

SOVEREIGN OPEN

Saturday 10th October 2026

Venue	The Deanery CE Academy School, Peglars Way, Swindon SN1 7DA
Sponsor	Martialwear — Design Your Life
Certification	TCUK Kickmark Certified Standard
Door Open	9.30am
Officials to Arrive	by 9.30am
Patterns to start	at 10am
Colour belts to arrive	by 9.45am
Black belts to arrive	by Midday

EVENT VENUE INFORMATION

Google Map: <https://rb.gy/nydtop>

TCUK Rule Book: <https://www.tkdngb.co.uk/public/files/Competition-Rule-Book-TCUKmar-24-May.pdf>

Car Parking: Ample free parking including disabled bays to rear of the building

Nearest Train Station: Swindon

Local Taxi Company: Veezu - 01793 701 701

Ride-hailing: Uber is also now available in Swindon

Nearest Bus Stop: Deanery School - <https://www.swindonbus.co.uk/services/TDTR/11>

Hotels: <https://rb.gy/p46wsy>

Facilities at the venue

- Refreshments will be available
- The nearest supermarket is Waitrose which is 2-minute walk away over the footbridge
- Restaurant (H&W) over the road
- There are toilets, disabled toilets and changing facilities at the venue
- Some seating is available in viewing gallery, all spectators to stay behind the barrier
- There is level access for the disabled

First Aid

First aid and paramedic cover will be provided by a third party and will be in attendance on the day. They will be located within the main competition hall.

Safeguarding

Our Safeguarding Contact is Jane Levett. Full details can be found at <https://www.sovereigntkd.org/safeguarding>.

As a reminder: photos and videos may only be taken from the spectator areas, not on the competition floor. Please be mindful and respectful of other families' privacy when taking photos or videos, particularly where other people's children may be included.

Code of Conduct

All students, coaches, volunteers and officials are expected to follow the Code of Conduct as laid out at <https://www.tkdngb.co.uk/en/members-area/risk-assessments>. Failure to do so could result in disqualification and removal from the venue.

Cancellation / Bad Weather Policy

If the event needs to be cancelled, entries will be rolled over to the 2027 event date.

Lost Property

Any lost property will be left at the venue. You will need to contact the venue directly to arrange retrieval.

DIVISIONS AT THIS COMPETITION — NEW FOR 2026

New age categories have been introduced for this year's competition:

- JUNIORS — 4 to 12 years
- CADETS — 13 to 17 years
- ADULTS — 18 to 30 years
- SENIORS — 31 years +

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES

Thursday 8th October 2026

Students Guide to Entering Sovereign Competitions

BEFORE ENTERING - Please make sure that:

- You have a current Taekwondo Licence (eCard) with TCUK or any other Taekwondo organisation or National Governing Body.
- You are training regularly and understand what is expected of you.
- You are wearing a Taekwondo Suit (dobok) and belt which is approved/awarded by your coach or instructor. A dobok is preferred, but a t-shirt and martial arts trousers are acceptable for sparring if no dobok is available.
- You have a full set of correctly fitting sparring equipment which meets the criteria set out in the TCUK Rules for competition i.e. boots, shin guards, groin guards (for men and boys), gloves (with enclosed fingers and tethered thumb), head guard and gum shield — all with no rips or tears.

- You have transport to the venue, and you arrive on time.
- All junior (aged under 18) competitors must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Note: Forearm guards and chest protectors are optional extras that competitors may wear in addition to their regulation sparring equipment. A full hogu (body protector) is NOT allowed.

All competitors make sure you are the correct grade as stated on your entry form. If you have been promoted since entering, you must compete as your previous grade shown on entry form.

HOW TO ENTER

All competitors (juniors or adults) can enter online (using card payment) via the following link:

<https://comp.ibishi.co.uk/a291b993345/sovereign-open-2026/>

Early Bird Price: £30 per student

After 1st October 2026: £35 per student

ENTRY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

Entry fee includes entry into: Individual patterns and sparring. There is no speed kick/destruction event at this competition.

