

SCAN TO LEARN MORE



37TH HWANG'S
MARTIAL ARTS

WORLD TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIP

For More Information: +1 (502) 412-7755

**KENTUCKY INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION CENTER**

HALL B

221 S 4th Street
Louisville, KY 40202

OCTOBER 24, 2026

A BETTER WAY TO FRAME

We do jobs right the first time.
We have more than forty years of experience
in wood frame construction and management.



USFRAMING.COM



PLATINUM PRIMARY

DIRECT PRIMARY CARE

Personalized Care. Real Answers.

Answers, support, and a personalized plan
for children, adults & families.

*Care provided by a board-certified
family medicine physician*



ADHD MEDICAL EVALUATIONS

Medical evaluations for ADHD
with personalized treatment plans.



ANXIETY & DEPRESSION CARE

Compassionate care for anxiety,
depression & stress management.



MEDICATION MANAGEMENT

Carefully managed medication
with ongoing support.



CONCIERGE PRIMARY CARE (DPC)

Direct access to your physician
for you & your whole family.



WEIGHT LOSS SUPPORT

Medical weight loss plans
with lifestyle guidance.



PREVENTIVE WELLNESS

Annual physicals, labs,
& preventive care.



**NOW SCHEDULING
NEW PATIENTS**

*One Physician.
More Time.
Better Care.*



**MEDICAID & SELECT
INSURANCE PLANS ACCEPTED**



Insurance is only billed for medical evaluations such as ADHD, anxiety,
depression and medication management.
(DPC services are cash pay.)



**2931 S. Hurstbourne Parkway
Louisville, KY 40220**



502-482-8200

Coverage varies by plan. Call to verify benefits.

Medical evaluations only. Psychological, psychoeducational and neuropsychological testing are not provided.

CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN

Grandmaster Jung Oh Hwang

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Master Mimi Hwang

CO-DIRECTORS

Master Jackson Huse

Mrs. Elizabeth Corbeil

HORSEMAN COMMITTEE

Dr. Jesse Jenkins

Media/Promotions Chair

Instr. John Cullinane

Competition Chair

Dr. Jignesh Shah

Medical Chair

Laura Burge

Volunteer Chair

Instr. Tim Robinson

Set-up/Clean-up Chair

Instr. Todd Roberts

Technology Chair

Krissy Mehal

Registration Chair

Matthew Brotzge

Legal Chair

Peter Jannace

Hospitality Chair

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Master Stacy Koch

Master Ian Schultz

Master Dave Johnson

Instr. Dr. Allison Webb

Instr. Miranda Nethery

Mr. Don Ault

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Master Mimi Hwang

Instr. Carter Martin, Jr.

NATIONAL ANTHEMS

Krissy Mehal

American National Anthem

Instr. Jean Gray

Korean National Anthem

DEMONSTRATION TEAMS

HMA J-Town Demo Team

Lina Walz

Co-Captains:

Instr. Elijah Holley

Levi Marcum

Advisor - Master Ian Schultz

HMA East End Demo Team

Instr. Dr. Allison Webb

Co-Captains:

Instr. Patrick Hettinger

Jonah Allen

Advisor - Master Lance Bruns

Advisor - Instr. Vinny Rodriguez

Advisor - Instr. Robert Webb

HMA Okolona Demo Team

Instr. Kailey Gonzalez

Co-Captains:

Sarah Thluai

Gideon Zul

Intsr. Ethan Hilpp

Advisor - Instr. Francis Ngo

HMA SWAT Team

Instr. Vinny Rodriguez

Co-Captains:

Instr. Lillith Sleigh

Instr. Sumeja Omerovic

Lina Walz

Ethan Hilpp

Advisor - Master Jackson Huse

Advisor - Instr. Jean Gray

DRUM TEAM

Instr. Courtney Russo

Instr. Ezra Russo

Instr. Robert Webb

Dustin Perkins

PROGRAM BOOK DESIGN

Master Jackson Huse

WELCOME, SPECIAL GUESTS!

Master
Oscar Galvez Venegas
La Paz, Bolivia

Master
Yun Seok Kang
Richmond Hill, Canada

Master
Sung Son Yu
Anchorage, AK

Master
Carlos Alberto Quiroga Valero
Bogota, Columbia

GRANDMASTERS

Sung Tae Kim
Milwaukee, WI

Pyong Gon Eun
Knoxville, TN

Dr. Tiger Kim
Lexington, KY

Greg Dickerson
St. Louis, MO

Douglas Grant
Central, KY

Tung Dinh
Murray, KY

Seong Yong Ji
Atlanta, GA

Jae Woo Seol
Matthews, NC

Inae Park
Mason, OH

Todd Somers
Jefferson, IN

Bruce Rho
St. Louis, MO

Robert McDowell
Edgewood, IO

Sedita Von Whited
Liberty, KY

Darrell Hall
Ashland, KY

MASTERS

Sang Won Han
Cincinnati, OH

Ryan Kim
Powell, OH

Eric & Kristen Waterman
Westfield, IN

Steven Schwab
Dayton, OH

Taekyung Lee
Dayton, OH

Misty Elder
Covington, KY

Jason & Jenn Taylor
Columbus, OH

Kim Stevenson
Clarkson, KY

Young Jin Kim
Columbus, OH

Tim Laderman
Martin, TN

Thuy Rocco
Nashville, TN

Olivia Evans
Alexandria, KY

Jerry Johnson
Erlanger, KY

Spenser Hill
Ripley, WV

Samson Cornette
Louisville, KY

Kyle Pak
Matthews, NC

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



7:00-7:45 AM

Black Belt Checkin



8:30-11:30 AM

Color Belt Checkin



8:00-10:30 AM

Black Belt Competition



10:30-12:30 PM

Demo Team Competition



11:30-12:30 PM

Lunch Break



12:45-2:00 PM

Opening Ceremonies



2:00-5:00 PM

Color Belt Competition

CHAMPIONSHIP CHECKLIST



CHECK IN



Arrive at the Kentucky International Convention Center (KICC) - Hall B



Present your emailed QR Code at check in.



Confirm competitor information: height, age, weight, belt, etc.



COMPETITION PREP



Purchase boards at the AAMA booth.
12 and Under: 9 mm 13 and Above: 9 or 12 mm



Write your competitor's name and breaks on their boards- just in case!



