

Invitation to

Tampere 25.-26.2.2023

# IUG FINLAND

40th Qualifying International Umpire Course



**Grandmaster Gordon Wallace**



**Master Abelardo Benzaquén**  
Chairman Umpire Committee



**Master Kurt Ottesen**

Dear ITF members,

On behalf of ITF Taekwon-Do Finland and Tampere Taekwon-Do we have the great pleasure to invite you to the **40th Qualifying International Umpire Course** held in Tampere, Finland from 25th to 26th of February 2023.

The course will be conducted by the Chairman of the ITF Umpire Committee Master Abelardo Benzaquén with ITF Umpire Committee members Grand Master Gordon Wallace and Master Kurt Ottesen. We are also honored by special participation of ITF Technical Committee member Grand Master Ung Kim Lan.

The ITF runs International Umpire Courses around the world on a regular basis, especially prior to all major championships such as World Cups and World Championships, to ensure all officials are up to date with the rules, regulations and the latest technical aspects.

This International Umpire Course takes place just six months before the 2023 World Championships in September, which will also be held in Tampere and serves as a Qualifying course for those umpires wishing to apply for the competition. Participants can also apply for the Umpire A certificate (4th Degree and above), and Umpire B certificate (2nd Degree and above). The course is open to all ITF members from 1st Degree and above and all participants will receive a participation diploma.

It will be a pleasure and honor for us to welcome you and share this exclusive event with you.

On behalf of the organizing committee,



Tanja Hammare  
President  
ITF Finland



Lasse Kuusisto  
Organizer  
Tampere Taekwon-Do





## Venue

The course will be held in Varala Sports Institute which is located just 5 mins drive from Tampere city center. The venue also hosted the IIC 2015 in Finland and the Finnish national team has several preparation camps for the World Championship 2023 there.

Varalan urheiluopisto / Varala sports institute

[Varalankatu 36](#)

33240 Tampere

Finland

<https://varala.fi/en/>



## Registration

The registration to the organizer is done using ITF Finland's online system called TKDMAN. Please contact Mr Lasse Kuusisto to get your credentials: [lasse.kuusisto@taekwon-do.fi](mailto:lasse.kuusisto@taekwon-do.fi) Last registration date is January 20th 2023, but we recommend you register as soon as possible to secure your place. You can also book your accommodation and meals via TKDMAN. Note that you only need single credentials to register all members of your club or organization.

The participants must also register to the official ITF Online database. This is done through your national organization. Please make the registrations to ITF Online as soon as possible, but at the latest February 15th 2023.

## Fees

The fee consists of the inscription fee to the organizer and the course participation fee to ITF as follows:

Rank	Course fee	Inscription fee	Total
1st to 6th degree	75 €	60 €	135 €
7th to 8th degree	40 €	60 €	100 €
9th degree	0 €	60 €	60 €

## Payments

We will send an invoice for all costs after the last registration date via email to your organization's contact email. The invoice will contain a breakdown of the costs. The invoiced amount should be paid to the following account latest February 15th.

**Account owner:** Suomen ITF Taekwon-Do ry

**Account number/IBAN:** FI50 1572 3000 3484 90

**BIC/SWIFT:** NDEAFIHH

**Bank name and address:** Nordea Bank Abp, Satamaradankatu 5, FI-00020 NORDEA, Helsinki, FINLAND



# Accommodation

We have made accommodation arrangements with Varala Sports Institute and Scandic Hotel Rosendahl which is located near Varala. [Scandic Rosendahl](#) is located merely 15 mins (or 1 km) walk away from Varala. Room price includes breakfast for each day.

The accommodation in Varala is limited only between Friday and Sunday. If you need extra nights we recommend staying in Scandic Rosendahl.

You can book an accommodation while registering for the course through TKDMAN.

Accommodation type	Price per person per night	Availability
Varala, single room	85 €	Feb 24th - 26th
Varala, twin room	58 €	Feb 24th - 26th
Scandic Rosendahl, single room	95 €	Feb 24th - 26th*
Scandic Rosendahl, twin room	65 €	Feb 24th - 26th*

\*) If you need extra nights, please contact us via email [iuc2023@taekwon-do.fi](mailto:iuc2023@taekwon-do.fi).

## Varalan urheilupuisto / Varala sports institute

Varalankatu 36  
33240 Tampere  
Finland

## Scandic Rosendahl

Pyyrikintie 13  
33230 Tampere  
Finland



# Meals

If you book an accommodation via us, breakfast is automatically included in your place of accommodation whether it is Varala or Scandic Hotel Rosendahl.

Lunch is available on both days (Saturday and Sunday) at restaurant Säde in Varala. Säde is located in the same building as the main hall where the course is held.

On Saturday evening we have a special banquet in restaurant Säde starting at 7:30 pm. If you don't want to take part in the banquet, you can book a dinner from Varala instead. The dinner will be served in Cafe Anna starting at 6:15 pm. Cafe Anna is also located in the main building of the Varala complex.

You can also book lunches for Saturday and/or Sunday and dinner for Saturday or the banquet even if you are not accommodated in Varala or Scandic Hotel Rosendahl.

Meals§	Price per person	When
Lunch	15 €	Feb. 25 and Feb. 26
Dinner	12 €	Feb. 25 at 6.15 pm
Banquet *	35 €	Feb. 25 at 7.30 pm

If you have special dietary restrictions, please inform us about it separately by email to [iuc2023@taekwon-do.fi](mailto:iuc2023@taekwon-do.fi) no later than January 20, 2023.

\*) Drinks not included



# Important dates and schedule

## January 20, 2023

Last registration date via TKDMAN

## February 15, 2023

Last registration date to ITF Online

## Friday, February 24, 2023

7pm – 8.30pm Registration in Varala

## Saturday, February 25, 2023

8.15am – 8.50am Registration in Varala  
9.00am – 1pm Opening Ceremonies, Introductions and Course Part 1  
1pm – 2pm Lunch  
2pm – 6.15pm Course Part 2  
6.15pm or Dinner (for those who are not attending the Banquet)  
7.30pm Banquet

## Sunday, February 26, 2023

9pm – 1.15pm Course Part 3 and Official Closing of the event  
1.30pm – 2.30pm Lunch

Each part of the course has breaks between the lectures.

Dress Protocol: Official ITF Do-Bok, additionally participants can wear sports team jackets and training shoes (while seated)



# Traveling to Tampere

The easiest way to travel from abroad to Tampere is by air. Tampere-Pirkkala airport is located only 18 km away from Varala so it will take less than 20 minutes by car.

There are also good train and bus connections from Helsinki Airport. Train from Helsinki Airport to Tampere takes only 1.5 - 2 hours and Tampere railway station is located in the city center less than 4 km from Varala.

## More information

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us via email. You can find more information on the [www.itf2023.fi/iuc](http://www.itf2023.fi/iuc) website, where we update news and, for example, the weather forecast. We will also post to our [Facebook event](#).

### Email

[iuc2023@taekwon-do.fi](mailto:iuc2023@taekwon-do.fi)

### Web

[www.itf2023.fi/iuc](http://www.itf2023.fi/iuc)

### Facebook event

<https://fb.me/e/5UlyLxqMp>

