

KING TIGER ACADEMY

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WHAT IS OUR KWAN OR SYSTEM OF TAE KWON DO? Ji Do Kwan

Ji Do Kwan was the fourth original kwan. Ji Do Kwan was said to have been founded by Yoon, Kwae Byung in Seoul, Korea in 1953. It translates as "School of Wisdom". Ji Do Kwan also traveled to the United States in the 1960's when Korea decided to reorganize only the members of the Korean Tae KwonDo Association. Master Yoon was also the founder of the original Wang Ho

(King Tiger) Tae Kwon Do Academy in Korea. He invited Master Byung Hwa Jung to be the first instructor of the Wang Ho (King Tiger) Tae Kwon Do school.

Today, King Tiger Tae Kwon Do schools are known throughout the world. Thus, our system of schools, Byung Lee's King Tiger Academies and the King Tiger Tae Kwon Do Association are based on the original Ji Do Kwan organization.

WHAT IS THE WORLD TAE KWON DO FEDERATION (WTF)?

The World Tae Kwon Do Federation (WTF) was founded in 1972, so that it might help share the merits of Tae Kwon Do among the people of the world. The World Tae Kwon Do Federation (WTF) is located inside the Kuk-Ki Won in Seoul, Korea. The Kuk-Ki Won is the center location of Tae Kwon Do for the world. The Kuk-Ki Won was built in 1972 with Un Yong Kim serving as its first President.

WHAT IS USA TAEKWONDO (USAT)?

Tae Kwon Do was first introduced into the U.S. in the 1950's. From this time until 1973 there was a broad diversity of teaching methodologies and styles, which were brought from the six major kwans (schools) of Tae Kwon Do in Korea. With unification initiated by the World Tae Kwon Do Federation (WTF) under the leadership of Dr. Un Yong Kim, instructors in the U.S. organized and made possible the admission of Tae Kwon Do into the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) in 1974. Under this organization, all newly established technical standards, sanctioned by the World Tae Kwon Do Federation, were adopted into this official form of Tae Kwon Do in the United States. Its name was changed to the National AAU Tae Kwon Do Union of the United States on November 28, 1981, and renamed the United States Tae Kwon Do Union on September 9, 1984. In 2004 it again changed names to USA Taekwondo under direction of the USOC (United States Olympic Committee).

Today USA Taekwondo is the National Governing Body (NGB) for Tae Kwon Do, as well as the sole representative of the World Taekwondo Federation in the U.S.. USA Taekwondo is a non-profit amateur sports organization that exists to develop Tae Kwon Do in the U.S.. With the guidance of the U.S.T.U., Tae Kwon Do has also become an official Pan American Sport (since 1983) and an Olympic demonstration sport in the 1988 and 1992 Olympic Games. On September 4, 1994 it was voted on and passed to be a Full Medal (official) Sport to be included in the 2000 Olympic Games.