

The Regulations of Taekwondo Promotion Test

Chapter 1. General Provisions

Article 1 (Purpose) The purpose of these rules is to systematize and standardize promotion tests for the world Taekwondo people by specifying relevant matters on implementation, management, operation, etc. of the Kukkiwon promotion test(hereinafter the promotion test) for Taekwondo of Kukkiwon pursuant to Articles 4 and 50 of the Articles of Association of Kukkiwon. <Amended on Apr. 12, 2016>

Article 2 (Scope of Application) These rules shall be applicable to promotion tests except for the laws, the Articles of Association, or any other special rules. <Amended on Apr. 12, 2016>

Chapter 2. Promotion Tests

Article 3 (Definitions of Terms) The definitions of terms for the promotion test used in these rules shall be as follows: <Amended on Mar. 2, 2015>

1. "Promotion test" shall refer to procedures under which Taekwondo trainees acquire certification for Kukkiwon's Taekwondo *Poom/Dan* by his or her level of training being tested and evaluated. <Amended on Mar. 2, 2015 and Apr. 12, 2016>
2. "*Gup*" shall refer to a rank awarded to general trainees (grade holders or no grade holders), not to Taekwondo *Poom-Dan* holders. <Amended on Mar. 2, 2015 and Apr. 12, 2016>
3. "*Poom*" shall refer to Taekwondo certification awarded to persons under the age of 15. <Amended on Mar. 2, 2015 and Apr. 12, 2016>
4. "*Dan*" shall refer to Taekwondo certification awarded to persons at or above the age of 15. <Amended on Mar. 2, 2015 and Apr. 12, 2016>
5. "Honorary *Dan*" shall refer to *Dan* awarded to persons who have made contributions to the development of Taekwondo.
6. "Posthumous honors *Dan*" shall refer to *Dan* awarded to Taekwondo *Dan* holders who have made great contributions to the development of Taekwondo. <Amended on Apr. 12, 2016>
7. "*Poom-Dan* certificates" shall refer to instruments certifying one's acquisition of *Poom-Dan*. <Newly established on Apr. 12, 2016>

8. "Applicants" shall refer to persons applying for the promotion test. <Newly established on Apr. 12, 2016>
9. "National association" shall refer to each country's Taekwondo associations affiliated with the National Olympic Committee. <Amended on Mar. 2, 2015>
10. "Taekwondo *Sa Bum*(master)" shall refer to a person who has acquired a certification of Taekwondo 4th Dan and a master certification by completing Taekwondo master training courses provided by Kukkiwon's WTA. <Amended on Mar. 2, 2015 and Apr. 12, 2016>
11. "Taekwondo organization" shall refer to an organization accepted by Kukkiwon that has a Taekwondo DoJang(club) over a certain scale and a Taekwondo master(s) as its member(s). <Amended on Apr. 12, 2016>
12. "Institution" shall refer to organizations accepted by Kukkiwon that have special purposes, such as the military, the police. <Amended on Mar. 2, 2015 and Apr. 12, 2016>
13. "Foreign recommended master" shall refer to a person who resides in a foreign country and has acquired certification of Taekwondo 4th Dan and above to whom Kukkiwon granted the rights to recommend applicants for promotion tests and conduct promotion tests. <Amended on Mar. 2, 2015 and Apr. 12, 2016>
14. "Judge" shall refer to persons appointed by the president of Kukkiwon to supervise and evaluate promotion tests. <Newly established on Apr. 12, 2016>
15. "Promotion test recommendation" shall refer to an activity of recommending persons who desire to apply for Kukkiwon's promotion tests. <Amended on Mar. 2, 2015 and Apr. 12, 2016>
16. "Promotion test assignment" shall refer to Kukkiwon's assigning some of its promotion test authorities to other organizations to allow the assignees to exercise their authorities under their rights and responsibilities. <Amended on Mar. 2, 2015 and Apr. 12, 2016.>
17. "Promotion test implementation" shall refer to actually conducting examination for practical and theoretical works including doing administrative works for Kukkiwon's promotion tests. <Amended on Mar. 2, 2015 and Apr. 12, 2016>
18. "Entrusted organization" shall refer to national associations, Taekwondo organizations, institutions, and foreign recommended masters directly assigned some of Kukkiwon's promotion test authorities. <Amended on Apr. 12, 2016>
19. "Re-entrusted organization" shall refer to Taekwondo organizations to which a promotion test assignee reassigns the authorities for promotion test implementation, etc. out of Kukkiwon's promotion test authorities. <Newly established on Apr. 12, 2016>

