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- be polite
- be honest
- keep trying
- don't get cross
- don't give up
  even when it's tough



# **Student Oath**

- I shall observe the tenets of Taekwon-do
- I shall respect the instructor and seniors
- I shall never misuse Taekwon-do
- I shall be a champion of freedom and justice
- I shall build a more peaceful world



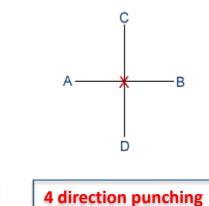
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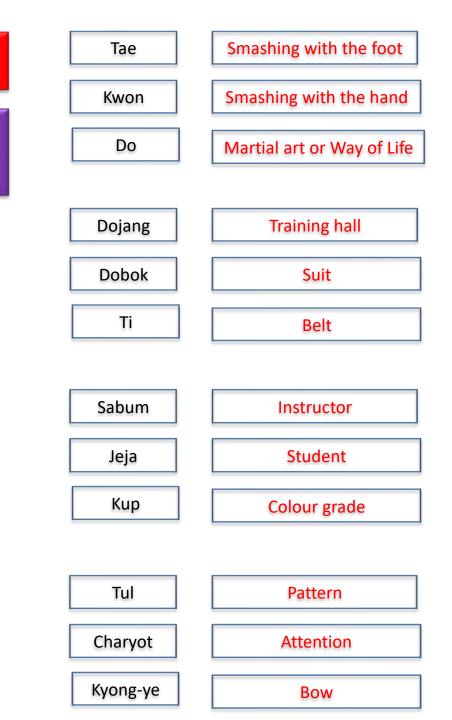
6 – Yasot 7 – Ilgop 8 – Yadol 9 – Ahop 10 – Yool

Saji Jirugi

Saji Makgi



4 direction blocking





### Yellow tag – 9<sup>th</sup> Kup

(to achieve yellow belt)

White belt signifies innocence as that of a beginner student who has no previous knowledge of Taekwon-Do.

Yellow belt signifies Earth, in which a plant takes root and sprouts as Taekwon-Do foundations are laid.

> nopunde - high kaunde - middle najunde - low



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It is, in the Orient, interpreted as the creation of the world or the beginning of human history, therefore, it is the initial pattern played by the beginner.

This pattern consists of two similar parts; one to represent the Heaven and the other the Earth.





### Yellow belt – 8th Kup

(to achieve green tag)

High obverse fore fist punch

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**Continuous motion –yonsok donjak** 2 moves, 2 full sine waves, 1 continuing breath e.g. low block to rising block







Dan-Gun is named after the holy Dan-Gun, the legendary founder of Korea in the year of 2,333 B.C.



### Green tag – 7th Kup

(to achieve green belt)

Green belt signifies the plants growth as the TaeKwon Do skill begins to develop.

Fast motion – barun dongjak Two or more techniques performed fast, with only half sine waves in the second or further techniques.

Ibo matsogi 2 step sparring А Do-San 24 moves

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Do-San is the pseudonym of the patriot Ahn Chang-Ho (1876-1938).

The 24 movements represent his entire life which he devoted to furthering the education of Korea and its independence movement.





### **Green belt – 6<sup>th</sup> Kup** (to achieve blue tag)

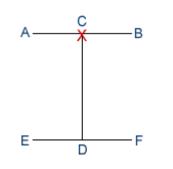
Green belt signifies the plants growth as the TaeKwon Do skill begins to develop.

Slipping – not a motion but a specific method of transition from one stance to another.

In this pattern we slip from the knife-hand inward strike to the punch.

Remember – the front snap kick is low in this pattern.

Won-Hyo 28 moves



Won-Hyo was the noted monk who introduced Buddism to the Silla Dynasty in 686 A.D.



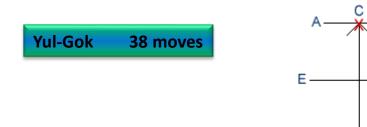


# Blue tag – 5<sup>th</sup> Kup

Blue belt signifies the heaven towards which the plant matures into a towering tree as training in TaeKwon-Do progresses.

