

1st up: The FUN Tournament-September 14th

A low cost (\$30), low stress (at MTC for MTC students only) way to check out what tournaments are all about. They can be fun, rewarding and life enriching events if you go into them with a basic knowledge of what to expect and are surrounded by supportive "family" members.

We want our students to have every reason to participate in upcoming tournaments. With this FUN tournament, our students will find out what they can expect at future tournaments and reap the benefits to be had by joining the greater Taekwondo Community in Montana and the rest of the world. Parents sometimes, understandably, wish for their children to hold back from competition. However, when a student shows interest, we recommend engaging them at that point. Individuals are placed in

groups of their approximate age, height, weight and skill level, making the first time they are interested the best time to try a tournament. We also use this opportunity to develop the logistics of tournament operations. We are asking every family to volunteer an hour or 2 to contribute to the group and feel proud of your efforts that will make this a FUN, successful event. **Sign up at the dojang or online at VolunteerSpot.com**

Those who are brand new to Taekwondo will use this opportunity to learn what great things tournaments have to offer them in a supportive and encouraging environment with familiar supportive faces in a familiar place. **Students who have competed in tournaments before** will have this opportunity to ease back into the season with their team-

mates and get some ring time to prepare them to have a positive experience in the fast approaching tournament season. **Red and Black Belts and 14+** have an opportunity to refine their skills in officiating, and will practice having an audience and discriminating judges while they "bang the dust off" and will in turn have more rewarding experiences in future tournaments. **Parents** can utilize this opportunity to learn about all aspects of competition including competition rules, general order of tournament events, use of scoring equipment, how poomsae and sparring are scored in competition, and the general nuances of Taekwondo competition.

Paper registration only for this event at the dojang or download the PDF from www.missoulatkd.com

MTA Referee Certification Very Easy for MTC Students

On Tuesday, September 10th, MTC will offer a MTA Referee seminar. The entire seminar will run from 5-9PM and will overlap with Advanced class and sparring class. The day's instruction in both classes will all relate to rules and methods of refereeing at a MTA event. This event is perfectly timed for individuals who were planning to attend their regularly scheduled

5:45 class. By arriving early at 5:00 and staying late, until approximately 9:00 PM new and experienced referees will gain their yearly MTA referee certification, which is required to referee at our tournament-The Montana Open on October 12th. This Certification Seminar will be informative with the power point presentation beginning at 5:00 and progressing to practical application

during advanced and sparring classes.

Seminar participation is not required for class attendance on the 10th, but is recommended to all students age 14+. Also, this seminar is perfectly timed to prepare students and/or parents to confidently officiate and consequently enjoy the FUN tournament on the 14th.

Interested in Taking Your TKD Experience to the Next Level? Stick around after the FUN Tournament...

The 2012-2013 National Events Team from MTC is inviting all MTC families to share in their recap celebration of this past year. We will have a pot luck and slide show of the season in review following the FUN Tournament.

We have such a great time as a

team and grow so much as individuals we are excited to reminisce and share with those who wonder if they would like to partake in this or future year's National Events Teams.

This will be a great way for interested families to hear from "the horse's mouth" if this is the experi-

ence they are hoping to have.

The 2013-2014 NET events will culminate in a trip to San Jose, California the 1st week of July. Bring a dish and join us for a great gathering and see if this year will be the year you get more out of your TKD experience at approximately 5PM on the 14th.



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Monthly Newsletter

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Where we would normally list our student's birthday's here, we are now recognizing every student's special day through a direct email through OnMat. We value your feed back. Send us an email if you have feelings about this change at admin@missoulatkdc.com.

Important Dates

September 10th
MTA Referee Seminar
at MTC

September 14th
FUN Tournament at
MTC

September 28th
Jimmy Kim Tournney
Long Beach, CA

October 4th
Colored Belt Test

October 11th
"Be a Better Referee"
Seminar with Grand
Master Ron Rose at
MTC

October 12th
The Montana Open-
Taekwondo Champi-
onships, hosted by
MTC at U of M's Ad-
am's Center

October 13th
"Fight Like a Champ"
Seminar by TJ Curry
at MTC

Welcome to Fall at MTC

Our favorite time of year at MTC is Fall. We have enjoyed the free flowing summer months but love the energy and consistency that everyone's Fall schedule brings. The entire student body at MTC seem to launch forward in their individual journeys and progress is intense across the board. Athletes are preparing for local and out of state events, and students' focuses are narrowing on their next belt progression. Although outdoors we will be enjoying the beautiful colors of a Missoula Autumn, inside we will be experiencing a Spring-like surge of growth.

We always encourage our students to get the most out of their TKD experience by continually setting goals through testing and tournament par-

ticipation. In the past, many of our students have participated in local tournaments and about 20 participate in our National Events Team (NET), traveling to larger tournaments hosted around the country. Every year, we can see how this deeper experience brings the level of benefit to new heights for the 20 NET students. This summer as we were planning both the trip to Chicago for Nationals and our Fall Tournament we drew the connection that we could bring this deeper experience found by out NET right here to our own back yard and allow more (and hopefully ALL) of our families at MTC to more deeply experience the tremendous benefits of Taekwondo competition.

100% participation in The Montana Open is our goal! This is our op-

portunity to shine as a group and as individuals. Every person of every age and ability level can make a difference. **Children/students** should participate as competitors and/or volunteers. **Teens and Adults** can also participate as an official. Officiating gets you a front row seat and is as easy as watching the action and pushing buttons.

Contribute to this event by:

- Competing
- Officiating
- Volunteering
- Spectating

Volunteer at
volunteerspot.com.

Register to compete at
montanaopentkd.com.

Manage Your Journey at MTC from Your Smart Phone

Most of you by now should have received an email of some sort (welcome, test eligibility, missed class, birthday) from our new check in/ dojang management software, OnMat by Jibasoft. We are loving what it is doing for us. We are able to keep track of many aspects of each students'

journey and give precise and useful feedback.

Please continue to help us facilitate a great journey for you and your student by 1) making sure your email is correct (there are no red exclamation points) when you check in for class, and 2) getting the free OnMat Now app

on your smart phone (or other device) so that you will have quick easy access to the schedule, calendar and testing curriculum schedule and report cards.

Once you have the app or log on to jibasoft.com on your computer, your username will be your