Article 4 (Levels of *Poom-Dan*) Relevant levels for Taekwondo *Poom-Dan* shall be as follows:

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1. Levels of *Poom*. from 1st to 4th *Poom* <Amended on Apr. 12, 2016>
2. Levels of *Dan*. from 1st to 9th *Dan*. However, the levels of Honorary *Dan* shall be from 1st to 10th *Dan*, and the levels of posthumous honors *Dan* shall be from 5th to 10th *Dan*. <Amended on Apr. 12, 2016 and Jun. 8, 2016>
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Article 5 (Division of Promotion Tests) ① Promotion tests shall be divided as described in each of following subparagraphs: <Amended on Apr. 12, 2016>

1. *Gup* promotion test: to be implemented by Taekwondo masters or foreign recommended masters in relation to general trainees (grade holders or no grade holders), not to Taekwondo *Poom-Dan* holders. <Amended on Apr. 12, 2016>
2. *Poom* promotion test: to be implemented in relation to persons under the age of 15. However, 4th *Poom* shall be for persons under the age of 18. <Amended on Apr. 12, 2016>
3. *Dan* promotion test: to be implemented in relation to persons at or above the age of 15 <Amended on Apr. 12, 2016>
4. Special promotion test <Amended on Mar. 2, 2015 and Apr. 12, 2016.>
 - (a) Promotion test to be implemented in relation to the disabled
 - (b) Promotion test to be implemented by policy judgments
5. Honorary *Dan* promotion test: relevant qualifications to be examined to award *Dan* to persons who have made contributions to the development of Taekwondo. <Amended on Apr. 12, 2016>
6. Posthumous honors *Dan* promotion test: where a person with high Taekwondo *Dan* who has made great contributions to the development of Taekwondo but passed away, relevant qualifications to be examined to be posthumously promoted to a higher *Dan* <Amended on Apr. 12, 2016>
- ② The details of Section 1 Subparagraph 4 or 6 shall be specified separately. <Amended on Apr. 12, 2016>
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Article 6 (Judge) ① Kukkiwon shall have Judge required to conduct promotion test, including supervisors, promotion test evaluators, promotion test implementers.

② The details of Section 1 shall be specified in the Rules of Taekwondo Promotion Test.

[This Article newly established on Apr. 12, 2016]

Article 7 (Establishment of Committees) ① Kukkiwon shall establish committees to ensure efficient management and operation of promotion tests, including the promotion test examination committee, the promotion test fairness committee, the special promotion test examination committee, and the promotion test

management committee.

- ② Kukkiwon may additionally establish separate committees if necessary,
- ③ The details of Sections 1 and 2 shall be set forth in the rules of relevant committees.

[This Article newly established on Apr. 12, 2016]

Article 8 (Promotion Test Fees) ① Kukkiwon shall charge applicants for the prescribed promotion test fees. <Amended on Mar. 2, 2015 and Apr. 12, 2016.>

② Promotion test fees shall be divided as described in each of the following subparagraphs. <Amended on Apr. 12, 2016>

1. Issue fees: costs payable for registration of *Poom-Dan*, issue and grant of *Poom-Dan* certificates <Amended on Mar. 2, 2015 and Apr. 12, 2016.>

2. Assignment fees: costs payable for reassignment of some of the authorities for promotion test assigned by Kukkiwon <Newly established on Mar. 2, 2015 and Apr. 12, 2016.>

