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MIDTERM & TESTING REQUIREMENTS

All National & World, Rank & Midterm Testing registrations are ONLY AVAILABLE VIA ONLINE REGISTRATION. See instructions below.

Nationals, Spring or Fall - To register go to:

ataonline.com > Click Menu at top left > under Tournament Header choose Fall or Spring Nationals (click on appropriate event title) > choose Midterm or Testing (click Register here button under appropriate title) and complete the form in its entirety (you may need to scroll down to find the registration buttons) > click on submit when done.

2020 ATA Worlds- To register go to:

ataonline.com > Click Menu at top left > under Tournament Header choose World Expo (click on event title) > choose Midterm or Testing (click Register here button under appropriate title) and complete the form in its entirety (you may need to scroll down to find the registration buttons) > click on submit when done.

REGISTRATION SUBMISSION & PROCESSING

Registration Opening & Closing Dates:

EVENT NAME	REGISTRATION OPENING DATE	REGISTRATION CLOSING DATE	INITIAL TEST APPLICANT	RE-TEST APPLICANT	MIDTERM APPLICANT
Spring Nationals Feb / Mar events	August 15	October 15	* 3BD		
	August 15	On – site (late fees apply)	1BD – 2BD	All Re-Tests	All Midterms
Spring Nationals April event	September 15	November 15	* 3BD		
	September 15	On – site (late fees apply)	1BD – 2BD	All Re-Tests	All Midterms
Worlds	November 15	January 15	* 3BD – 7BD		
	November 15	On – site (late fees apply)	1BD – 2BD	All Re-Tests	All Midterms
Fall Nationals	February 15	April 15	* 3BD		
	February 15	On – site (late fees apply)	1BD – 2BD	All Re-Tests	All Midterms

***Initial Test applicants: Applications will NOT be accepted after the registration closing date! NOTE: Fees: see Processing Policy section for details**

Processing Policy:

A. Midterm: ALL Ranks

- ◆ **See page 1 for online registration submission date information.**
- ◆ Registration deadline date is posted on the registration form for each event.
- ◆ Midterm registrations are subject to denial.
- ◆ Approval / denial letters will be sent 5-10 business days after submission of registration.
- ◆ Midterm Fees:
 - \$100.00 per event – Registering no later than the posted deadline date
 - \$150.00 per event – Registering 29 - 8 days prior to the event test date
 - \$200.00 per event – Registering 7 days prior to the event test date or on site

B. Rank Test: Holding current rank 1BD – 2BR – 2BD & Retest ALL ranks:

- ◆ **See page 1 for online registration submission date information.**
- ◆ Registration deadline date is posted on the registration form for each event.
- ◆ Rank Test registrations are subject to denial.
- ◆ 1st Review: Approval / denial letters will be sent 5-10 business days after submission of registration.
- ◆ **2nd Review - missing items: Applicant will be reviewed at posted deadline date. Applicant will be denied if 2nd review still shows missing items. This review is final.**

Test Fees:

- ◆ \$200.00 per event – Registering no later than the posted deadline date
- ◆ \$250.00 per event – Registering 29 - 8 days prior to the event test date
- ◆ \$400.00 per event – Registering 7 days prior to the event test date or on site

C. Rank Test - Initial registration: Holding current rank 3rd Deg – 7th Deg:

- ◆ **Registration must be submitted to ATA Headquarters according to the Registration Submission Dates listed on page 1. Late registrations will not be accepted.**
- ◆ Registrations received after event Registration Closing Date will be DENIED.
- ◆ **See page 1 for online registration submission date information.**
- ◆ 1st Review: Initial Approval /Denial Letters will be sent 5 – 10 business days after submission of registration.
- ◆ 2nd Review is done the day following the deadline date: **All testing requirements must be met OR be in house by the events posted deadline date. Applicant will be reviewed at posted deadline date. Applicant will be denied if deadline date review still shows missing items. This review is final, applicant will have to reapply to test at the next event.**
- ◆ Test Fees:
 - Initial Test: \$200.00
 - Retests: See page 2, Section B above.