Team patterns will run if time allows on the day. This is a separate event — £20 per team, payable on the day (cash or card).

Spectators: ALL spectators can attend for FREE — bring your friends and family to cheer you on.

Fees to be paid in advance with entry, no entries will be accepted on the day.

Instructors wishing to do block entry (minimum 5 students), please use the block entry form which can be obtained by emailing events@tkdngb.co.uk. Payment can then be made using BACS using the details on the block entry form.

International competitors are welcome to enter. TCUK/Sovereign will not be involved in visa applications and cannot provide any documentation to support a visa application. If you enter before your visa is approved, you do so at your own risk, and entry fees remain non-refundable.

Height & weight checks

- **JUNIORS (4-12):** Make sure you are the correct height for your division. It is very important this is correct — an incorrect height could result in disqualification. You will be height tested on the day; if an amendment is required, this may be chargeable (£5, donated to a charity of the organisers' choice).
- **CADETS (13-17):** Make sure you are the correct height for your division. It is very important this is correct — an incorrect height could result in disqualification. You will be height tested on the day; if an amendment is required, this may be chargeable (£5, donated to a charity of the organisers' choice).
- **ADULTS (18-30):** Make sure that you are the correct weight for the division you want to compete in. It is very important this is correct — an incorrect weight could result in disqualification. You may be weighed in on the day; if an amendment is required, this may be chargeable (£5, donated to a charity of the organisers' choice).
- **SENIORS (30+):** Make sure that you are the correct weight for the division you want to compete in. It is very important this is correct — an incorrect weight could result in disqualification. You may be weighed in on the day; if an amendment is required, this may be chargeable (£5, donated to a charity of the organisers' choice).

ALL COMPETITORS: Upon entry to the venue, you will be given a wristband. This must be visible to enable entry onto the competition floor. Juniors and Cadets will be height tested upon entry — please be ready to remove your shoes! It is very important this is correct, as an incorrect height could result in disqualification.

SPECTATORS: Entry is free. You will be given a spectator wristband to wear — this allows entry into the venue **BUT YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED ONTO THE COMPETITION FLOOR.**

OFFICIALS

Those wishing to help officiate are very welcome — you do not need to be a TCUK qualified official, we just need your support on the day.

- Formal roles (Ring Assistant, Umpire, Referee) are still guided by TCUK qualification standards where possible, but general support on the day does not require any qualification.
- Please arrive by 9.30 A.M. — there is now no charge even if you arrive late.
- If you do arrive later in the day, please still consider helping out, even if just for an hour or so — the more officials we have, the quicker we'll all finish.
- Please register at the top table upon entry, to gain your officials wristband.
- Please wear dark trousers or skirt with a white or blue shirt. Ties and Blazers are optional.
- Lunch will be provided. (If you have any allergies or dietary requirements (including officials receiving lunch on the day), please email events@tkdngb.co.uk in advance to let us know.)

COACHES

Coaches are allowed ringside and will be given a separate coaches wristband to gain entry onto the competition floor. Please register at the top table to obtain your coaches wristband.

There is no shouting or loud coaching permitted ringside.

Instructors: please consider officiating too — the more support we have, the smoother the competition will run!

COMPLAINTS

- Any complaint must be raised within 15 minutes of the incident occurring.
- A £10 deposit is required to lodge a complaint.
- If the complaint is upheld, the £10 deposit will be refunded.
- No video evidence will be reviewed as part of the complaints process.
- If the complaint is not upheld, the £10 deposit will be donated to a charity of the organisers' choice.

PHOTOGRAPHY

There may be an official photographer present on the day. Spectators are welcome to take photos and videos from the spectator areas, but are not allowed onto the competition floor to do so.

ON THE DAY OF THE COMPETITION

NO SPECTATORS ARE ALLOWED AROUND THE COMPETITION AREAS — THEY MUST REMAIN BEHIND THE BARRIER, OR THEY MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE HALL.