3. Implementation fees: costs payable for implementation of promotion test <Amended on Mar. 2, 2015 and Apr. 12, 2016.>

③ Promotion test fees in Section 2 shall be composed of and calculated by direct costs and indirect costs considering a market price change rate, cost investigation, etc., and relevant processes and methods, etc. shall be set forth in the Rules of Taekwondo Promotion Test. <Amended on Mar. 2, 2015 and Apr. 12, 2016.>

④ Promotion test fees may be charged in differential ways according to *Poom-Dan* or country-specific circumstances, and the details thereof shall be set forth separately. <Amended on Mar. 2, 2015 and Apr. 12, 2016.>

⑤ Any costs other than promotion test fees shall not be charged in the name of promotion test fees. <Amended on Apr. 12, 2016>

⑥ The details of refunds of promotion test fees shall be set forth in the Rules of Taekwondo Promotion Test. <Newly established on Apr. 12, 2016>

Chapter 3. Promotion Test Implementation

Article 9 (Public Notice of Promotion Test) ① Kukkiwon shall provide a prior public notice of its promotion test implementation plans.

② The details of Section 1 shall be set forth in the Rules of Taekwondo Promotion Test.

[This Article newly established on Apr. 12, 2016]

Article 10 (Qualifications for Application) ① Kukkiwon shall give qualifications for application based on the term of promotion in *Poom-Dan*, age, refresher training, etc.

② Relevant grounds for disqualifications of application shall be set forth in the Rules of Taekwondo Promotion Test.

③ Kukkiwon may grant special cases of qualifications for application in relation to persons who have made outstanding contributions to the development of Taekwondo and Kukkiwon or on the ground of disseminating Taekwondo, etc., the details of which shall be set forth separated.

[This Article newly established on Apr. 12, 2016]

Article 11 (Standard Promotion Test Subjects) ① The standard promotion test subjects shall be as described in each of the following items:

1. Practical subjects: course for basic movement, course for forms, course for sparring, course for breaking

2. Theoretical subjects: course for written test, course for essay

3. Interview subjects

② In addition to standard promotion tests in Section 1, promotion test subjects may be newly established or added.

③ The details of Sections 1 and 2 shall be set forth in the Rules of Taekwondo Promotion Test.

[This Article newly established on Apr. 12, 2016]

Article 12 (Promotion Test Evaluation) ① A promotion test evaluation shall be based on an absolute evaluation method, which is to evaluate individual applicants based on absolute criteria.

② Evaluation factors for promotion test and evaluation methods shall be set forth in the Rules of Taekwondo Promotion Test.

③ Whether an applicant has passed a promotion test shall be finally approved by the president of Kukkiwon by deciding as a whole whether the applicant has passed for each subject via the promotion test examination committee's examination and resolution.

④ The details of Sections 2 and 3 shall be set forth Separated.

[This Article newly established on Apr. 12, 2016]

Article 13 (Public Notice of Successful Applicants) ① If successful applicants are decided pursuant to Article 12 Section 3,

Kukkiwon shall give a public notice thereof without delay.

② When successful applicants are publicly notified, relevant measures for protecting personal information shall be taken, and information communication networks, etc. may be used.

[This Article newly established on Apr. 12, 2016]

Article 14 (Request for Promotion Test Results Related Materials) ① Where an applicant has an objection to his or her promotion test results and makes a

request for relevant materials, Kukkiwon may allow the applicant to get access to his or her promotion test results.

② Relevant matters on applications and processes for request, etc. under Section 1 shall be set forth in the Rules of Taekwondo Promotion Test.

[This Article newly established on Apr. 12, 2016]

Article 15 (Checklists for Promotion Test Implementation, etc.) ① Kukkiwon shall preliminarily check each of the following matters required to implement promotion tests at a relevant site(s) for promotion test implementation:

1. Relevant facilities and preparatory articles, etc. at promotion test places;
2. Composing and placing promotion test examiners, the staff, the medical staff, etc.;
3. Clothes for applicants, promotion test examiners, the staff, etc.; and
4. Actions for maintaining safety and order, etc.