Place belongings in staging area (page 6),
WRITE YOUR NAME ON EVERYTHING



COMPETITION



Showcase your skills!



Post pics/vids to Facebook (@hmalouisville)



Take a picture at our photo-ops!

THE BEST WAY TO STAY UP TO DATE IS TO VISIT:

www.facebook.com/hmalouisville

TABLE OF CONTENTS

4

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

7

VENUE & ACCOMMODATIONS

10

LETTER FROM GRANDMASTER HWANG

13

REGISTRATION FORM

14

VISITING SCHOOLS

16

COMPETITION RULES

18

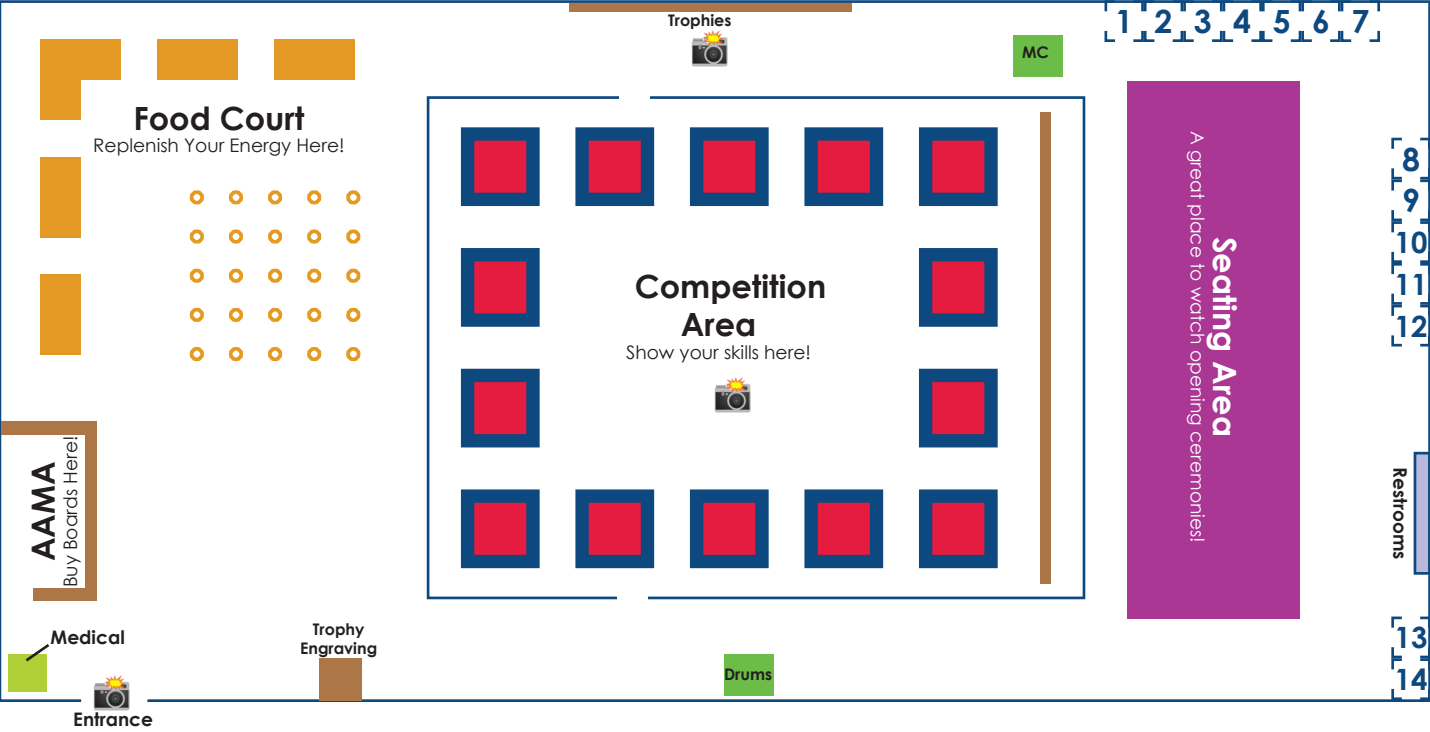
RING ASSIGNMENTS

20

DEMO TEAM COMPETITION

24

SPONSORS



Legend

- **AAMA** - The place to purchase boards, equipment, and cool merch!
- **Seating Area** - Seats for our open ceremonies and demo competition.
- **Medical Tent** - In case of emergencies.
- **Trophies** - A great place to get your trophy engraved and a perfect photo op!
- **MC Stand & Drums** - Two easy landmarks to meet up.
- **Restrooms** - For when you need to go!
- **Food Court** - Look at our menus below!
- **# Staging Areas** - Special places to put your belongings.

 **WHERE TO GET THE PERFECT PICTURE!**

- Taekwondo Kickers
- Photo Backdrop
- Trophy Wall
- In the Ring

Volunteer for the **BEST seat!**

Food Vendors* - While Supplies Last



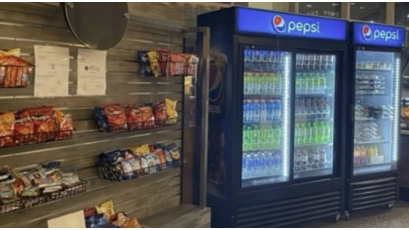
FALLS CITY PIZZA CO.
10AM - 2 PM

Menu Options:
Cheese Pizza
Pepperoni Pizza
Vegetarian Pizza
Meat Lovers Pizza



CLASSIC CRAVINGS
11AM - 3 PM

Menu Options:
Chicken Tenders w/ Chips
Loaded Mac & Cheese
Packaged Snacks
Sweet Treats



MARKET FRESH EXPRESS 8AM - 5 PM *while supplies last

Grab and Go Market Offering:

• Yogurt	• Wraps	• Coffee
• Pastries	• Fruit Cups	• Tea
• Sweet Treats	• Prepackaged Snacks	• Pepsi Products
• Sandwiches		



Kentucky International Convention Center KICC - HALL B

221 South 4th Street
Louisville, KY 40202

Parking Fees

0-1 hours	\$3.00
1-2 hours	\$5.00
2-4 hours	\$7.00
4-8 hours	\$10.00
8-24 hours	\$12.00

For convince, please utilize the parking garages:

- Cowger Garage - KICC (4th & Market Street)
- Commonwealth Garage - KICC (Between 3rd & 4th, on Jefferson)

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hyatt Regency
320 West Jefferson Street,
Louisville, KY 40202

Room Rate: \$199
2 Queen Beds

tinyurl.com/HMAWTC2026







GOOD LUCK COMPETITORS!

