

12th IMA World Tang Soo Do Championships



Date: 23rd June 2018

Dear all,

Grand Master Ki Yun Yi invites you to attend and compete at the 12th IMA World Tang Soo Do Championships 2018 held in Bedford, England. Please see below for tournament and accommodation information. We look forward to seeing you there.

Venue: The tournament will be held at The Bedford Corn Exchange, St. Paul's Square, Bedford.

Tournament venue is a short walk from the hotel. The Corn Exchange does not offer car parking, however there is river street car park 5 minutes away. The Tournament will run from 9:30 to 17:00, but please arrive for 9:00.

Please note there are no snack facilities on site, but the venue is in the centre of town where there many shops, cafes, and delis nearby.

The celebratory buffet dinner will be held at the tournament venue in the evening; featuring chicken curry, rice, pasta, and salad, amongst other things. Dress code for the evening is Black Tie-tuxedo and bow tie, Master Belts must wear a red bow tie. The dinner will be followed by presentations and a disco. A cash bar will be available.

Transport: Information on air, car and train travel as follows:

Airports: The nearest airport is Luton, best for those travelling from Europe. For those travelling from outside Europe, Heathrow is preferred, although Gatwick has a direct train service to Bedford.

Car: M1 junction is roughly 11km from the venues and connections to the A6 roughly 1km away. There is no parking at the tournament venue, although parking is available by the river 5 minutes away, charges may apply. There is parking available on-site at the hotel, at a cost of £5.00 per night.

Train: Bedford Railway Station is roughly 1 km away from the venues.

Transport will be provided for those travelling with Grand Master Ki Yun Yi.

Accommodation: The accommodation is the Park Inn hotel by Radisson, 2 St. Mary's Street, Bedford MK42 0AR.

The Park Inn Hotel is in the heart of the city centre, on the riverside. The hotel has organised special reduced rates for those attending the event. To get the special discounted rates please contact the hotel on UK.tel 0044(0)1234799988 and quote 'Karate Group'. June is a very busy time for the hotel so please book accommodation before 23rd March 2018. If you have any problems please ask for Alison Barnes – *reservations manager*.

Room Rates – (*Per night including breakfast*)

Single £78

Twin/Double £88

Family room (extra bed upon request) £88

Please note: Registration for both the tournament and evening meal/disco can only be made online *a small booking fee will apply*. Online registration will be available until midday 23rd

May 2018, after this date no late entries will be accepted. **Pre-Registration is Mandatory.** Please visit www.europeantsd.com to register now. All spectator tickets must also be purchased online. Our rules for the tournament are available on our website. Head guards, hand and foot pads, mouth piece and groin guards are compulsory. The tournament will also feature Masters Forms and free fighting divisions in addition to an exciting creativity event. For all events, traditional doebalks are required however for the creativity event clothing of choice, music and props as required may be used. Teams will have one minute 'set up' time and up to seven minutes performance time. Any team that goes over seven minutes will be disqualified. All ranks are permissible in the creativity events including Master belts. Any breaking materials used must be provided by teams, although we will try and assist where possible.

Costs are as follows:

Two events-open-hand forms & free fighting £22

Three events-open-hand and weapon forms & free fighting £25 for 1st Gup and above £25

Spectator-tickets £5 per person Family ticket £15 (children under 10yrs free)

Evening Dinner*-Cost: **Adults £18.00 Children £8.50**

*Cost includes disco

Finally, please note that whilst we endeavour to have competitors compete against their own grade, this is not always possible. Students may have to compete against competitors either higher or lower in grade to themselves. We look forward to another exciting Tang Soo Do event and thank you for your support. Tang Soo!

Yours in Tang Soo Do

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