US National Dan Testing Procedure

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All applicants for the National Taekwondo Dan Promotion Test must fill out a USA National Taekwondo Dan and/or Kukkiwon Dan Application/Conversion Form.

All applicants for the National Taekwondo Dan Promotion Test must meet the requirements for the rank for which they are testing. For example, those testing for 4th Dan must perform one Taeguk Poomsae selected by the National Board of Examiners, Pyongwon Poomsae (and one other Black Belt Poomsae), Kyorugi (Sparring) and Kyukpa (Breaking) for their Promotion Test. Test requirements are outlined in a Section within this document.

The completed Promotion/Conversion Application must be submitted to USA Taekwondo, along with the correct payment amount, to be received by USA Taekwondo not later than 4 weeks prior to the date of the National Taekwondo Dan Promotion Test. This will allow adequate time for USA Taekwondo to investigate your application and respond to you, either with an Acceptance or Rejection notification regarding your application to test. That will also allow adequate time for you to make travel arrangements should your application be accepted for the Promotion Test.

Application Fees will be submitted only by Credit Card, Money Order or Cashier’s Check. Your application is not complete until payment is received and all information on your application has been verified.

Application Fees are non-refundable. If an applicant is declined for the National Taekwondo Dan Promotion Test because of lack of verification of credentials, that person will forfeit the Application Fees.

If a person is accepted for the National Taekwondo Dan Promotion Test and fails the Promotion Test, that person may apply for a re-test at the next National Dan Promotion Test conducted by USA Taekwondo and will only be subject to an administrative re-test fee of $100 USD.
TEST CRITERIA

4th Dan Testing
* For promotion to USA National Taekwondo and/or Kukkiwon 4th Dan:
  * Discretionary: Taeguk Poomsae (selected by National Board of Examiners)
  * Mandatory: Pyongwon Poomsae + 1 Additional Black Belt Poomsae
  * Kyorugi
  * Kyukpa - 1 Speed Break & 1 Power Break
  * 10-page Thesis on appropriate Taekwondo Subject

5th Dan Testing
* For promotion to USA National Taekwondo and/or Kukkiwon 5th Dan:
  * Discretionary: Taeguk Poomsae (selected by National Board of Examiners)
  * Mandatory: Sipjin Poomsae; Keumgang, Taebek, Pyongwon- 1 Selected
  * Kyorugi
  * Kyukpa - 1 Speed Break & 1 Power Break
  * 10-page Thesis on appropriate Taekwondo Subject

6th Dan Testing
* For promotion to USA National Taekwondo and/or Kukkiwon 6th Dan:
  * Mandatory: Jitae Poomsae; Other: Taebek, Pyongwon, Sipjin- 1 Selected
  * Kyorugi
  * Kyukpa - 1 Speed Break & 1 Power Break
  * 10-page Thesis on appropriate Taekwondo subject

7th Dan Testing
* For promotion to USA National Taekwondo and/or Kukkiwon 7th Dan:
  * Cheonkwon Poomsae; Other: Pyongwon, Sipjin, Jitae- 1 Selected
  * 10-page Thesis on appropriate Taekwondo subject
  * Kyukpa - 1 Speed Break & 1 Power Break

Written Thesis
* Written Theses. All written Theses must be ten (10) typewritten pages in English on a subject that is pertinent to Taekwondo. Subject may be selected at random by the person testing and submitting the Thesis. Thesis must be submitted to USA Taekwondo or USTGS at the same time the Application Form is submitted to USA Taekwondo or USTGS. If a Promotion Application is accepted, the Thesis will remain property of USA Taekwondo. If a Promotion Application is rejected, the Thesis will be returned to the applicant.
  * Thesis will fail if another person submits the same subject matter
  * Thesis will fail if it is not long enough
  * Thesis will fail if title and subject matter do not match
  * Thesis will fail if the content is deemed to be substandard
NATIONAL DAN TEST SCHEDULE

* The National Dan Taekwondo Promotion Test will take place over a one-day period at the USA Taekwondo National Championships. It will take place on the day preceding the start of the Competition.

* There will be an Instructional Practical Seminar that will take place on the morning of the National Taekwondo Dan Promotion Test. This seminar is included as a part of the Testing Fees and will be used to review all of the test criteria prior to taking the actual test in the afternoon.

* The National Taekwondo Dan Promotion Test itself will take place from the afternoon of the Test Day at the USA Taekwondo National Taekwondo Championships and will be done in groups, according to test applications received. For example, applicants testing for 4th Dan will test together; applicants for 5th Dan will test together as a group, etc.

* The National Dan Taekwondo Promotion Test will only be for those testing for US National Taekwondo Dan 4th through 7th, and/or Kukkiwon 4th through 7th Dan Black Belt.

NOTIFICATION OF TEST RESULTS

* Participants in the National Taekwondo Dan Promotion Test will receive notification of their Test Status within 30 days following the end of the National Taekwondo Dan Promotion Test.

* Promotion Certificates and documents will be processed and distributed to each individual within 30 days of the completion of the National Taekwondo Dan Promotion Test.

* Where possible, the results of the National Taekwondo Dan Promotion Test will be made known at the completion of the National Taekwondo Dan Promotion and certificates will be distributed and presented at that time.