



Dear Grand Masters, Masters, and Instructors,

"Canada Welcomes the World to the first All North American and Caribbean Taekwon-Do Federation Open eTournament".

We are excited to invite you to participate in a very special event: the first ever tournament for the newly formed *All North American and Caribbean Taekwon-Do Federation!* This open event will be held 100% online from November 26 to approximately December 12, 2021.



All members of the ITF led by Grand Master Paul Weiler, ages 6 and above, all ranks from White Belt and above, from any ITF-affiliated country/dojang are invited to participate in this event as athletes, coaches, or umpires.

Canadian Black Belts competing in the Junior and Senior categories will be earning seeding points to enhance their national standings.



Our main goal for this event is to provide exciting competition to motivate your members to continue training and improving their skills. We also hope this event will motivate our Canadian members to participate in the first "real" tournament in Canada in more than 2 years – the Canadian National Championships being held in mid-March 2022.

Many thanks to our Canadian coaches and instructors for the excellent turn-out for the first ever Canadian National eTournament last April. Now let's bring that enthusiasm to this international event!

Information on rules and schedules is listed below. For more information on registration, rules, etc., we invite you to go to the [CTFI website](#) or the [SportData website](#).

Sincerely,

Master Clint Norman, VIII Dan
CTFI President

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ON-LINE BY VIDEO

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EVENT INFORMATION

What: 2021 All North American and Caribbean Taekwon-Do Open eTournament.

Who: All ITF-affiliated schools and practitioners anywhere in the world. All ranks, ages 6 and up.

When: Friday November 26 – Sunday December 12, 2021.

Where: Online only

Registration fee: Individual or Team categories CAD\$35 each.

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Registration: All registration will be on-line by Internet through SportData

https://www.sportdata.org/taekwondo_itf/set-online/veranstaltung_info_main.php?active_menu=calendar&vern=275#a_eventhead

Registration Deadline: Friday November 12, 2021 at 23:00 UTC / 17:00 Canadian Central Standard Time.

Events: This championship will offer the following events:

1. Individual Patterns for Coloured Belt and Black Belt.
2. Adapted Taekwon-Do demonstrations (solo or accompanied) for any rank. Full details below.
3. Pre-Arranged Sparring for Coloured Belt and Black Belt pairs.
4. Team Patterns for Coloured Belt and Black Belt teams.

Entry Fee: Entry fee for each individual competitor and/or each team is CAD\$35. Adapted Taekwon-Do Category is \$FREE.

All payments must be made via Paypal where you will also have the choice to use your credit card if you do not have a Paypal account.

If competition fees are not paid in full by deadline of November 12, 2021 competitors will not be allowed to participate in this eTournament.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Because there are many time zones for participants in this tournament we will use the 24 hour clock and Universal Time Coordinated (UTC). If you do not know the difference between UTC and your local time, search on the internet for time calculators.

For example: Canada Central Standard Time (CST) is UTC-6 - so 12:00 UTC=06:00 CST
Jamaica Standard Time (EST) is UTC-5 - so 23:00 UTC = 18:00 EST

NOTE: Daylight Savings time ends Sunday November 7, 2021

Item	Date	Time	Notes
Start of Registration	Sept 5, 2021	12:00 UTC	You can add or withdraw competitors any time between start and cutoff of registration
Coaches' initial information Zoom video meeting	Sept 11, 2021	18:00 UTC	Learn how the tournament works. A link will be available on SportData information event information page or email request to: tournamentdirector@ctfi.org
Umpires' initial information Zoom video meeting	Sept 12, 2021	18:00 UTC	Learn what is required of umpires. A link will be available on SportData information page or email request to: tournamentdirector@ctfi.org
Umpire application cutoff	Oct 24, 2021	23:00 UTC	Umpire Application Form must be sent to CTFI Umpire Director Master Scott Downey scott.downey@nl.rogers.com
Registration cutoff	Nov 12, 2021	23:00 UTC	Changes or withdrawals are not allowed after this deadline.
All Fees paid by PayPal	Nov 12, 2021	23:00 UTC	Competitors cannot participate if fees not paid in full by this date.
Declaration of consent and data protection form.	Nov 12, 2021	23:00 UTC	Forms for each competitor must be sent by coaches to: tournamentdirector@ctfi.org
Coaches' final meetings by Zoom video	Nov 24, 2021	TBD (May be 2 different times depending on Coach time zones)	Zoom meeting link will be sent.
Match Code and Designated Patterns	Nov 25, 2021	16:00 UTC	Published on SportData event info page
Video Upload begins	Nov 26, 2021	16:00 UTC	Coaches may begin loading videos
Umpires' final meetings by Zoom video	Dec 4, 2021	TBD (May be 2 different times depending on <u>Umpire</u> time zones)	Zoom meeting link will be sent.
Video Upload ends	Dec 6, 2021	16:00 UTC	Deadline for video uploads.
Judging begins	Dec 7, 2021	16:00 UTC	
Approximate end of competition	Dec 12, 2021	16:00 UTC	Depends on size of categories and number of competitors.