NO VIDEO/CAMERAS PERMITTED ON THE COMPETITION FLOOR (OTHER THAN OFFICIAL REGISTERED PHOTOGRAPHERS). Photos and videos may be taken from the spectator areas.

- A running order will be published on social media in advance of the event.
- Medals will be presented on the relevant ring/square after each category has finished.
- Each competition area will be allocated with an area number that will be indicated by the number on the tablecloth.
- Listen out for an announcement for the start of your division on an allocated area.
- All juniors and cadets will be height tested upon entry into the hall.
- You must make sure that you are in the right competition area at the right time; if you are unsure, then you must ask your instructor or an official.

Any spectator or competitor with queries regarding entries, divisions, expected division start times etc. should speak to the top table directly.

Patterns

All competitors may only perform a pattern of their grade (not above).

Combined Hip Twist and Sine Wave Divisions. Patterns will be judged using the Points Method, as set out in the TCUK Rule Book.

- Colour belts will perform in pairs (2 competitors at a time), scored out of 9 under the points system.
- Black belts will perform individually (1 competitor at a time).
- JUNIORS — 4 to 12 years old. Divisions are White, Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, Black Belts all Dan grades together. Males and females in combined divisions.
- CADETS — 13 to 17 years old. Divisions are White, Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, Black Belts all Dan grades together. Males and females in combined divisions.
- ADULTS — 18 to 30 years old. Divisions are White, Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, 1st Degree, 2nd and 3rd Degree, 4th Degree +. Males and females in combined divisions.
- SENIORS — 30 years +. Divisions are White, Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, 1st Degree, 2nd and 3rd Degree, 4th Degree +. Males and females in combined divisions.

If there are fewer than 4 competitors in a category, that category may be combined with another.

Pattern Choices

Grade	Kup / Dan	Patterns
WHITE	10th, 9th kup	Sajo Jirugi, Chon Ji
YELLOW	8th, 7th kup	Chon Ji, Dan Gun, Do San
GREEN	6th, 5th kup	Do San, Won Hyo, Yul Gok
BLUE	4th, 3rd kup	Yul Gok, Joong Gun, Toi Gye
RED	2nd, 1st kup	Toi Gye, Hwa Rang, Choong Moo
BLACK 1	1st Dan	Choong Moo, Kwang-Gae, Po-Eun, Ge-Back
BLACK 2+3	2nd, 3rd Dan	Kwang-Gae, Po-Eun, Ge-Back, Ko-Dang, Juche, Choong Jang, Eui-Am, Samil, Yoo-Sin, Choi Young
BLACK 4+	4th Dan +	Sam-il, Yoo-Sin, Choi Young, Tong-Il, Ul-Ji, Se-Jong, Yon Ge, Moon Mo, So San

MEDALS AWARDED: 1 x Gold, 1 x Silver, 1 x Bronze.

Sparring

Juniors (4-12)

It is very important that height is correct — an incorrect height could result in disqualification. Will be height tested on the day to ensure entry is correct; if an amendment is required, this may be chargeable (£5 per amendment, donated to a charity of the organisers' choice).

Boys and girls separate (with possible exceptions, see below).

- White/Yellow/Green belts together — Point Stop - 1 minute 30 second rounds
- Blue/Red belts together — Continuous - 1 minute 30 second rounds
- Black belts, all Dan grades together — Continuous - 2-minute rounds (finals also 2-minute rounds, no double rounds)
- PEE WEE up to and including 135cm (may mix sexes)

- LIGHTWEIGHT over 135 and including 155cm
- MIDDLEWEIGHT over 155cm and including 175cm
- HEAVYWEIGHT over 175cm

If there are fewer than 4 competitors in a category, that category may be combined with another.

N.B. Juniors will be height tested on entry to the venue — please ensure they do not skip past height testing by accident, so that all juniors are placed into the correct division on the day. Getting this right matters, as an incorrect height could result in disqualification.

Cadets (13-17)

It is very important that height is correct — an incorrect height could result in disqualification. Will be height tested on the day to ensure entry is correct; if an amendment is required, this may be chargeable (£5 per amendment, donated to a charity of the organisers' choice).

