



Rank Regulations

International ASAS Taekwon-Do Federation (IATF)

1. Objective

To establish the rules and procedures for rank promotions within the IATF, ensuring the technical, ethical, and philosophical integrity of the traditional ITF system under the ASAS philosophy.

2. Scope

This regulation applies to all color belt (Gup 9 to 1) and Dan rank (1st Dan and above) promotions within the IATF, including official examination and certification procedures.

3. Promotion Committee

- The Promotion Committee is exclusively responsible for promotions to 8th Dan and 9th Dan.
- When no 9th Dan is available to supervise a 7th Dan exam, the Committee shall recommend and appoint an 8th Dan to supervise and approve the exam.
- The Committee shall be composed of at least three members holding a 7th Dan rank or higher, appointed by the Executive Council.
- This committee must act impartially, confidentially, and with respect to official technical standards.

4. Requirements for Color Belt Promotions (Gup 9 to 1)

- Recommended continuous training time: 2 to 3 months per Gup.
- Technical requirements per Gup:
 - 9th Gup: Saju-Jirugi, Saju-Makgi
 - 8th Gup: Chon-ji Tul
 - 7th Gup: Dan-Gun Tul
 - 6th Gup: Do-San Tul

- 5th Gup: Won-Hyo Tul
 - 4th Gup: Yul-gok Tul
 - 3rd Gup: Joong-gun Tul
 - 2nd Gup: Toi-gye Tul
 - 1st Gup: Hwa-rang Tul
- All ranks require as basic prerequisites:
 - Practical applications of each Tul's techniques in self-defense scenarios contextualized to current realities.
 - Pre-arranged sparring (Matsogi).
 - Board breaking using the strikes corresponding to the required Tul.
 - Spontaneous sparring.

5. Dan Promotion Requirements

In addition to the above requirements, Dan candidates must meet the following:

Dan	Minimum Experience Time	Additional Technical and Training Requirements	Required Tuls	Additional Requirements
1st Dan	Minimum 6 months at 1st Gup		Choong-moo	
2nd Dan	Minimum 1 year at 1st Dan (or 2 years without seminar)	Complete certified international seminar	Kwang-gae, Po-eun, Ge-baek	
3rd Dan	Minimum 2 years at 2nd Dan (or 3 years without seminar)	Complete certified international seminar	Eui-am, Choong-jang, Juche (Ko-dan alternative)	
4th Dan	Minimum 3 years at 3rd Dan (or 4 years without seminar)	Complete certified international seminar, be an active instructor, have promoted at least one black belt, prepare thesis on technical aspects of Taekwon-Do and teaching	Sam-il, Yoo-sin, Choi-Yong	
5th Dan	Minimum 4 years at 4th Dan (or 5 years without seminar)	Complete certified international seminar, be an active instructor, have promoted black belts 1st and 2nd Dan	Yon-gae, Ul-ji, Moon-moo	
6th Dan	Minimum 5 years at 5th Dan	Complete certified international seminar, be an active instructor,	So-san, Se-jong	

Dan	Minimum Experience Time	Additional Technical and Training Requirements	Required Tuls	Additional Requirements
	(or 6 years without seminar)	have promoted black belts 1st to 3rd Dan		
7th Dan	Minimum 6 years at 6th Dan (or 7 years without seminar)	Complete certified international seminar, be an active instructor, have promoted at least one 4th Dan student, actively participate in federation seminars, prepare thesis on Taekwon-Do philosophy	Tong-il	
8th Dan	No minimum time established	Honorary rank based on contribution to Taekwon-Do development and promotion, philosophy, character and reputation, and representation of the 5 Taekwon-Do principles, awarded by the federation	-	Awarded upon Committee recommendation and President's approval
9th Dan	No minimum time established	Honorary rank for distinguished masters, awarded by the federation upon Committee recommendation and President's approval	-	Awarded upon Committee recommendation and President's approval

6. Authority for Examinations and Promotions

- Color belt students are not authorized to conduct rank examinations.
- 1st Dan can examine up to 2nd Gup.
- 2nd Dan can examine up to 1st Gup.
- 3rd Dan can examine up to 1st Dan, with authorization from the Promotion Committee and/or the IATF President.
- 4th Dan can examine up to 2nd Dan (or 3rd Dan with authorization from the Committee and/or President).
- 5th Dan can examine up to 3rd Dan (or 4th Dan with authorization).
- 6th Dan can examine up to 4th Dan (or 5th Dan with authorization).
- 7th Dan can examine up to 5th Dan (or 6th Dan with authorization).
- 8th Dan can examine up to 6th Dan (or 7th Dan with authorization and President's approval).
- 9th Dan can examine up to 7th Dan, recommend promotions to 8th and 9th Dan, and has the authority, authorized by the President, to approve the Committee's recommendation.

7. Evaluation Process for 8th and 9th Dan

- Submit application at least 60 days in advance to the Promotion Committee.
- Preliminary evaluation of documentation and fulfillment of requirements.

- Demonstration of leadership, ethics, and martial maturity.

8. Approval and Certification

- Decision by simple majority of the Promotion Committee.
- Submission for official ratification by the President and Executive Council.
- Official certificates signed by the President and Secretary General with a unique number.

9. Ethics and Conduct

- Respect ASAS philosophy and martial values.
- Prohibition of favoritism or corruption.
- Act with honesty and respect throughout the process.

10. Validity and Review

- This regulation takes effect upon approval by the Executive Council.
- Reviews every two years for updates and improvements.