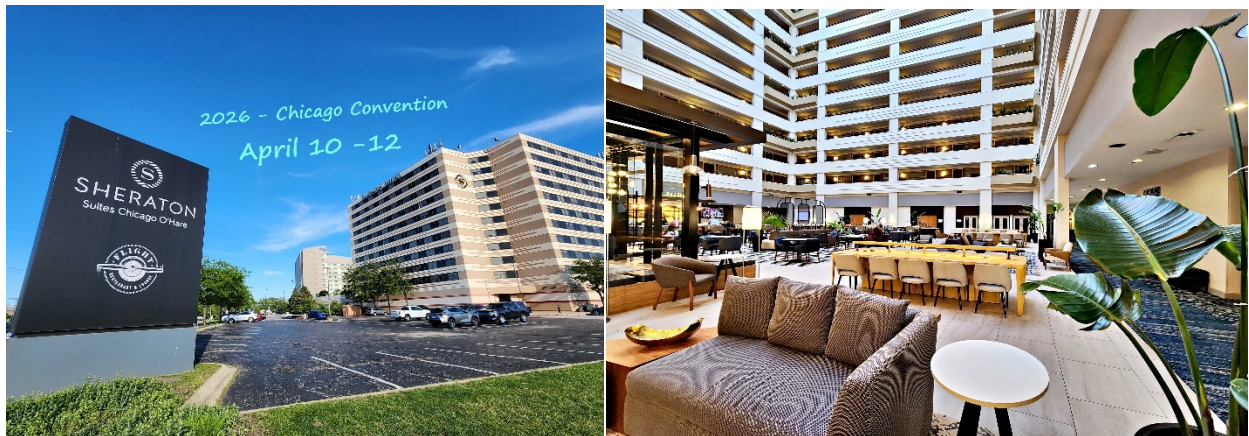




2026 CHICAGO CONVENTION

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| April 10 | 제 24 차 미국 태권도 고단자회 총회 | Board of Directors Meeting |
| April 11 | 제 18 회 미국 태권도 명예의 전당 헌액식 | Annual Meeting and
Hall of Fame Awards |
| April 11 | 제 6 회 미국 태권도 명인 헌액식 | Myong-in Awards |



Date:	April 10 (Friday) – 12 (Sunday), 2 night 3 days
Place	Sheraton Suites Chicago O'Hare 6501 Mannheim Road, Rosemont, IL 60018 (847) 699-6300
Organized	U. S. Taekwondo Grandmasters Society
Cooperation	USTGS Executive Board Members, Illinois Taekwondo Association
Sponsorship	Consulate General of the ROK in Chicago, WT, KUKKIWON, TPF, Taekwondo Times, Dynamic Martial Arts.

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존경하는 미국 태권도 고단자회 이사님, 임원님, 회원 여러분!

2026 년 4 월 10 일부터 12 일까지, 제 24 차 연례 컨벤션이 미국 시카고에서 개최됨을 알려 드리게 되어 매우 기쁩니다. 시카고는 예술과 문화, 역동적인 도시적 감성이 공존하는 곳으로, 이번대회는 고단자회의 전통과 미래를 잇는 뜻깊은 시간이 될 것입니다.

2026 년, “시카고” 행사에서는 이사회 (금요일), 총회 및 세미나 (토요일 오전/오후), 그리고 토요일 저녁 명예의전당 헌액 및 만찬 (토요일 저녁) 이벤트가 진행됩니다. 모든 등록은 온라인으로 진행되며, 고단자회 공식 웹사이트 접속 후 (www.usgrandmasters.com) “Payment Information” 메뉴를 클릭하시면 참가 신청 및 결제가 가능합니다.

