



University of Bath
Taekwondo Club

Annual Report

2018 - 2019

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Chair of the University of Bath Taekwondo Club

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Acknowledgements

2018 - 2019 Committee

Chair	Jae Lee
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Treasurer	Aqeel Abdul-Rahman
Secretary	Meza Moukpe
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Social Secretary	Jay Heath
WT Captain	Viroshan Gnanapandithan
ITF Captain	Charlotte Draper
Marketing Officer	Celine Cheung
Inclusivity & Welfare Officer	Ellie Wong
Club Development Officer	Kieron Holt

2019 - 2020 Committee

Chair	Tim Oluwole
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Secretary	Marlon Hidalgo
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Social Secretary	Jay Heath
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ITF Captain	Ryan Simpson
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Club Development Officer	Charlotte Draper
Events Coordinator	Ciaran Miles

Additional Thanks To:

WT Sparring Coach	Laurence Dale
WT Coach (Bath SKY)	Luca De Matteis
WT Patterns Coach	Elia De Matteis
ITF Coach	Rob Tettmar
Ibrahim Mohammad	Jethro Cook
Dominic Choi	Piotr Manasterski

And to all of our members, helping us to share enthusiasm for such a beautiful martial art.



Foreword

Stepping into this role was my first committee experience within the Bath Students Union. As such it has proven to be a very challenging but rewarding experience. In addition, we were left with the gargantuan task of maintaining and improving upon the very successful legacy forged under Sameh's leadership.

The successes of the current academic year have highlighted that our innovative approach has yielded great improvements in the competitive sector of the club and the social aspects of the club. We were able to quickly reach our membership targets set by the SU with a successful freshers' week campaign, improved upon last years competition results and continued supplying support for our members with financial support, skills development and SU recognition for sporting achievements. The club also saw continuous change as we experimented with training sessions and socials whilst gathering feedback which has helped us lay out the foundations for club expansion.

Although I have not achieved all the goals for the club, we have made leaps and bounds towards creating a much more inclusive and engaging club. I hope that the preparation and feedback gathered from this year will vastly improve the taekwondo experience for the years to come and that the club will continue to innovate and steer clear from the path of conformity.



Jae Lee
WT 2nd Dan
Chair

Aims & Objectives

The main aim of the club is to provide University of Bath students the opportunity to experience and develop with taekwondo at all levels as a sport and a martial art. Over the past years, the club has seen tremendous growth especially within the competitive sector of the club. The objectives for the 2018/2019 year were designed around club expansion and addressing the main shortcoming of the 2017/2018 year, club cohesion and the social aspect of the club.

Smells like Team Spirit

Team building off to an early start at the first competition of the year, ICO 2018.



Objectives for 2018-2019

- Use of social media to gain a strong online presence
- Improve team spirit with frequent and high quality socials
- Attain top 3 in the Overall Series Championships Ranking
- Win the Indomitable Team Trophy
- Develop new activities to accommodate growth

Nationals 2019

Bringing home some silverware. Best result yet and the SU still has no space for our trophies.



Accomplishments

This year saw the club find success whilst allowing various training setups and activities to be tested. Best competition results thus far; a successful freshers' week campaign and acquisition of the club's first sponsorship are just a few examples of our success.

We were able to top the competitive results of the previous year and end the season at 2nd in the Overall Series Championships, the best competitive performance to date. In addition to winning the Indomitable Team Trophy, we have facilitated 3 top level athletes to qualify for EUSA. Our competition team has grown in size and diversity with more balanced representation across the styles and disciplines, and increased engagement from our C class members.



After the 2017/2018 year's huge success with membership numbers we were able to match those numbers this year with a membership count of 70. The club swiftly surpassed the SU set membership count of 55 by the end of the 1st semester and continued to grow. Our freshers' week campaign was a major contributor to the recruitment drive, which included our first ever choreographed demonstration featuring wooden break boards and showcasing all the aspects of the club. The demo was very successful, attracting large crowds and even footage of the demo being used in promotional videos for the University itself.

Elsewhere, we have consistently won the SU Bath Team of the Week after each competition, strengthened our bond with local clubs by gaining access to the local ITF sessions off campus, and we have managed to acquire our very first sponsorship with Revolution who provide us with a range of benefits including revenue sharing.

Competition Results

1st - Indomitable Team
2nd - Overall Championship Series Rankings
58 Medals



Freshers Week

A small team of all abilities put on a fully choreographed performance at the centre of attention, showing that taekwondo really is for everyone!

Sponsorship



Membership

Running a successful freshers' week campaign led to a hasty increase in member count. We had to adopt a different teaching approach to handle the numbers.



Club Activities

Better Together

12 hours of classes a week
1 hour WT specific
1 hour ITF specific
10 hours of joint training
Full access to the local WT and ITF clubs, and vice versa.

In line with our aim, the main activities involve the training and application of taekwondo. This year, we experimented with the training structure to fit around the increased student coaching resources available and to test what works with the expected increase in class sizes. One such idea that proved popular was the idea of student coaches specialising in certain areas which would be advertised prior to the session, giving members a choice on their training whilst keeping training varied. We were able to maintain a high quality of training as our student coaches were black belts and had prior teaching experience.