② The details of Section 1 shall be set forth in the Rules of Taekwondo Promotion Test.

[This Article newly established on Apr. 12, 2016]

Chapter 4. Promotion Test Assignment and Recommendation

Article 16 (Promotion Test Assignment) ① Kukkiwon shall have all authorities for promotion test.

② Kukkiwon may assign some of the authorities for promotion test to promotion test assignees by agreement.

③ A promotion test assignee may reassign some of the authorities in Section 2 to a promotion test re-assignee by contract after prior approval of Kukkiwon.

④ The matters in Sections 2 and 3 shall be finally approved by the president of Kukkiwon via the promotion test examination committee's examination and resolution.

⑤ Assignment of authorities for promotion test shall come into effect immediately when a relevant agreement is entered into.

⑥ The details of Section 2 or 4 shall be set forth separately.

[This Article newly established on Apr. 12, 2016]

Article 17 (Duties) ① Kukkiwon shall be responsible for promotion tests. <Amended on Mar. 2, 2015 and Apr. 12, 2016.>

② Kukkiwon shall provide education to promotion test examiners in order to enhance fairness in promotion tests and ensure efficient operations of promotion tests. <Amended on Mar. 2, 2015 and Apr. 12, 2016.>

③ Promotion test assignees shall have duties and responsibilities for promotion tests assigned by Kukkiwon. <Amended on Mar. 2, 2015 and Apr. 12, 2016.>

④ Promotion test assignees shall establish and operate promotion test related committees conforming to the actual conditions of relevant organizations, and whenever promotion test assignees are to make or amend relevant provisions, they shall obtain approval after submitting them to Kukkiwon. <Amended on Mar. 2, 2015 and Apr. 12, 2016.>

⑤ When a promotion test assignee is to change fees for promotion test, it shall obtain prior approval from Kukkiwon. <Amended on Apr. 12, 2016>

⑥ With respect to matters in Sections 4 and 5, a promotion test re-assignee shall obtain approval from Kukkiwon via its promotion test assignee's examination. <Newly established on Apr. 12, 2016>

⑦ The details of Sections 2 and 3 shall be set forth in the Rules of Taekwondo Promotion Test. <Amended on Apr. 12, 2016>

Article 18 (Cancellation of Promotion Test Assignment, etc.) ① When Kukkiwon finds that a promotion test assignee violates Article 17 or certain agreements or is inappropriate to be assigned for promotion test, it shall discontinue and/or cancel the promotion test assignment; provided, however, that with respect to a promotion test re-assignee, Kukkiwon may request its promotion test assignee to discontinue and/or cancel the promotion test assignment. <Amended on Mar. 2, 2015 and Apr. 12, 2016.>

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② The matters in Section 1 shall become final after approval of the president of Kukkiwon via the promotion test fairness committee's examination and resolution. <Amended on Mar. 2, 2015 and Apr. 12, 2016.>

③ Examination of a promotion test assignee for which promotion test assignment has been discontinued or cancelled shall be made by the promotion test management committee. <Amended on Mar. 2, 2015 and Apr. 12, 2016.>

④ The details of Section 1 or 3 shall be set forth separately. <Newly established on Apr. 12, 2016>

Article 19 (Promotion Test Recommendation) ① Kukkiwon may grant promotion test recommendation authorities to promotion test assignees.

② Promotion test assignees may reassign their promotion test recommendation authorities granted by Kukkiwon, to their affiliated Taekwondo master(s).

- ③ Taekwondo masters in Section 2 and foreign recommended masters shall recommend persons whom they have directly instructed for promotion tests, in order to succeed and maintain the manners, orders, etc. between master and pupil for the unique features of Taekwondo.
- ④ When Kukkiwon finds that a promotion test assignee or a Taekwondo master in Section 2 is inappropriate to recommend persons for promotion tests, it shall discontinue and/or cancel the promotion test recommendation authorities.
- ⑤ Discontinuance and/or cancellation of promotion test recommendation authorities shall become final after approval of the president of Kukkiwon via the promotion test fairness committee's examination and resolution.
- ⑥ The details of Section 1 or 5 shall be set forth separately.

