

Student Manual

Adults (Ages 13 and up)

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Jhoon Rhee Tae Kwon Do

Welcome!

Dear New Student,

Welcome to the Jhoon Rhee Institute (JRI) of Tae Kwon Do, one of the most prestigious Martial Arts Institutions in the world. The institute was founded by 10th degree Black Belt Grandmaster Jhoon Rhee, on June 28, 1962. Some famous students of Grand Master Rhee include Muhammad Ali, George Allen, Jack Anderson, Bruce Lee and over 100 U.S. Congressmen and Senators. Over 80,000 Washingtonians have benefited from our program since its opening. There are 10 Jhoon Rhee studios in the Washington Metropolitan area, and an additional 20 plus affiliated studios and clubs throughout the country, and the world.

Grand Master Rhee's honors include a 1975 Professional Karate Magazine Hall of Fame Award, a 1976 Martial Arts Man of the Century Award at the American Bicentennial Sports Awards Banquet, and a 1983 Black Belt Magazine Man of the Year Award. Grand Master Rhee is also the author of five Tae Kwon Do books, and has starred in two movies; "When Tae Kwon Do Strikes" and "The Silent Master". He is also the only Asian American who served as the national chairman for the American Independence Day Festival in 1983. Most recently, Grand Master Rhee was selected as one of the top 200 most famous immigrants to the United States by the National Immigration Forum, in conjunction with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. Master Rhee was the sole Korean-American to receive the honor.

We are confident that you will benefit from our philosophical and physical training program. We put great emphasis on the importance of education pertaining to Knowledge in the mind, Honesty in the heart, and Strength in the body. Since 1978, our Black Belt candidates of primary and secondary school level have been required to achieve at least a "B" average in their school studies. We are proud to say that today over 80% of our young students are attaining the required average or above within a year of beginning our program. Today, thousands of martial arts studios across the country have adopted the B average policy which the Jhoon Rhee Institute originally initiated.

We would like to congratulate you on the choice you have made in becoming one of our students. We will do everything we can to motivate you to become a conscientious and strong future leader. Be sure to read all the enclosed material before you test for your White Belt. Most of the questions you may have should be answered by the information in this packet. If there is anything that we can help you with, or if you need any other questions answered, please do not hesitate to ask. Please set your goals, work hard, and we'll help you reach your ultimate goal - the coveted "Jhoon Rhee Black Belt." On behalf of our current students, the staff, and Grand Master Jhoon Rhee, we thank you for your trust in our program and welcome you to the Jhoon Rhee Family.

Sincerely,

Master Shackelford and Master Pineda



About Your Membership

There are three types of membership in our Institute:

- 1. Introductory 4 Week Membership (You are Here!)**
- 2. Master's Club**

During your trial membership, please remember the following:

1. Arrive to class on time!
2. A parent or legal guardian must be in the school during class for children age 4 to 7, and in the vicinity of the school for students age 8 to 18.
3. You are limited to any 2 appropriate age and rank level classes per week.

Most of you are most likely enrolled in the Introductory 4 week Membership. By the start of the 3rd week, please arrange a conference with the Program Director to discuss the options you have with enrolling in one of our regular memberships.



Studio Procedures

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION:
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Attendance:

Students enrolled in the trial membership are limited to 2 classes per week. Students in the Masters Club are entitled to unlimited attendance.

Changing Rooms:

There are separate changing rooms for males and females where you may change into your uniform. (Rest rooms are located directly across the hall, as well as at the second entrance to the Lower Level shops.) If you need to change, please allow enough time before the scheduled class time. All bags and shoes are to be placed in the "cubbies" in the waiting area or in the cubbies in the work out area, or in the changing rooms. Please do not leave any personal belongings in the school for any extended period of time. The staff or studio is not responsible for any lost or stolen items left in the studio.

Patches:

Four patches are required on your uniform; the American Flag (placed over the right shoulder), Korean flag (placed over the left shoulder with the red crest on top), the Jhoon Rhee Institute "Fist" patch (placed over the left chest), and the Jhoon Rhee International patch (placed over the right chest). Masters Club patches are also available for students enrolled in this program. The optional "Star" patches should be placed around the collar of the uniform.