컨벤션 참가비 안내 (2026 년도 참가비와 만찬이 포함된 비용)

구분	등록 마감일	이사 및 임원진	일반회원
조기 등록: 3 월 09 일 이전	2026 년 3 월 09 일까지	\$550	\$350
후기 등록: 3 월 09 일 이후	2026 년 3 월 09 일 이후	추가금액 \$50	추가금액 \$50

※ 불참하시는 회원님들께서는 연회비 \$150 을 납부하시면 됩니다.

2026 년, 3 월 09 일, 이후에는 호텔과의 사전 협의에 의하여, 객실보장 (CUT-Off-Line)이 불가하며, 상황에 따라 인근호텔로 조정될 수 있습니다. 그리고, 모든 회원님들은 Check-In 시에 Credit Card 를 제출하도록 호텔측과 협의되어 있습니다. 협조 바랍니다. (모든 등록자에게 행사기간동안, 조식-중식-석식 및 토요일 만찬 제공)

환불

등록 후, 취소를 하실 경우, 본회에 지불된 금액은 환불이 되지 않습니다. 단, 일정부분은 차기 총회 등록비로 이월될 수 있습니다. 회원 여러분의 너그러운 양해와 고단자회를 향한 지속적인 애정에 감사드립니다.

제 24 차 시카고 컨벤션이 더욱 뜻깊고 성공적인 행사가 될 수 있도록 많은 참여와 성원을 부탁드립니다. 여러분의 신뢰에 감사드리며, 시카고에서 여러분을 뵙기를 고대합니다! 감사합니다.

신재균 (Jay K. Shin)

미국 태권도 고단자회 회장

(503) 752-2611 (email: USWCHQ@GMAIL.COM)

Dear Esteemed USTGS Board Members, Officers, and Members.

It is with great pleasure that we announce the **24th Annual USTGS Convention**, to be held from **April 10 to 12, 2026**, in **Chicago, Illinois**. Known for its vibrant blend of culture, arts, and energy, Chicago will provide a meaningful setting as we honor the legacy and future of the U.S. Taekwondo Grandmasters Society.

The 2026 Chicago Convention will include the following major events:

- **Executive Board of Directors Meeting** (April 10, 2026 Friday)
- **General Assembly and Seminar** (April 11, 2026 Saturday morning and afternoon)
- **Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Banquet** (Saturday evening)

All registrations must be completed **online** through the official USTGS website at www.usgrandmasters.com. Please click on the **“Payment Information”** tab to access the registration form and payment portal.

Category	Deadline	Board & Officers	Regular Members
Early Registration	Before March 09, 2026	\$550	\$350
Late Registration	After March 09, 2026	Additional amount \$50	Additional amount \$50

- **NOTE: Members not attending the convention may pay the annual membership fee of \$150.**

Please note that **after March 09, 2026**, hotel room availability **cannot be guaranteed** due to a “cut-off” policy agreed with the Sheraton Hotel. In such cases, rooms may be reassigned to nearby accommodation. In addition, **all guests are required to present a valid credit card upon check-in**, per hotel policy. All registered participants will be provided with **breakfast, lunch, dinner, and the Saturday-night banquet** during the event.

Cancellation & REFUND Policy

If a participant cancels after completing registration, no refunds will be issued. However, a portion of the paid amount may be carried over to the following year’s convention. We kindly ask for your understanding and continued support for USTGS.

We sincerely encourage your participation and support to make the **24th Annual Convention in Chicago** a meaningful and successful event. Thank you for your trust in USTGS. We look forward to seeing you in Chicago!

With appreciation,

USTGS President, Jay K Shin (503) 752-2611 email: USWCHQ@GMAIL.COM
General Secretary, Brian So, 703 725-8000 email: highkicks@me.com
Treasure, JaeSung Lee, 925-787-7864 email: Montereybaytkd@yahoo.com



미국 태권도 고단자 회
24th Annual General Meeting
18th Annual Hall of Fame Awards
6th Myong-In Award

