



UWTA Tournament Point Policies

The following definitions and policies are those of the UWTA. The definitions and policies set forth are requirements for participation in all UWTA competition divisions and may not be changed by anyone without the expressed written permission of the UWTA. Should any questions arise regarding these definitions or practices, please direct all inquiries to the National Vice President of Tournaments.

Tournament Participation

In order to participate in any UWTA sanctioned tournament, a competitor must comply with all three of the following requirements:

- 1. Be in good standing of the UWTA, UTA or HTF. In good standing means that any member, regardless of rank belt or leadership collar, must have a current membership with the organization. A Certified Instructor must also have a current instructor's certification.**
- 2. Be a member of and be training on a regular and consistent basis in the material that one wishes to compete with at a UWTA licensed school or club.**
- 3. Have his/her Instructor's permission to attend and compete.**

Failure to comply with any of the three requirements listed above will result in the competitor being denied to compete, or if discovered after the completion of the event, any points or place winnings will be nullified. The eligibility requirement is applicable for ALL competition divisions.

UWTA Final 4 International Champion Minimum Participation Requirement

Only Black Belts who compete in "point" qualifying events (tournaments) will be allowed to compete for the title of UWTA World Champion at the annual Final Four competition. This tournament will be conducted in Reno, Nevada at the UWTA World Championship Final 4 tournament. This is open to the top 4 competitors in the Poomsae, Point Sparring, Weapons and Board Breaking Divisions. If one of the Top 4 competitors fails to show, the tournament division will proceed with the remaining 3. The individual in the 5th spot does not move up.

What are Points and how are they awarded?

"Points" are awarded to all Black Belts competing in UWTA National and Regional tournaments and are accumulated throughout the circuit year. Points are specific to each competing member and are non-transferrable for any reason.

Points are awarded to competitors by placing: 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th (for Black Belts Only). Points awarded to color belts will result in a medal or trophy and will not be totaled on a cumulative basis for Final 4. All color belts 12 and under who do not receive a medal or trophy will receive a participation medal. Black Belts age 12 and under will not receive a participation medal.

Black Belts will be awarded points resulting in a trophy or medal if they place in: 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th place will receive points toward Final 4. If the Black Belt is participating at an International event, double points are awarded. Points earned by Black Belts will be collected and totaled on a cumulative basis towards Final 4. Points are awarded differently at Regional and National events and are as follows (Regardless of # of Competitors in a Division):

<u>Regional Tournament</u>	<u>Spring National Championships</u>	<u>World Championships</u>
1st Place = 5 Points	1st Place = 10 Points	1 st Place = 15 points
2nd Place = 4 Points	2nd Place = 8 Points	2 nd Place = 12 Points
3rd Place = 3 Points	3rd Place = 6 Points	3 rd Place = 9 Points
4th Place = 2 Points	4th Place = 4 Points	4 th Place = 6 Points
Participation = 1 Point	Participation = 2 Points	Participation = 4 Points

Sparring – How Competitors Score Points

In Sparring the following techniques will score points:

- **Hand and foot techniques to the legal torso area will score 1 point.** Legal hand techniques include only punches, back fists, hammer fists, ridge hands and knife hands. Fingertip techniques as well as spinning back fists, spinning knife hands, etc. which are defined as “blind techniques” are not allowed.
- **Kicks to the legal head target area and a turning kick to the body will receive 2 points.** NOTE: The shin making contact to the headgear does not constitute a point.
- **Turning or jump kicks to the head will receive 3 points.**

The match will end when:

- A competitor reaches 12 points first
- A competitor is up by 7 points
- A competitor is disqualified
- A competitor forfeits

Candidate Belt (Red/Black) Final 4 Option

A candidate belt may compete as a red belt if they wish. However, they have the option to choose to participate as a Black Belt in an effort to obtain Final 4 points. If the Candidate Belt chooses to participate as a Black Belt, they may not participate as a red belt. The choice of the division will be made by the competitor and his/her instructor upon their becoming a Candidate Belt. Once the decision is made, they must compete at that level throughout the time they are a Candidate Belt.

Final 4 Competitor Age Requirements

Black Belts Only

Our competition year runs from Sept 30th to Sept 30th of the following year. The age of the competitor as of October 31st of the following tournament year, will decide which age division he/she will compete in for Top 4 points. For instance, if the tournament year starts October 4, 2015 and ends October 31, 2016 the competitor will compete in the age division based on their age as of September 30, 2017. Points cannot be carried over from one division to another so it is imperative competitors compete in the proper age division.