OUR SERVICES

- Provide professional guidance through real estate transactions.
- Cover residential and commercial real estate services.

CONTACT US TODAY

☎ (502) 897-1051

📍 2908 Brownsboro Rd.
Suit 100
Louisville, KY 40206



**PROUD \$10,000 Platinum Sponsor of the
37th HMA World Taekwondo Championship!**

A LETTER FROM GOVERNOR ANDY BESHEAR



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Andy Beshear
GOVERNOR

Kentucky State Office Building
501 High Street
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601
Phone: (502) 564-2611
Fax: (502) 564-2517

October 24, 2026

Greetings:

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, I am honored to welcome you to the 37th Hwang's Martial Arts World Taekwondo Championship and to the Kentucky International Convention Center in downtown Louisville.

Hwang's Martial Arts remains a beacon in the community providing martial arts instruction to people of all ages and offering a host of programs for children including after-school activities and summer camps. For nearly three decades, Hwang's has shown its dedication and commitment to the Louisville community by raising more than \$1,000,000 for local nonprofit organizations.

During your stay in Louisville, I hope you will explore the many attractions this thriving city has to offer. I offer you my very best for a successful championship event.

Sincerely,


Andy Beshear
Governor

A LETTER FROM THE MAYOR OF LOUISVILLE



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CRAIG GREENBERG

October 2026

Greetings,

On behalf of our entire city, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to Louisville for Hwang's Martial Arts' 37th World Taekwondo Championship. We are honored to host competitors, coaches, families, and supporters from across the country and multiple continents for this exciting celebration of martial arts, discipline, and sportsmanship.

For nearly four decades, this tournament has brought together athletes and schools to demonstrate skill, perseverance, respect, and excellence. We recognize and commend Hwang's Martial Arts for its continued commitment to developing students of strong character and for creating an event that fosters friendship, cultural exchange, and healthy competition.

Louisville is a city shaped by and known for our hospitality. While you are here, I encourage you to explore our many signature attractions—tour the legendary Churchill Downs and Kentucky Derby Museum, stroll along the Ohio River at Waterfront Park, and experience the craftsmanship at the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory. You may also enjoy the Muhammad Ali Center, our vibrant neighborhoods, and the renowned Urban Bourbon Trail. Whatever your interests, I trust you will find Louisville to be a welcoming and memorable host city.

We are excited to welcome you and wish all participants a safe, memorable, and successful event.

Sincerely,

Craig Greenberg
Mayor

WWW.LOUISVILLEKY.GOV

LOUISVILLE METRO HALL | 527 WEST JEFFERSON STREET | LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40202

A LETTER FROM GRANDMASTER HWANG

DEAR GRANDMASTERS, SPECIAL GUESTS, COMPETITORS, FAMILIES,
FRIENDS, AND SPONSORS,

Welcome to the 37th Annual Hwang's Martial Arts World Taekwondo Championship! It is my honor and privilege to welcome each and every one of you to Louisville, Kentucky, for this special celebration of Taekwondo. Whether this is your first Championship or you have been joining us for many years, we are grateful that you are here.

For thirty-seven years, this Championship has been more than a competition, it has been a gathering of tradition, perseverance, respect, and community. As martial artists, we understand that success is not only measured by medals or trophies. Success is found in the courage to step into the ring, the determination to overcome challenges, and the confidence to believe in yourself. At Hwang's Martial Arts, we have always taught the importance of a positive attitude and an indomitable spirit. That is why one of our most important messages remains: **"Yes I Can!"**

I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to our Grandmasters, Master Instructors, Families, Sponsors, Volunteers, Co-Directors, Horseman Committee, Judges, and Staff. Your dedication, encouragement, and countless hours of service make this Championship possible year after year.

As we celebrate together today, let us remember the true spirit of Taekwondo: courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control, and indomitable spirit. Let us build friendships, create memories, and inspire the next generation of martial artists and leaders.

Most importantly, remember that every competitor who steps onto the floor today has already achieved something special through their hard work and dedication. At Hwang's Martial Arts, we proudly believe that **"Everyone is a Winner!"**

Thank you for being part of our Championship family. I wish all competitors the very best of luck, and I hope you enjoy this memorable and exciting day. Never give up!

Thank you,
Gahm sah ham nida! (감사합니다!)

Grandmaster Jung Oh Hwang
CEO, Founder
1984 Los Angeles Olympic





MAKING A
DIFFERENCE
LOCALLY &
GLOBALLY



LEARN MORE | www.jhlhf.org



Inspired by the life and vision of Grandmaster Jung Oh Hwang, the Jung Hwang Legacy Foundation provides opportunities for individuals to improve their lives, achieve their dreams, and make the world a better place.

When Grandmaster Hwang learned that a taekwondo school in Cuba was training with too small or no uniforms, the Legacy Foundation helped provide 100 new uniforms!



Scan to Give
Via Venmo



PAPER APPLICATION MUST BE MAILED BY THE CUT-OFF DATES BELOW TO:
Hwang's Martial Arts 2813 N. Hurstbourne Pkwy #201 Louisville, KY 40223

37TH HWANG'S WORLD TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIP INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION

COMPETITOR INFORMATION All information is REQUIRED.