Rank Testing Requirements By-Rank

◆ 1ST Degree Decided, testing toward 2R Black Belt

- Minimum of 1 year of time in rank as a 1D Black Belt
- Minimum age requirement to participate at a National or World event – 16 yrs old
- Minimum of 2 passing midterms with a score of 7 or higher
- ATA membership/Instructor Certification (if applicable) must be in good standing & current
- Senior Instructor's approval
- Board Breaking: Any (1) Hand tech. & Any (1) Kicking tech.
- LICENSEES: All ATA & WMA accounts & testing results must be up to date/paid in full
- LICENSEES: Legacy Facilitator status must be current

◆ 2nd Degree Recommended, testing toward 2D Black Belt

- Must pass successfully within 3 testing cycles to 2D Black (Instructor may take student back to 1D Black)
- Minimum age requirement to participate at a National or World event – 16 yrs. old
- ATA membership/Instructor Certification (if applicable) must be in good standing & current
- Senior Instructor's approval
- Board Breaking: Any (2) Hand tech. & Any (1) Kicking tech.
- LICENSEES: All ATA & WMA accounts & testing results must be up to date/paid in full
- LICENSEES: Legacy Facilitator status must be current

◆ 2nd Degree Decided, testing toward 3rd Degree Black Belt

- Minimum of 2 years of time in rank as a 2D Black Belt
- Minimum age requirement to participate at a National or World event – 16 yrs. old
- Minimum of 3 Passing midterms with a score of 7 or higher
- ATA membership/Instructor Certification (if applicable) must be in good standing & current
- Senior Instructor's approval
- Board Breaking: Any (2) Hand tech. & Any (1) Kicking tech.
- LICENSEES: All ATA & WMA accounts & testing results must be up to date/paid in full
- LICENSEES: Legacy Facilitator status must be current

◆ **3rd Degree, testing toward 4th Degree Black Belt**

- Minimum of 3 years of time in rank as a 3rd Degree Black Belt
- Initial test, for 4th Degree rank, must be at a National Tournament or Worlds
- Testing Application must be submitted to ATA HQ 6 months prior to the testing
- Minimum of 3 Passing midterms with a score of 7 or higher
- Level 1 Legacy Program status or higher
- Must be 18 yrs. of age or older
- ATA membership/Instructor Certification (if applicable) must be in good standing & current
- Senior Instructor's approval
- Board Breaking: Any (1) Hand tech. & Any (2) Kicking tech.
- LICENSEES: All ATA & WMA accounts & testing results must be up to date/paid in full.
- LICENSEES: Legacy Facilitator status must be current

◆ **4th Degree, testing toward 5th Degree Black Belt**

- Minimum of 4 years of time in rank as a 4th Degree Black Belt
- Initial testing must be at a Worlds event
- Testing Application must be submitted to ATA HQ 6 months prior to the testing event
- Minimum of 3 Passing midterms with a score of 8 or higher
- Certified Instructor Level
- Instructor Certification must be current & ATA Membership must be in good standing
- Senior Instructor's approval
- Board Breaking: Any (2) Hand tech. & Any (2) Kicking tech.
- Leadership points – 360
- Accredited National Training Activity Participation must be met , if appropriate - 2
- LICENSEES: All ATA & WMA accounts & testing results must be up to date & paid in full
- LICENSEES: Legacy Facilitator status must be current

◆ **5th Degree, testing toward 6th Degree Black Belt.**

- Minimum of 5 years of time in rank as a 5th Degree Black Belt
- Initial testing must be at a Worlds event
- Testing Application must be submitted to ATA HQ 6 months prior to the testing event
- Minimum of 3 Passing midterms with a score of 8 or higher
- Certified Instructor Level
- Instructor Certification must be current & ATA Membership must be in good standing
- Senior Instructor's approval
- Board Breaking: Must be submitted & approved by the Grand Master before testing
- Leadership point – 450
- Accredited National Training Activity Participation must be met, if appropriate - 5
- LICENSEES: All ATA & WMA accounts & testing results must be up to date & paid in full.
- LICENSEES: Legacy Facilitator status must be current

◆ **6th Degree, testing toward 7th Degree Black Belt**

- Minimum of 6 years of time in rank as a 6th Degree Black Belt
- Initial testing must be at a Worlds event
- Testing Application must be submitted to ATA HQ 6 months prior to the testing event
- Digital presentation of Traditional TKD form should be sent to HQ after test app is submitted. Upload video link to: <https://ata.wistia.com/projects/n1jpi36agu>
- Minimum of 4 Passing midterms
- Certified Instructor Level
- Instructor Certification must be current & ATA Membership must be in good standing
- Senior Instructor's approval
- Board Breaking: Must be submitted & approved by Grand Master before testing
- Leadership points– 540
- Accredited National Training Activity Participation must be met, if appropriate - 6
- LICENSEES: All ATA & WMA accounts & testing results must be up-to-date & paid in full.
- LICENSEES: Legacy Facilitator status must be current