Divisions are defined as:

Junior Boys and Junior Girls (separated – not combined):

- 8 and Under: Candidate and above
- 9-10: Candidate-1st Dan
- 9-10: 2nd Dan and above
- 11-12: Candidate-1st Dan
- 11-12: 2nd Dan and above
- 13-14: Candidate-1st Dan
- 13-14: 2nd Dan and above
- 15-17: Candidate-1st Dan
- 15-17: 2nd Dan and above

Adult Black Belt divisions are:

- Men 18-29: Candidate-2nd Dan
- Men 18-29: 3rd Dan and above
- Women 18-29: Candidate and above
- Women 30-39: Candidate-2nd Dan
- Women 30-39: 3rd Dan and above

Men 30-39: Candidate-3rd Dan

- Men 30-39: 4th Dan and above
- Women 40-49: Candidate-1st Dan
- Women 40-49: 2nd Dan and above
- Men 40-49: Candidate-2nd Dan

- Men 40-49: 3rd Dan and above
- Women 50-59: Candidate and above
- Men 50-59: Candidate and above
- Women 60 and above: Candidate and above
- Men 60 and above: Candidate and above

Weapons Divisions (Open and Standard)

- 12 and Below
- 13-17
- 18 and Above

Olympic Sparring

- 12-14 Boys
- 12-14 Girls
- 15-17 Boys
- 15-17 Girls
- 18-31 Men
- 18-31 Women
- 31 and above Men
- 31 and above Women

Team Poomsae (Age Brackets)

- 9-13
- 14-17
- 18 and older

(Note: A Team Poomsae Competitor can compete in a division above/or below if within 12 months of their age. Competitor can compete on two teams so long as it's in two separate divisions if their age fits the 12 month rule. These divisions will be followed at national and world events. On a regional level, it is often times difficult to follow these divisions closely. The result of this is that on a regional level, Adult Black Belt Divisions MAY be combined. The Tournament Director (or his/her assistants) has the ability to combine adult divisions where necessary.

Poomsae Requirements

Each belt rank is required to do specific forms during competition. The required form for each belt is determined by where they are at in that belts color ranking. For example a solid blue belt may do Oh Jang, whereas a Blue w/red stripe belt may do Yook Jang. For the sake of simplicity, the main color of that rank is defined with the overall form possibilities for that belt color:

Required Poomsae:

- White Belts Keecho IL Jang
- Yellow Belts Taegeuk 1 or 2 – Il/Yi
- Green Belts Taegeuk 3 or 4 – Sam/Sah
- Blue Belts Taegeuk 5 or 6 - Oh/Yuk
- Red Belts Taegeuk 7 or 8 - Chil/Pal
- Poom Belt Taegeuk 7 or 8 – Chil/Pal
- 1st Dan Black Belt Taegeuk 8 – Pal or Koryo
- 2nd Dan Black Belt Keumgang
- 3rd Dan Black Belt Taebaek
- 4th Dan Black Belt Pyongwon
- 5th Dan Black Belt Sipjin
- 6th Dan Black Belt: Jitae
- 7th Dan Black Belt: Chonkwon
- 8th Dan Black Belt: Hansu
- 9th Dan Black Belt: Ileyo

All students should consult with their instructor and determine the proper form for their current rank. The only time there is an exception to the poomsae rule is when a Candidate Belt or Black Belt tests for their rank promotion and then competes the next morning. There is obviously not enough time to learn their new form properly over night so a one-time exemption will be made for those Black Belts who just earned a rank promotion. However, this exemption is only for International events and will not be carried forward to the next tournament. At the next tournament, they will be expected to perform their new form.

Sparring Gear

All competitors must wear proper sparring equipment. Mandatory equipment is subject to change; however the following list is mandatory by October 2015:

- Head Gear - WHITE Only
- Chest Guard - Must have red on one side and blue on the other side
- Kicks/Chops - Foam dipped WHITE only
- Mouthpiece - Any color. Must cover the top row of teeth. (When smiling, no top teeth should be visible)
- Shin guard/forearm guards: Optional
- Groin cup for Men: **MANDATORY**. Females: Optional

ALL GEAR MUST BE IN GOOD CONDITION. NO CRACKS IN THE GEAR ARE ALLOWED AND NO TAPE TO REPAIR CRACKS IS ALLOWED.