

What is the CTF?

The Choong Sil Taekwondo Federation (CTF) is an association of Taekwondo schools in the United States to which our school belongs. It was begun and is led by Grandmaster Robert H. Hardin, Ninth Degree Black Belt. Its headquarters are in northwestern Arkansas.

When you join the CTF you will receive the association patch and become entitled to all privileges of membership. The annual dues are \$25.00 and are generally paid at the time of your first testing.

In order to maintain high standards, the CTF certifies the results of all testings of its member schools and, upon determining that you meet its requirements for promotion, will award you a certificate indicating your new rank. All certified and assistant instructors must attend CTF sponsored training and pass examinations to make sure that you receive the best taekwondo instruction possible. The training covers many different areas and continues even after an instructor is certified.

The CTF also sponsors a number of regional tournaments each year in different locations so you may test your skills against those of students of a similar age and rank from other schools. There are always exciting events at the tournaments which are also fun to watch, such as special demonstrations and the competition in the Black Belt divisions. The last tournament of the year is the CTF Nationals when all regions come together for our National Championships in November.

The CTF sponsors other special events such as Black Belt Instructor training camps and special seminars for the members as well as an annual Christmas Awards Banquet for its black belts.

By joining the CTF, you join a much larger Taekwondo family. If you are traveling and wish to visit another CTF school, all you need is your CTF membership and your instructor's permission. There is no extra charge for the privilege of training in another CTF school. In addition, we offer you the opportunity for additional competition opportunities outside the CTF through other organizations such as the United States Taekwondo League. If you are interested in additional training and competition opportunities, please watch the monthly CTF newsletter for information, check out our website – www.choongsil.com and also check with your instructor.