



# 13<sup>th</sup> International Open Friendship Taekwondo Championships

**May 1-2, 2020**

Eastern Michigan University

**MICHIGAN, USA**



October 10, 2019

RE: Invitation Letter

Dear International Referees:

The event everyone has been waiting for is finally coming again back to the United States, this year in Michigan! The venue will be at Eastern Michigan University, 900 Oakwood St, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. (Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) is approximately 16 miles away and travel time is approximately 18 minutes.)

On behalf of the IOFTC Organizing Committee, a special invitation is extended to you to submit your application to officiate at this tournament. (*This will be a USAT-sanctioned G-10 (pending) event. However, it will not be a WT-sanctioned event this year.*) The first and second tournaments were held in Nepal in 2000 and 2002. In 2004, the third tournament was in Portland, Oregon USA. Thereafter, the past 11 events have been around the world, including Hong Kong, India and London, UK; alternating in Portland. The last tournament was hosted in Nepal in 2018. Your skill and expertise will ensure a quality event, as evidenced in all the prior years.

Referees will be provided with hotel accommodations for two nights (May 1 & 2, double occupancy to be shared with an appointed referee); transportation to and from the airport; breakfast, lunch and dinner for Saturday, May 2; \$100 per diem; and special gift.

Friday Night Dinner on May 1 (6-8 p.m.) will be provided at the hotel. A referee meeting (8-9 p.m.) will follow dinner.

All USA IRs are required to have current USAT membership for this event.

Referee attire: IR Kyorugi suit.

**If you want to be considered for selection to referee, please send the attached Referee Application form together with a 2 x2 photo for program book to IOFTC Headquarters, 4200 NE Sandy Blvd Portland, Oregon 97213 USA; tel: 503-284-7843 fax: 503-774- 7554; or e-mail to: [info@ioftc.org](mailto:info@ioftc.org).**

For additional and future information, see the Tournament website: [www.IOFTC.org](http://www.IOFTC.org) or [www.IOFTC13.com](http://www.IOFTC13.com).

**The number of appointments is limited.** Please submit your application by January 6, 2020. However, once the total number of appointments for this event has been confirmed, applications will be accepted on a stand-by basis in the event of cancellations.

Your contribution to Taekwondo and serving as a Referee has always been invaluable and greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you very much for your consideration and support. We hope to see you in Michigan.  
Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Sacks".

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