

MASTER GORINO PRESENTS

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NORTH
AMERICAN
 **OPEN**

**JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE
31 YEARS OF TOURNAMENT EXCELLENCE!**

A Jong Park Legacy Tournament

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Judges & Assistants Meeting at 9:30am

Competition at 10:00 am

St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute

845 Kenmore Ave. Kenmore NY 14223

**ALL COMPETITORS MUST REGISTER WITH THEIR
INSTRUCTORS BY AUGUST 25th**

FOR INFORMATION CALL 716-836-5425

MASTER GORINO'S TAE KWON-DO *presents*



FULLY COMPLETE this application to be placed in the proper tournament division. **PLEASE PRINT**
FAILURE TO FILL OUT HEIGHT & WEIGHT WILL RESULT IN BEING PLACED IN THE TALLEST & HEAVIEST DIVISIONS

Name: _____ Gender: _____

Rank: _____ Kup: _____ Age: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Dojang/Dojo & Instructor's Name: _____

Dojang Telephone #: _____ Student's Telephone #: _____

Athletic Release

I AFFIRM THAT I AM AWARE OF MY PHYSICAL CONDITION, AND THAT I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THE COMPETITION. I AM ALSO AWARE THAT PARTICIPATION MAY RESULT IN POSSIBLE INJURY AS A RESULT OF THE NATURE OF THE SPORT. I ALSO AGREE TO ANY MEDICAL ATTENTION NEEDED FOR MY CHILD OR MYSELF. IN CONSIDERATION OF MY ACCEPTANCE OF THIS ENTRY, I HEREBY WAIVE FOR MYSELF AND MY HEIRS, AND ASSIGNS, ANY AND ALL CLAIMS FOR INJURY OR DAMAGES WHICH MAY OCCUR BY VIRTUE OF MY COMPETING IN THIS COMPETITION AS AGAINST THE MEET DIRECTORS AND WORKERS, YUP CHAGI INC. KIM-CHEE LLC, MASTER GORINO'S PIL-SUNG TAE KWON-DO, PIL-SUNG LLC, ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, OR ANY ENTITIES INVOLVED WITH ORGANIZING THIS COMPETITION. I ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY MY ACTIONS OR THAT OF MY CHILD IN COONNECTION WITH THIS TOURNAMENT OR ANY TOURNAMENT I ATTEND.

Signature of Competitor

Signature of Parent/Guardian if under 18 yrs. of age

** It is understood and agreed that the decisions of the tournament director with regard to age, weight, and rank classification are final.*

PLEASE SELECT EVENTS BELOW:

PATTERNS / KATA

FLAG SPARRING:

Beginner through Green Belt Only
(I am not POINT SPARRING)

POINT SPARRING

White Belt thru Black Belt
(I am not entering FLAG SPARRING)

WEAPON:

DUE
MON. 8/25/26 _____
 Weapon Name

1 or 2 Events	\$ 80 USD
Extra Event	\$ 5 USD
Super Seminar	\$ 50 USD
Spectator Ticket (3 yrs. & under free)	\$ 10 USD

(SPECTATOR TIX AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR ONLY)

PLEASE REGISTER WITH YOUR
INSTRUCTOR ONLY

No refunds given

COMPETITORS, PLEASE FILL OUT

1 or 2 Event(s) fee	\$ _____
Additional Event fee.....	+\$ _____
Super Seminar.....	+\$ _____
Total.....	\$ _____

No refunds given

Tournament Site: St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute 845 Kenmore NY 14223

Nearby Hotels

(These are just some suggestions. There are plenty of other choices online.)

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Buffalo - Amherst

3-star hotel•

10 Flint Rd, Amherst, NY 14226•(716) 689-4414

Hyatt Place Buffalo/Amherst

5020 Main St, Amherst, NY 14226•(716) 839-4040

Homewood Suites by Hilton Buffalo-Amherst

3-star hotel•

1138 Millersport Hwy, Buffalo, NY 14226•(716) 833-2277

Home2 Suites by Hilton Amherst Buffalo

2-star hotel•

3820 Ridge Lea Rd, Amherst, NY 14228•(716) 403-0100

Courtyard by Marriott Buffalo Amherst/University

3-star hotel

4100 Sheridan Dr, Buffalo, NY 14221•(716) 626-2300

These will be the rules for the 2026 NAO

Patterns: 2 AT A TIME, 1 center & 2 Judges for all ranks...Center referee DOES score.

5 judges for Grand Champion...Center referee **DOES** score.

Competitors need not present themselves.

If there is a tie do a "form off" and use a show of hands.

For Grand Champion, drop the high and low. If still tied add in the high. If still tied add in the low.

Color Belts scoring range: 6-8

Black Belt Scoring Range: 7-9

Use 100ths

Flag Sparring

Each Match is 1 ½ minutes.

3 Flags in a Belt.

Replace All Belts after grabs.

Corner judges must call point due to close grabs. Run it like sparring.

3 Flags wins.

Follow sparring tree as usual. Helmet required.

Sparring:

Center Judges keep control of your rings. Contact is STRICTLY enforced.

For sparring it is POINT or NO POINT. There is NOT a NO SEE option. There is **no CLASH** option. If someone calls NO SEE or CLASH it is the same as NO POINT.

2 corner judges score points and can call for contact as well.

Center can always call for contact without a majority.

Color Belts. Light contact to the helmet is allowed. LIGHT MEANS LIGHT. Body contact is ok but can not be malicious.

Black Belts. Light contact to the helmet is required for point. LIGHT MEANS LIGHT. Body contact MUST BE SOLID but not malicious.

Blood. Drawing blood is auto DQ unless it is a NON-CONTACT bleed

In case of a tie check the warnings and if still tied the next point wins.