First Name		
Last Name		
Birthdate		
Height ft. in.	Weight lbs.	Gender (circle) Male Female
Belt Level (Circle the belt most comparable to your school) White(10) Yellow(9) Orange(8) Green(7) Blue-Tip(7) Blue(6) Purple(5) Brown(4) Red(3) Black-Tip(2) Tiger(1) Dragon(1) Temporary Black(1) Black		
Phone		
Email		
Parent/Guardian (if under 18)		Will be present? YES NO
Emergency Contact		
Emergency Contact Phone		Emergency Contact Relation
Dojang (School) Name or HMA Location (circle or write) J-Town East End Okolona Other: _____		
Which Events Are You Competing In? ☐ Breaking ☐ Forms ☐ Sparring ☐ Weapons (Black Belt Only)		

EVENT INFORMATION

	Early Registration (Ends October 10)	Late Registration (October 11-21)	At the Door	☒	TOTAL
One Event	\$95	\$115	\$180		
Two Events	\$105	\$125	\$190		
Three Events	\$115	\$135	\$200		
Four Events	\$125	\$145	\$210		
Adult Tick- ets (Ages 13+)	\$10	\$15	\$15		
Kid Tickets (Ages 5-12)	\$7	\$10	\$10		
Parent Pass (Access onto competition floor)	\$120	\$130	\$150		
SUB-TOTAL				\$	
6% Sales Tax				\$	
TOTAL				\$	

IMPORTANT NOTES

- There are no refunds for any purchases.
- Competitors do NOT need admission tickets.
- Spectators ages 4 and under get in free.
- Check-in times to be announced for each competition level.
- Competitors are responsible for bringing their own gear for sparring & weapons.
- Boards for breaking competition MUST be purchased at the event (\$3/board). (you may not bring your own)
- If mailing, please use money orders or cashier checks payable to "Hwang's Martial Arts".
- NO PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED.
- There is online registration available at: championship.hwangsmartialarts.com



LIABILITY WAIVER

In consideration of your acceptance of my entry in this competition, I do hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators waive, release and forever discharge any and all rights, claims, suits, losses, damages, expenses (including attorney's fees) and injuries of any kind or nature whatsoever which I may have against Hwang's Martial Arts I, Inc., all members of the championship and their respective officers, agents, representatives, successors, and/or assigns, and against any competitor for any and all damages which may be sustained in connection with my association with or entry in the above athletic meet, and which may arise out of traveling to, participating in, and/or returning from such athletic meet. I fully understand that Taekwondo is a body-contact sport and that injuries can occur during competition. I further acknowledge having received and reviewed a copy of the rules of this competition. I fully understand the competition rules and agree to fully abide by them. I hereby consent to receive medical treatment that may be deemed advisable by Hwang's Martial Arts I, Inc. and their representatives in the event of injury accident, or illness while participating in the championship, including, but not limited to, transportation to a medical facility. In the event that the participant is a person under 18 years of age, the undersigned parent or legal guardian of the participant agrees to waive, release and forever discharge any and all rights, claims, suits, losses, damages, expenses (including attorney's fees) and successors, and/or assigns, and against any competitor for any and all damages, and consent to medical treatment for participant. I hereby irrevocably authorize Hwang's Martial Arts I, Inc. and those acting under its authority, to copy, use or publish for art, advertising trade or any other lawful purpose whatsoever, photographic portraits, pictures or videotapes of the participant, without obligation to Hwang's Martial Arts I, Inc. I understand participation fees are non-refundable with the exception of illness or family emergency with proof. Note: this release, consent and assumption of risk, has important legal consequences. If the competitor/participant, whose name appears above, is under the age of 18, this document must be executed by his/her parent or legal guardian.

Competitor Name _____ Parent/Guardian Name (if under 18) _____

Signature (Parent/Guardian if under 18) _____ Date _____



CENTRO ATLETICO DE TAEKWONDO
La Paz, Bolivia



ARUMARU MARTIAL ARTS
Bowling Green, KY



CHAMP MARTIAL ARTS
Anchorage, AK



CHEWNING'S GET RAW MARTIAL ARTS
Lexington, KY



DR. KIM'S WORLD TAEKWONDO
Lexington, KY



FRANKFORT MARTIAL ARTS
Frankfort, KY



HAMILTON-FAIRFIELD TAEKWONDO
Fairfield, OH



HAN'S WHITE TIGER
Liberty Township, OH



J. TIGER MARTIAL ARTS
Dublin, OH



KICKIN' IT WITH JC
Liberty, KY



LEGACY TAEKWONDO
Covington, KY



LEITCHFIELD MARTIAL ARTS
Leitchfield, KY



LIFE'S ULTIMATE MARTIAL ARTS
Maysville, KY



LOUISVILLE'S IS3 ESKRIMA
Louisville, KY



MAJOR TAEKWONDO
Lilburn, GA



MARTIAL ARTS USA
Lexington, KY



MASTER CHANG'S MARTIAL ARTS
Charloette, NC

WELCOME VISITING SCHOOLS



MASTER YOO'S WORLD CHAMPION TAEKWONDO
Wentzville, MO



MCDOWELL'S MIDWEST ACADEMY OF TAEKWONDO
Edgewood, IA



MEGA KICK MARTIAL ARTS
Powell, OH



MIDWEST TKD ACADEMY
Westfield, IN



MUHLENBURG TAEKWONDO MARTIAL ARTS
Central City, KY



NIMMO MARTIAL ARTS
Frankfort, KY



PARK'S TAEKWONDO
Mason, OH



POLARIS TAEKWONDO
Lewis Center, OH



KOREA BLACK BELT CENTER
Toronto, Canada



QUEST FITNESS CENTER
Murray, KY



RED DRAGON MARTIAL ARTS
Martin, TN



RIPLEY FAMILY MARTIAL ARTS CENTER
Ripley, WV



STILLWATER TKD
Erlanger, KY



TAEKWONDO ANYWHERE
Nashville, TN



TIGER LEE'S MARTIAL ARTS
Delaware, OH



WHITE TIGER MARTIAL ARTS
Jeffersonville, IN



WORLD MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY
Hazelwood, MO



Y.S. RHO MARTIAL ARTS
Chesterfield, MO

COMPETITION RULES

BELT & AGE DIVISIONS

BEGINNER

White (10th)
Yellow (9th)

INTERMEDIATE

Orange (8th)
Green (7th)
Blue-tip (7th)
Blue (6th)

DELTA

Purple (5th)
Brown (4rd)
Red (3rd)
Black-tip (2nd)

REVIEW

Tiger (1st)
Dragon (1st)
Temporary (1st)

BLACK BELT 1st-5th Dan

(The color belts listed correspond to the Hwang's Martial Arts belt system.)

BLACK BELT AGE DIVISIONS

1. 5-11
2. 12-14
3. 15-17
4. 18-26
5. 27+

COLOR BELT AGE DIVISIONS

1. 3-4 6. 13-15
2. 5-6 7. 16-17
3. 7-8 8. 18-34
4. 9-10 9. 35+
5. 11-12

AWARDS

All competitors will receive a medal or trophy (as labled for each event type) and awarded one of the following placements: 1 – Eagle | 2 – Dragon | 3 – Tiger

SCORING

Competitor placements will be based on the collaboration of the judges. In the case of a tie, judges will have competitors perform a second time and will be judged on second performance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Competitors will introduce themselves prior to competing in breaking, forms, and weapons (for black belts). The proper introduction is listed with each event's rules below.

