



Phoenix Taekwondo

Back Again, Not Back ... then Back Again!

...for Phoenix Taekwondo club gradings before the end of the year!!

CORONAVIRUS: Club Update



As we emerge from the 2nd national lockdown, the guidance from our National Governing Body, British Taekwondo, Sport England and the government (DCMS) is that Taekwondo clubs are fine to operate in all tiers under Phase 0 Return to Training Guidance where all participants should be socially distanced.

- Clubs can reopen across all tiers
- **Clubs in Tier 1 & Tier 2 (that's us) can open for all age groups**
- Clubs in Tier 3 can only hold classes for ages 17 years and younger

Having the rug pulled from under us and bouncing back

As most of you are now aware, last Thursday we were informed that our venue - Didcot Girls School (DGS) that they had decided to cancel **all** their lettings at the school until at least 11th January next year. This was despite previously being given the go-ahead to return from DGS itself. We are sure that you will all agree that this is incredibly frustrating and annoying, especially as we have the green light from Sport England / British Taekwondo to return to training again. We spent a very frantic afternoon and evening to create a solution enabling us to both hold classes and our gradings before the Christmas break. This proved very challenging since not only are so many schools/halls still refusing to open but with so many other clubs / sports in the same situation it quickly become a mad scramble!

The good news is we have secured *temporary* new venues for both our classes and the club Grading Examination. The bad news is that due to time and space restrictions, there will be day and time changes. Our new temporary class venue is:

(IMPORTANT) Suspension of lettings at Didcot Girls' School

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Today at 15:16

Hi,

I hope you're well.

We're getting in touch as a result of some changes we are having to make with lettings at Didcot Girls School. It is with regret that we are having to suspend lettings at the school until at least **11th January 2021**.

There are a number of reasons which has led us to make this decision with the school, these include; essential maintenance works taking place across the school site, it being exam season and the extra measures and space needed for these, as well as added recent complexities COVID-19 has brought and the number of students needing to self isolate.

I am really sorry for the short notice of this and appreciate you will feel very let down and frustrated. We too are very disappointed, however, we must act in the best interest of the school, its staff and pupils and support them as much as we can. They too are having to restrict their own activities on the site but are hopeful things can begin to get back to normal next year.

Rest assured we are working closely with the school to resume lettings as quickly and as safely as possible. We will of course keep you updated on our progress but in the meantime, we pass on our sincere apologies for the inconvenience this will cause for your group and we look forward to welcoming you back again in the new year.

Boundary Park, Didcot, OX11 7AR

(www.boundarypark.org/contact-us/)

Class times:

Wednesday: 6.05 - 6.30 pm Little Dragons
6.40 - 7.20 pm Beginner Juniors
7.30 - 8.10 pm Advanced Juniors
8.20 - 9.00 pm Family Class

Thursday 6.05 - 6.30 pm Little Dragons
6.40 - 7.20 pm Beginner Juniors
7.30 - 8.10 pm Advanced Juniors
8.20 - 9.00 pm Adult Class

Friday 7.00 - 7.40 pm Beginner Juniors
7.40 - 8.20 pm Advanced Juniors
8.20 - 9.00 pm Adult Class

Due to the venue size, classes will have to be smaller so we are asking all our members to **BOOK A DAY**. Booking will be on a first come first-serve basis using our booking form at: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6VSQ55Y

Please be as flexible as possible. You will need to repeat the booking for each member of your family. However, classes will continue!