Friday, April 10, 2026 - Sunday, April 12, 2026

EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, April 10	Hotel Check-in, All USTGS Members and Guests
5:00pm	EC Board of Directors Meeting (이사회)– Awards & Updates <Chicago Room>
7:00pm	Dinner – at Korean Restaurant
Saturday, April 11	
7:00am	Breakfast at Hotel
9:00 am	General Assembly Meeting (총회: Business Attire: Dark Suit & Tie) (Rosemont Room)
11:00am	Group Photo Session
11:30 am	Lunch – at Korean Restaurant & Rest Break
1:30 pm	General Discussion Session & Seminar – Topic selected by Organizing Committee. (Location: O’Hare Room)
3:00 pm	HOF Ceremony Rehearsal (For: All recipients, VPs, Officers, Organizing Committee, MCs. Tech/ Video Team)
5:30 pm	Cocktail Reception & HOF Awards Check-In
7:00pm	Hall of Fame Banquet & Dinner (Location: Sheraton Grand Ballroom) (Business attire: Black tie, Tuxedo Required)
8:00 pm - 10:00pm	Official HOF Induction Ceremony Group Photos & Closing
Sunday, April 12	
7:00 am	Breakfast – Hotel Suites
9:00am – noon	Hotel Check out and departure

Applications for event participation must be sent to the address below to be delivered by the closing date, March 10th, 2026. We would appreciate it if you could mail it along with a check.
 President Jay K. Shin (Mailing address: **4403 SE Anderegg Loop, Portland, OR 97236**). email: USWCHQ@gmail.com. Phone: 503-752-2611. or Secretary General: Brian So, email: highkicks@me.com

Name		
First	Middle	Last
한글 (Korean Name, if any):		
Cell Phone:		
E-mail:		
Date of Arrival at Chicago O'Hare Airport April _____, 2026 [Enter Airline Carrier: _____]		Flight No.: Arrival Time:
Date of Departure from Chicago International Airport April _____, 2026 [Enter Airline Carrier: _____]		Flight No.: Departure Time:
Who would you like to room with? If not, we will assign a roommate for you. Name: _____ (한글이름): _____ First Middle Last		

사정에 의해 행사내용들이 변경될 수도 있습니다. (Event details may change due to circumstances.)

행사참가신청서는 마감일 3 월 10 일(화요일)까지 도착되도록 아래의 주소로 우송해 주시면 감사하겠습니다. Send information to USTGS with Application Form by March 10, 2026

2026년 2월 28일 이전등록 - 2026 Convention Fee - 일반회원 (for members)	\$350
2026년 2월 28일 이후등록- 일반회원 (for members)	\$400
2026년 2월 28일 이전등록 -이사, 임원진 (for EC Board Members, Officers)	\$550
2026년 2월 28일 이후 등록 - 이사, 임원진 (for EC Board Members, Officers)	\$600
Additional Guest/Dinner Banquet ONLY \$120.00 x _____ (For banquet guest attendance)	\$
Entrée Selection: Flat Iron Steak 10 oz grilled seasoned flat iron steak served with sautéed onions and mushrooms	Steak x _____
Entrée Selection: Northwest Salmon Grilled filet of salmon topped with beurre Blanc and tomato relish	Salmon x _____
For Single room (독방 쓰시는 분은), add 1 night \$200, 2 nights \$400	\$
Staying with spouse, add one night \$100, two nights \$200, (추가됩니다)	\$
For members not attending the convention, the annual membership fee is \$150.	\$150
Donations - Your generous support is deeply appreciated. All donations help USTGS continue its mission of promoting Taekwondo traditions and leadership across generations.	\$
TOTAL:	\$

If Paid by USTGS website (date & Ref #):	

18th Hall of Fame Ceremony, Saturday April 11th, 2026, at 7:00pm.

Send the Banquet list to: Jay Shin (4403 SE Andereg Loop, Portland, OR 97236). Email:

USWCHQ@gmail.com or Brian So (email: highkicks@me.com)

HOF Banquet List of Attendees

School Name: _____

Grand Master: _____

테이블당 10-12 명 앉을 수 있습니다. (each table can seat 10 people).