BREAKING EVENT (GOLD MEDAL)

Boards will be purchased upon arrival to the Championship.

Introduction: Judges, my name is (say your name). My breaking techniques are (say breaking techniques). With your permission, I will begin.

For children, it is recommended to write the breaking technique on each board to speedup time in the ring. Boards are \$3/each.

Ages 12 and Under: ¼ inch (9mm) boards
Ages 13 and Above: ¼ inch (9mm) or ½ inch (12mm) boards
Speed/Combination Breaks: ¼ inch (9mm) boards
Stacked Boards (Power Breaks): ¼ inch (9mm) boards (Black Belts Only)

General Rules of Breaking Competition:

- Only approved competition designated holders are allowed to hold in breaking.
- Boards must be held in a manner approved by the Competition Horseman designed to reduce risk of injury. Alternative board holdings will not be allowed.
- No other coach, master, or school team member will be allowed to hold for breaking unless specifically requested by that ring's center judge.
- Simultaneous breaks (boards broken at the same time) count as a single break. (i.e., Split Kick, Double Knife Hand Strikes, etc.).
- Head breaks and breaks jumping off of objects or people WILL NOT be permitted.
- No props, poppers, or any other board adjustments are allowed except for material required for board stacking.
- Competitors are permitted 3 attempts to break their boards. After the third attempt, the competitor must move onto the next break.

Color Belts are required to complete a 3-way break: 1 Hand Technique and 2 Individual Kicking Techniques.

- Color Belts have 90 seconds to setup and break (clock starts when competitor steps into the competition area).
- No board stacking is allowed for any color belts.

Black Belts are required to complete a 4-way break: 1 Hand Technique, 2 Single Kicking Technique, and 1 Freestyle Technique.

- A Freestyle Technique can be a single, combination (double technique), or a multi-board break. Multi-board breaks must all be completed in the air to be counted. Once the original kicking foot returns to the ground, the break is considered compelted.
- Black Belts have 120 seconds to setup and break (clock starts when competitor steps into the competition area).
- Black Belts are allowed to stack boards but spacers are required due to risk of injury.

WEAPONS (BLACK BELTS ONLY | GOLD MEDAL)

Introduction: Judges, my name is (say your name). My weapon is (say name of weapon). With your permission, I will begin.

1. Competitors will have 1 minute to perform a Freestyle routine without music or use of props and chairs.
2. To utilize time efficiently, competitors may demonstrate routines simultaneously with other competitors.
3. Weapons must be dull, any sharp weapons will not be permitted.
4. All swords must be full tang to ensure safety. Only 2nd dans and above, ages 13 and above, may use live blade swords.

POOMSAE/FORMS EVENT (3-FOOT TROPHY)

Black Belt Introduction: Judges, my name is (say your name). I represent (say your school). My Grandmaster/Master is (say name). I have been training for (say number of years). My form is (say name of form). With your permission, I will begin.

Color Belt Introduction: Judges, my name is (say your name). I represent (say your school). My form is (say name of form). With your permission, I will begin.

1. To utilize time efficiently, competitors may demonstrate poomsae simultaneously with other competitors.
2. Demonstrate the appropriate form for your belt level (no creative forms).
3. Black Belt Competitors who receive Eagle Placement will compete for poomsae Grand Champion. Competitors will be gouped by age and gender. Please note that groupings are subject to change based upon number of competitors. The Grand Champion receives a 6-foot trophy.
4. For Black Belts:
 - 1st Dan: Koryo or Keumgang
 - 2nd Dan: Keumgang or Taebaek
 - 3rd Dan: Taebaek or Pyongwon
 - 4th Dan: Pyongwon or Sipjin
 - 5th Dan: Sipjin or Jitae
 - 6th Dan: Jitae or Cheongwon
 - 7th Dan: Cheongwon or Hansu
 - 8th Dan: Hansu or Ilyeo
 - If your school uses a different form system, please choose the form that matches with your Dan.

SPARRING COMPETITION (GOLD MEDAL)

1. Absolutely no head shots.
2. Light contact only.
3. All safety equipment REQUIRED
 - Chest and head gear
 - Mouth piece
 - Fist/Forearm and Shin/Foot protector
 - Protective cup (mandatory for males)
 - Competitor may not compete without all gear

Match duration

1. Children Color Belts (3-12) : One - 1 minute round
2. Adult Color Belts (13+) : One - 2 minute round
3. All Black Belts : One – 2 minute round

4. Competition time stops when a match is paused and resumes when a match continues.

3 & 5 Points Rule

1. Color Belt matches end when the first competitor scores 3 positive points (win) or 2 negative points (loss).
2. Black Belts will compete to 5 positive points (win) or 2 negative points (loss).
3. If neither competitor reaches 3 or 5 points within match duration, time keeper will toss bean bag into the ring, signaling referee to stop the match. Competitor with most points win.
4. At time, if competitors are tied, referee will announce match point round, which will continue until a point is scored for the win.

Scoring Points

1. Punch – 1 point
 - Straight punch delivered with fist to middle part of the chest guard area.
 - All punches must be a solid hit, but must be light contact.
 - No punches to the face or any part of head or neck.
2. Kick – 1 point
 - All kicks must be a solid hit, but must be light contact.
 - Valid kicking areas: front, both left and right side of the chest guard.
 - Switch kicks are allowed, however, jumping kicks are not.
3. Again, NO HEAD SHOTS.

Warning & Deduction Points

1. 2 warnings will result in automatic point deduction.
2. Immediate disqualification after 4 warnings.

Prohibited Acts

(Warnings. Multiple Warnings = Loss of Point)

- Evading by turning back to the opponent
- Falling down
- Avoiding the match
- Turtling, grabbing, holding, pushing opponent
- Pretending injury
- Attacking below the waist
- Undesirable acts
- Attacking head, shoulders, knees and toes

Negative Acts

(Loss of Point. Multiple = Disqualification)

- Attacking the opponent after referee stops
- Throwing opponents
- Interrupting progress of the match by contestant, coach, or spectator
- Excessive force
- Head shots: disqualification – no warnings given

Note: whether a warning, penalty or disqualification is assessed depends upon the severity of the violation and the intent of the violator. No point will be scored when followed by a violation.

