



INVITATION

3rd BTCB British A-Class

TAEKWONDO

INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Manchester 2010



25TH & 26TH September 2010





Welcome

Dear President/Head of Team,

On behalf of the British Taekwondo Control Board and Sport Taekwondo UK Ltd I have the pleasure of inviting you and your Team to the 3rd BTCB British A-Class International Open.

Now in its third year, our event has become the top destination for many National teams and elite athletes wanting high level competition. The British Open is a European "A" Class event and has WTF G2 points ranking status. In 2009 teams from all corners of the world came to the event and had a great time in Manchester.

With the Olympic Games only 2 years away, the British International Open gives teams the ideal opportunity to experience great competition and the British culture.

Manchester is a wonderful vibrant city wanting to welcome and impress overseas visitors. Many sports teams are considering Manchester as a training site for the London Olympic Games.

Once again, we intend to use Electronic body protectors and Video replay systems for Senior divisions to help athletes prepare for upcoming World events.

Good luck with your continued preparation and we look forward to seeing you in Manchester.

*Adrian Tranter
Chairman
British Taekwondo Control Board*



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1. Event Overview

Competition Hall: The Regional Arena
Rowsley Street, Sportcity
Manchester, M11 3FF, England

Competition Date: Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th September 2010

2. Time Table

The event timetable can be downloaded at www.b tcb.org

This Timetable is subject to change, please check regularly.

3. Contestant Eligibility

All participants must be members of a National Taekwondo Federation, affiliated to the WTF. This membership must be proved by means of valid federal certificate of membership at the time of registration. **Please remember to bring this proof of membership.**

4. Weight Divisions

The event will be held to WTF Weight Divisions as follows:

Senior Male (born in 1994 or before)

-54kg, -58kg, -63kg, -68kg, -74kg, -80kg, -87kg, +87kg

Senior Female (born in 1994 or before)

-46kg, -49kg, -53kg, 57kg, -62kg, -67kg, -73kg, +73kg

Junior Male (born in 1993, 1994, 1995 or 1996)

-45kg, -48kg, -51kg, -55kg, -59kg, -63kg, -68kg, -73kg, -78kg +78kg.

Junior Female (born in 1993, 1994, 1995 or 1996)

-42kg, -44kg, -46kg, -49kg, -52kg, -55kg, -59kg, 63kg, -68kg, +68kg

Juniors born in 1993 or 1994 may compete as a Junior or Senior. Competing in both categories is not allowed.

All competitors must hold at least 2nd Kup (Red Belt).





5. Applications

All applications are to be made online at Martial Arts Registration Online
www.ma-regonline.com

For application criteria for United Kingdom athlete, please check the event website at www.btcb.org

Teams/Competitors can modify their applications at the registration for an amount of £10 for each modification. After the official weigh-in no further modifications can be made.

6. Closing Date

The closing date for applications is Monday 13th September 2010.

Payment must be received by the closing date.

Priority application will be given to National teams.

7. Accreditation

One (1) coach will be accredited for every five (5) competitors entered and granted free admission. There can be a maximum of four (4) coaches per team. The minimum age for a coach must be 18 years. Coaches will only be permitted at ringside in sportswear.



8. Competition Rules

WTF Competition Rules will be applied. The format is a single elimination tournament system.

The Senior Division will follow WTF rules as introduced on March 2nd 2010 as well as using Electronic Body Protectors and video replay.

The Junior Division will follow WTF rules as introduced on March 2nd 2010 but with traditional hogus (not EPB's) and there will be no video replays for this division. Elimination rounds and finals of the Junior Division will be 3 x 2 minutes with a 30 second break.

9. Doping Control

Doping Control at the British Open will be conducted according to the World Anti-Doping Code and the list of Prohibited Substances and Methods in force at the time of the event.

The OC will carry out doping tests among the participating athletes at random, any athlete who refuses to undergo testing or who proves to have committed a breach of this regulation shall be removed from the final standings and shall be subject to a disciplinary action.

10. Awards

Awards will be presented to all tournament champions and 2nd and 3rd places. Team trophies will also be presented for the top three teams in each category, male, female and in total according the medal standing (Olympic System).





11. Equipment

All **senior** players will be provided with a **Daedo** electronic body protector at the time of competition. All senior players **must supply their own Daedo sensor socks.** These **will not** be provided by the organising committee of the event.

A special event discount on Daedo socks will be available. Details can be found on the event website at www.btcb.org

A Daedo merchandise stand will be present at the event but sensor socks must be pre-ordered and paid for with Daedo for collection at the event.