#### **Connecting motion – ierjin donjak**

2 moves performed with only one sine wave; the first technique is usually a preparation for the second. e.g. hooking block to punch



Yul-Gok is the pseudonym of the great philosopher and scholar Yi I (1536-1584) nicknamed the 'Confucius of Korea'.

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The 38 movements of this pattern refer to his birth place on the 38th latitude

The diagram represents scholar.

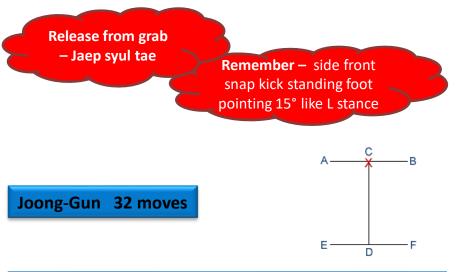


Remember – first move is a measure



### Blue belt – 4<sup>th</sup> Kup (to achieve red tag) Blue belt signifies the heaven towards which the plant matures into a towering tree as training in TaeKwon Do progresses.

Slow motion – neurin dongjak Unchanged technique but performed slowly.



Joong-Gun is names after the patriot Ahnn Joong-Gun who assassinated Hiro-Bumi Ito, the first Japanese governor-general of Korea, the man who played the leading part in the Korea-Japan merger.

There are 32 movements in this pattern to represent Mr Ahn's age when he was executed at Lui-Shung prison in 1910.



Twigi dollyo chagi



### Red tag – 3<sup>rd</sup> Kup (to achieve red belt)

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Red belt signifies danger, cautioning the student to exercise control and warning the opponent to stay away.

Stamping motion – gurunun dongjak Lift the foot to at least knee height before stamping down to emphasise power in the technique.



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Dwijibo sonkut najunde bandae tulgi

Dung joomuk vopdwi taerigi

Sang palkup yop tulgi

**Opun sonkut** nopunde tulgi

San makgi

Doo palmok najunde miro makgi

Sang Ap Japkee

Bakat palmok yop makgi

Kyocha joomuk noollo makgi.

Moorup ollyo chagi

Kaunde ap cha busigi

Upset fingertip thrust

Back fist side back strike Twin side elbow thrust

Flat fingertip high thrust

W shaped block

Double forearm low pushing block

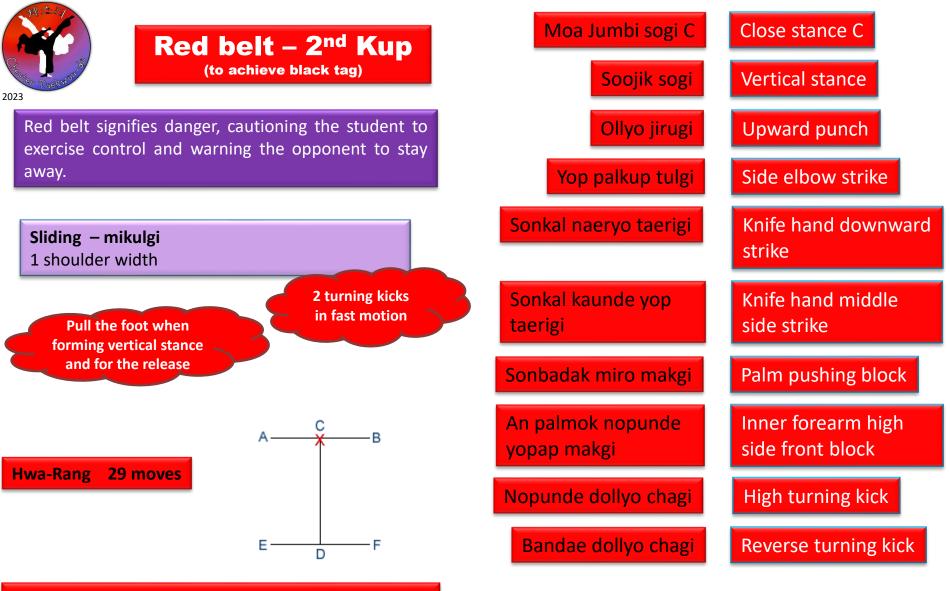
Grab

Outer forearm side block

X fist pressing block

Knee upward kick

Middle front snap kick



Hwa-Rang is named after the Hwa-Rang youth group which originated in the Silla Dynasty in the early 7th century.

