



FAQS

Who runs Rhee Taekwondo at Melb Uni Taekwondo Club?

Melbourne University Rhee Taekwondo Club is an instructional sporting club recognised by the University of Melbourne.

The membership fees are used to cover costs such as venue cost, insurance, equipment replacements and other costs associated with running the branch of the club.

Our operations are completely separate from the competition oriented MUTKD WTF branch.

Insurance coverage

Insurance policies and claims are handled by Melbourne University Sport. Coverage are detailed at the Melbourne University Sports Page: www.sport.unimelb.edu.au

For your convenience a link to the documents is provided:

<https://students.unimelb.edu.au/student-support/advice-and-help/insurance/policy-documents-and-forms>

“I’m confused. Is Melbourne University Taekwondo Club under Rhee or WTF?”

The Melbourne University Taekwondo Clubs are separate. Rhee practices a traditional non-competitive style, whereas WTF practices the competitive form of the art. Basically, there are two separate schools at MUTKD.

For more information on competitive style WTF Taekwondo please contact them directly on melbuni.tkd@gmail.com

Who can attend?

Whilst Rhee Taekwondo at Melbourne University is open to everyone, we recommend that the minimum age be 16 and above. The average age in attendance at the moment are between 20 and 30.

We recommend that those below 16 attend classes at other dojangs across Melbourne as they will have instructors who are more experienced in teaching students at those ages:

<http://www.rheetkdvic.com.au>

**Please advise any medical condition to the instructor that may hinder your training. ie heart conditions, etc.*

Do I need to be ultra fit to join this?

You do not need to be fit to enrol because your experienced Instructor will bring your fitness level up gradually, according to your individual progress. Instructions are deliberately made simple, clear and precise so that the practitioner can confidently understand the techniques and practice correctly. Instructions are never rushed, the progress of the individual will be based upon ones own rate of achievement and capacity.

When are classes held?

Classes are run from 7:30pm to 9:00pm every Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the year except for public holidays, the 2 week midyear break and the 3-4 week end of year Christmas break.

For more details on term dates please see our training schedule.

“Is Rhee Taekwondo just another over energised all boys sporting club?”

To give you an idea, proportion of students that are female are as follows:

2011 approx 61%
2012 approx 40%
2015 approx 57%
2016 approx 65%
2019 approx 60%

These figures fluctuate on an annual basis given the nature of student turnovers in Melbourne University such as graduations and new university student enrolments.

What level of martial arts skills will I need to attend Taekwondo at Rhee?

There are absolutely no prerequisite martial art skills required to join us. We are a club of diverse skills ranging from absolute beginners to third dan seniors attending the club.

What do I need to bring?

For beginners trying it out, you are only required to wear comfortable loose clothing. We suggest that you wear t shirt and loose pants or appropriate sports clothing to get a feel for it.

Whilst there is a water fountain in the premises, we do recommend that you bring your water bottle.

Training will be conducted in barefoot.

Uniforms are recommended but optional for beginners. However, you are expected to have a uniform prior to your first grading.

So when do I grade for upper belt colours?

Gradings are held every first Friday of the month in each new season. Gradings are held in March, June, September and December at Caulfield HQ.

Being eligible for grading is determined by the instructor at the club. He will advise whether you are ready to grade. As this is a self-defence school, the aim is to get the technique right. We do not rush people into grading. Once both yourself and the instructor believes you are ready, then grading will proceed in the next quarterly session.

Are there any social events?

Yes. There is a great sense of community between members. We host various informal events throughout the year such as movie nights, dinners, outdoor activities and so forth. These are announced on the club's Facebook group page.

Are there any Taekwondo Interschool/State/National Competitions?

As the focus of Rhee Taekwondo is of traditional self-defence and non-competitive, this branch of the club does not hold, conduct or attend any competitions.

To find out about competitive taekwondo, we suggest that you contact the WTF branch melbuni.tkd@gmail.com

"I am currently/formerly an ITF / WTF black belt Taekwondo. Am I able to continue with that rank at Rhee Taekwondo?"

Rhee Taekwondo is no longer affiliated with ITF. You will not continue as the same rank you held in another school. You will be asked to grade as a white belt, where your prior experience will be taken into account and you will be awarded a belt matching your current level. We expect that you will grade very quickly through the system given the similarities in structure and technique (such as the "Chang Hon Hyung"). There is no competition taekwondo in Rhee schools.

Is Rhee Taekwondo recognised anywhere else?

Rhee Taekwondo is an independent school with branches across Australia and New Zealand.

If there are any other matters not answered above, please do not hesitate to contact us.