◆ **7th Degree, testing toward 8th Degree Black Belt**

- Minimum of 7 years of time in rank as a 7th Degree Black Belt
- Initial testing must be at a Worlds event
- Testing Application must be submitted to ATA HQ 6 months prior to the testing event
- Digital presentation of Traditional TKD form should be sent to HQ after test app is submitted. Upload video link to: <https://ata.wistia.com/projects/n1jpi36agu>
- Minimum of 4 passing midterms with a score of 8 or higher, if appropriate **
- Certified Instructor Level
- Instructor Certification must be current & ATA Membership must be in good standing
- Senior Instructor's approval
- Board Breaking: Must be submitted & approved by the Grand Master before testing
- Leadership points – 630
- Accredited National Training Activity Participation must be met, if appropriate - 7
- LICENSEES: All ATA & WMA accounts & testing results must be up-to-date & paid in full.
- LICENSEES: Legacy Facilitator status must be current

◆ **7th Degree Black Belt Midterms:**

- If an individual attained the rank of 7th Degree Black Belt on or after July 10, 2014;
 - Minimum of 4 passing midterms with a score of 8 or higher are required
 - Midterms should be a maximum of 21 months apart (84 months divided by 4 midterms).
- ** 7th Degrees who attained rank prior to July 10, 2014 are welcome to participate in midterms, it is optional. The current midterm fees are due at time of registration.

Physical Performance Elements:

- ◆ Traditional Form
- ◆ Traditional Free Sparring
- ◆ Traditional Board Breaking
- ◆ Protech
 - Three elements must be performed during a midterm or rank test at a National or World event.
 - Protech curriculum may now “replace” one of the 3 traditional elements for midterm/rank tests.
 - Students must have their Instructors approval, for this replacement, prior to participating in any midterm or rank test event.
 - According to this rule, students could conceivably avoid doing Traditional Forms, Sparring, or Board Breaking during the entirety of their Taekwondo careers. This view is a distortion of the rule’s intent. Form, sparring & board break training is integral to our martial arts system. Owners and Instructors should therefore encourage students to bring all skill levels (in all elements) up to par and discourage students from repeatedly skipping the performance of any one element in consecutive midterms or rank testing.

Accredited National Participation

- ◆ 1/1/2013: All Black Belts age 18 years and up, awarded the rank of 4th Degree through 7th Degree Black Belt on or after January 1, 2013 are required to participate in Accredited National Leadership Training Activities as a requirement for their next rank testing.
- ◆ **Current Rank Required QTY; Accredited Training Participation Activities**
 - 4th Degree Black Belt 2
 - 5th Degree Black Belt 5
 - 6th Degree Black Belt 6
 - 7th Degree Black Belt 7
- ◆ Accredited National Training Activities are limited to the following ATA HQ hosted events with the specific names of:
 - World Conference
 - Spring & Fall Nationals Training SeminarTopics
 - National Leadership Camp – ATA HQ hosted
 - National Protech Camp – ATA HQ hosted
 - Korea Trips – ATA HQ hosted
- ◆ The Master Title requires Accredited National Training Activity Participation. For a new 6th Degree to get the title of Master, 9 accredited seminars, or numbers of 200 are required. Seminars are tabulated via an individual’s combined 4th and 5th degree participation.

Keep in mind that the minimum accredited seminars for a 4th degree to rank test is two (2). If, as a 4th Degree, an individual’s goal is to get the Master Title – he/she should plan to do 1 accredited training activity per year for a total of 4s (or know that he/she will have

- to do extra's in another year to make up the difference – or wait extra years for the title while the difference is made up).
- ◆ Senior Master Title requires 6 Accredited National Training Activities or numbers of 500. Seminars are tabulated via an individual's 6th degree time in rank.
 - ◆ Chief Master Title requires 7 Accredited National Training Activities or numbers of 1000. Seminars are tabulated via an individual's 7th degree time in rank.