RING ASSIGNMENTS



BLACK BELT RINGS

1

Male
6-10

REFEREES
Jean Gray
Wonjune Lee
Tim Laderman
Joseph Howard

2

Female
18+

REFEREES
Stacy Koch
Courtney Russo
Young Bo Sim
Brian Herrmann

3

Female
6-12

REFEREES
Victoria Yu
Yunseok Kang
Claire Burch
Greg Dickerson

8

Male
15-20

REFEREES
Ian Schultz
Young Jin Kim
Zachary Bruns
Dale Hopkins

**RINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
RING ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE GIVEN AT
CHECK-IN.**

4

Male
13-14

REFEREES
Rob Kleber
Robert Burch
Tim Robinson
Seong Yong Ji

7

Male
11-12

REFEREES
Kevin Gardner
Rafael Robinson
James Greer
Spencer Hill

6

Female
13-17

REFEREES
Lance Bruns
Jae Woo Seol
Ezra Russo
Tung Dinh

5

Male
21+

REFEREES
Sung Son Yu
Dave Johnson
Dean Vujaklija
Taekyung Lee

Ring 1

Female
7-12

White to
Blue-Tip
Belts

REFEREES
Victoria Yu
Krissy Mehal
Samantha Hicks
Sarah Thluai
Leslie Hollenbeck
Jackson Chapman

Ring 2

Male
10-12

White to
Blue
Belts

REFEREES
Rob Kleber
Alexander Yu
Jonah Allen
Kyle Doyle
Marshall Sample
Liam Martinez

Ring 3

Male
11-12
Purple &
Above

Male
7-10
Dragon &
Above

REFEREES
Lance Bruns
Allison Webb
Sam Aqel
Madyson Yennes
Benoy Abraham
Monica Dean

Ring 4

Female
3-6

All Ranks

REFEREES
Jean Gray
Miranda Gardner
Heather Rainwater
Ellie Corbell
Kamal Nigam
Benjamin Kang

Ring 14

Male
3-6

Orange
Belts &
Above

REFEREES
Vinny Rodriguez
Patrick Hettinger
Kailey Gonzalez
Lina Walz
Gideon Zul
Zoey Tigner

Ring 13

Female
7-12

Blue to
Red
Belts

REFEREES
Rachel Roscoe
Lilith Sleigh
Lilah Roberts
Joshua Wigginton
Marwa Paghmani
Kaiden Nguyen

Ring 12

Male
7-9

Orange to
Blue
Belts

REFEREES
Dave Johnson
Zachary Bruns
James Greer
Reagan Warfield
Hayan Saleem
Kamdyn Ellington

Ring 11

Male
9-10

Purple to
Tiger
Belts

REFEREES
Tim Robinson
Ethan Hilpp
Wonjune Lee
Eric Adams
Caleb Goodpaster
Gigi Orantes

Ring 10

Male
7-8

Purple
Belts &
Above

REFEREES
Jayden Stroud
Robert Burch
Terrienne Woods-Bennett
Levi Marcum
Sumayyah Vineyard
Elijah Webb

Ring 9

Female
7-12

Black-Tip
Belts &
Above

REFEREES
Courtney Russo
Sumeja Omerovic
Jimmy Greer
David Stefanscu
Sumayyah Vineyard
Liam Gonzalez

Ring 8

Male
3-9

White &
Yellow
Belts

REFEREES
Francis Ngo
Isabella Hicks
Elijah Holley
Matthew Hoehn
Kimberly Eubanks
Victor Cherry

Ring 5

Female
13-17

All Ranks

Female
18+

All Ranks

REFEREES
Stacy Koch
Amanda Hettinger
Mersida Omerovic
Brian Herrmann
Helen Hniang
Olivia Kang

Ring 6

Male
21+

All Ranks

REFEREES
Kevin Gardner
Rafael Robinson
Dean Vujaklija
Nick Corbell
Jierad Underwood
Michael Adams

Ring 7

Male
13-20

All Ranks

REFEREES
Ian Schultz
Robert Webb
Dale Hopkins
Kaleb Walz
Gain Trumbull
Eli Curry

COLOR BELT RINGS

*COMPETITION DIVISIONS CAN BE
FOUND ON THE RULES PAGE.*

*RINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
FINAL RING ASSIGNMENTS WILL
BE GIVEN AT CHECK-IN.*

DEMO TEAM COMPETITION

DEMONSTRATION TEAM COMPETITION RULES

Team Competition Fee: \$500.00 per team

Prizes: All teams will be competing within the same competition grouping regardless of the size or makeup of the team. All teams will be competing for **\$6,000 IN AWARDS!**

My Financing USA Eagle Award	\$2,000	Kevin Gardner "Most Improved" Award	\$500
US Framing Dragon Award	\$1,500	Dr. Jesse Jenkins "Best Teamwork" Award	\$500
Seay Properties Tiger Award	\$1,000	Carter Martin, Jr. "Best Enthusiasm" Award	\$500

Coaching: No sideline or non-participant coaching is allowed during the competition. Coaches may assist with music.

Participants: All team members MUST be students who are currently enrolled and active students of the school participating in the demonstration. All team members MUST participate in at least one individual event during Championship. All team members must also have an active role in the demonstration.

Team Size: Although, we have set no minimum or maximum number of team competitors, extra consideration will be given to teams with 20+ members. Bonus points will be awarded to teams with 30+ members.

Time Permitted: Each team will be allocated 7 minutes for the performance. Time will begin after the Competition Horseman brings the team to attention, bows, and tells them to start (charyeot, kyeongnye, sichak). Time will end with the team's final bow. Any post-performance celebration or group chant should take place after the final bow. In addition to the demonstration time, a set-up and clean-up time of 1 minute will be allowed. Deductions will be made for exceeding the time allowed.

Judging Criteria: 1) Team Spirit, 2) Teamwork, 3) Originality/Creativity, 4) Level and Performance of Techniques, 5) Team Inclusivity, and 6) Entertainment Value. The team will be judged by several Masters and VIPs on a 10-point Olympic Scale. Deductions will be assessed for failure to meet the technical and timing requirements.

