



THE INTERNATIONAL COMBAT HAPKIDO FEDERATION

The International Combat Hapkido Federation (ICHF) is an independent organization of Martial Arts Schools and individual members established for the purpose of teaching, promoting and regulating the Combat Hapkido Self Defense system. The ICHF is the only official governing body and Certification authority for Combat Hapkido.

The ICHF was founded in 1992 by **Grandmaster John Pellegrini** in response to the growing need and demand for a “different” kind of Hapkido organization. Unlike many other associations that are nothing more than a P.O. Box or a mail order diploma mill that provide only profit and ego gratification to their founders and are rife with politics, the ICHF is strongly committed to the technical and professional enhancement of its members and is famous for the uncompromising excellence of all its services, products and events.

Over the years, the ICHF has received extensive exposure in the media and has gained positive international recognition in the Martial Arts industry. Today, with hundreds of affiliated schools, the ICHF is one of the leading Hapkido organization in the World.

- ◆ In 1995 the ICHF was nominated “**Martial Arts Organization of the Year**” by the Independent Funding Company, one of the largest Martial Arts tuition billing & consulting company in the USA.
- ◆ In 1998 the ICHF was inducted as “**Most Outstanding Martial Arts Organization of the Year**” by the World Karate Union Hall of Fame.
- ◆ In 1998 the ICHF received the Leadership Award as “**Martial Arts Organization of the Year**” by the WHFSC International Martial Arts Hall of Fame.
- ◆ In 1999 the ICHF was featured in a **Wall Street Journal** article on the Martial Arts.
- ◆ In 1999 the ICHF was the cover feature of **Martial Arts Professional Magazine** where it was declared one of the leading style based Martial Arts Organizations in the USA.

- ◆ In 2000 the ICHF was inducted as “**Millennium Martial Arts Organization of the Year**” by the WHFSC International Martial Arts Hall of Fame.
- ◆ In 2011 & 2014 the ICHF (DSI, Inc.) was selected by Black Belt Magazine for its “**Company Spotlight**” feature.

HOW THE ICHF CAN BENEFIT YOU:

- **Improve** your skills and advance your knowledge with a comprehensive and effective system of scientific Self Defense.
- **Offer** the Combat Hapkido program to attract and retain more adult students.
- **Receive** (and provide to your students) prestigious, World recognized Certifications.
- **Belong** to a dynamic, friendly and internationally respected professional organization.
- **Network**, with fellow professional Self Defense Instructors around the World.
- **Prompt Service**. No waiting several months for certificates or any other items.
- **Reasonable Fees**. We want you to be prosperous and successful. The ICHF does not impose heavy financial burdens on schools and Instructors.
- **Recognition**. The ICHF wants you to be a Martial Arts professional with legitimate credentials. We do not hold back rank. You will receive the rank you have earned and the promotions you deserve.
- **Quality products and services**. ICHF books, DVD’s, certificates, merchandise, seminars and everything that bears our name is of the highest world-class quality.
- **No politics, no favoritism, no power games, no egos, no cult like environment and no exploitation.**

ACCREDITATION



GRANDMASTER IN SUN SEO and GRANDMASTER JOHN PELLEGRINI

In March 1999, Combat Hapkido was officially accredited and registered as a recognized style (**Kwan**) of Hapkido by **Grandmaster In Sun Seo**, Chairman of the **World Ki Do Federation / HanMinJok Hapkido Association**. Grandmaster Pellegrini was officially acknowledged as its Founder. Combat Hapkido was the first non-traditional Hapkido style, founded by a non-Korean, to receive such honor by the World Ki Do Federation, an organization founded in 1963 and chartered by the Korean Government's Ministry of Culture and Education to oversee Korean Martial Arts around the World. Combat Hapkido is known in Korean as: "**Chon-Tu Kwan Hapkido**".