Practicing at Home:

Practicing at home is vital for the student to progress in martial arts training. 80% of what a person learns is directly attributed to the amount of time a student spends taking what they learned in class and practicing it at home. All you need is a little space and as little as 15 minutes a day. Not having enough space or time is no excuse not to practice! Some of the activities, such as stretching and balancing, can be done while you are wasting your time watching TV! Remember the saying, "Perfect practice makes Perfect." If you are not sure about any of these activities please ask your instructor. Practice takes discipline and in order for it to be effective, you must develop a habit of practicing. Start today and monitor your progress for 21 days straight, by then you should have developed a habit of practicing.



Email Newsletter:

On a regular basis, emails are sent out to inform students of any important events such as graduation, school closings, party's, etc. Please be sure that the studio has your home or work email address. Email addresses for each school are listed on the cover of this manual.

Sparring and Protective Equipment:

Due to mandatory insurance regulations, all protective padding for the feet, hands, rib, and head as well as a mouth guard is required. School policy requires that only APPROVED equipment be worn. This equipment can be purchased at the school. It is a requirement that White belt students have the Safe-T-Chops. Once a student has achieved the level of gold belt, the rest of the protective gear is required. All sparring activities must be supervised by an adult Black Belt.

Testing and Graduations:

Testing is generally held every month. You will always be notified when you are nearing your test date. Students who pass the test for the gold belt or higher rank, will receive their belt during a formal school graduation. The testing fee for belts between Gold Belt and First Brown Belt is \$45, and the fee for the Black Belt test is \$250, which is made payable to TKD Life Skills, Inc (testing fees are subject to change without notice). At the graduation the student will receive a belt and diploma. The Black Belt Test is a separate event conducted with the Black Belt candidates from all the Jhoon Rhee schools.

Tuition Payments:

All tuition payments are due no later than the 5th of the month and must be set up automatically either with a debit card, credit card (Mastercard or Visa), or check. If you go on vacation you are still expected to make payments on your program during the time you are away. Please be sure to let the school know in writing, **prior** to your vacation/travel that you will be missing class. Additional program extension is given to students in the Master's Club with proper notification to the school.

Uniform:

The white or red uniform is the standard uniform for students. If you are enrolled in the Masters Club, you may also wear the Blue and Gold uniform. Only Black Belt instructors and assistant instructors are allowed to wear other color/style uniforms. Uniforms must always have uniform patches and always be clean, odor free, and pressed before each class attended.



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Vacations:

The school is typically closed for most all major Holidays and for a 7 to 10 day period in the Summer (usually July 4th week) and a 7 to 10 day period between Christmas and New Years. If you will be missing class for vacation or an illness for a period of more than a week, please notify the program director in writing. You are still expected to make payments on your program during the time you are away. Upon your return, time will be added to the end of your program. Additional time can be added to students in the Master's Club.



Adult Levels of Progression



Students enrolled in our Adult Tae Kwon Do program will advance in rank according to the belt ladder to the left.

The White Belt is the first belt earned and to receive it, a student must perform certain tasks to achieve the belt. (Please see "No Belt to White Belt Requirements sheet")

Students will test approximately every 3-4 months for the solid color belts listed to the left.

There are also stripes obtained at each belt level. See the attached "Stripes Sheet" for an explanation.



Belt Stripes

What are the Stripes?

The stripe system was developed to help make sure the student succeeds not just in Tae Kwon Do, but also at home, professional life, and school. Stripes are a great way to build self-esteem as well as help build a positive attitude. This is one way Jhoon Rhee Tae Kwon Do uses positive reinforcement in life-skill development.

Curriculum Stripes

At each belt, this helps motivate the student to learning their curriculum. It also helps the instructor's know what areas he or she may need help with.

Black Stripe #1 - Technical Kicks and Combinations

Black Stripe #2 - Forms

Black Strips #3 - Sparring or sparring drills

Personal Development Stripes

Red Stripe (Attitude) - This is a class attitude stripe. The instructor will give a student this stripe when they show great attitude in class or significant improvement in a certain skill.