Boys and girls separate (with possible exceptions, see below).

- White/Yellow/Green belts together — Point Stop - 1 minute 30 second rounds
- Blue/Red belts together — Continuous - 1 minute 30 second rounds
- Black belts, all Dan grades together — Continuous - 2-minute rounds (finals also 2-minute rounds, no double rounds)
- PEE WEE up to and including 135cm (may mix sexes)
- LIGHTWEIGHT over 135 and including 155cm
- MIDDLEWEIGHT over 155cm and including 175cm
- HEAVYWEIGHT over 175cm

If there are fewer than 4 competitors in a category, that category may be combined with another.

N.B. Cadets will be height tested on entry to the venue — please ensure they do not skip past height testing by accident, so that all cadets are placed into the correct division on the day. Getting this right matters, as an incorrect height could result in disqualification.

Men (18-30) & Ladies (18-30)

It is very important that weight is correct — an incorrect weight could result in disqualification. You may be weighed in on the day; if an amendment is required, this may be chargeable (£5, donated to a charity of the organisers' choice).

Men (18-30)

- White/Yellow/Green belts together — Point Stop - 1 minute 30 second rounds
- Blue/Red belts together — Continuous - 1 minute 30 second rounds
- Black belts, all Dan grades together — Continuous - 2-minute rounds (finals also 2-minute rounds, no double rounds)
- LIGHTWEIGHT up to & incl. 70kg
- MIDDLEWEIGHT over 70kg up to & incl. 90kg
- HEAVYWEIGHT over 90kg

Ladies (18-30)

- White/Yellow/Green belts together — Point Stop - 1 minute 30 second rounds
- Blue/Red belts together — Continuous - 1 minute 30 second rounds
- Black belts, all Dan grades together — Continuous - 2-minute rounds (finals also 2-minute rounds, no double rounds)
- LIGHTWEIGHT up to & incl. 65kg
- MIDDLEWEIGHT over 65kg up to & incl. 75kg

- HEAVYWEIGHT over 75kg

Men (31+) & Ladies (31+)

It is very important that weight is correct — an incorrect weight could result in disqualification. You may be weighed in on the day; if an amendment is required, this may be chargeable (£5, donated to a charity of the organisers' choice).

Men (31+)

- White/Yellow/Green belts together — Point Stop - 1 minute 30 second rounds
- Blue/Red belts together — Continuous - 1 minute 30 second rounds
- Black belts, all Dan grades together — Continuous - 2-minute rounds (finals also 2-minute rounds, no double rounds)
- LIGHTWEIGHT up to & incl. 70kg
- MIDDLEWEIGHT over 70kg up to & incl. 90kg
- HEAVYWEIGHT over 90kg

Ladies (31+)

- White/Yellow/Green belts together — Point Stop - 1 minute 30 second rounds
- Blue/Red belts together — Continuous - 1 minute 30 second rounds
- Black belts, all Dan grades together — Continuous - 2-minute rounds (finals also 2-minute rounds, no double rounds)
- LIGHTWEIGHT up to & incl. 65kg
- MIDDLEWEIGHT over 65kg up to & incl. 75kg
- HEAVYWEIGHT over 75kg

MEDALS AWARDED: 1 x Gold, 1 x Silver, 1 x Bronze.

Team Patterns

Team patterns will run if time allows on the day. This is a separate event — £20 per team, payable on the day (cash or card).

- Teams of 3 to 5 competitors, with mixed grades, ages and gender.
- Teams will be split into Colour Belt teams and Black Belt teams, based on the highest grade in the group.
- A team may only perform the highest pattern available to the lowest grade in the group.
- Team patterns will be marked using the points scoring method, out of 9.
- One team on the floor at a time.

MEDALS AWARDED: 1 x Gold, 1 x Silver, 1 x Bronze.

Any Questions?

- Phone: 07825 433487
- Email: events@tkdngb.co.uk
- Website: sovereigntkd.org