



# Kukkiwon International Masters and Examiners Course



## Kukkiwon

The **Kukkiwon** (World Taekwondo Headquarters- Seoul) is the official **Taekwondo governing organisation** established by the South Korean government.

and further developed his knowledge and skill in Taekwondo theory and practice.

This ongoing professional development for Master Instructors strengthens Taekwondo in Australia and ensures our martial art has **well-trained and highly qualified** instructors operating in clubs.

Across six days from 27 February to 4 March 2023, KMAA's Senior Chief Instructor (Sir) was one of 117 participants in the **Kukkiwon International Masters and Poom / Dan Examiners Course**, held in Sydney Olympic Park.

New Kukkiwon promotion test regulations, which commence in July 2023, require Instructors to hold valid qualifications in both these courses to be eligible to recommend students for Kukkiwon (International Black Belt) certification.

Sir found the sessions **challenging and rewarding**,

## Course Aims

- Deliver a set **standard Taekwondo curriculum** worldwide.
- Consolidate the techniques of **Kukkiwon**.
- Contribute to expanding global Taekwondo by **unifying Taekwondo skills and techniques**.

# Standardised Black Belt Assessments

The courses provided standards for Examiners conducting Black Belt exams, ensuring that students are **judged fairly and effectively** under the rules and regulations of the Promotion Test. This applies to Poom (under 15 years) and Dan (over 15 years) gradings.



## Changes to Poomsae

Sir learnt about changes coming to **Taekwondo Poomsae** (patterns / forms) direct from the Kukkiwon, which will be implemented from July 2023- watch this space in class!

## Course Content & Structure

Through these courses, Sir learnt about Taekwondo **Theories** (History, Coaching), Taekwondo **Practical** training (Poomsae, Gyeonggi), **Techniques** training (Self-defence) and Special lectures (by a Taekwondo Grand Master).

Participants in these courses were required to do both a **written and physical assessment**. Sir will find out in the coming weeks if he was successful in attaining certification.

Sir's learnings from these courses will be applied to KMAA programs, particularly in refreshing our **Black Belt assessment processes**.



*Sir with Shire Martial Arts (NSW) Master Instructor Michelle*