The 29 movements refer to the 29th infantry division, where Tae Kwon Do developed into maturity.



### Black tag – 1<sup>st</sup> Kup (to achieve black belt)

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Red belt signifies danger, cautioning the student to exercise control and warning the opponent to stay away. Black belt is the opposite of white, signifying maturity and proficiency in Tae Kwon Do. It indicates the wearers imperviousness to darkness and fear.



#### Sonkal nopunde baro Knifehand obverse front strike ap taerigi Sonkal dung nopunde Reverse knifehand reverse high front strike ap taerigi Dung joomuk nopunde Back fist side back yopdwi taerigi strike Doo palmok nopunde Double forearm high block makgi Palmok kaunde ap Outer forearm middle front block makgi Kyocha sonkal kaunde X knifehand checking block momchau makgi Sang sonbadak ollyo Twin palm upward makgi block Kaunde dwitcha jirugi Middle back piercing kick

Nopunde dollyo chagi

Twimyo yop chagi

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battleship (Kobukson) in 1592, which is said to be the precursor of the modern-day submarine.

The reason why this pattern ends with a left hand attack is to symbolize his regrettable death, having no chance to show his unrestrained potentiality checked by the forced reservation of his loyalty to the king.



Flying side piercing kick

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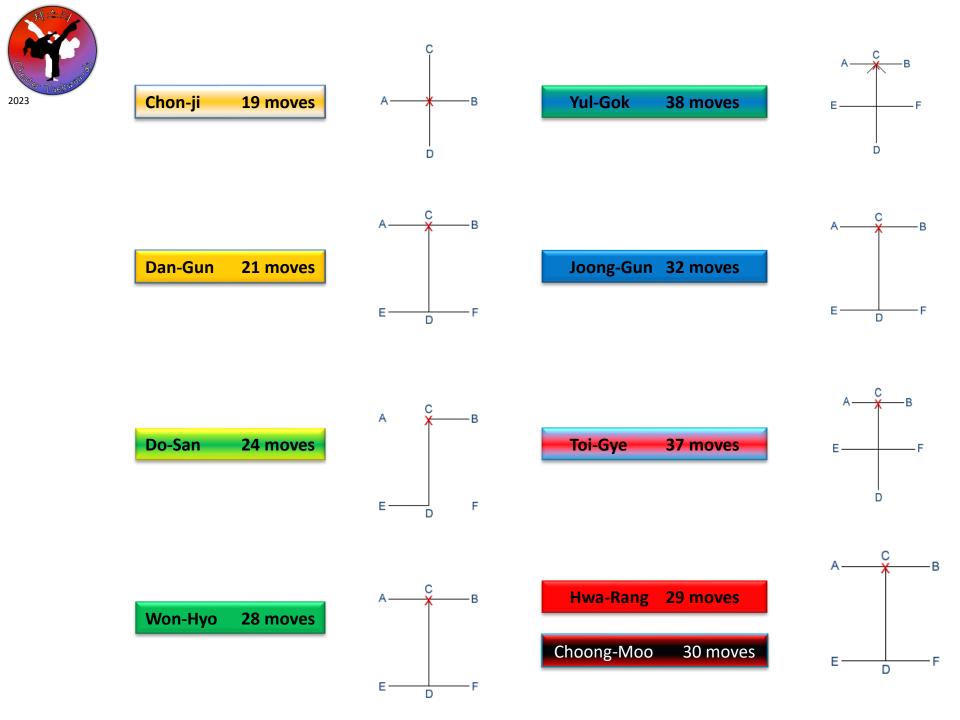
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#### Stamping motion – gurunun dongjak

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### Sliding – mikulgi

1 shoulder width



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