World

Class Athlete

Former GB Junior athlete and Euro Champion, our WT Captain was in charge of WT coaching and has contributed to our sparring success.



We also have the privilege of having electronic equipment combined with top class student athletes sharing their knowledge and experience to facilitate very high-level training. Maintaining strong links with the local clubs, we now have access to the training sessions for both the local ITF and WT clubs in Bath in addition to their gradings.

On top of training, the club has committed to entering the BSTF Student National Taekwondo Championships Series events this year. This has allowed the club to provide any interested member to experience a competition environment as a competitor or volunteer.



Additional Activities

In order to increase further engagement with our members we have developed SparLadder. This project will go live next academic year and will provide members an opportunity to participate in a friendly sparring league with prizes for the top positions. We hope that this will engage all levels of the club and introduce beginning members to a competitive environment, making them more likely to join in future competitions. The development of this project included focus groups with members of all levels, helping to tailor the project to all abilities and addressing the lack of lower-class competitors from the club.

We have also had the pleasure of hosting a seminar featuring Jethro Cook, an alumni of the University and licensed taekwondo referee to clarify sparring rules with our interested athletes and coaches.

Support for Members

Financial Support

To encourage participation without barriers, it was necessary to allocate club funds to subsidise the costs associated with the events. For the events this year, the club covered transport and some accommodation costs.

Skills Training

The club has also provided members the opportunity to develop their skills alongside the SU programmes.

Our committee members have attended leadership and diversity workshops which have allowed the club to align with the students' and SU's interests.

For members involved with coaching, we provide the opportunity for coach development courses with the SU. And for members with driving licenses, we provide minibuss and MPV training with the SU's MiDAS course.

Alternative Opportunities

In addition to committee roles, we are open to members who want to contribute to the club by utilising their talents or interest. Our members have exercised skills such as photography and videography, whilst others choose to volunteer their time by driving, volunteering at competitions and coaching.

Club Cohesion, Welfare & Inclusivity

The club has provided a variety of socials including hangouts at the SU social space, meal socials amongst others, helping to achieve our club cohesion objective. Effective use of social media has contributed to a growth in our social presence.

The club prides in the diversity of our members and we emphasise the inclusivity of our activities and welfare of our members by placing this responsibility on all our committee members during all activities and socials. We ensure that our activities cater to a wide demographic with careful planning. Steps taken include post-grad friendly session times, non-alcoholic socials and sessions running through holidays.

We are also very proud to be able to help a current student and member of the club with anxiety through the medium of taekwondo.



Resident

Post Graduate

Piotr, one of our mainstays enjoying a successful taekwondo career with us at Bath.



Equality and Diversity

Our ITF captain with a strong stance on equality and diversity. She works hard to provide equal opportunity and representation in taekwondo.

Future Plans



Timothy
Oluwole
ITF 4th Kup
Chair-Elect

For the upcoming year, we plan to continue on the progress the club is making, in regards to both the provisions to our members and the competitive aspect.

We aim to have sessions that are more clearly tailored to the ranges and interests of our members, as well as hold sessions for those that really want to take their competing further. Another goal is to have a plan for the social aspect of the club; to be able to schedule regular, more varied socials and perhaps lighter hangouts and get-togethers, in order to continue the improvement the club has made towards integration, inclusivity and accessibility.

One of the largest endeavours for the new year will be to organise events with clubs from other universities, as well as seminars, to give members as much exposure to the many facets of TaeKwon-Do beyond what we can immediately provide ourselves.

And above all,
we are a club that likes to have
FUN!



Appendix A - FW Campaign Material Promo Video

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1MT4ctatikgxt8yOT-gunEDK9FwYyQoLVE>

Used to promote the club via facebook and played on screens around campus during Freshers Week.

Flyers and Posters

Distributed in person and through the halls, posted online and around campus and on screens in the SU building.



Taekwondo – a sport with attitude!

With over 60 million practitioners, taekwondo is the largest martial art in the world. It is known for its spectacular kicks and is a great way to get fit. Our club is open to people of all abilities and styles.

We offer many opportunities, including socials, gradings, competitions and trips abroad! Whether you want to train for fun or go for glory, our team pushes each and every member towards their personal goals.

For more information and our taster sessions schedule, check out our social media and website!



University of Bath Taekwondo Club

Come and try out taekwondo at one of our taster sessions in the **STV Dojo!**

If you have experience in taekwondo, come along to our trials for more info about competitions and how you could represent the University!

Tasters:	
Mon 24 th Sep 14:00–15:00	Tue 2 nd Oct 21:00–22:00
Wed 26 th Sep 17:30–18:45	Wed 3 rd Oct 17:30–18:45
Fri 28 th Sep 16:00–17:00	Fri 5 th Oct 16:00–17:00
Sat 29 th Sep 11:30–12:30	
Trials:	
Fri 28 th Sep 17:00–18:00	Fri 5 th Oct 17:00–18:00

Appendix B - SparLadder Rules and Information

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/10bdYck0SFHe2sfF-Hv7Ph7-CyE-FOZfaeTwB9Xa6Mgguw/edit?usp=sharing>

Proposal to be reviewed and finalised over the summer