

# RIVERBEND TAE KWON DO ACADEMY

## STUDENT OATH

I shall observe the tenets of Tae Kwon Do  
I shall respect all instructors and seniors  
I shall never misuse Tae Kwon Do  
I shall be a champion of freedom and justice  
I shall build a more peaceful world

## EXPLANATION OF TENETS

### **COURTESY (Ye Ui)**

Tae Kwon Do students should attempt to practice the following elements of courtesy to build up their noble character and to conduct the training in an orderly manner as well.

- 1) To be polite to one another
- 2) To respect others' possessions
- 3) To handle matters with fairness and sincerity

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

### **INTEGRITY (Yom Chi)**

One must be able to define right and wrong and have a conscience, if wrong, to feel guilt. Integrity is to be honest even when no one is looking.

Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out. Proverbs 10:9

### **PERSEVERANCE (In Nae)**

To achieve something, whether it is a higher degree or the perfection of a technique, one must set his goal, then constantly persevere. One of the most important secrets in becoming a leader of Tae Kwon Do is to overcome every difficulty by perseverance. Confucius said, "one who is impatient in trivial matters can seldom achieve success in matters of great importance."

Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:4

### **SELF CONTROL (Guk Gi)**

This tenet is extremely important inside and outside the dojang, whether conducting oneself in free sparring or in one's personal affairs. According to Lao-Tzu "the term of stronger is the person who wins over oneself rather than someone else."

That each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable. 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:4

### **INDOMITABLE SPIRIT (Baekjool Boolgool)**

It is shown when a courageous person and his principles are pitted against overwhelming odds. A serious student of Tae Kwon Do will at all times be modest and honest. If confronted with injustice, he will deal with the belligerent without any fear or hesitation at all, with indomitable spirit, regardless of whosoever and however many the numbers may be.

Confucius declared, "It is an act of cowardice to fail to speak out against injustice." As history has proven, those who have pursued their dreams earnestly and strenuously with indomitable spirit have never failed to achieve their goals.

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:4