

## A word from the corner!

Welcome back to Taekwondo Talk. We received so much positive feedback following the launch of TKD Talk last month which is really encouraging to hear. The development of 'community' within New Zealand Taekwondo is extremely important to TNZ as it fosters an environment of improvement for not only our athletes but for all members. The 'community' also has a direct impact on our sense of belonging and overall wellbeing. Here at TNZ, we understand the importance of diversity amongst our peers and why differences of opinion aligned with respect for all is paramount.

Keep reading to see updates on events from around the country, and current initiatives being undertaken by TNZ's operations team.

We would love to hear from anyone (or nominate someone) that you would like to feature in the newsletter, please send in photos and stories.



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## Adapting to the current NZ environment

August and September have been very eventful for unfortunately the wrong reasons with a nationwide lockdown due to an outbreak of Covid-19. This continues to be difficult for everyone - especially for those in Auckland, and it certainly makes it difficult when events around the country are cancelled and training is halted. It is heartening to see Taekwondo clubs and instructors around the country maintaining interaction with their club members if not back to training, via Zoom.

As a consequence of the latest Covid-19 outbreak, the TNZ board had to make the very hard decision to cancel the first TNZ Nationals. The latest shift in alert levels has also affected the Referees programme as many of these were to be held in conjunction with upcoming tournaments around the country. However, we have been able to reschedule many of these courses. Keep an eye out for upcoming details. The TNZ board continues to make progress in developing our policies and relationships that are serving as our foundation.

A lot of work has gone into the start of policy development that will underpin TNZ as a governing body, including the development of the new Member's Forum.

While this work continues, the TNZ board is turning their focus to the High Performance area for athletes in order to develop a structured programme for elite level athletes throughout New Zealand. The first part of this work the Player Ranking Points System and will assist in the identification and selection process for the High Performance Programme. In addition, work is underway to develop an event for blackbelts for early in the new year and this will be communicated as soon we have confirmation of the details.

In recognition of the difficulties that many clubs are having due to the Alert Level changes with the recent Covid-19 outbreak, our TNZ president, Grandmaster Oh, hosted a webinar for all members. From this webinar it was highlighted how some clubs are struggling with the use of zoom due to limitations with technology or internet coverage, and the difficulty of negotiating the new rules around Alert Level

2 for clubs outside of Auckland - particularly as at the time of the meeting the guidelines from Sport NZ had not been released. Feedback from the discussions at the webinar are important in guiding TNZ to what is missing for clubs across NZ and how we can support member organisations and instructors in the future. An immediate action from the webinar was the opening up of Sejong Auckland's TaekwonFIT class for students and their families, to help support clubs that are unable to train under current Alert Level requirements.

Another very positive note for TNZ is the strengthening of our relationships outside of New Zealand and this is emphasised with our TNZ Board member and Tournament Director Jamie Carpenter who is standing as a nominee for a World Taekwondo council member position, to represent the Oceania region. We wish Jamie all the best in the upcoming World Taekwondo elections.

## Recent Appointments

TNZ is pleased to announce the following appointments to its Operational Team;

HIGH PERFORMANCE DIRECTOR

Verina Wihongi

REFEREE DIRECTOR

Garry Carpenter

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Jamie Carpenter

POOMSAE DIRECTOR

Sophia Haynes

KYORUGI DIRECTOR

Angela Caldwell

## KUKKIWON APPROVES TNZ

Taekwondo New Zealand has been recognised by the Kukkiwon as the sole governing Taekwondo body for New Zealand. This newly acquired status allows TNZ to process Kukkiwon certificates on behalf of certified Kukkiwon examiners throughout NZ at a discounted rate. It is important to note that this does not exclude Kukkiwon examiners from processing their own certificates – it is an additional resource that can be provided by TNZ if Kukkiwon examiners require. The strengthening of the relationship between TNZ and the Kukkiwon will also provide educational opportunities for members in the future through the Kukkiwon School programme.



