

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL TAGB INSTRUCTORS
(to be read in its' entirety)

THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE NOTES ARE ISSUED THE TAGB COUNCIL

Due to the current situation caused by the COVID-19 virus the TAGB Council wish to make the following statement:

1. **All Pre black belt training sessions** due to take place in March and April are cancelled with immediate effect.

2. **The Black Belt Grading** due to take place at Hellidon Hotel in April 2020 will be postponed until further notice.

However, all Instructors should submit their students' grading application forms to their Area Co-ordinator in the usual way **BY THE CURRENTLY AGREED CLOSING DATE**. Area Co-ordinators should then send the 6th copy to Bristol Academy.

This will allow us to re-programme the grading at a later date when it is safe to do so, and the Government gives the go ahead to return to normal activity.

However, **DO NOT SEND GRADING FEES (CHEQUES ETC) IN WITH THE FORMS.**

Payments can be made when a new date has been set for the grading.

3. **The Welsh Championships** due to be held in Cardiff on 10th May 2020 is also cancelled.

4. **Coloured Belt Gradings**

Providing venues are still available coloured belt gradings can go ahead with the following restrictions.

Limit people in the grading area to as small a number as possible

Do not perform any form of set sparring or free sparring thus avoiding person to person contact.

Lay out your grading venue to allow as much space as possible between students taking the grading and also allow space between officiating black belts. Should you allow spectators to attend ensure any older people or those who feel unwell do not attend these gradings.

5. Normal training lessons. Some of you will already have found your venues closed and many others are certain to follow.

Where you are able to conduct lessons please follow the same guidelines as we have given for coloured belt gradings. You will need to ensure your student's keep their licences up to date to maintain their membership and their insurance valid.

6. BTC. The BTC have also issue the following statement this morning:

The BTC as of **12 noon on 17th March 2020** are operating under advice and guidance from Government and partner agencies:

- a. If your school is currently operating within an education facility that has been closed, the operation of the school may well be out of your hands and it is in the hands of the host school to determine whether you can operate.
- b. If the facility you use does allow you to operate, then the BTC guidance is that of a private owner-operator. At this time the training halls and dojangs can remain open, giving the participant the choice of whether to attend training or not. The BTC will also follow the Government and NHS guidelines that any of your members 70yrs+ and/or those who have underlying health conditions, should take the further advice available to them on the [NHS website](#) or via their GP practice.
- c. Please note, any Government instruction that supersedes the date and time of this BTC notice will of course take precedence.

We know from previous experience that TAGB members are capable of coping with all sorts of problems. So, in these times of unprecedented strife, both nationally and worldwide, we will do whatever we can to support you and already we have seen some ingenious ways that some instructors are keeping in touch with their students.

So, keep in touch verbally with each other, pass on any ideas you have developed to retain your students.

We **WILL** get through this.

Should there be any further developments then we will contact you again.

Remember, your Area Co-ordinators are there to help and advise.

Yours in TKD

TAGB Council