

# Omaha Blue Waves Martial Arts

## TaeKwon-Do Student Oath

I shall observe the tenets of Taekwon-Do.

I shall respect the instructor and seniors.

I shall never misuse Taekwon-Do.

I shall be a champion of freedom and justice.

I shall build a more peaceful world.

## Explanation of Tenets

### TENETS

#### COURTESY (Ye Ui)

It can be said that courtesy is an unwritten regulation prescribed by ancient teachers of philosophy as a means to enlighten human beings while maintaining a harmonious society. It can be further be as an ultimate criterion required of a mortal.

#### INTEGRITY (Yom Chi)

In Taekwon-Do, the word integrity assumes an understanding of the difference between right and wrong. It, also, assumes that given a choice the practitioner will live his or her life based on ethical code that follows the path of righteousness.

#### PERSEVERANCE (In Nae)

There is an old Oriental saying, "Patience leads to virtue or merit, One can make a peaceful home by being patient for 100 times." Certainly happiness and prosperity are most likely brought to the patient person. To achieve something, whether it is a higher degree or the perfection or a technique, one must set his goal, then constantly persevere.

#### SELF CONTROL (Guk Gi)

This tenet is extremely important inside and outside the dojang, whether conducting oneself in free sparring or in one's personal affairs. A loss of self-control in free sparring can prove disastrous to both student and opponent. In life, a lack of self control can cause a loss of spirit and begin the spiral which is the downfall of life.

#### INDOMITABLE SPIRIT (Baekjool Boolgool)

"Here lie 300, who did their duty," a simple epitaph for one of the greatest acts of courage known to mankind. Although facing the superior forces of Xerxes, Leonidas and his 300 Spartans at Thermopylae showed the world the meaning of indomitable spirit. It is shown when a courageous person and his principles are pitted against overwhelming odds. - Adapted from the writings General Choi, Hong Hi, the father of modern TaeKwon-Do, November 09, 1918 to June 15, 2002.