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REGISTRATION:

All competitors must be registered by their Coach directly through the SportData system. Do not use the ITF on-line system.

If a coach already has a Club account in SportData that they used for previous events, they can re-use that account.

See the additional document "COACHES - how to create Club account and register competitors" for a tutorial showing how to create an account and how to register competitors. This document is found under the "Downloads" button on the SportData web page for the event. https://www.sportdata.org/taekwondo_itf/set-online/popup_main.php?popup_action=uploads&vern=275&ver_info_action=info#a_eventhead

International ID Number

Registration will require an "International ID" number for all competitors.

Colour Belts: enter "N/A" as the International ID number.

Black Belts: enter the International ID number found on the Black Belt wallet card (see image below circled in red).



COACHES NOTES:

1. Degree Number (e.g. C-1-6561) is NOT acceptable.
2. For Canadian competitors who have recently examined for 1st Dan Black Belt rank but have not yet received their new certificate and wallet card, please request the ID number from CTFI headquarters. For competitors outside of Canada, please check with your National Association HQ.

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UMPIRES

We will need 30 to 40 umpires to make the event successful and keep the workload for everyone reasonable. We especially need judges with 4th degree or higher.

This is a great opportunity for Black Belts to keep their patterns judging skills up to speed.

Instructors/Coaches, we need your help to recruit umpires from your members. Please do your best to have some of your senior members help as umpires.

Umpires need to have a good high speed internet connection to judge in this eTournament.

***To learn how it works to judge patterns in an eTournament, attend the Umpires initial information meeting listed above. Look on the SportData Event page for the meeting link or send an email now to tournamentdirector@ctfi.org to request a link.

To apply as an Umpire there are 2 steps:

1. Umpires must apply using the form located here:
<https://form.jotform.com/212366335255252> .
2. Umpires must create an account as E-Referee for themselves in SportData and register as an umpire for the event using an online form. See the document "UMPIRE APPLICATION FORM LINK" for details. This document is found under the "Downloads" button on the SportData web page for the event. Do this at the same time you send your application to the Umpire Director.

Cutoff for Umpire applications is October 24, 2021.

The Umpire Director will select the umpires for the event from the applicants and they will be confirmed in the SportData system by October 24, 2021. A meeting will be held before the event begins to teach the selected umpires how to do their job.

CATEGORIES

Age for Categories:

Colour Belt and Pre-Junior/Veteran Black Belt categories will be based on the age of the competitor on the first day of the event.

Junior and Senior Black Belt categories will be based on the rules for age qualification in the ITF Competition Rules for World Championships, Item T5, page 13,

<https://itftkd.sport/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/COMBINED-RULES-FINAL-Apr-22-V6.1.pdf>

Juniors: Born on or before November 26, 2007 up to the year 2003 → 1st to 3rd Dan

Seniors: Born after December 31, 2002 → 1st to 6th Dan

****COACHES Important Note**:** Under the ITF and CTFI rules, Black Belt competitors who were born on or before Dec 31, 2003 must qualify as Junior. However, if you are registering a Black Belt competitor born after November 26, 2003 and before January 1, 2004, you may be offered only a Senior category. This is a limitation of the SportData system. Go ahead and select the Senior category, but please send a message to the Tournament Director tournamentdirector@ctfi.org to note this has happened so it can be corrected.

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NOTE: Black Belts age 36+ may select to enter the Senior category (age 18-35).

