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3rd University Taekwon-Do World Championships



**DEMONTFORT
UNIVERSITY**

21st - 22nd February 2026

QUEEN ELIZABETH II DIAMOND JUBILEE SPORTS
CENTRE, DEMONTFORT UNIVERSITY, 50 DUNS LANE,
LEICESTER, ENGLAND, LE3 5LX

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3rd University Taekwon-Do World Championships

We at the British University Taekwon-Do league (BUTL) are honoured to welcome and invite you to the 3rd University Taekwon-Do World Championships.

For the third time in history, students of Taekwon-Do from around the globe can join together and compete at their very own inclusive World Championship event. Allowing them to represent their schools, clubs, institutions and countries across multiple individual and team events.

**MAKE HISTORY BY
REPRESENTING AT
TAEKWON-DO'S GRANDEST
INTERNATIONAL STAGE**

This 3rd championship will take place at the DeMontfort University Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Sports Centre, located in the heart of the city of Leicester, UK.

The event will welcome competitors from around the world, ensuring they have the best experience possible. We aim to create an unforgettable championship for all attendees, uniting them together through Taekwon-Do.

What events can I compete in?

- Compete as an individual in ITF Patterns.
- Compete as an individual in ITF Sparring.
- Compete as an individual in WT Poomsae.
- Compete as an individual in WT Sparring.
- Compete as a team in ITF Patterns.
- Compete as a team in ITF Sparring.
- Compete as a team in WT Poomsae.



3rd University Taekwon-Do World Championships 2026 Invitation

Dear Competitors, Coaches and wider Taekwon-Do Community,

We the British University Taekwon-Do League are honoured to invite you to attend the 3rd University Taekwon-Do World Championships, taking place at Demontfort University, Leicester, UK from February 21st-22nd 2026.

After the great success of the last two University Taekwon-Do World Championships in 2022 & 2024 we are delighted to see the return of this event. The 2024 edition saw University Students from 54 countries attend and compete at the event.

As an organisation we have been working hard to unite all Taekwon-Do practitioners over the past 10 years, and are honoured to be able to provide these opportunities. BUTL has reached thousands of Taekwon-Do practitioners and has represented student Taekwon-Do since its inception in 2015. All of our Championships are inclusive of International Taekwon-Do Federation (ITF) and World Taekwondo (WT) categories. This event is open to ages 17+.

The Championship will take place at the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Sports Centre, DeMontfort University, Leicester, LE3 5LX. The venue has previously hosted many prestigious Championships and allows for our large ring set up. The city of Leicester is an incredible city with rich history and we are very excited to welcome you.

This historic Championship will be open to students from all organisations and groups and will feature both ITF and WT event days as follows:

Friday 20th February 2026 - Event Set Up/Weigh In Option 1

Saturday 21st February 2026 - WT Colour Belt and Black Belt Events

Sunday 22nd February 2026 - ITF Colour Belt and Black Belt Events

We will additionally host a World Championships After Party the evening of Sunday 22nd, free of charge for all coaches, umpires, competitors, volunteers and spectators.

Full rules, accommodation, and event information can be found at www.butl.org.uk/worldchampionships. If you would like to request more info please drop us an email at info@butl.org.uk or international@butl.org.uk

We are excited to welcome you to the return of this historic event, and as we move forward into a new academic year, we wish you all the successes and good health. Together we will continue to elevate University and student Taekwon-Do.

Yours in Taekwon-Do

Ross Sharman (Event Host), Niraj Wadher (Head of International) & BUTL Team



World Championships Event Schedule

Friday 20th February 2026 Set Up and Weigh In Option 1

7:00pm Venue Set Up/Weigh In Option 1 Opens

Saturday 21st February 2026

WT Colour Belt & Black Belt University World Championships

08:00am Venue Opens/Registration/Weigh In Opens

08:45am Umpire & Coaches Meetings

09:00am Opening Ceremony

09:30am Poomsae Events (individuals & Teams)

11:30am Kyorugi Sparring Events

Sunday 22nd February 2026

ITF Colour Belt & Black Belt University World Championships

09:00am Venue Opens/Registration/Weigh In Opens

09:45am Umpire & Coaches Meetings

10:00am Opening Ceremony

10:30am Pattern Events

12:30pm Sparring Events

18:00pm Championship Close

20:30pm Worlds After Party



World Championships Event Schedule

Saturday 21st February 2026

WT Colour Belt & Black Belt University World Championships



All WT Events will take place on the same day

Sunday 22nd February 2026

ITF Colour Belt & Black Belt University World Championships



All ITF Events will take place on the same day

World Championships Entry Information

Key Entry and Event Details



Event Specifications

- 8 Fully matted ring areas
- Professional Full Medical Team & First Aid
- International Umpires & Officials (ITF)
- Bespoke World Championship Medals
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- International World Taekwondo Referees (WT)

2026 World Championship Dates

- Friday 20th February (Event Set Ups)
 - Saturday 21st February (WT Events)
 - Sunday 22nd February (All ITF Events)
- **Weigh In & Registration is open on all days of events, including Friday 20th Set up.**

Individual categories include individual ITF Patterns, WT Poomsae, Individual ITF Sparring, Individual WT Kyorugi. Team events include ITF Patterns, WT Poomsae & ITF Sparring.

