



Hello, Candidates and Parents.

Our Regional Spring Cycle Dan testing is fast approaching. This information is being provided through your instructor and Region 8 online sites so you are informed in advance of the test.

Please contact your instructor should you have any questions. Please do not contact the Regional Director or test sites.

Those candidates who decide not to take the test at this time can take the test in the fall or next year. Exact dates cannot be determined at this time since indoor activities are subject to government restrictions.

Written Test

The written test is scheduled for July 18 ONLINE. You should have already received detailed information from Master Celona. Please contact him at impacttsd@gmail.com with any questions.

Physical Test

Studio Owners will be notified of their candidates' written test decision. For those who are successful with the written test, the physical test will take place at the designated dojang on July 25. Those candidates who do not pass the written test on July 18 and do not qualify for retesting will not be permitted to take the physical test on July 25. Re-tests, according to WTSDA guidelines, will be scheduled at a later date for those who qualify.

Your instructor will share with you to which dojang you are to report for the physical test. Please do not contact the studio for information about the test - please work with your instructor if you have questions.

The safety of our candidates is of the utmost importance. Please support our efforts to help keep our members safe as we afford them the opportunity to test. These measures are in response to the increasing COVID-19 infection rates in most states.

Participants are encouraged to stay home if they are sick, have had a fever in the prior 48 hours, have a fever, or have been in close contact within the last 14 days with someone who has met any of those criteria. All participants - candidates, examiners, conductors, and assistants - will be screened before entering the test site. Anyone who has a fever or screens positive for concerning symptoms will be asked to leave and see their physician and will not participate in the test.

Entrance to/Exiting the Test Site

Check-in/Pickup Process

- We will be asking participants - candidates or their parents (for minors), examiners, conductors, and assistants - to complete a waiver online in advance of their visit to the respective test sites for the Dan Test as we are operating with adjustments related to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you have any challenges completing the waiver, please contact your instructor. **Note: This is mandatory** - if the waiver is not completed before the participant arrives for screening, they will be asked to complete it then on their own device or leave without participating in the test.
- Parents, spectators, anyone without an assigned duty may **not** enter the location to watch the test. We are happy to be able to provide Regional Live Streaming of each location testing. Access will be shared with you prior to the testing date.
 - To support mandatory cleaning protocols before and after each group, you are asked to arrive **only** 15 minutes early (that means 9:45 for the 10 AM test and 12:15 for the 12:30 PM test) to get checked in and screened.
 - If you arrive earlier, you are asked to remain in your vehicles or outside, you should not attempt to enter the dojang early.
 - All participants (candidates, examiners, conductors, and assistants) will be screened before entering the testing location - this includes temperature checks and a set of required screening questions. Please do not come to the testing location if you have had a fever in the prior 48 hours, have a fever, are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, or have been in close contact within the last 14 days with someone who has met any of those criteria.
- Candidates will come dressed with uniform on; locker rooms will be CLOSED for changing.
- All need to use hand sanitizer before coming onto the floor.
- Parents will wait outside the dojang and not crowded near the entrance.
- There will be hand sanitizer available for use prior to exiting the building.

Social Distancing, Cleaning, and Disinfection Activities

Social Distancing

- There will be no direct contact between any participant (candidates, conductors, examiners, and assistants).

- All participants must stay at least 6 feet away from each other.
- No physical contact will be allowed. There will be no partner drills - no target kicking (with partners), no one-steps (with partners), no self-defense (with partners), no sparring.
- Taking into account social distancing and the amount of distance changes during Dan Testing activities, the following will be followed regarding face coverings.
 - Masks are required for all candidates and officials unless there is a valid medical reason (which needs Doctor's note/email or other medical professional confirmation) that would make wearing masks inadvisable for the wearer and only in that case will shields in lieu of masks be permitted.
 - All masks are to be worn such that the nose and mouth are covered.
 - Shields, worn in combination with masks, are permissible. All shields are to be worn such that the edge of the shield is below the chin.
 - Additionally, in the event any candidate is wearing just a shield, the panel and conductors must take all steps required to ensure at least 6 feet of physical distancing exist between all candidates.

Common Areas

- Locker Rooms are closed.
- Candidates are urged to use the bathroom at home. Bathroom use is only in emergencies to minimize the need to clean and disinfect the bathroom during the event. Bathrooms that are used will be cleaned after use per the current cleaning protocol.

Use of Equipment and Cleaning and Disinfecting Activities

- All candidates are required to bring their own equipment needed for their test, e.g. staff, dan gum, training sword, and be reminded to collect and remove all of their equipment before leaving.
- Cleaning and disinfecting procedures and equipment use policies are in place to support providing as safe of an environment as possible.

Test

- Each test site will follow the script provided for their test group.
- Short breaks will be included to allow candidates to remove their mask in place, if desired, when socially distanced.

- Chief Examiners will monitor and consider the special circumstances of the test and respond accordingly.

Broadcasting information

We have set up a private FB group for Region 8 Virtual Events and four independent events - one for each test site to allow parents/spectators to view the test remotely. For parents/spectators not on FB, a Zoom link will be provided to watch the test. All are to be muted during the test and not on video. Access will be shared with you prior to the testing date.

Thank you for your cooperation!