



Mark your calendars! 2021 Training and Testing Dates

July 31st – USTF Ground Tactics Course - Missouri	Sep 11th – USTF Promotion – Broomfield Colorado
Aug 26th – Axe Taekwon-Do Testing	Sep 18th – USTF Tournament – Casper, Wyoming
Aug 30th – USTF Tournament – Kirksville, Missouri	Nov 18th – Axe Taekwon-Do Testing
Sep 2nd – Return to the Offutt Youth Center	

All articles in this edition are written by Sr. Master Todd

Issues in Taekwon-Do

As a USTF Regional Director, I often work on issues that I typically do not encounter in my school. For a source of reference, I have been teaching since 1985. I have started and taught at 10 different Taekwon-Do schools in Kansas, Missouri, California, Nebraska, and overseas in Turkey. The USTF allows some freedom for students that might vary from what I would allow. Here are some common questions and answers so you know what my expectations are as your instructor:

1. *Can I train in another style (Karate, etc) while enrolled at your Taekwon-Do school?* No, this is not allowed. The USTF has allowed students to train with other organizations **provided they do not test or accept rank**. Many instructors do not allow this at all. My recommendation for new students is to go and train in the other styles before they start Taekwon-Do, then come to my school. Taekwon-Do is too complex and difficult to split your time between our style and another.
2. *Can I attend other testings or seminars?* My first question would be why? If you have a friend or family member testing in another style you could go and watch the event, however, I would not want you to be in your Taekwon-Do uniform or USTF Blazer. Wearing this could infer that we “the USTF” endorse their event. The USTF does allow this with the same precautions. Again, my statement to you would be that the USTF offers plenty of seminars and tournaments, why spend your time and money on other events?
3. *Can I get a different color uniform to wear?* Why? The official uniform for Taekwon-Do is the white uniform, no other uniforms are allowed.
4. *Can we go by first names outside the school, my old instructor who was in the ITF allowed this.* This is not allowed and is not proper etiquette. Outside the class, we still retain our titles of Mr, Mrs, Miss, Master, Sr. Master, Grand Master, etc. Use proper Taekwon-Do titles inside and outside the Taekwon-Do training location, and never refer to one of the black belts as Ms. April, it is always title and last name.

5. *There are so many rules about dress and appearance how will I be able to follow them all?* Refer to our USTF Dress and Appearance guide, which will be included in this newsletter.

Birthdays in July



Happy birthday to the following students of Axe Taekwon-Do: Mrs. Lewis, July 13th, Master Bushor, July 29th. Please email Sr. Master Todd at ustfneb@cox.net if your name is not listed.

USTF Ground Tactics Course

July 31st, 2021 – Columbia, Missouri

Harrisburg Taekwon-Do and Grand Master Winn invite all of us to attend the USTF Ground Tactics Course. The event will be held in Columbia, Missouri. The course will be taught by Mr. Rouse, VI dan student of Sr. Master Hannon. The cost is \$75 for initial certification and \$50 for a refresher certification. This event is open to all ranks and students 12 years and older. It will be held at the Hickman High School and run from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm. Several students from Axe Taekwon-Do have indicated they are attending. Master Bushor, Ms. Bowling, and I will probably drive to and from the event in one day. We plan to leave around 4 am on Saturday, July 31st and will return after the event. Please contact me if you are interested in attending. We have several people that are driving to the event, attending, and then driving back in one day. We would love to have more people attend this event. Registration and information are available at: <http://www.axetkd.com/Tournaments/USTFGroundTacticsCourse.pdf>

Promotion Testing

August 26th, 2021 – Bellevue, Nebraska



The next scheduled testing for Axe Taekwon-Do will be August 26th. We will notify those that are

ready to test in late July or early August. You have plenty of time to prepare.

USTF Tournament

August 28th, 2021 – Kirksville, Missouri

The 6th Annual Kirksville Taekwon-Do tournament will be held in Kirksville, Missouri on Saturday, August 28th. For 20 years or more, this event was held as the “Battle of the Belts”. The tournament will feature patterns, sparring, and breaking. We typically have a strong showing for this event and I would like to continue our tradition this year. The flyer and registration forms are located at:

<http://www.axetkd.com/Tournaments/2021KirksvilleInvitationalTournament.pdf>

If you would like to attend please let me know ASAP. Ms. Bowling will be handling the hotel reservations.

Returning to the Offutt Youth Center

September 2nd, 2021

The Offutt Youth Center has extended an invitation to me to return the Axe Taekwon-Do program to their facility in September. We left there in March 2020.

The class times will be:

- Classes remain on Tuesday & Thursday evenings
- Beginners 530 pm – 630 pm
- Remainder of the class 630 pm – 8 pm

Over the last year, we have accomplished our training in a single 90-minute class. Instead of running 3, hour sessions I am considering running 2 sessions. One for an hour and one for 90 minutes. Regardless you will get plenty of training time and this would get you home a little earlier than the old 530-630, 630-730, and 730-830 classes.

*** Remember that your August tuition will be the last monthly fee that you pay to me. In September, you will need to pay the Youth Center directly. They do not accept Venmo but will accept debit, credit cards, or checks. I will have more information on the return to the Youth Center in the future.

USTF Testing – Promotion

September 11th, 2021 – Broomfield, Colorado

There will be a black belt testing and promotion event at USTF Headquarters on Saturday, September 11th. Grand Master Sereff has notified me that I will be promoted to 9th degree black belt, Grand Master. I consider this an honor and any student that would like to attend is invited. However, others are being promoted that day and it is not just for me. I understand some of the Axe Taekwon-Do students may be facing budget, travel, or work issues. If you have to pick only one event to attend this year, choose the Ground Tactics Course or the tournament in Casper, Wyoming. We will have a small luncheon (I sincerely mean small) event sometime after the September 11th

event. I do not seek or need the recognition of a big party to have Sr. Grand Master Sereff and Grand Master Sereff promote me is more than enough for me!

USTF Tournament

September 18th, 2021 – Casper, Wyoming

The 21st Annual Casper Wyoming Taekwon-Do tournament will be held in Casper, Wyoming on Saturday, September 18th. The tournament will feature patterns, sparring and team breaking. We typically have a strong showing for this event and I would like to continue our tradition this year. The flyer and registration forms are located at:

<http://www.axetkd.com/Tournaments/WyInvit2021.pdf>

Due to the distance of this event, you need to plan on a two-night stay leaving on Friday and returning Sunday. If you would like to attend please let me know ASAP. Ms. Bowling will be handling the hotel reservations.