[This Article newly established on Apr. 12, 2016]

Chapter 5. Grant of *Poom-Dan* Certificate, etc.

Article 20 (Grant of *Poom/Dan* Certificate) ① Kukkiwon shall issue and grant to persons who have passed promotion tests, *Poom-Dan* certificates in the name of the president of Kukkiwon by passing processes specified in these regulations and the Rules of Taekwondo Promotion Test, etc. <Amended on Apr. 12, 2016>

② Kukkiwon may issue and grant honorary *Dan* certificates and posthumous *Dan* certificates. <Amended on Apr. 12, 2016>

③ If a *Poom* holder becomes the age of 15 or above (as for the 4th *Poom*, it shall be the age of 18 or above) and desires to be granted a *Dan* certificate by converting the qualification into *Dan*, Kukkiwon may grant a relevant *Dan* certificate via the prescribed processes. <Amended on Apr. 12, 2016>

④ If a person desires to have his or her *Poom-Dan* certificate re-granted due to a ground of losses, etc., Kukkiwon may re-grant *Poom-Dan* certificate via the prescribed processes. <Amended on Apr. 12, 2016>

⑤ When Kukkiwon issues and grants *Poom-Dan* certificates, it shall grant *Poom/Dan* numbers to ensure efficient management of *Poom-Dan* holders; provided, however, that where a *Poom-Dan* holder has passed a promotion test, the first granted *Poom-Dan* numbers shall be maintained. <Amended on Apr. 12, 2016>

⑥ The details of Section 1 or 4 shall be set forth in the Regulations of Taekwondo Promotion Test. <Amended on Apr. 12, 2016>

Article 21 (Disciplinary Action to be Taken against Activities of Disarranging Orders in Promotion Tests) ① Kukkiwon shall take disciplinary action against groups or individuals who have engaged in activities of disarranging orders in promotion tests.

② The matters in Section 1 shall become final after approval of the president of

Kukkiwon via the promotion test fairness committee's examination and resolution.

③ The details of Sections 1 and 2 shall be set forth separately.

[This Article newly established on Apr. 12, 2016]

Article 22 (Documents to be Submitted, etc.) Relevant documents to be submitted for promotion tests, and issue and grant of *Poom-Dan* certificates, etc. shall be set forth in the Rules of Taekwondo Promotion Test.

[This Article newly established on Apr. 12, 2016]

Chapter 6. Supplementary Rules

Article 23 (Application of Rules) Notwithstanding these regulations, if a promotion test is implemented in a foreign country, independent rules may be set forth separately.

[This Article newly established on Apr. 12, 2016]

Additional provisions <Established on Jul. 28, 2010>

Article 1 (Date of Implementation) These regulations shall be implemented from the date when a resolution of the Steering Committee is obtained.

Additional provisions <Amended on Jan. 17, 2011>

Article 1 (Date of Implementation) These regulations shall be implemented from the date when a resolution of the Steering Committee is obtained.

Article 2 (Interim Measures) In the Republic of Korea, if an agreement for assignment is not made pursuant to these regulations, the preexisting regulations of promotional test management shall apply.

Additional provisions <Amended on Nov. 5, 2012>

Article 1 (Date of Implementation) These regulations shall be implemented from the date when a resolution of the Steering Committee is obtained.

Additional provisions <Amended on May 28, 2014>

Article 1 (Date of Implementation) These regulations shall be implemented from the date when a resolution of the Steering Committee is obtained.

Additional provisions <Amended on Mar. 2, 2015>

Article 1 (Date of Implementation) These regulations shall be implemented from the date when a resolution of the Steering Committee is obtained.

Additional provisions <Amended on Apr. 12, 2016>

Article 1 (Date of Implementation) These regulations shall be implemented from the date when a resolution of the Steering Committee is obtained.

Additional provisions <Amended on Jun. 8, 2016>

Article 1 (Date of Implementation) These regulations shall be implemented from the date when a resolution of the Steering Committee is obtained.