

**Master Gorino's Tae Kwon-Do  
Presents The**

**30<sup>th</sup>**

**NORTH  
AMERICAN  
OPEN**

A circular logo in gold and white. It features a stylized white figure in a dynamic pose, possibly performing a kick or a defensive move, set against a gold background within a circle.

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

**A Jong Park Legacy Tournament**

**SUNDAY AUGUST 31, 2025**

**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 18<sup>th</sup>**

**FOR INFORMATION CALL 716-836-5425**

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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 30th NAO—an incredible milestone! Schools like yours 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 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.**)

### **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 forms 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 1 ½ minutes with unlimited points. There will however, be a 5-point-gap mercy kill. Whenever there is a 5 point difference (i.e. 7-2) the match will end, whether there is time remaining or not. Ties are decided by “sudden death.” In Color Belt divisions LIGHT TOUCH to the head will be allowed and STRICTLY ENFORCED. The “bubble rule” will also be in effect for color belts. Therefore, points can be scored without contact to the head as long as the technique is within the bubble. 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 techniques are worth 1 point except: kicks to the head are worth 2 pts. (No points given if competitor falls down for any reason...even if being accidentally shoved.) Also, ANY spinning kick is worth 2 pts. Legal techniques include: Kicks above the waist, reverse punch, front hand punch, back fist, knife hand and ridge hand. No “head bops.” No blind techniques. 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 (6<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

## Fees

Please collect all applications and fees and send them to me directly. **PLEASE DO NOT HAVE YOUR STUDENTS REGISTER SEPARATELY.** 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 18, 2025. 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  
9<sup>th</sup> Dan AITC #US-9-005

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**MASTER GORINO'S TAE KWON-DO presents**

# The 30<sup>th</sup> North American Open



**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 AM AWARE OF COVID AND UNDERSTAND THERE WILL BE PHYSICAL CONTACT AT THIS EVENT. 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, Pil-Sung LLC, MASTER GORINO'S PIL-SUNG TAE KWON-DO, ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, OR ANY ENTITIES INVOLVED WITH ORGANIZING THIS COMPETITION.

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**Signature of Competitor**

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**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**

**POINT SPARRING**

White Belt thru Black Belt

**(I am not entering FLAG SPARRING)**

**FLAG SPARRING:**

Beginner through Green Belt Only

**(I am not POINT SPARRING)**

**WEAPON:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Weapon Name

**1 or 2 Events \$65 USD**

**Extra Event \$10 USD**

**Spectator Ticket (3 yrs. & under free) \$10 USD**

(SPECTATOR TIX AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR ONLY)

**PLEASE REGISTER WITH YOUR  
INSTRUCTOR ONLY**

**COMPETITORS, PLEASE FILL OUT**

1 or 2 Event(s) fee ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Event fee.....+ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**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



**MAIN PARKING**

**ENTRANCE**

**GYMNASIUM**

St. Joseph's  
Collegiate Institute

**ENTRANCES**

**AUX PARKING**



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