

International Taekwon-Do Federation I.T.F.



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INFORMATION FOR ITF

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5. Legal Status

- ITF has been registered to the Austrian Police Direction in 1986 as a non-profit and non-governmental international organization.
- Its legal registration Status is to be renewed following every election at the Congress in compliance with Austrian Law.
- ITF has been recognized as the International Sports Organization by the Austrian Sports Federation, as published on the “Year Book” of Sports for 2004/2005 and for 2005/2006, as the sole and unique International Sports Organization with its Headquarters located in Vienna, Austria (See page 292 on “Year Book” for 2004/2005).
- ITF has been registered to the Finance Ministry of Austria as Non-Profit-Civilian Organization in November 2004.
- ITF is a Signatory Federation of World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) from July 2010.

6. Members.

127 member countries were confirmed as a full membership of ITF at the 25th ITF Congress held in Bulgaria on 26th August 2015.

7. Continental Federations.

- Asian Taekwon-Do Federation (The Headquarters is in China)
- European International Taekwon-Do Federation (The Headquarters is in UK)
- Oceanic Taekwon-Do Federation (The Headquarters is in Australia)
- Pan American Taekwon-Do Council (The Headquarters is in Argentina)
- Taekwon-Do Federation of Africa (The Headquarters is in South Africa)

8. History.

- April 11, 1955 – “Taekwon-Do” founded by Gen. Choi Hong Hi
- March 22, 1966 – ITF inaugurated in Seoul, South Korea
- January 1972 – ITF Headquarters moved to Toronto, Canada
- 1985 – ITF Headquarters moved to Vienna, Austria

- June 15, 2002 – Gen. Choi Hong Hi, the Founder of Taekwon-Do, Builder & 1st President of ITF passed away
- September 22, 2002 – Prof. Dr. Chang Ung, the IOC member, elected as the ITF President
- October 13, 2009 – Prof. Dr. Chang Ung reelected as the ITF President
- August 26, 2015 – Prof. Mst. Ri Yong Son elected as the ITF President

9. **Official Events.**

- World Championships to be held every 2 years
- Junior & Veteran World Championships to be held every 2 years
- Memorial Cup Tournament for Gen. Choi Hong Hi to be held every year
- Technical Seminars and Courses for Instructors and Umpires to be held more than 9 times a year in different countries and regions

10. **Order, Medal & Diploma.**

- ITF Order,
- ITF Outstanding Instructor Medal
- ITF Diploma of Citation

11. **Umpire.**

- Umpire “A” from 4th Dan and above
- Umpire “B” for 2nd and 3rd Dan

12. **Classification of the Ranks.**

- Color Belt Holder (10th Gup to 1st Gup)
- Black Belt Holder (**Assistant Instructor** from 1st to 3rd Dan
International Instructor from 4th to 6th Dan
Master for 7th & 8th Dan
Grand Master for 9th Dan)

13. **Official Magazine.**

“Original Taekwon-Do” to be published quarterly with 5000 copies each time

14. Categories of Competitions.

- Pattern (Team & Individual)
- Sparring (Team & Individual)
- Special Techniques (Team & Individual)
- Power Breaking (Team & Individual)
- Self-Defense Routine (Team)

15. Official Dress, Equipment and Advertisement through Taekwon-Do Activities

- Doboks and Belts (white, yellow, green, blue, red, black color) for students and competitors
- Umpire Dress - Jacket (navy blue color)
 - Trousers (navy blue color)
 - Tie (navy blue color)
 - White Shirt (navy blue color)
 - Gym Shoes (navy blue color)
- All sorts of T-Shirts, ITF Logo, Shoulder Patches for Black Belt Holders and all kinds of souvenirs for winners at the Tournaments and World Championships, students, Instructors, Masters, Grand Masters and relevant persons with ITF & Taekwon-Do across the world
- Tracksuits, gym shoes, bag, towel, etc.
- Sparring equipments (Head Guard, Mouthpiece, Breast Protector for Female, Rib and Abdominal Protector for Veteran Competitors, Gloves, Forearm Protector, Shoes, Groin Protector, Shin Protector, etc.)
- Floor for Competitions (9×9 m) and holders for Power Breaking & Special Techniques competitions and Mats
- Tables, Chairs, Stop Watches, Record Papers, Flags (Red and Blue) and Bells (gong) for Referees and Jury
- Electronic Scoring Board
- Advertisements through the publications including website, magazines, Encyclopedia, Newsletters and so on

16. References.

- ITF Constitution and By-Laws
- ITF Tournament Rules and Regulations

- ITF Umpire Rules and Regulations
- ITF Website (www.itf-tkd.org)
- Moral Guide Book (Jungshin Sooyang)
- 15 Volumes of Encyclopedia
- Condensed Encyclopedia
- Several sorts of pamphlets
- CD Rom covering the history and the technical parts of Taekwon-Do
- Trimester Newsletters
- ITF Anti-Doping Rules