++ Important Dates

Dec 5th Sat: British Taekwondo AGM

Dec 6th Sun: British Taekwondo Referee Refresher Course

Dec 6th Sun: Club Grading Seminars (2:30 – 6:00pm)

Dec 9th Weds: First Weds class after Lockdown

Dec 9th Weds: Little Dragons Weds Belt Grading

Dec 10th Thurs: First Thurs class after Lockdown

Dec 10th Thurs: Little Dragons Thurs Belt Grading

Dec 11th Fri: First Fri class after Lockdown

Dec 13th Sun: Club Grading Examination

Dec 18th Fri: Final class before Xmas break

Dec 20th Sun: National Poomsae Team Selection Event

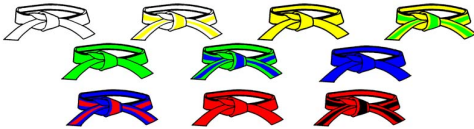
Jan (TBD): Classes start back 2021



Junior and Senior Club Grading

Our club grading examination for our Junior and Senior students will be going ahead on Sunday 13th December. The grading will be held at a new *temporary* venue:

Fleet Meadow Community Centre, Sandringham Rd, Didcot OX11 8TP



The Grading day schedule will be:

14:30-15:20 current White Belt – Yellow Belt (all classes)

15:30-16:40 current Green-Stripe – Blue Belt (all classes)

16:50-18:00 current Red-Stripe - Red Belt (all classes)

We will also be holding a class grading seminar on the Sunday 6th at the same location (Fleet Meadow), details have already been sent by E-mail. The grading will be run under strict social distancing, so some things will be a little different. There will be no contact during the grading and we will be practicing one-step sparring at a distance, shadow sparring, kicking balance on a target board instead of the normal destruction techniques. More emphasis will therefore be given to the **Poomsae (patterns) and the grading syllabus**. Please do make sure drop-off and pick-up is prompt and that all candidates wear their dobok and belt (club T-shirts are not allowed). Students grading for Black Stripe are NOT required to wear body armour during their grading examination. We wish all of our candidates entering the grading the best of luck! The Grading Presentations will be held in each class the week immediately after the grading

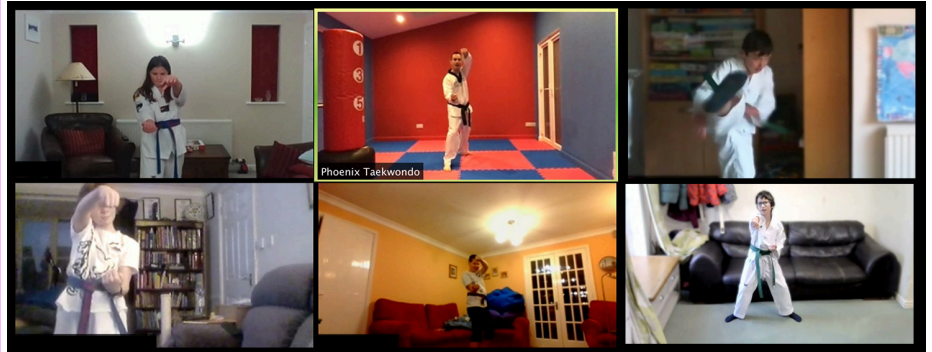


Little Dragons Belt Grading

Our Little Dragons Belt Grading will be held at our temporary week day venue (Boundary Park) during the **Wednesday and Thursday Little Dragons classes on the 9th and 10th of December** This is a chance for ALL our Dragons to gain their next belt. Belts will be awarded based upon an assessment in the grading class, rather than a specific test. Therefore, there is no pressure on the children to perform beyond that of a usual Little Dragons class.

Working for the grading online during Lockdown

A second national lockdown didn't stop many of our students from continuing to prepare for the winter grading. In addition to our normal free weekly Zoom classes, Phoenix Taekwondo also provided a series of short Sunday small group focus sessions to concentrate specifically on



grading Poomsae and the contents of the grading syllabus for every individual grade. This meant that some students got near private / small group tuition. Well done to all those who managed to keep their grading preparation going through a difficult month! We are sure it will pay off!

++ This Months Little Dragons Tae-Yong Award Winners!

Congratulations to this months digital Tae-Yong award certificate winners. Well done to Evie, Harrison, Liam, Nathan, Isaac, Kai, Lucia, James, Oliver & Thea. Some new awardees, some double and hat-trick trophy awards plus our first 4 trophy winners!!



The digital Tae-Yong Certificates will continue until normality returns. Try your best, show us your great Taekwondo energy and confidence! Who will it be next month?

