

HOW TO QUALIFY FOR THE TCT CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1. TOURNAMENT SEASON** -The TCT tournament season to earn rating points and qualify for the TCT Championship Title runs from January through September. The **TCT Championships & Banquet** (which is the final championship to ascertain the year's **TCT Champions**) takes place in November or December of each year.
- 2. TOURNAMENT COMPETITION** - Any competitor may participate in any TCT Level 1 ("AAAAA", "AAAA", "AAA") or Level 2 ("AA", "A") Rated Tournament; however, they must be a TCT member for their points from that event to count towards the official TCT Ratings. *Points are not counted retro-actively after a competitor joins the TCT. A competitor may be rated in any number of divisions that they qualify in and may go to the **TCT Championships & Banquet** as a seeded competitor of any division(s) that they are rated in at the end of the year. (See Wild Card Seeding also). Those competitors will be notified by email in October and their names shall appear in the final ratings at www.myuventex.com under the TCT Ratings. The higher your rating, the higher your seeded position in the eliminations at the **TCT Championships & Banquet**. Rated competitors get preferred placements (forms) or byes (sparring) in each round.
- 3. GETTING RATED** - You must compete in at least one TCT rated tournament and receive points for any Blackbelt or Underbelt win up to eight (8) places. This will earn you points toward one of the one hundred six (106) Blackbelt divisions or one hundred forty-four (144) Underbelt divisions that the TCT rates for Blackbelts and Underbelts. Competitors in the TCT ratings placing in any of the two hundred fifty (250) TCT rated divisions, as listed at www.myuventex.com under the TCT Ratings at the end of the season are seeded according to their placement for the **TCT Championships & Banquet**.
- 4. DIVISIONS** - For 2022, the TCT rates one hundred six (106) Blackbelt divisions and one hundred forty-four (144) Underbelt divisions for juniors, adults, and seniors. The **TCT Championships & Banquet** will offer the same divisions to determine the official **TCT Champion** of each division.
- 5. RATINGS VERIFICATION / ERRORS** - Verification for final ratings (ratings after the final TCT tournament) and errors in prior published ratings must be done by email and received by the TCT no later than October 1st of each year. A competitor that wants any errors corrected after that date will be charged \$100 per change.
- 6. WILD CARD SEED** - The **TCT Championships & Banquet** also offers wild card seeding for each title division. All non-TCT rated competitors will be allowed to compete at the **TCT Championships & Banquet** by competing first in each division. Order of competition by Wild Card competitors will be "luck of the draw". The **TCT Championships & Banquet** is an open competition to any competitor.
- 7. COMPETITORS' AGES** - Competitors can only compete in their proper age division. Whatever their age is on January 1st of the competition year is the age that they compete at for the entire season in any TCT rated tournament divisions and at the **TCT Championships & Banquet**. (Competitors turning 18, 35, or 42 during the competition season can advance to that age division when they turn that age, but points earned previous to their change will not transfer.) Proof of age may be required.
- 8. RULES** - The **TCT Championships & Banquet** and all TCT tournaments follow TCT Rules. The TCT does not "waive" rules.
*See the latest edition of the TCT Rules at a Glance at www.TCTSportMartialArts.com

TCT CHAMPIONSHIPS & BANQUET - The **TCT Championships & Banquet** is a two (2) day tournament held in November or December of each year. The **TCT Championships & Banquet** is an open competition that is open to "seeded" competitors as well as "wild card" competitors.

In order to maintain and use your TCT Seed for the **TCT Championships & Banquet** it is HIGHLY recommended that you pre-register for the **TCT Championships & Banquet** or you will be charged a higher Registration Fee. This is to deter any large influx of morning registration preventing the tournament from starting on time and also to secure the correct seeding and thus order of competition in each division.

Championship awards in each Blackbelt division include the coveted TCT Championship Blackbelt as well as plaque certificates. Championship awards in each Underbelt division include plaque certificates. The **TCT Championships & Banquet** ends with the **TCT Awards Banquet** where all 1st through 3rd Place Blackbelt and Underbelt Champions will be officially crowned and recognized. Competitors must be present to receive award.

The **TCT Champions** will be featured at www.TCTSportMartialArts.com each year.

TCT HALL OF FAME AWARD - The junior and adult Blackbelt and Underbelt top point winners are awarded with induction into the **TCT Hall of Fame** (H.O.F.) and receive their award plaques at the **TCT Awards Banquet** at the **TCT Championships & Banquet** each year. The awards are determined by a total of points earned in divisions by the competitor. To be eligible, a competitor must attend two (2) or more TCT tournaments.

TCT HALL OF FAME EXECUTIVE AWARDS - Awards for executives are chosen by the TCT Board of Directors based upon dedication to the TCT. These awards include: Promoter, Tournament, Arbitrator, Official, Woman, and Man of the Year. They receive their award plaques at the **TCT Awards Banquet**.