITION AREA (OTHER THAN OFFICIAL REGISTERED PHOTOGRAPHERS).

- The competition will start with the pattern's events, starting with the juniors.

- Each competition area will be allocated with an area number that will be indicated by the number on the tablecloth.
- Listen out for an announcement for the start of your division on an allocated area.
- All juniors will be height tested upon entry into the hall.
- You must make sure that you are in the right competition area at the right time; if you are unsure, then you must ask your instructor or an official.

Any spectator or competitor with queries regarding entries, divisions, expected division start times etc. should be directed to one of the floor security officers who will be stationed by the barriers to the competition floor. They will then liaise with the top table to answer your query. Alternatively, you can approach any official who is not currently helping judge a competition, and they will attempt to answer your query (again liaising with the top table).

Patterns

All competitors may only perform a pattern of their grade (not above).

Combined Hip Twist and Sine Wave Divisions. Patterns will be judged using the Pyramid Method.

JUNIORS - Up to & including 12 years old. Divisions are White, Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, Black Belts all Dan grades together. Males and females in combined divisions.

CADETS – 13 – 17 years old. Divisions are White, Yellow Green, Blue, Red, Black Belts all Dan grades together. Males and females in combined divisions.

ADULTS – 18+ (no executive divisions) Divisions are White, Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, 1st Degree, 2nd and 3rd Degree, 4th Degree +. Males and females in combined divisions.

PATTERN CHOICES

WHITE	10 th , 9th kup	Sajo Jirugi, Chon Ji
YELLOW	8th, 7th kup	Chon Ji, Dan Gun, Do San
GREEN	6th, 5 th kup	Do San, Won Hyo, Yul Gok
BLUE	4th, 3rd kup	Yul Gok, Joong Gun, Toi Gye
RED	2nd, 1st kup	Toi Gye, Hwa Rang, Choong Moo
BLACK 1	1st Dan	Choong Moo, Kwang-Gae, Po-Eun, Ge-Back
BLACK 2+3	2nd, 3rd Dan	Kwang-Gae, Po-Eun, GeBack, Ko-Dang, Juche, Choong Jang, Eui-Am, Sam-il, Yoo-Sin, Choi Young
BLACK 4+	4th Dan +	Sam-il, Yoo-Sin, Choi Young, Tong-Il, Ul-Ji, Se-Jong, Yon Ge, Moon Mo, So San

MEDALS AWARDED: 1 x Gold, 1 x Silver, 1 x Bronze.

Sparring

JUNIORS - Up to & including 12 years old.

CADETS – 13 – 17 years old.

Will be height tested on the day to ensure entry is correct, is an amendment is required, this maybe chargeable (£5 per amendment donated to Roxi Foundation)

Boys and girls separate (with possible exceptions, see below).

White/Yellow/Green belts together – Point Stop - 1.30-minute rounds

Blue/Red belts together – Continuous - 1.30-minute rounds

Black belts, All Dan grades together. – Continuous - 2-minute rounds (final 2 x 2 minute)

PEE WEEup to and including 135cm (may mix sexes)

LIGHTWEIGHT Over 135 and including 155cm.

MIDDLEWEIGHT Over 155cm and including 175cm

HEAVYWEIGHT Over 175cm

Please note that weight divisions may be merged if there are too few entries.

N.B. Juniors will be height tested on entry to the venue – please ensure your juniors do not skip past height testing by accident, so that all juniors are placed into the correct division on the day.

Men (18+)

White/Yellow/Green belts together – Point Stop - 1.30-minute rounds

Blue/Red belts together – Continuous - 1.30-minute rounds

Black belts, All Dan grades together. – Continuous - 2-minute rounds (final 2 x 2 minute)

LIGHTWEIGHTup to & incl. 70kg

MIDDLEWEIGHT over 70kg up to & incl. 90kg

HEAVYWEIGHT over 90kg

Ladies (18+)

White/Yellow/Green belts together – Point Stop - 1.30-minute rounds

Blue/Red belts together – Continuous - 1.30-minute rounds

Black belts, All Dan grades together. – Continuous - 2-minute rounds (final 2 x 2 minute)

LIGHTWEIGHTup to & incl. 65kg

MIDDLEWEIGHT over 65kg up to & incl. 75kg

HEAVYWEIGHT over 75g

MEDALS AWARDED: 1 x Gold, 1 x Silver, 1 x Bronze.