Age Requirements:

- Aged 17 years and over

World Championship Entry Includes:

- Personal Competitor Insurance
- Competitor Registration Pack
- Participation Certificate
- Weekend Spectator Pass
- After Party Ticket

To make attending this championship as accessible as possible. Entrants can:

- Enter Individually (Online or by form)
- Enter as a group (Online or by form)
- Pay Online, via bank or invoice

Entry:

- Individual Event Only - £35 per Competitor
- Team Events - £10 per Competitor
- All Events Entry Deal - £50 per Competitor (£50 entry includes entry to all events combined)

Entry deadline 7th February 2026.

A full breakdown of all rules/regulations and entry forms/links can be viewed and downloaded at **www.butl.org.uk/worldchampionships**

World Championships Venue

DeMontfort University (DMU)

**Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Sports Centre, 50 Duns Lane,
Leicester, LE 5LX**



Introducing our world class venue, Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Centre. This venue has an incredible history as a top sporting hub while serving students of Leicester. Currently it's home to an array of University students and clubs, with the complex hosting many major events across BUTL history including one of the leagues.

The complex was named after Queen Elizabeth II when she visited the campus as part of her Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

With an Impressive sports hall, the facility has hosted many large scale competitions and events in its rich history. The sports hall has its own bleacher seating making viewing of the championships possible from all areas.

Competitors will have access to changing rooms, inclusive restrooms, training areas and spaces during the weekend. The facility has full wheelchair access.

The venue will be open on Friday 20th February for registration and weigh in opportunities. This information will be released in due course.

Travel - By Bus/Tram/Public Transport

Bus & Trains - Various route options to Leicester Stations and Stops

Taxis - Multiple Taxi services are available including Uber

East Midlands Airport - 19 miles to venue, train route from Airport to Campus

World Championships Accommodation

World Championships Hotel Options and Recommendations

We are proud to be able to offer support in the form of accommodation assistance across the event for all competitors and attendees. To ensure participants are assisted to the highest standard for this event we have compiled a list of the closest and most affordable hotels in the area. Let us know if we can help.

Closest to Sports Venue (DeMontfort University)

Holiday Inn Leicester - 0.3 Miles to Venue - 129 St Nicholas Cir, Leicester, LE1 5LX | 01164821900 | www.holidayinnleicester.guestreservations.com

Novotel Leicester - 0.4 Miles to Venue - 2 Great Central St, Leicester, LE1 4JS | 01164820440 | www.all.accor.com

Travelodge Leicester Central - 0.5 Miles to Venue - Vaugahan Way, Leicester, LE1 4NN | 08719846254 | www.travelodge.co.uk

City Centre Hotels (Easy Public Transport Routes)

Travelodge Leicester City Centre - 0.9 Miles to Venue - The Haymarket Centre, Leicester, LE1 3PH | 08719846574 | www.travelodge.co.uk

Premier Inn Leicester City Centre - 1 Mile to Venue - St. Georges Tower, 1A St Georges Way, Leicester LE1 1AA | 03330037695 | www.premierinn.com

Ibis Leicester City - 1.1 Mile to Venue - St George's Way, Constitution Hill, Leicester LE1 1PL | 01162487200 | www.all.accor.com

Travel - By Bus/Tram/Public Transport

Buses & Trams run from all City Centre Hotels to Sports Venue

Bus & Trains - Various route options to Leicester Stations and Stops

Taxis - Multiple Taxi services are available including Uber

East Midlands Airport - 19 miles to venue, train routes from Airport to Campus

World Championships Key Contacts

How to contact the BUTL Team

Contact Emails

World Championships enquiries: worlds26@butl.org.uk

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International enquiries: international@butl.org.uk

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Website & Online Links

General: www.butl.org.uk

World Championships Info: www.butl.org.uk/worldchampionships

Facebook: www.Facebook.com/britishuniversitytkdleague

Instagram: www.Instagram.com/butltkdl

linkedin: www.linkedin.com/company/british-university-taekwon-do-league

World Championship Hosts (official social media)

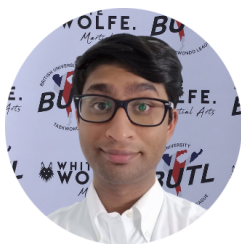
Event Host Profile: www.facebook.com/ross.sharmanbutl.7

International Profile: www.facebook.com/BUTL.International

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