Senior players must provide and wear a WTF recognised head guard, groin guard, shin guards, arm guards, hand gloves and clear or white gum shields for the competition.

Junior players must **also** provide and wear their **own** WTF recognised body protector.

A list of companies which supply WTF-recognized doboks and protective equipment can be found on the WTF website: www.wtf.org.

All contestants will be required to proceed to the inspection desk before entering the competition area. Any contestant wearing unofficial equipment will not be permitted to compete.



12. Protests

Only the Head of Team is allowed to protest to the Competition Supervisory Board, immediately after the end of the contest in question. An amount of £100 will have to be paid for each protest lodged. The decision of the referee chairman is final.

13. Liability

All competitors are considered to participate at their own risk.

The British Taekwondo Control Board and the organiser assume no responsibility for any damages, injuries or losses. All contestants must bring their own documents and medical insurance forms for any medical treatment they may need whilst in the United Kingdom.

14. Identification

Under UK Law all competitors and visitors to the UK are required to carry a valid means of Identification e.g. passport at all times.





15. Entry & Payment

The entry fee for each contestant is £40.00 (GBP) or €45 (Euro).

Entry fees must be paid in advance to the following bank account:

To: **Sport Taekwondo UK Ltd**
Bank: **Natwest, Market Place,
Loughborough, LE11 3NZ, UK**
Sort code: **601410**
Account number: **52696103**
IBAN: **GB30 NWBK 6014 1052 6961 03**
SWIFT: **NWBK GB 2L**

No refunds will be provided by the OC for none competing athletes who have already applied.



16. Accommodation

To book a hotel or transfer, please contact our event partner Red Alligator at:

info@redalligatorgroup.com

More hotel details can be found at our event website www.btcb.org Teams who have booked accommodation or transfers through the Organising committee must ensure payment is received in order to secure a booking.

17. Transfers

Coach or minibus transfers can be arranged specifically for your team to and from the airport along with transfers to and from the competition venue. To request a price for your requirements contact Red Alligator, payment is required before arrival to secure the booking.

18. International Referees

International referees wishing to participate in this event, please contact our Referee chairman at brian.tilley@btcb.org

The closing date for referee application is 1st August. Successful referees will be notified by 2nd August.

The cost of room and board for 3 nights is covered. All other costs are the responsibility of each referee.





19. Visa

Any team needing a letter of invitation to support a visa application, please contact the Organising Committee with the names of all team members and team officials at events@btcb-stuk.co.uk

The organising committee is not responsible for anyone denied a visa or entry into the UK by immigration authorities.

Please ensure you have the correct travel documents to enter the UK.

20. Press Accreditation

To apply for press accreditation please visit the event website at www.btc.org and follow the links for press accreditation.

21. Volunteering

If you would like to contribute to the success of this event, there are many volunteering opportunities available. To read more about roles and to apply, visit www.btc.org and follow the links for volunteering.

22. Photography and Video Recording

By registering to compete at the event you are agreeing to have your image taken whilst in the Venue by both the press and members of the public. In addition, you are agreeing to have your image shown on video, TV and online.



23. Questions

If you have a question that is not covered in this invitation please email the Organising Committee at events@btcb-stuk.co.uk

24. Contact

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25. Updates

For regular event information and updates, please visit the event website at www.btcb.org





Links

To find the Regional Area, Manchester – please visit
www.sportcity-manchester.com/findus.asp

Event Partners

UK Sport



The British International Open has been part funded by UK Sport's National Lottery-funded World Class Events Programme, which aims to secure events of strategic importance that deliver a range of lasting benefits. These include economic, social and cultural benefits as well as improving sporting performance by home athletes, encouraging participation and leaving a legacy of facilities and development initiatives. Over 120 sporting events have been staged in the UK through the programme since 1997.

Read more at www.uk-sport.gov.uk

Manchester City Council



Home to the Team GB Taekwondo squad and host of the British International Taekwondo Open 2010, Manchester continues to strengthen its impressive reputation for successfully hosting major international sports championships. 2008 saw Manchester host six World Class events including World Championships in Swimming, Squash and Track Cycling. These events raise the City's global sporting profile, whilst bringing long-term social and economic benefits to Manchester and its residents. The City's excellent range of accessible sports venues and facilities, combined with its school and community sports development programmes, provide the springboard for Manchester's sporting stars of the future. To read more visit www.manchesterworldofsport.com