All legal techniques are 1 point except: ANY SPINNING KICK IS 2 POINTS. AND KICK TO THE HEAD IS 2 POINTS.

Weapons: 2 AT A TIME unless space or safety is an issue.

NEVER alter scoring sheet without checking with Grand Master Gorino or Master T. Gorino

Assist Beginners thru Yellow Stripes

Get them started

Have fun with the pee wees but you still have to score and award medals

No coaching or advocating by school owners

Send 1st place in all Adult (17 years and older) Black Belt Patterns, Sparring and Weapons to head table to be placed in Grand Champion division.

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Dear Grand Masters, Masters, and School Owners,

Greetings!

It is my pleasure to send you our second letter regarding this year's North American Open. I'm especially excited to announce that this will be our 31st NAO! School owners like you are what make this event both competitive and honorable, and I'm sincerely grateful for your continued participation and support. **Please take a moment to carefully review the information in this letter, as some rules and procedures may have changed since your last attendance.**

Pre-Tournament Events

The judges meeting starts promptly at 9:30 am. Opening Ceremonies will begin at 10:00 a.m. All Black Belts must be present at the opening ceremonies. ALL COMPETITION begins immediately following the opening ceremonies. The Grand Champion competition will take place immediately following the Black Belts. Please provide us with as many **competent** Black Belt judges as possible, but ALL Black Belts 16 yrs. and older will be required to either judge or be scorekeepers. Failure to sign up for judging/scorekeeping will forfeit your competition status. Having a large number of judges from different schools will ensure the fairest competition possible.

Before we begin

Please note that all instructors and judges who wish to be on the floor must be in uniform or suit and tie...no exceptions. (Sorry, no running suits or casual attire. **We do not allow coaching once the competitor is in the ring. No spectators are allowed on the floor.**) Strictly enforced.

Tul/Forms/Poomse/Kata

Patterns will be judged as in most open tournaments. Scoring will be based on stances, technique, power, and knowledge of the pattern. All patterns must be traditional and taught by the head instructor of the school. There will be 2 competitors in the ring simultaneously. There are no "open" or creative patterns in these divisions.

Weapons

Weapon patterns will be judged as in most open tournaments. Scoring will be reflective of weapon control, usage, and of course, retention. Scoring will **not** be based on flying kicks, splits, etc. as this is a weapons division. All patterns must be taught by the head instructor of the school. We are a traditional school so **"heavy" or "live" weapons should be used and will receive higher scores.**

Point Sparring

Each match will be 2 minutes or 5 points, whichever comes first. Ties are decided by “sudden death.” In Color Belt divisions LIGHT TOUCH to the headgear will be allowed. Anything within a few inches will also be called for a point. No “rocking” of the head or uncontrolled punches will be allowed. This will be STRICTLY ENFORCED. Therefore, points can be scored without contact to the head as long as the technique is controlled. Black Belt divisions must make **LIGHT** contact to the head. All points to the body **MUST** make solid contact...no glancing or blocked techniques will be counted. All color belt and Black Belt techniques are worth 1 point except: kicks to the head are worth 2 pts. Also, ANY spinning kick is worth 2 pts. (No points given if competitor falls down for any reason...even if being accidentally shoved.) Legal techniques include: Kicks above the waist, reverse punch, front hand twisting punch, controlled back fist and knife hand. No “head bops.” No blind techniques. Sweeping the opponent’s front leg is allowed but no leg kicks. There is absolutely NO coaching and NO “time outs”. Referee may stop time if there is an equipment failure or possible injury.

Required Sparring Equipment

Headgear, Gloves (must be foam dipped or padded...no “MMA” type gloves, no cloth type gear), Footgear, Mouth Guard, **(Protective Cup for males). If you are missing any safety equipment such as a cup for males, you will forfeit your match.**

READ THE ABOVE SECTION AGAIN PLEASE.

Flag Sparring

This is a division for students who are not yet allowed to spar. (For example, my students begin sparring at Yellow Belt.) Students will attempt to grab “flags” from their opponent’s belts. **Students cannot participate in both sparring and flag sparring divisions. They must choose only one. Flag Sparring is for green belts (6th kup) and under only.**

Grand Championships = Championship Flags + Cash Prizes

Four Grand Championship flags are awarded to Black Belt Competitors 17 yrs. and up who compete for Grand Champ in patterns and sparring. Sparring and Patterns Grand Champions will also receive \$100.00! The Weapons Grand Champion will receive a customized sword. Please tell any Black Belt competitor (17 years or older) who wins first place in sparring, patterns, or weapons to report to the head table to be entered into the Grand Championship. **NOTE: If one of your students won Grand Champion in 2025, they do not have to compete in the regular divisions and will be placed in the Grand Champion competition.**

Fees

Please collect all applications and fees and send them to me directly. **PLEASE DO NOT HAVE YOUR STUDENTS REGISTER INDIVIDUALLY UNLESS THEY USE OUR PROVIDED LINK. THEY ARE NOT TO SEND CHECKS HERE.** Spectator tickets can only be purchased at the door for \$10.00...3 yrs. and under are free. **CASH ONLY**

Thank you!

Finally, please note that all deadlines are firm.

Pre-registration for the tournament is set and cannot be altered, so we kindly ask that you do not request exceptions. I am, however, happy to assist with any questions you may have leading up to the event.

To ensure fair and well-organized divisions, all applications must be pre-registered and received no later than August 25, 2026. Late submissions will not be accepted, and there will be no registration at the door.

Thank you sincerely for being part of the North American Open. Your involvement is what makes this event so special. You were invited because you represent the best, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,



Grand Master Chuck Gorino
President Master Gorino's Tae Kwon-Do
President Allied Tae Kwon-Do Council
9th Dan AITC #US-9-005



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Collegiate Institute

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