

Technician Grade (TG) Programs and Fees, 2002-2006

12th Student Grade (SG)

Passing successfully the twelfth Student Grade (SG) is for many Wing Tsun students **the** highlight of their career. Even though we might be driven by unique intentions and focus on different goals, the conclusion of the student programs means that one has invested considerable time and effort in ones training and education.

However, we must stress the importance of proper and complete preparation. The higher student levels include higher expectations of skill, both technical as well as theoretical. Last not least active involvement in the schools activities. Students will not automatically be granted the higher grades for coming to class, for "going through the motions", etc.

As Wing Tsun 'senior' one represents not only the school but also the system itself and the notion that the standards will be kept high. To ensure that everyone is successful, be prepared to work harder than ever, more home training, solo and partner exercises outside of class as well as taking private lessons on a regular basis.

There is of course no shame in not wanting to push through the technician levels, as the commitment to training is very high. One can still be an accomplished Wing Tsun practitioner, but to go to the next level one must demonstrate a higher degree of commitment and skill.

I simply want to ensure that no one is disappointed or surprised if they don't get what they think they should. A twelfth Student Grade like a Technician Grade must be earned; it is not a given right as a result of showing up.

It is more than worth the commitment and hard work, when you can look back having finished the Student Grade's and begin to climb the heights of Technician Grade programs.

1st Technician Grade (TG)

All of you reading this info-paper belong still among the first ten, fifteen people in all of Canada training those programs. So, although it is exciting to finally begin the official Technician Grade programs, we have to talk a bit administration.

Beginning with the Technician Grade programs the fee structure is being divided into **two** separate levels. The already existent fee structure for learning time (group classes, private lessons, seminars, etc.) and curriculum fees for the actual programs to be learned.

This concept is not exclusive to Wing Tsun or to other 'wing chun' 詠春 styles, or Chinese Kung Fu in general. Most Japanese, Korean and other martial arts feature similar fees, however they may be called.

The great advantage in Wing Tsun Kung Fu is the transparency of the fee structure, as it should be in any business. In the 'old days' (As it is still valid for many Kung Fu styles today!) the enclosed amount in the "red envelope", which was left at a specific place in the school to begin of training sessions, decided the programs to be taught (and even more important the how to).

Program fees have also been seen throughout the times as a tool or safety measure to ensure that no one reveals easily the higher programs to other students let alone outsiders. You probably know too, that the organized structure of Chi-Sau sections is unique and exclusive to Wing Tsun.

Even though some voices advised against it, I will display a comparative list of the different fee structures to give you an informed overview (as of 2006). Having paid my dues over the years, I still think that any fee structure should reflect the actual (local) conditions, which I have no doubt the following tables will illustrate.

2010 update: Over the past years, especially the last ten years, I have seen fees being raised and lowered depending on the situation. I have seen different sets of fees for different people, even within the same organization, depending on who might be able to do something important for the 'boss', or to make the competition look bad. The 5 Biu-Tze Chi-Sau sections have been merged into 4. However, the general info here, dating back to the years 2002 – 2006, remains the same.

The same is valid for the program contents. Some WT organizations put the 2nd section of Chi-Sau into the student programs. Some changed it to 10 student grades. Some moved all programs around within the levels. All that only, to stand out in the crowd among the 30+ WT organizations. Some have 20 schools; some "world" organizations have only 2 schools. You get the idea.

I personally dislike 'official' waiting periods. In many WT organizations, they are being used to determine when practitioners can get tested, when they are 'allowed' to learn which programs.

Many members of our trainer team have signed up and have been working for some time in the programs of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and even 4th Technician Grade. This way I can vary the training, show and teach the logical connections between forms, Chi-Sau and Lat-Sau. Just imagine a boxer being told, that he can't learn the hook yet, it's too advanced for him, he has to go through the official waiting period until he is allowed to train the hook? I don't think so.

Even with some changes, I would like you to take your time to read thoroughly the following listings/comparisons of the past years.

I do have the original fee schedules (AWTO, IWTA-NAS).

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| 1. Emin Boztepe – AWTO/EBMAS | EB |
| 2. Leung Ting – IWTA NAS | LT (similar to Keith Kernspecht - EWTO fee structure) |
| 3. Ralph Haenel | RH |

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numbers and conversation rates as of 2002

- Program Fees (all programs complete, Total in Can\$ without test fee)

	EB	LT	RH
1 st TG	1132.18	646.96	400.00
2 nd TG	1938.60	1132.18	900.00
3 rd TG	3150.22	2907.90	1350.00
Wooden Dummy form	3231.00	2584.80	1200.00

- Test Fees Only (in Can\$)

	EB	LT	RH
1 st TG	485.22	161.74	100.00
2 nd TG	646.96	258.78	100.00
3 rd TG	889.57	420.52	100.00

- Details **1st Technician Grade (TG)**

Programs	EB	LT	RH
2 nd section Chi-Sau	175	100	100
3 rd section Chi-Sau	175	100	100
4 th section Chi-Sau	175	100	100
Applications (Lat-Sau)	175	100	100
Total in US\$	700.00	400.00	n/a
Total in Can\$	1132.18	646.96	400.00

- Details **2nd Technician Grade (TG)**

Programs	EB	LT	RH
5 th section Chi-Sau	175	100	125
6 th section Chi-Sau	175	100	125
7 th section Chi-Sau	175	100	125
Applications (Lat-Sau)	175	100	125
3 rd form Biu-Tze	500	300	400
Total in US\$	1200.00	700.00	n/a
Total in Can\$	1938.60	1132.18	900.00

- Details **3rd Technician Grade (TG)**

Programs			
Biu-Tze Chi-Sau 5 sections	5 x 200	5 x 200	5 x 150
Applications	200	200	150
Wooden Dummy Sections 1, 2, 3	750	600	450
Total in US\$	1950.00	1800.00	n/a
Total in Can\$	3150.22	2907.90	1350.00

- Details **Wooden Dummy Form only (Partial programs of 3rd and 4th TG)**

8 sections	8 x 250	8 x 200	8 x 150
Total in US\$	2000.00	1600.00	n/a
Total in Can\$	3231.00	2584.80	1200.00

Technician Grade (TG) 1-4

Instructor Levels (simplified overview)

TG 1	Siu-Nim-Tau, Cham-Kiu Chi-Sau sections 2, 3 & 4 Applications of Chi-Sau sections (TG Lat-Sau programs)
TG 2	Siu-Nim-Tau, Cham-Kiu Biu-Tze complete Chi-Sau sections 5, 6 & 7 Applications of Chi-Sau sections (TG Lat-Sau programs)
TG 3	Siu-Nim-Tau, Cham-Kiu, Biu-Tze Biu-Tze Chi-Sau sections 1-4 Applications of Biu-Tze Chi-Sau sections (TG Lat-Sau programs) Muk-Yan-Chong (Wooden Dummy Form) part 1 & 2
TG 4	Siu-Nim-Tau, Cham-Kiu, Biu-Tze Muk-Yan-Chong (Wooden Dummy Form) complete