

## **Tampa Bay Tang Soo Do Center Student / Parent Partnership letter**

*Dear Students / Parents this is just a brief outline of the expectations from you as a new member of our facility.*

***Monthly Tuition:*** [ TUITION ] is due by the first day of the month. This is inclusive of all members. The standard Late Fee for all members is \$10 per week (unless arrangements are made in advance with GMB. If tuition is two weeks late the late fee of \$20 shall be included etc. Remember, it is disrespectful for the instructor to have to ask for tuition. This is the member's responsibility to maintain membership in good standing.

***Punctuality:*** Students/Parents Punctuality is very important, especially in the Martial Arts. Please make every attempt to be at class on time.

**Lil Dragons ( Pee Wee Class – 4 –7 yr olds )** starts at 5:15 - till 5:45 pm  
**Beginners Class ( all ages from 8 yrs old and up )** starts at 6:00pm – 7:00pm  
**Advanced only** – starts at 7:00pm – 8:00 pm

***Regular Attendance:*** This in itself can be a touchy subject. However, we encourage members to attend classes on a regular basis. This is so important to gain the quintessence of what the Martial Arts represent. Too often we have parents complain that they are encountering discipline issues ongoing on the home front with their child. We inform the parent/s that their child only attends our program once every two to three weeks due to multi involvement in other outside activities. We do ask for a commitment from the parents to have their child attend our Tang Soo Do program on a weekly basis. The Lil Dragons classes are offered twice a week. If the child is pulled in too many different directions, the parent too, then our program may not benefit them.

***Uniform Care:*** Remember, how you look directly represents how you feel about yourself. Take pride in the way you uniform looks. Uniforms ( **Dobahls**) Should be washed on a regular basis and touched up with an iron if very wrinkled. Remember, do not wash your belt (dee) in the washing machine and afterwards through in the dryer, it will shrink immensely. If needed, it is much better to hand wash the belt and let it drip dry.

***Patches:*** Patches shall be worn as follows. Federation Patch shall be worn over the heart. American Flag Patch to be worn on right sleeve below shoulder area. Korean Flag shall be worn on left sleeve below shoulder area. Tang Soo Do Patch, if purchased may be worn just below the Korean Flag Patch. Dan Members shall wear Instructor Patch on right sleeve just below American Flag Patch. Merit Patches should be worn on right

sleeve below the sanctioned patches. No other patches shall be worn without KJN approval.

**Belt Promotion:** Most students become eligible to test about every three months up to red belt level. Our requirement is a minimum of [ 21 ] classes Between tests. The test guidelines and requirements are posted on the Dojang wall. All students must be regular in attendance and show an improvement to be considered for Belt Promotion Testing. Red belts must have a minimum of 32 classes between tests.

- A) school age children will have to bring in their most recent Report Card and will have to maintain a [ C ] grade or better in all classes in order to be eligible for consideration. Younger members shall maintain a { S } grade or better to be eligible.
- B) Also, the Belt promotion recommendation form will need to be signed and approved by a teacher and the child's parent, and turned in prior to the test date.
- C) Test Fees are due at Testing with the completed Test form.  
Gup Test Fees are [ \$30 per test ] for regular members and \$25 for Lil Dragons  
Dan ( Black Belt ) Testing – Standard Fee Made out to American Kwan Tang Soo Do is \$300. This is for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan. Master Test fee is higher.

**Dojang or Office Area:** Please read the Protocol and etiquette in the dojang insert. Members, please remember, no profanity to be used in the dojang or office area. We try to accommodate seating arrangements the best we can, with extra chairs. However, GMB's chair and behind desk area is off limits please.

- A) Members and parents please refrain from bringing food items into the office/reception area. We realize with little ones they need a snack. We ask that if you do please! Bring something small that won't crumble up. We had a major problem with roaches and ants when we first moved into the dojang.
- B) Absolutely no food, drinks or shoes on the mat!!!

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