Taekwondo

Chungdokwan

Great Britain

**ELITE ATHLETE SPONSORSHIP**

**General information**

Taekwondo Chungdokwan Great Britain (TCGB) have allocated a set amount of funding to offer elite athletes and those striving to achieve elite status the opportunity to apply for sponsorship to financially assist in participation at high-level competitions. This specifically refers to the British Taekwondo National Championships and A-Class competitions (UK-based and overseas) in poomsae (patterns) and/or kyorugi (sparring). All applicants must have been members of TCGB for at least 6 months on the date of application for sponsorship. Membership is defined as holding a valid British Taekwondo licence through a TCGB group member club.

Sponsorship can be used towards the cost of competition entry fees, travel and/or accommodation. For UK-based competitions, a maximum of £50 per applicant per competition will be considered. For overseas competitions, a maximum of £100 per applicant per competition will be considered. A maximum of two sponsorships per student can be made per calendar year. Where possible, students will be made aware of the result of their application before the competition, although successful sponsorship will only be sent to the applicant after the event as discussed in the ‘Conditions upon successful sponsorship’ section. The TCGB Committee reserve the right to withdraw sponsorship.

TCGB have not established any pre-determined criteria for successful sponsorship applications and each application will be considered on a case-by-case basis. However, dedication, perseverance, competition experience and technical ability in Taekwondo are some of the key characteristics which will be acknowledged. It is particularly important to highlight how the sponsorship would assist in the progression of the applicant’s Taekwondo career. Applicants should be committed to developing their Taekwondo career, including personal progression through regular training and a desire to compete at a high level. It is ultimately at the instructor’s discretion as to whether the applicant should be classed an elite athlete or striving to become an elite athlete. Applications should not be submitted for beginners, those without competition experience or those who are not seeking to compete regularly at a high level.

As mentioned above, the amount of funding available is limited. It is with regret that there may be strong applications that are received in one particular year which are not successful in this process, but may be successful in the future. However, it should be noted that TCGB will not sponsor applications that do not provide suitable evidence, even if funds are available.

**How to apply**

All fields of the application form must be completed. Where possible, please complete the form in electronic format and sign the declaration after printing. If completed by hand, please write clearly as any illegible applications will not be considered. Keep answers within the space provided (for long answer questions, please adhere to the word limit). Any additional documents provided will not be considered, so please do not send them.

Sections 1, 2 and 3 can be completed by the applicant or the applicant’s instructor. Section 4 must be completed by the applicant (or parent/guardian) and Section 5 must be completed by the applicant’s instructor. It is recommended that clear communication is maintained between the applicant and the instructor at all times during the application process. If an instructor feels that an application is not appropriate at that time, this should be discussed with the student. Applications without an instructor’s recommendation will not be considered for sponsorship. Students should not commence the application process without prior discussion with their instructor.

Application forms should be sent to Natalie Mestry, TCGB Secretary General, using the address below. Applications can be submitted at any time providing it is before the competition date; retrospective applications will not be considered. However, applications will only be reviewed by the TCGB Committee on three occasions per year: the TCGB Annual General Meeting (January); the TCGB Summer Dan Grading (May/June) and the TCGB All-In-One Seminar (October/November).

Please send completed application forms to:

**NATALIE MESTRY, 8 JENSEN COURT, HULSE ROAD,**

**SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE, SO15 2JW**

Ideally and as previously mentioned, the result of an application would be announced prior to the competition, although timings may not always allow for this. Therefore, sponsorships may still be awarded after the competition providing the application was received **before** the competition date and the ‘Conditions upon successful sponsorship’ are completed. Two examples of how the timings of an application could be reviewed are presented below:

Example 1. An application is submitted in May (before the TCGB Summer Dan Grading) for a competition in August. The application will be examined by the TCGB Committee at the Dan Grading and the applicant will be informed of the result shortly afterwards (i.e. before the competition). Funds for successful applications will subsequently be released upon completion of the conditions of sponsorship.