Black Belt "Competing Up"

Canadian Black Belts currently in Pre-Junior and Junior Category who age qualify for the Junior or Senior Category at the 2023 World Championships will be allowed to "Compete Up" to win seeding points towards National Team selection in 2023. Check the CTFI Team Manual to understand what is allowed. <http://www.ctfi.org/ctfi-resources/>

Coaches must send a message to the Tournament Director to request "Compete Up" for their qualifying competitors.

Category Merging/Splitting

Categories with less than 3 competitors, including Black Belt categories, may be combined with other categories across age and/or rank. Categories with a large number of competitors may be divided into smaller categories.

For a full list of categories, see document "Canadian National eTournament Category List", found under the "Downloads" button on the SportData web page for the event.

Adapted Taekwon-Do / Special Needs Categories

For this tournament, these divisions are EXHIBITION ONLY events and include all ages and ranks divided into Colour Belt and Black Belt categories.

It is FREE to enter these events. The purpose is to give our special needs students a platform to showcase their skills and prepare them for competitions in the future. Participants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

1. Competitors with any of the following conditions are allowed:

- Motor/Physical Impairment including loss, malformation, or abnormality in the skeletal, muscular or neurological systems responsible for body motion. E.g., Those suffering polio, spinal cord injuries, paralysis, amputations.
- Sensory Impairment: For those with severe visual impairments, severe hearing impairments and those with language and communication disabilities that prevents them from competing in regular competition divisions. E.g., Blind, deaf, mute.
- Intellectual: For those characterized by a decline in higher mental functions (intelligence, language, learning, etc) as well as motor functions. This covers a wide variety of diseases and disorders including Down Syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Cerebral Palsy, Tourettes, to name a few.

Coaches/parents must provide information about the participant's condition using the online form found at <https://form.jotform.com/210525407191246>

NOTE: All condition form information will be deleted at the end of the event, December 13, 2021.

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2. *There are 2 categories which your participant can enter.*

You can select one or both when you register your competitor for the event. If you choose to do both you must submit 2 separate videos.

I. **Adapted Patterns**, the competitor performs their pattern on their own. The pattern can be adapted to their specific needs. Coaching is allowed by voice and action but only the student must be on-camera in the video.

II. **Partner Skills** is a 30 to 60 second collaboration between the competitor and 1 or 2 other assistants (may or may not be Taekwon-Do people). They may perform a variety of Taekwon-Do related activities to highlight the martial arts skills they have learned. The goal is to keep it fun and interesting for both participants and viewers. Examples include partner patterns, choreographed Sparring or Self-Defence, Callisthenic exercises or stretching techniques, Power breaking or flying kick skills, bag or pad work, etc.

3. *Accepted Videos: Competitors will only create and upload 1 video in either or both categories.*

For these exhibition categories, edited or unedited videos may be submitted to a maximum length of 60 seconds and a maximum of 150Mbytes in file size. Competitor must bow at the beginning and end of the video.

You do not require the daily match code. Your video(s) may be uploaded at any time during the Video Upload Period: November 26, 2021 – December 6, 2021. See schedule above.

Full details for uploading videos are in the document: "Coaches How to Upload Videos". This is found under the "Downloads" button on the SportData web page for the event.

AWARDS

All competitors will receive a certificate of participation as well as a certificate of final finish. In addition, special graphic "podiums" will be published on the CTFI web site showing photos of the top 4 finishers in each category.

DECLARATION OF CONSENT AND DATA PROTECTION

All competitors must sign the consent form which must be sent to the Tournament Director no later than April 1, 2021. This form is available in English and French and is found under the "Downloads" button on the SportData web page for the event:

https://www.sportdata.org/taekwondo_itf/set-online/popup_main.php?popup_action=uploads&vern_r=275&ver_info_action=info#a_eventhead

Competitors without signed forms on file will not be allowed to participate.

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COMPETITION RULES

This event takes place under the ITF World Championships Combined Rules and Regulations, including all appendices: <https://itftkd.sport/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/COMBINED-RULES-FINAL-Apr-22-V6.1.pdf> , and also the CTFI Rules for Colour Belt Competition: <http://www.ctfi.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/CTFI-Competition-Rules-2017-Final.pdf>

Additional rules specific to this E-Tournament:

The following special eTournament rules are in addition to ITF and CTFI Rules and Regulations as listed above. Any other exceptions/modifications to the rules will be discussed in the coaches' meetings.

Individual Patterns

Color Belts:

- Will perform 1 optional pattern chosen from those allowed for their category.
- Allowed Patterns in each category will be published on the SportData website before competition begins.