Technical Requirements:

- Full Team Creative Form(s)
- Board Breaking
- Self Defense
- Stay within Time Allocation
- Equal Use of All Team Members

Bonus Points will be given depending on:

- Size of team
- Diversity of age
- Diversity of belt rank (color belts and black belts)

Additional Information: Props, costumes, and equipment are permitted. All weapons must be imitation weapons; live blades are strictly prohibited. Concrete blocks and bricks may be used as props or equipment but may not be used as breaking materials. Flowers, confetti, and similar materials are allowed but must be completely cleaned up within the allotted clean-up time. Glitter, fruit, and liquids are not permitted. All board breaks must demonstrate the competitor's skill and may not rely on assistance from board holders. Competitors are responsible for promptly removing broken boards and debris from the competition area and must use safe board-holding and breaking practices at all times. **Only standard ¼-inch wooden breaking boards may be used; imitation boards and boards thinner than ¼ inch are prohibited.** Teams may bring their own boards or purchase approved boards at the venue. All personally supplied boards will be inspected and held until the time of competition. An official team practice will be held the evening before the competition.



DISCIPLINE. FOCUS. RESULTS

**Courtesy
Integrity
Perseverance
Self-Control
Indomitable Spirit**

**Honest & Integrity
Mutual Respect
Pursuit of Excellence
Family First
Loyalty**



**2nd Degree
Black Belt
Training with
Hwang's Martial Arts
since 2008**

**Broker Associate
Sales Manager
Team Leader
with Semonin REALTORS
since 2014**

PROUD SPONSOR - 37th Annual Hwang's Martial Arts World Taekwondo Championship
October 24, 2026 - Kentucky International Convention Center - Louisville, KY

CARTER MARTIN JR
REALTOR, Broker Associate
Team Leader
Ignite Property Group
502-224-3301
cmartin@semonin.com



**SEMONIN
REALTORS®**



SCAN TO CONNECT

IGNITEPROPERTYGROUP.COM

The partnership your clients deserve.
Rocket Mortgage® and Semonin Realtors have plenty of benefits for you. See for yourself.

Rocket Mortgage Benefits

Confidence
Take advantage of ONE+ by Rocket Mortgage and put as little as 1% down.

Support
Our Home Loan Experts will guide you through a simplified process and help you get the right mortgage.

Servicing
We'll work with you through the life of your loan, providing top-tier service from start to finish.

Semonin Realtors Benefits

15 Years Experience
Accurate pricing strategies based on deep understanding of local trends.

Excellent Negotiating Skills
A seasoned negotiator who will protect your bottom line.

Wider Network and Exclusive Access
Access to off-market or "coming soon" properties

These are just a few of the benefits we have to offer. Contact me today to learn more about the advantages of our partnership!

*Client will be required to pay a 1% down payment, with the ability to pay a maximum of 3%, and Rocket Mortgage will cover an additional 2% of the client's purchase price as a down payment. This offer is only available on conventional purchase loans. Primary residence only. Cost of mortgage insurance premium not passed through to client. Offer valid only for home buyers when qualifying income is less than or equal to 80% area median income based on county where property is located. Must lock rate on or after 5/22/2023. Not available with any other discounts or promotions. Offer cannot be retroactively applied to previously closed loans or loans that have a locked rate. This is not a commitment to lend. Rocket Mortgage reserves the right to cancel this offer at any time. Acceptance of this offer constitutes the acceptance of these terms and conditions, which are subject to change at the sole discretion of Rocket Mortgage. Additional restrictions/conditions may apply. Rocket Mortgage, LLC, NMLS #3030; www.NMLSConsumerAccess.org. Equal Housing Lender. Licensed in 50 states. AL License No. MC 20979, Control No. 100152352; AR, TX: 1050 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48226-1906, (888) 474-0404; AZ: 1 N. Central Ave., Ste. 2000, Phoenix, AZ 85004, Mortgage Banker License #BK-0902939; CA: Licensed by the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation under the California Residential Mortgage Lending Act; CO: Regulated by the Division of Real Estate; GA: Residential Mortgage Licensee #11704; IL: Residential Mortgage Licensee #4127 - Dept. of Financial and Professional Regulation; KS: Licensed Mortgage Company MC 0025309; MA: Mortgage Lender License #ML 3030; ME: Supervised Lender License; MI: Not an offer for a rate lock agreement; MS: Licensed by the MS Dept. of Banking and Consumer Finance; NH: Licensed by the NH Banking Dept.; NV: License #626; NJ: New Jersey - Rocket Mortgage, LLC, 1050 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48226, (888) 474-0404. Licensed by the N.J. Department of Banking and Insurance.; NY: Rocket Mortgage, LLC, 1050 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48226 Licensed Mortgage Banker-NYS Department of Financial Services; OH: MB 850076; OR: License #ML-1387; PA: Licensed by the Dept. of Banking - License #21430; RI: Licensed Lender; WA: Consumer Loan Company License CL-3030. Conditions may apply. ©2000 - 2023 Rocket Mortgage, LLC. All rights reserved. Lending services provided by Rocket Mortgage, LLC Rocket Mortgage, 1050 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48226-1906

© 2000 - 2025 Rocket Mortgage, LLC. All rights reserved. Lending services provided by Rocket Mortgage, LLC, a subsidiary of Rocket Companies, Inc. (NYSE: RKT).

Rocket Mortgage, 1050 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48226-1906

Brent Mills



Mortgage Professional, Rocket Mortgage
Louisville, KY

Cell: 502-930-1823

Email: BrentMills@rocketmortgage.com

NMLS #: 69128

Kristy Dugan



Realtor, Semonin Realtors
Louisville, KY

Cell: 502-930-3833

Email: kdugan@semonin.com

HWANG'S MARTIAL ARTS

2026 Jung Hwang Legacy Foundation Charity Event

\$285,833 Raised Since 2022!



GOOD LUCK TO ALL COMPETITORS!

하면된다

ham-yeon-doen-da
“Yes I can!”



Proud to Support Hwang's Martial Arts

World Taekwondo Championship



WesBanco Bank, Inc. is a Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender 

Personal | Mortgage | Business | Wealth Management



THANK YOU, SPONSORS!

