

The Michigan State Qualifying Tournament will be held Saturday, May 24, 2008 at Milan Middle School gym, 920 North Street, Milan, MI. This will be a qualifying event for the Junior and Senior Nationals to be held in Detroit in July, 2008.

Our USAT sanction is pending but you must be a USAT-registered athlete and Michigan Sport Taekwondo (MST) member to compete. The tournament is open to Michigan residents only. Registration for the tournament will be through the USAT's Hangastar system. The MST membership application can be downloaded from the Michigan Sport Taekwondo, Inc. website at www.michigantaekwondo.org.

MST will also be sponsoring a Referee Certification Seminar on Saturday, May 10, 2008. It will be held at Kicks Taekwondo & Fitness located at 35004 W. Michigan Avenue, Wayne, MI 48184. The school phone number is (734) 728-3027. The seminar will start at 10am. sharp and continue til 6:00p.m. The cost is \$50 for Michigan Sport Taekwondo, Inc. members. Non-members will pay \$60 which includes Michigan Sport Taekwondo, Inc. membership. Cash or money orders only will be accepted.

You must be a Referee/Coach/Athlete member of the USAT to take the Referee course. Register as a Referee/Coach/Athlete with the USAT through it's website: www.usa-taekwondo.us. Proof of current USAT membership and a black belt certificate is required.

Coaches who attend the Referee Seminar will be issued a FREE coaches pass for the State Qualifier and will only be required to attend the first section of the Seminar (Rules), from 10:00 to Noon. Coaches who do not attend the Referee Seminar, must pay for their Coach's Pass at the State Qualifier.

This is the first official Referee Seminar held in Michigan in several years. The Competition Rules have changed substantially since the last Referee Seminar in Michigan so you will not want to miss this opportunity. Referees passing the Seminar will be permitted (and encouraged!) to referee at the USAT Junior Olympics to be held in Detroit.

Instructors please forward this message to anyone on your school email list.

Thank you for supporting Michigan Athletes/Coaches/Referees!!!!

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