# The TNZ Tournament Scene 2022

Tournament Directors hold meetings to consolidate thoughts around Player Ranking Points System

The second Tournament Directors meeting was held via Zoom on the 14<sup>th</sup> September. In this meeting the Athlete Point System was discussed and what this means for Tournament Directors wishing to hold tournaments where ranking points can be gained. The submission due date for tournaments wishing to gain TNZ recognition for Athlete ranking points is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021.

For tournament hosts wishing to provide opportunity for athletes to earn points, Tournament Directors can select which categories they will offer for Player points, ie Kyorugi Cadets, Kyorugi Juniors; Kyorugi 18 to 35 yrs of age; Poomsae Cadets, Poomsae Juniors, Poomsae U30 and U40, Poomsae U50 and above.

### KYORUGI

Competitions for Kyorugi requires 6 referees in total (3 Judging, 1 Refereeing [Class 1 or higher], 1 Video Replay (Class 2 or higher) and 1 Head of Desk [must

be an IR]).

Kyorugi Player point division must be “Open” to any belt level. Kyorugi Player Point matches can be confined to one mat, while all “other matches” take place on other mats. “Other matches” do not need to follow the requirements above.

### POOMSAE

Poomsae requires 6 referees in total (5 Judging and 1 Head of Desk [must be an IR]).

Poomsae requires a “Court Controller” [does not need any qualification] Poomsae U50 and above requires only Class1 and WT IR referees to officiate.

**NOTES:** Player Ranking Point divisions must:

1. Be electronically scored, with scores displayed as per WT rules.
2. Follow WT Competition Rules and TNZ Player Ranking Policy.
3. Use TNZ and WT registered Referees, in positions appropriate to their graded class.

### REFEREES & COACHING

To develop strong tournaments within NZ, it is vitally important to promote and strengthen the referee and judging resources around the country. It is vital to hit the ground running for next year’s tournaments as we need qualified referees - about 50 new ones initially - to service all tournaments. Education courses for referees and coaches that were scheduled to coincide with upcoming tournaments were cancelled due to the current Covid-19 outbreak. Due to the importance of providing Referee courses around the country these courses have been rescheduled with dates and venues being communicated to the membership recently. Please contact [comms@nztaekwondo.co.nz](mailto:comms@nztaekwondo.co.nz) for any of these details. We want to encourage anyone that is interested in pursuing the Referee and Judging pathways to take advantage of these opportunities.



## Introducing your TNZ Member's Forum

The TNZ Member's Forum has been appointed by Member Organisations (MO) from throughout the country and can officially be announced. There are currently 5 Member Organisations represented as well as an Independent representative for those clubs not affiliated to an MO.

The TNZ Board has appointed a chair for the Forum who will conduct the meetings when and as required to be held.

TNZ recognize that not all MOs are represented at this stage but hope that they too will appoint representatives to be included in the Member's Forum in the near future.

<b>TNZ</b>	<b>Garry Carpenter (chair)</b>
<b>TUNZ</b>	<b>Kevin Elsmore</b>
<b>NZTA</b>	<b>John Grace</b>
<b>NZUTA</b>	<b>Kayla Cronin</b>
<b>PMA</b>	<b>Colin O'Brien</b>
<b>NZTF</b>	<b>Bahram Rezai-Pishravi</b>
<b>INDPT</b>	<b>Grant Beel</b>

## ATHLETE RANKING POINTS SYSTEM

The new Athlete Point System has been developed in conjunction with both a development system for referees and a NZ Tournament ranking system. The new Athlete Point System is set to begin in January 2022. Athletes are able to earn points by competing at Tournaments recognised by TNZ. This gives new opportunities for athletes to compete across tournaments and track their progress and development. The Point System is also anticipated to contribute, but not be the sole factor, towards selection into high performance programmes.