Dojang that registers by March 10, 2026 with more than 20 participants will receive a special recognition of appreciation award. (\$120/person)

	Attendee's Names	Amount Due		Attendee's Names	Amount due
1		\$	1		\$
2		\$	2		\$
3		\$	3		\$
4		\$	4		\$
5		\$	5		\$
6		\$	6		\$
7		\$	7		\$
8		\$	8		\$
9		\$	9		\$
10		\$	10		\$
11		\$	11		\$
12		\$	12		\$
	Total Number attending			Total Number attending	
	Total amount	\$		Total Amount	\$
	\$120/person			\$120/person	

참 고 사 항 안내

1. 항공표는 2026 년, 2 월초에 구입하시면 많은 비용을 절약하실 수 있습니다. 고단자회 전용 여행사인 **시카고 로렌스 여행사**를 이용하십시오. (전화: (847)-724 -6500, 이메일: info@lawrencetour.com, **도착 공항; Chicago O'Hare (ORD)**)
2. 이사 및 회장단은 4 월 10 일 (금) 오전 중에 도착하시고 오후 5 시에 열리는 이사회에 반드시 참석해 주시기 바랍니다. 일반 회원들께서는 4 월 10 일 당일 편한 시간에 도착하시면 되며, 저녁 7 시에는 24 주년 기념 환영 만찬이 있습니다.
3. 공항 도착 후 Baggage Claim (수하물 찾는 곳) 을 지나 1 층, Ground Transportation 장소로 나오셔서 Sheraton 호텔 셔틀을 이용하실 수 있습니다. 호텔 셔틀은 오전 4 시부터 오후 11 시까지, 30 분 간격으로 운행됩니다. 호텔까지 약 10 분 정도 소요됩니다. Hotel Address: Sheraton Suites O'Hare 주소: 6501 Mannheim Road, Rosemont, IL 60018. Phone (847) 699-6300
· 비행기 일정표와 휴대 전화 번호를 2026 년 3 월 09 일 전까지 사무총장에게 보내 주시기 바랍니다. (email: highkicks@me.com)
4. 호텔은 USTGS 에서 2 인 1 실 기준으로 단체 예약 합니다. 참가신청서에 Roommate 를 꼭 기재해 주시기 바랍니다. 룸메이트가 필요하신 분은 공지하여, 알선해 드리겠습니다. 본회에서는 4 성급 Sheraton Suites 2 박 3 일 숙박, 식사 그리고 토요일 만찬을 제공합니다.
5. 4 월 11 일 (토) 저녁의 명예의 전당 만찬에는 되도록 Tuxedo 정장차림 아니면 (진한 곤색/검정색 정장, 구두) 차림을 적극 권장 합니다. 그리고 각 도장의 사범님과 학생, 가족들도 함께 참석할 수 있도록 협조 부탁드립니다 외부손님 만찬 참가비는 **일인당 \$120** 입니다.
6. 모든 등록과 결제는 아래 USTGS 공식 웹사이트에서 가능 합니다.
<https://www.usgrandmasters.com/>
* 웹사이트에 문제가 발생시에는 회장 또는 재무, 사무총장에게 메일로 접수해 주십시오.
* 호텔 과 식사 준비를 위해 참가 신청서를 조속히 제출해 주시면 준비하는 분들께 큰 도움이 됩니다. 불가피하게 제출이 어려우신 경우, 3 월 09 일 신청 마감일 전에, 전화나 이메일로 꼭 의사 표시를 해 주시기를 부탁드립니다.