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| LETTER OF APPROVAL | |  | 임명장 |
| Style Name : Combat Hapkido Headmaster : John Pellegrini | | 직위 : 국제 컴벨 합기도 총관장 성명 : 존 펠레그리니 | |
| This letter officially recognizes Combat Hapkido as a registered style with Korea KIDO Association / World KIDO Federation and Master John Pellegrini as its founder in accordance with the official regulations of our organization. | | 위의 사람을 본 협회가 인정하는 국제 컴벨 합기도 류파의 설립자로 인정하여 이에 본 임명장을 수여함. | |
| March 27, 1999  IN SUN SEO President/Grand master 10th Dan Korea KIDO Association World KIDO Federation | | 1999년 3월 27일 대한기도회 세계기도회 회장/총재 공인10단 서인선 | |

COMBAT HAPKIDO

In 1990, Grandmaster Pellegrini officially named his style of Hapkido "Combat Hapkido". The name clearly identifies it and sets it apart from other "traditional" styles of Hapkido. It is also referred to as the "Science of Self Defense". Combat Hapkido is an extremely versatile discipline of self protection that includes an extensive variety of strikes, kicks, joint locks, pressure points, ground survival and weapon disarming techniques. Combat Hapkido is the first and only truly comprehensive reality - based Martial Art. It is safe and enjoyable to learn, exciting to teach and it provides practical solutions to real life situations. Combat Hapkido is ideal for those individuals looking for a serious, modern and effective self-defense system who are not interested in the demanding study of a "traditional" martial art or the flashy and dangerous techniques of martial sports.

Because Combat Hapkido's dynamic concepts are based on scientific principles of anatomy and biokinetics, it is well suited for men and women of all sizes since physical strength and athletic abilities are not essential.

Combat Hapkido is for open minded Martial Arts Instructors who are serious about their technical development and are seeking to evolve to a new level of understanding and ability. Combat Hapkido can be taught as the primary system or it can be offered as an additional Self Defense program by any Martial Arts School to expand its student base.

Combat Hapkido is the result of over 40 years of Martial Arts / Self Defense study, research, application and synthesis. It differs from other Hapkido styles in several technical areas. Following are some examples:

- ◆ Combat Hapkido is 100% Self Defense. There are no forms (Kata/Hyungs) in the system.
- ◆ All Combat Hapkido kicks are directed to the lower part of the body. We do not teach "acrobatic/flying" kicks.
- ◆ Combat Hapkido employs break-falls and throws in a very limited and safe manner.
- ◆ Combat Hapkido is not a sport and cannot be modified nor regulated to be one. There are no competitions, tournaments or championships.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Following are some of the most frequently asked questions about the ICHF. We are providing the answers for general information and to explain some of our policies and procedures. Specific questions, issues and situations will be better answered by contacting our HQ office.

* Are ICHF Certificates and Grandmaster Pellegrini “recognized”?

Because Combat Hapkido is an officially accredited style (Kwan) of Hapkido, ICHF rank Certificates are internationally recognized. Grandmaster Pellegrini is a 9th Dan Grandmaster. His certification was officially issued in Korea, by Grandmaster In Sun Seo, 10th Dan.

* As a Charter Instructor, how do I test for Dan rank in the ICHF?

There are several ways in which you can be evaluated for promotion:

- In person, with Grandmaster Pellegrini (by prior arrangement) at an ICHF event.
- By a Licensed ICHF Instructor of higher rank at any ICHF Charter School in your area.
- By DVD, after fulfilling all the requirements and submitting the proper documentation.

Note: Regardless of the method of evaluation, candidates must fulfill all the requirements for their rank and be in compliance with all ICHF policies. Combat Hapkido Certificates are available **ONLY** to ICHF members!

* I have a 2nd Dan in Tang Soo Do. Will the ICHF recognize my rank and issue a crossover 2nd Dan?

No. Our “Recognition” (cross-over) certificates are identical to Dan promotion certificates and are **only** issued to **Hapkido** Dan holders from other legitimate Hapkido organizations. Everything else is a promotion (new degree) and the applicant must qualify.

* Does the ICHF use “Rank Combining”?