Leadership Points:

- ◆ Leadership Points accrue starting at an individual's date of rank, forward to their next testing date. Once an individual changes rank, point accumulation starts over from that new "date of rank". Leadership points can be obtained through, but are not limited to, a combination of the following;
 - Testing numbers
 - New member numbers
 - Tournament judging
 - Testing guest judging
 - World Conference
 - Athlete Development
 - Legacy Academy
 - National Camp participation
 - Instructor Certification Camps
 - Protech Seminars
 - RAT / Elite Seminars
 - Instruction Seminars
 - Business Seminars
 - Protech Certification/Camp
 - Program/Material development (via HQ)
 - Overseas activities (hosted by HQ – ie. Korea Trip)
 - Community Service (documentation or newspaper article required)

Leadership Point Requirements by Rank
Current Rank Minimum Required Leadership Points

- 4th Degree Black Belt = 360
 - 5th Degree Black Belt = 450
 - 6th Degree Black Belt = 540
 - 7th Degree Black Belt = 630
 - 8th Degree Black Belt = 720
- ◆ There IS NO Grandfather clause – individuals will not receive permission to test until the total required leadership points for their rank has been achieved.
 - ◆ Individuals that fall short at the end of their required time in rank minimum must wait the extra year or years it takes to reach the required total for their rank.
 - ◆ To test, individuals do not have to acquire leadership points in testing or new member numbers, they can make up the numbers by achieving points in other activities.
 - ◆ Leadership points are NOT needed as a Master Title Requirement.

Leadership Point Accumulation

- ◆ Numbers (are tabulated from the last full calendar year prior to testing date)
 - 4BD 100 new members or a test number average of 100 (600 yearly total)
 - 5BD 300 new members or a test number average of 200 (1200 yearly total)
 - 6BD 1000 new members or a test number average of 200 (1200 yearly total)
 - 7BD 3000 new members or a test number average of 500 (3000 yearly total)
 - 8BD 6000 new members or a test number average of 1000 (6000 yearly total)
 - Meeting 10% of required numbers = 5 Leader points per year time in rank
 - Meeting 20% of required numbers = 10 Leader points per year time in rank
 - Meeting 30% of required numbers = 15 Leader points per year time in rank
 - Meeting 40% of required numbers = 20 Leader points per year time in rank
 - Meeting 50% of required numbers = 25 Leader points per year time in rank
 - Meeting 60% of required numbers = 30 Leader points per year time in rank
 - Meeting 70% of required numbers = 35 Leader points per year time in rank
 - Meeting 80% of required numbers = 40 Leader points per year time in rank
 - Meeting 100% of required numbers = 50 Leaders Points per year time in rank

- ◆ Personal Improvement / Leadership Activities – but not limited to
 - 15 Points Leadership Camp
 - 15 Points World Conference
 - 15 Points Protech Camp
 - 15 Points Korea Trips hosted by HQ
 - 10 Points RAT Camps
 - 10 Points Elite Training Camps
 - 10 Points Master's Gathering - Jacksonville, FL annual Jan event
 - 10 Points National Instructor Certification Upgrade/Re-cert Camps
 - 5 Points Regional Camps/Seminars - Max 20 points per year
 - 5 Points Instruction Seminars – Max 20 points per year
 - 5 Points Business Seminars - Maximum 20 points per year
 - 5 Points Protech Seminars - Maximum 20 points per year
 - 5 Points MASS Training Seminar – Maximum 10 points per year

- ◆ Leadership Credit Points: Tournament Judging or Staff
 - 1 Point Per Ring Judged at Regionals – Max 20 per year
 - 2 Points Per Ring Judged at Nationals – Max 14 per year
 - 3 Points Per Ring Judged at Worlds – Max 12 per year

- ◆ Regional Testing Guest Judge
 - 5 Points Guest Judge at a test – Max 20 points per year
 - ** Make sure to keep your own records of dates and locations!

- ◆ Leadership Role for ATA – but not limited to
 - 10 Points National Tournament Staff – No Maximum limit
 - 10 Points Instruction Camp Representative – No Maximum limit
 - 10 Points Protech Representative – No Maximum limit
 - 10 Points National/World Testing Panel Judge – No Maximum limit

- ◆ Contributions to Organization
 - 10 Points Development of new programs – No Maximum limit

- ◆ Community Participation
 - 10 Points Community Outreach – No Maximum limit

A letter from community leader or newspaper article required as verification

- ◆ Personal Improvement Seminars – Non-ATA hosted (Krav Maga, Leadership, etc.)
 - At this time points will not be awarded however, these “other” seminars may be taken into consideration by the Grand Master in making his final decision towards approval.

- ◆ Leadership points are NOT needed as a Master Title Requirement.