President, Jay K. Shin (503) 752 - 2611, uswchq@gmail.com
Secretary General, Brian So (703) 725 - 8000 email: highkicks@me.com
Treasurer, JaeSung Lee (831) 869 - 3027 email; Montereybaytkd@yahoo.com

NOTES

1. For significant savings, we recommend purchasing your flight tickets prior to **January 2026**. Arrival Airport is Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD). Please use **Lawrence Travel Agency**, the official travel agency for USTGS (**Tell: (847)-724-6500, email: info@lawrencetour.com**)
2. Executive Board Members and Officers are kindly requested to arrive **by Friday morning, April 10**, and attend the **Board of Directors Meeting at 5:00 PM**. General members may arrive later that day at their convenience. A **Welcome Dinner** is scheduled for **7:00 PM**.
3. After picking up your luggage at Baggage Claim, proceed to **Ground Transportation** and take the **Sheraton Shuttle Van**. The shuttle operates every 30 minutes from **4:00 AM to 11:00 PM** and takes about 10 minutes. You may also call the hotel directly to request a shuttle service from Sheraton if your wait is longer than 30 minutes.
Hotel Address: Sheraton Hotel Suite, O'Hare Airport (6501 Mannheim Road, Rosemont, IL 60018 Tel: 847- 699- 6300)
 - Be sure to include your flight schedule and mobile phone number on the participation application form and send it to the Secretary General by March 9th, 2026
(Send to: email: highkicks@me.com Tel: (703) 725 -8000
4. Hotel rooms will be booked in advance by USTGS based on **double occupancy**. Please write your roommate's name on your application. If you need help, we will assign a roommate for you.
USTGS will provide **2 nights' hotel stay, all meals, and Saturday Banquet Dinner**.
5. Please wear a **Black Tuxedo or dark formal suit** for the **Hall of Fame Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, April 11**. Encourage your students, instructors, and families to attend.
 - **Guest banquet fee: \$120 per person**
6. **For members who do not participate in conventions, the annual membership fee is \$150.**
7. All registration and payment must be made online via the official USTGS website below:
<https://www.usgrandmasters.com/>

*** NOTE:**

Submitting your registration form early will help our volunteers greatly. If you are unable to submit your form, please at least confirm me by phone or email **before the deadline**.

President, Jay K. Shin (503) 752-2611, email; uswchq@gmail.com
Secretary General, Brian So (703) 725 8000 email:highkicks@me.com
Treasure JaeSung Lee 831 869 3027 email: Montereybaytkd@yahoo.com

NOTE: Event contents may change depending on circumstances.

HALL OF FAME AWARD APPLICATION FORM

USTGS Hall of Fame Nomination: Guidelines and Procedures

1. Submission of Nomination

The candidate or their recommender must submit the nomination form and supporting materials to the USTGS Executive Officers.

2. Initial Review by Executive Officers

Upon receipt, the Executive Officers will conduct an initial review and forward qualified nominations to the Hall of Fame Selection Committee. *(The Selection Committee consists of Past Presidents and current Executive Officers.)*

3. Approval by Selection Committee

All Hall of Fame candidates must receive final approval from the Selection Committee.

4. Notification of Nominee

Selected nominees will be notified individually. Once notified, nominees are required to submit relevant photos, videos, and other digital media within 20 days.

5. Public Announcement

Official inductees will be announced on the USTGS Website.

Application Period: **September 1-30, 2026 (신청 접수기간)**

(Applications received during this period will be accepted.)

Submit to: uswchq@gmail.com

Mailing address: 4403 SE Anderegg Loop, Portland OR. 97236

Award Categories examples: Lifetime Achievement, Ambassador Award, Literary Achievement, Referee Achievement, Peace Award, Competitor Achievement, Myong-in, etc.

1. 태권도 주요업적 (Summary of Accomplishments in Taekwondo- 100 to 200 characters.)

2, 신청자 & 추천인 성명(Applicant & Recommender Information)

Note: If the awardee is withdrawn after the candidate is selected, the video production and award manufacturing costs will be charged.

(참고: 수상자 선정 후 수상을 취소할 경우: 영상 제작비와 상패 제작비용이 청구됩니다. 양해 바랍니다.)