Example 2. An application is submitted in July (after the TCGB Summer Dan Grading) for a competition in August (note, the application still needs to be submitted before the competition). The application will be examined by the TCGB Committee at the All-In-One Seminar and the applicant will be informed of the result shortly afterwards (i.e. after the competition). Funds for successful applications will subsequently be released upon completion of the conditions of sponsorship.

**Conditions upon successful sponsorship**

Personal details provided in the application form will only be used for correspondence regarding the application for sponsorship; they will not be passed on or used for any other purpose. Successful applicants and their instructors will be notified by email outlining the maximum value to be awarded and how to claim the sponsorship.

After the competition, the applicant must submit a short report (200 words minimum) outlining the event and their personal achievements at the competition (e.g. number of rounds competed, final point scores, which poomsae they performed, medals achieved, what they learned from attending the event). This will be published on the TCGB website and social media. Photographs from the event are also welcome, but not compulsory. In addition, receipts relating to the costs outlined in the application form (i.e. entry fees, travel and/or accommodation) must be provided. Once the short report and receipts have been received, the allocated funds will be released in line with receipts provided or up to the maximum award value.

If an applicant who has successfully been awarded sponsorship can no longer participate in the event, for whatever reason, please inform the TCGB Committee as soon as possible. As funds are not released until after the competition, the applicant will not receive any funds, but it may be possible to re-allocate the award to another applicant. Relinquishing sponsorship will not affect an applicant’s chances of being awarded sponsorship in the future.

**A note from the TCGB President**

As a competitor who competed at the highest level representing Great Britain for many years and having to get my own sponsors to pay for my travels, hotel and competition fees, I know too well how difficult it is to find the money to follow your dreams to compete. With this in mind, the TCGB Committee has set aside some money to help our talented athletes towards the cost of travelling and competition expenses. We look forward to receiving your applications and hearing of your tournament successes.

*Grandmaster Lindsay Lawrence*

**SECTION 1 - Applicant Personal Details**

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| First name(s) |       | Surname |        |
| Date of Birth | Day |        | Month |        | Year |        |
| Current Age |        | Sex (please tick) | M | [ ]  | F | [ ]  |
| Address |        |
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| County |        | Post Code |        |
| Telephone No. |        |
| Email Address |        |
| British Taekwondo Membership No. |        | British Taekwondo Licence No. |        |
| Expiry Date (dd/mm/yyyy) |        | Grade |        |
| Club |        |

**SECTION 2 - About the Competition**

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| Competition Name |        |
| Competition Address |        |
| Competition Contact Name |        |
| Competition Contact Details | Telephone No. |       |
| Email address |        |
| Date(s) of Competition |        |
| Discipline(please tick one only) | Kyorugi (sparring) | Poomsae (patterns) | Both (Kyorugi and Poomsae) |
| [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |

**SECTION 3 - Evidence for Sponsorship**

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| Have you previously competed at the British Taekwondo National Championships or an A-Class competition? | Yes | [ ]  | If yes, please provide the name and date of the most recent competition |        |
| No | [ ]  |
| Have you applied for funding elsewhere for the same competition? | Yes | [ ]  | If yes, please name the source of funding and amount requested |        |
| No | [ ]  |
| Provide evidence of your competition record and any past success, as well as making a case for being an elite athlete/striving to be an elite athlete(Max 300 words) |       |
| Describe how competing in this competition will enhance your Taekwondo progression(Max 200 words) |        |
| Explain precisely how any financial sponsorship would be used (please itemise the specific costs)(Max 200 words) |        |

**SECTION 4 - Applicant Declaration**

By signing this application form, you declare that the information provided is correct to the best of your knowledge and you have read through the ‘Conditions upon successful sponsorship’.

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| Print Name (Parent/Guardian’s name if applicant is under 18 years) |        |
| Signature (Parent/Guardian’s signature if applicant is under 18 years) |  | Date |        |

**SECTION 5 - Instructor Recommendation**

To be completed by the applicant’s instructor. By signing this application form, you declare that the information provided is correct to the best of your knowledge.

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| Instructor Recommendation(Max 200 words) |        |
| Instructor’s Name(print name) |        | Instructor’s Grade |        |
| Instructor’s Email Address |        |
| Instructor’s Telephone No. |        |
| Instructor’s Signature |  | Date |        |