White Stripe - Adult (Goal Setting) / Student (Academic) – This stripe is given when an adult turns in a "Goal Sheet". At times, the difference between whether a goal is accomplished or not can be as simple as writing it down. The goals can be anything that helps improve your life. Anything from cleaning a certain room to setting professional goals. Younger teens are to bring their latest report card or progress report.

Blue Stripe - Adult (Physical) / Student (Home) – The physical stripe is given at the instructor's discretion. As long as a student shows physical improvement in class, he/she will be rewarded with a stripe. The home stripe is intended for the younger teens to make sure their attitude at home is excellent. A note is needed for the home stripe.

After a student has received all 6 stripes (3 Black and 1 each of Red, White & Blue) and completed the minimum number of classes, he/she is ready for a new belt.



Adult Goal Sheet

Name _____

Check here if you wish not to have your goal read in class.

1. What is your goal?

2. Steps you will take to help you accomplish this goal.

3. Approximate time frame to complete this goal (within 3 months)



Studio Rules

1. Arrive to class on-time. Students late more than 10 minutes will not be allowed to enter class.
2. NO FOOD IN THE SCHOOL. Do not chew gum or eat in the school. Drinks are allowed only in the waiting area.
3. Respond to all instructor questions with "Yes Ma'am" or "Yes Sir".
4. All students must address Black Belts or other students who have achieved Black Belt rank as "Sir" or "Ma'am". This is to show respect and also to help develop humbleness.
5. Loud talking, playing, rowdy behavior, foul language, etc. will not be tolerated in the school.
6. Uniform must be worn in the workout area and must be kept clean and neat at all times.
7. All students are expected to be considerate and well-behaved. Adult students are expected to set a good example to junior students; advanced students are expected to set a good example to new students and to help such students whenever necessary.
8. Do not wear shoes in the workout area.
9. You must wear all the required school code equipment in order to spar.
10. All students must Bow when entering or leaving the Dojang. This is to show respect for the place where we build our character and strength.



Equipment Requirement

SCHOOL POLICY REQUIRES STUDENTS TO WEAR ONLY JRI ARLINGTON SCHOOL CODE/BRAND GEAR

White Belts: Hand Guards

Gold Belt: Foot, and Shin Guards, Chest Guard, Groin Cup (males), Head Guard and Mouth Guard

Purple Belts and higher: Belt Stretcher

Brown Belt: Music Forms CD, U.S. and Korean Flag

*Please be sure to label all your equipment with a permanent marker.

Uniform Patches

American Flag:

Right Shoulder, below seam

Korean Flag:

Left Shoulder below seam.
Red Crest up, along the seam!

Jhoon Rhee International Patch:

Over the right chest (*Do not iron this patch! It will burn*)

Jhoon Rhee School Patch:

Over the heart

Patches for your uniform will be given to you when you enroll into the regular program after your trial period. Pin the patches on while wearing them to determine placement prior to sewing. Patches are best sewed on the uniform.

Patch Placement on your Blue Master's Club Uniform



RIGHT

LEFT

Jhoon Rhee Fist Patch on the LEFT
 Jhoon Rhee International Patch on the RIGHT



American Flag

On WHITE or RED uniforms

Please have all patches
 Master's Club crest goes above the FIST patch




Korean Flag
 * Red side is on top



No Belt (To White Belt) Examination Requirements

BELT CONCEPT: ATTENTION AND RESPECT

White Belt Test

A. Recite Student Creed (Need to memorize and recited for test):

"To build true confidence through Strength in my Body,
Honesty in my Heart, and Knowledge in my Mind.
To keep friendship with one another and to build a Strong and Happy community.
Never fight to achieve selfish ends, but to develop Might For Right!"

B. Recite 4 Daily Affirmations:

I like myself because I always take action to make good things happen.
I am humanly perfect because I never make mistakes knowingly.
I am wise because I always learn something good everyday.
I am happy that I am me because I always choose to be happy.

C. Recite Class Closing:

INSTRUCTOR	STUDENT
Class Dismissed!	Might For Right!
Might For Right!	Attitude!
How Do We Lead!	By Example Sir!
Thank You Class!	Thank You Sir!