No. For example, if you have a 1st Dan in TaeKwonDo and a 2nd Dan in Hapkido, you do not qualify for a 3rd Dan in Combat Hapkido! The ICHF does not practice “Rank combining”.

* I have always issued my own school certificates to my students. As a Charter Member can I continue to use them?

Only for **OTHER** Martial Arts. Combat Hapkido students **MUST** receive ICHF Certificates (color belts and Dan). The ICHF will **REVOKE** the Charter of any school that **DOES NOT ISSUE** ICHF Certificates to their Combat Hapkido students.

* As a Charter Member of the ICHF, do all my students have to become Individual members?

If you teach Combat Hapkido as your only system, **yes**, all of your students **MUST** be Individual members of the ICHF. If you teach Combat Hapkido as a separate or secondary program, **ONLY** your **COMBAT HAPKIDO STUDENTS** must become Individual members. No Combat Hapkido ranking will be issued to non- members.

* I have a lot of children in my school. Is Combat Hapkido only for adults?

The ICHF has developed general “youth” curriculum guidelines and special rank certificates for children. ICHF Charter schools can therefore teach Chung So Nyun (Youth) Hapkido to their younger students.

* How do I continue learning and advancing in Combat Hapkido?

In several ways. The ICHF has produced one of the best instructional **DVD** libraries in the industry and several books. With our comprehensive, detailed, high quality DVD’s, books, manuals and a willing partner, you can continue to learn and improve your skills. If possible, you should also periodically train with other Combat Hapkido Instructors in your area.

Grandmaster Pellegrini teaches **seminars** all over the World. These seminars and other special events offer the opportunity for hands-on training with the Founder and other ICHF Staff Instructors. Check the website for dates and locations.

The ICHF has also developed a group of excellent “Seminar Leaders”. These highly qualified Combat Hapkido Instructors are available to conduct local seminars in many areas.

- * When my school joins the ICHF, do we have to change uniforms?

No. The ICHF does not mandate any particular uniform. We have schools with black, white, red or blue uniforms. We only require that Combat Hapkido students wear the ICHF patch on the left breast. The ICHF does **not** sell uniforms or belts.

CHARTER SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP

This membership is open to Instructors/Masters/School Owners of any Art/Style/System who are currently teaching (full or part-time) a program of Self Defense. This includes programs conducted at colleges, gyms, churches, military bases, the YMCA or any other location. Charter membership sanctions the facility as an authorized training center for Combat Hapkido and officially licenses the Instructor as the registered, certified ICHF Instructor for that center. Charter affiliation is a turn-key package containing all you need to introduce & implement a Combat Hapkido program in your school.

BENEFITS:

- ICHF Instructors Manual & School Flag
- Charter Certificate, ID Card, Patch, Lapel Pin
- Black Belt and Instructor License Certificates
- Combat Hapkido Black Belt Course (5 DVDs)
- Combat Hapkido Master Course (3 DVDs)
- Combat Hapkido Legacy Series (4 DVDs)
- Combat Hapkido Weapons Disarming Series (2 DVDs)
- 2 Combat Hapkido Books
- Authorizes the Instructor to test and promote students in Combat Hapkido.
- Special discount pricing on all products and merchandise.
- Periodic Instructors' Newsletter
- Authorizes the use of the copyrighted ICHF logo in advertising, business cards, school signs, website etc.
- Opportunity to host Combat Hapkido seminars.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Return completed Charter membership application.
- Submit copy of highest Dan Black Belt Certificate.
- First time Charter dues: US \$ - \$600.
(Yearly renewal: US \$ 300).
- Schools with multiple branches (same ownership) need pay for only ONE Charter for the main school. Additional Branch Charter Certificate & flag for each location, can be purchased for \$100. Individual membership is required for all Combat Hapkido students of ICHF Charter Schools.

For additional information on ICHF books, DVD's, seminars, affiliated programs (ITA, IPDTI, MCA, WMAA, etc.), news, events & for online shopping...

... visit our website at:

www.DSIHQ.com or
www.combathapkido.com

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