PLATINUM SPONSORS



SILVER SPONSOR



PLATINUM PRIMARY

BRONZE SPONSORS



SUPPORT LEVEL SPONSORS



+



FIRST CLASS
COMMERCIAL CLEANING

CHAMPIONS TAKE PRIDE
IN EVERY DETAIL.

SCAN TO APPLY

firstclasscc.com/join-our-team

Walk-in interviews: Tuesdays, 12-4 PM

Louisville + Lexington offices

(502) 901-9612



Proudly supporting champions in our community.

NOW HIRING

FULL-TIME + PART-TIME POSITIONS

Bring your discipline, pride and team spirit
to a company that values hard work and dependability.



PRINT SOMETHING AWESOME.

UNIQUE DESIGNS. ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES.

LOUISVILLE 3D

From fun collectibles
and gaming gear to
custom creations
and practical prints,
we bring **your ideas**
to life in 3D.

- FUN & UNIQUE GIFTS**
Collectibles, toys & more
- GAMING ACCESSORIES**
Dice towers, controller
holders, headphone stands
& more
- CUSTOM PRINTING**
You dream it.
We print it.
- REPAIRS & SERVICE**
From 3D printer repair
to print troubleshooting
- TRAINING & SUPPORT**
Learn 3D printing
the right way



SHOP NOW OR REQUEST
A CUSTOM QUOTE!

LOUISVILLE3D.ORG

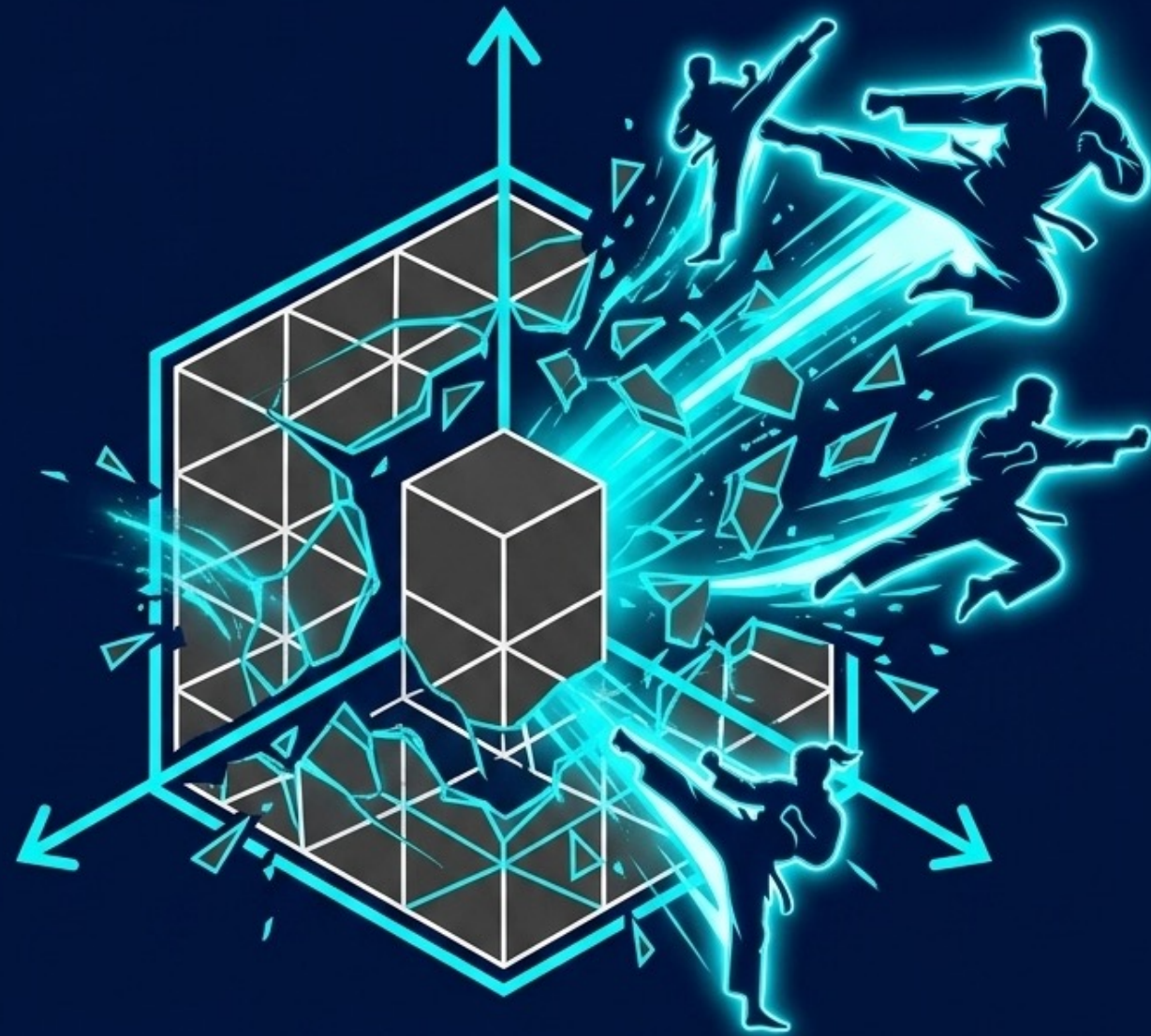
FOLLOW US

Unique. Bold. Local.
That's the Louisville 3D Difference.



- FAST TURNAROUND
- GREAT PRICES
- MADE FOR FUN.
BUILT TO LAST.

BLUE TANGENT



True mastery isn't about remaining safely inside pre-defined parameters
- it is about rewriting them.

At Blue Tangent, we encourage a "BEYOND The Box" mindset.

Today, we honor the elite taekwondo competitors who step onto
the mat to challenge their limits, shatter expectations and redefine
their craft in the World Taekwondo Championship

INNOVATE. CREATE. TRANSCEND.

PROUD SPONSOR OF THE 37th HWANG'S MARTIAL ARTS WORLD TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIP



2027

38TH HWANG'S
MARTIAL ARTS

WORLD
TAEKWONDO
CHAMPIONSHIP

For More Information: +1 (502) 412-7755

KENTUCKY INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION CENTER

HALL B

221 S 4th Street
Louisville, KY 40202

NOVEMBER 6, 2027



Make More Family *MEMORIES*

Own the RV or boat of your dreams with affordable financing

Start Your Adventure at MyFinancingUSA.com