D. Korean Commands:

Chario	"Move to Attention"	Hana	"One"
Kyoung Nay	"Bow" (For Respect)	Dool	"Two"
Shio	"At Ease"	Set	"Three"
Joon bee	"Ready Stance"	Net	"Four"
She jak	"Begin"	Tausut	"Five"
Goman	"End"	Yausut	"Six"
Dojang	"Tae Kwon Do School"	Ilgope	"Seven"
Tae Kwon Do	"The way of the feet and hands"	Yaudul	"Eight"
Diro Dorah	"Turn"	Ahope	"Nine"
Dobok	"Uniform"	Yaul	"Ten"



Adult White Belt (To Gold Belt) Examination Requirements

BELT CONCEPT: HONESTY

White Belt Students must have the protective hand pads

Basics

White Belt Basics 1-5 (defense & offense):

Defensive techniques - executed in a stationary position

Offensive techniques - executed with a front foot step

1. Front Punch Ap Joomok Chirugi
2. Back Punch Deet Joomok Chirugi
3. Front Leg Front Kick Ap Chagi
4. Front Leg Side Kick Yop Chagi
5. Front Leg Round Kick Tol Yo Chagi

Technical Kicks

A. Technical Three Count Front Kick: (kicks must be at least belt level)

1. Front Kick fold
2. Front Kick snap and re-fold
3. Foot down

B. Technical Four Count Side Kick: (kicks must be at least belt level)

1. Knee in side kick fold
2. Side Kick extension and hold
3. Refold to side kick fold
4. Foot down

Forms

"Kamsah" form meaning "Appreciation"

Sparring

Blocks and Counters 1-5

Instructor (Attacker) - Steps forward first in guarding stance with left foot and loud yell.

Student (Defender) - Responds and Steps back with right foot in guarding stance and loud yell.

** Indicates when defensive person yells.*

Instructor

1. Offensive Front Punch
2. Offensive Back Punch
3. Offensive Front Leg Front Kick
4. Offensive Front Leg Side Kick
5. Offensive Front Leg Round Kick

Student (Yell on all counters)

1. Block, (Counter) Back Punch*
2. Block, Back Punch*
3. Step Back with right foot, Block down with left hand, Back Punch* with right hand
4. Same as #3
5. Press Block with front hand, Front Round Kick

Minimum 40 lessons



Daily Dozen Stretching Exercises

1. Single leg pull
2. Abdomen bending
3. Leg split and bending
4. Bridge from a sitting position
5. Cross-leg hip twist
6. Upper body push-up
7. Vertical-leg twist
8. Bow
9. Reverse-toe touch
10. Bridge from a lying position
11. Front stretch
12. Side stretch



Notebook Information

Every student in the regular program in high school or lower must keep a Tae Kwon Do notebook. The notebook should be a plain (no fancy notebooks please!) three-ring binder (minimum ring size of 2-1/2 inches), with a plastic cover so you can slide a picture of yourself or a notebook title sheet with your name. The color of the notebook is left to the discretion of the individual student.

Before any belt testing your notebook must be checked by an instructor prior to the exam date and must be up-to-date before you will be allowed to take the exam. This includes a copy of the most recent report card for those in high school and below.

VERY IMPORTANT!

Each individual sheet of information you put in your notebook must have a plastic protective page cover. Highly recommended that you buy a box of 100 sheet protectors available at office supply stores. Please also organize the contents of your notebook into the following sections with tab dividers: (Purchase tab dividers that can be used with the sheet protectors)

1. **School Information** (unstaple this manual and place each sheet in a sheet protector. A copy of the most recent class schedule should be the first sheet in this section)
2. **Academic Report Cards** (from your academic school. Originals or copies)
3. **Examination Requirements Sheet for each belt level** (The school will provide a copy of belt requirements upon request.)
4. **Community Service** (information on any community service activities you have participated in)
5. **Philosophy/Life Skills** are the paragraphs you write yourselves in the listed in your "Intent To Promote" requirements prior to your belt test.
6. **Tournaments** (a journal of the tournaments you competed in and the results of your performance)
7. **Jhoon Rhee Diplomas/Certificates** (copies if you wish to frame the original.)
8. **Miscellaneous** (Any other martial arts material you wish to put in your notebook. News articles, pictures, drawings, etc.)