



International ASAS Taekwon-Do Federation (IATF)

Regulations for Applicants Requesting Recognition of Rank

1. Purpose

This regulation establishes the requirements, procedures, and evaluation criteria for practitioners seeking official recognition of their Taekwon-Do rank within the International ASAS Taekwon-Do Federation (IATF).

The goal is to ensure that all recognized ranks reflect the high technical, moral, and ethical standards of the IATF, in accordance with traditional ITF principles.

2. Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Hold a legitimate Taekwon-Do rank (Dan or Kup) from a verifiable school, instructor, or federation.
 2. Provide official proof of the rank (certificate, license, or official document).
 3. Demonstrate technical competence according to the IATF's rank requirements, based on the **Taekwon-Do Encyclopedia** and the federation's internal curriculum.
 4. Maintain a history of good conduct, ethics, and respect for the martial art, with no record of serious disciplinary sanctions.
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3. Required Documentation

The applicant must submit the following to the IATF Promotions Committee:

- A completed **IATF Rank Recognition Application Form**.
 - Copy of current rank certificate(s).
 - Copy of black belt identification card or federation license (if applicable).
 - Recent passport-size photo (white background).
 - Curriculum Vitae or Taekwon-Do history detailing training experience, achievements, and contributions to the art.
 - Letter of recommendation from a recognized IATF instructor, master, or official (mandatory for Dan ranks).
 - Proof of payment of the applicable administrative fee.
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4. Evaluation Process

1. **Document Review** – The Promotions Committee will verify the authenticity and validity of the submitted documentation.
 2. **Technical Evaluation** – Depending on the applicant's rank and background, an in-person or online technical evaluation may be required. This evaluation may include patterns (tuls), step sparring, free sparring, breaking techniques, and theoretical knowledge.
 3. **Character & Conduct Review** – The Committee may request references or conduct interviews to confirm the applicant's adherence to the IATF's Code of Ethics.
 4. **Approval** – The Promotions Committee will submit its recommendation to the IATF President for final approval.
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5. Fees

Administrative and processing fees will vary depending on the rank level requested. These fees are non-refundable, regardless of the outcome of the application.

6. Restrictions

- Recognition will only be granted for ranks that align with the IATF technical curriculum.
 - The IATF reserves the right to deny recognition if documentation is incomplete, falsified, or if the applicant's technical or ethical standards are not met.
 - In cases of doubt, the applicant may be required to undergo a complete re-examination for the requested rank.
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7. Validity and Registration

Once approved, the recognized rank will be registered in the official IATF records, and the applicant will receive a corresponding certificate issued by the IATF. Recognition is valid indefinitely, provided the member remains in good standing with the federation.

8. Ethical Expectations

Applicants must:

- Demonstrate humility, respect, and courtesy in all Taekwon-Do activities.
- Avoid any actions that discredit the martial art or the federation.
- Serve as role models in discipline, integrity, and perseverance, both inside and outside the dojang.