“미국 태권도 고단자회 단증신청” 에 관한건

심시위원회 회칙 제 8 조 승단 신청비를 2006 년 정기총회에서 개정하였습니다.

단증 신청비는 USTGS(U.S. Taekwondo Grandmasters Society) 로 신청서와 함께

실제단증 신청비만 지불해 주시기 바랍니다.

단증 신청주소: (Dan Application Submission Address)

U.S. Taekwondo Grandmasters Society

Grandmaster Jay K. Shin

4403 SE Anderegg Loop Portland OR 97236

Tel: (503) 752 – 2611 (Email: USWCHQ@gmail.com)

Dan/Poom	Official Dan Application	Actual Dan Applicatio
단/품	공식 단증 신청비	실제 단증 신청비
1 단/품	\$150	\$30
2 단/품	\$200	\$40
3 단/품	\$300	\$60
4 단	\$400	\$80
5 단	\$500	\$100
6 단	\$600	\$150
7 단	\$700	\$200
8 단	\$800	\$250
9 단	\$900	\$300

In accordance with the Dan/Poom application for a certificate for the USTGS decided at the 2006 general assembly meeting, please pay only the actual Dan application fee to the President along with the application in USTGS

Rank Promotion Test Form 1 of 2

Send the promotion form to Jay K. Shin,



United States Taekwondo Grandmasters Society Application for Rank (Black Belt) Promotion Test

Please Print or Type the following information:

Name: _____
 First Middle Last

Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Sex: M___ F___ Nationality: _____

Address: _____
 Street City State Zip

Current Rank: _____ Degree (Dan/Poom) Desired Rank: _____ Degree (Dan/Poom)

Certificate #: _____ Date of Last Promotion: ___/___/___

X _____ ___/___/___
Signature of Applicant Date

I, _____ (Instructor), the Taekwondo teacher to the applicant named above submit this application to the Chairman of the Rank Promotion Committee, and state that the Rank Promotion Test authorized to be given by me and the Examining Board has been administered under the guidelines of the United States Taekwondo Grandmasters Society. The applicant was examined on all the requirements set forth by the Committee for the desired rank and the applicant has received the overall score of SATISFACTORY. I therefore recommend that the applicant's request for the rank of promotion be accepted by the Committee and that a Certificate for the new rank be issued.

Name of School: _____

School Address: _____

Recommendation by: _____
 First Middle Last Rank

X _____ ___/___/___
Signature of Grandmaster / Master Date

Rank Promotion Test Form 2 of 2
Send it to Jay K. Shin

ABOUT THE APPLICANT

Name: _____
 First Middle Last

Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Sex: M ___ F ___

Last School Attended: _____
 Name Year Degree/Certificate Received

Employment: _____ Position: _____

A) History of Taekwondo Training:
(When & How did you take up Taekwondo? Who were your instructor(s)?)

B) History of Black Belt Rank Promotions:

Rank	Year Received	Rank Issuing Organization
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

C) Have You Competed and Won in any Taekwondo Tournaments?

When	Place	Type of Contest	Name of the Tournament
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

D) Other Taekwondo Awards and Commendations:

New Membership Application Form (신입 회원 신청서) – send the below new membership

info to Brian So; 43478 Stukely Dr. Sterling VA 20166

Please click the link below on the USTGS website to complete your application:

(USTGS 웹사이트에서 아래 링크를 클릭하여 신청서를 작성해 주십시오)

https://www.usgrandmasters.com/uploads/1/2/5/7/125708335/membership_applercation.pdf



Membership Application Form

Personal Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Applicant Address: _____
St _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Gender: Male / Female

Current Rank: _____ Kukkiwon Rank: _____ Other Rank(Please specify): _____

School Information

Name of School(Do-Jang): _____

Do-Jang Address: _____
St _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Do-Jang E-mail: _____ Do-Jang Website: _____

I, _____, hereby submit my application to become a member of the United States Taekwondo Grandmasters Society.

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