Points are calculated by the point value of the tournament multiplied by the points gained for placings earned during competition at each given tournament. This Player Point System is presently limited to blackbelts for both Poomsae and Kyorugi. Each tournament that has divisions where athletes compete for ranking points must have competition mat(s) refereed and judged according to WT guidelines. Tournament Directors must send in an application to TNZ requesting to run a division at their tournament under WT rules. Applications will be reviewed by the TNZ Referee Director and a decision made. It has been identified that a significant limiting resource to the number of competition mats at each tournament will be the number of qualified referees and judges available in NZ to officiate at this level of competition.

## TAEKWONDO



## DEMONSTRATION TEAM!

Whilst the success of the WT demonstration team has been viewed across our screens with their amazing skill brought to main stream viewing at the America's Got Talent show, closer to home in NZ we have our own demonstration team. Master Eric Choi is the Head Instructor of the Howick TKD based team.

At the moment there are 30 students training together, with an age range from primary school to university students. However, there is no age limit to be a member of the team, the only requirement being, team members must be passionate about Taekwondo.

The demonstration team has been conducting regular performances since 2018 and are committed to providing performances showcasing the highest quality of martial art performances for audiences throughout the Auckland community. They have performed at many cultural events, with their most recent performance at the K-festival which is the largest Korean Kiwi community event in New Zealand. Make sure you check out their YouTube channel to see some of their performances, I am sure they would appreciate your support. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Rp5RIqwIkQ>)



## Professional Development

Taekwondo New Zealand is focused on providing professional development for members at all levels. It is essential for our Taekwondo development as a nation that we upskill our members as they are our future.



Resources for coaches and athletes – videos of hand signals and rules for both Poomsae and Kyorugi.  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCupGDVxRbC\\_yd8\\_Q5D4gHpA/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCupGDVxRbC_yd8_Q5D4gHpA/videos)

## Upcoming Events

- **Coaches and Refereeing Seminar – Tunz Top of South Tournament, Blenheim**

A coaches and refereeing seminar for both Kyorugi and Poomsae will be held the day before the Tunz Top of the South Tournament on Friday October 20<sup>th</sup>. The Kyorugi and Poomsae seminars will run concurrently. Participants cannot attend both. Registration will be from 9:30am.

**Coaches** 10:00am – 12:00pm (Theoretical)  
Cost \$10 (bank account required)  
**Referees** 10:00am – 12:00pm (Practical)  
Cost \$50 (Travel to be provided)  
Who can attend?  
Kyorugi Keup 8 or higher and aged 12yrs and above  
Poomsae Keup 2 or higher and aged 18yrs and above



- **Coaches and Refereeing Seminar 2021**

Coaches and refereeing seminars for both Kyorugi and Poomsae will be held throughout the country in October and November in 3 locations.

Wellington **31st October**, Mozhdah Martial Arts NZ, Paraparaumu Domain, Paraparaumu Beach, Paraparaumu

Oamaru **6th November**, Waitaki Recreation Centre, 43 Orwell Street, Oamaru

Christchurch **7th November**, Chch Olympic Dojang/Spreydon School, 16 Mathers Road, Hoon Hay

The format for each seminar will be:

- 09:30am: Registration
- 10:00am: Referee and Coaches Seminar
- 12:00pm: Exam for Referees. Coaches Seminar ends
- 01:00pm: Referee Workshop
- 03:00pm: Practical test for Referees
- 03:30pm: Finish

Kyorugi and Poomsae seminars will run concurrently. Participants can not attend both.

Who can attend? Kyorugi: Keup 8 or higher and aged 12 years or above

Poomsae: Keup 2 or higher and aged 18 years or above

Cost: Coach: \$10, Referee: \$50, If you have attended one of the two Zoom Coaches seminars \$40 (The fees go solely towards referee development and course expenses)



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- 29-October-2021 — Coaches and Refereeing Seminar — Tunz Top of the South, Blenheim CANCELLED
- 31 October 2021 Coaches and Refereeing Seminar 2021 – Paraparaumu
- 06 November 2021 Coaches and Refereeing Seminar 2021 – Oamaru
- 07 November 2021 Coaches and Refereeing Seminar 2021 – Christchurch
- 4-December-2021 — TNZ Nationals — Tauranga CANCELLED

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