Black Belts age 11 and under, Black Belts age 46+:

- Will perform 1 designated pattern chosen from those allowed for their category.
- If categories are merged and contain more than 1 rank level, the pattern will be selected from the 3 patterns applicable to the lowest rank in the category (e.g., if category is 1st and 2nd degree, designated pattern will be selected from Kwang-Gae, Po-Eun and Gae-Baek).
- Designated patterns for each round of competition will be random drawn by SportData and published on the Sportdata website before competition begins.

Black Belts age 12 to 45:

- Will perform 2 designated patterns.
- Designated patterns for each round of competition will be random drawn by Sportdata and published on the Sportdata website before competition begins.

Pre-Arranged Sparring

- Open to all-male, all-female and mixed-gender teams.
- Colour Belt categories must have only colour belt competitors on the team.
- Black Belt categories may have one Colour Belt in the team.
- Performance must be 60-75 seconds between sijaek and goman as written in the ITF WC-rules.

Team Patterns

Open to all-male and all-female teams of 5 athletes.

Colour Belt categories

- must have only colour belt competitors on the team.
- Categories for age 14+
- will perform only one optional pattern.

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Black Belt categories

- may have one or more Colour Belts on the team.
- Categories for age 14+
- will perform one optional and one designated pattern.

Competition

Competition will be by Single Knockout Elimination.

For this competition, coaches and competitors will create videos for all rounds of competition during the video upload period (Nov 26-Dec 6, 2021). For example, a competitor is in a category with 16 competitors. This requires 4 rounds of competition: Round of 16, round of 8, round of 4 (semi-finals), round of 2 (finals).

For each round of competition, the Sportdata system will create a separate Match-Code and for Black Belts a random draw of the 2 designated patterns, all of which will be published in advance.

Each video must have the correct Match Code for the round of competition, as well for Black Belts, the correct designated patterns in the correct order for that round.

Coaches may, by request, reset and replace any videos at any time during the video upload period.

Full details for making and uploading videos are in additional documents: "How to Create A Competition Video" and "Coaches How to Upload Videos". These documents are found under the "Downloads" button on the SportData web page for the event.

Coaches Note: Some of you may not be operating out of your physical Dojang and only on video training. These students will probably have to make their own videos to give to you for uploading. To help you and your students, we have prepared a document that you can edit and give to your competitors to help them prepare for the competition and to help them create their videos. If you want a copy of this document to help you, please send an email to the Tournament Director tournamentdirector@ctfi.org.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE ITF COMBINED RULES SPECIFIC TO THIS eTOURNAMENT

Adjustments to the ITF Combined Rules for this eTournament are separated into three categories:

- 1. Rules that will cause the competitor's video to be rejected and reset.**
- 2. Rules that will result in point deductions from the competitor's score.**
- 3. Administrative rules that have no impact on the competitor's score.**

All exceptions or adjustments to the rules (*including though not limited to, criteria for rejection, point deduction or no impact*) will be made available via all of the following:

- a. Published on the official SportData event website,
- b. Posted in the event documentation,
- c. Announced during the coach's meetings. All rules, clarifications, amendments or other as announced during the coach's meetings are considered valid, in effect and enforceable.

1. Rules that will cause the competitor's video to be rejected and reset

All of the following rules must be followed, or it will result in the team/individual video being rejected and the video reset.

SPECIAL NOTE: If a video is rejected and reset by the tournament committee, the coach will be notified by automatic email from SportData. They will be able to upload a new replacement video until the posted deadline for video uploads.

- A. Competitors or Teams must create and upload a valid video, prominently displaying the correct Match-Code, for each corresponding round of competition. Note: For each round of the competition draw, the Sportdata system will create a Match-Code which will be published on the Sportdata event web page.
- B. Videos must be uploaded within the time / date parameters (the Video Upload Period) listed for the event.
- C. The first frame of each video MUST start with a close-up view of the competitor, visibly displaying the correct match code.
 - a. Close-up view must clearly show head and shoulders of the competitor
 - b. Match Code MUST be readable (no glare)
- D. The competitor MUST put aside the match code, without leaving the video even for a split second.
- E. The competitor CANNOT leave the video at any time during the performance.
- F. The video CANNOT have any interruptions, edits, inclusions, or be cut in any manner.
- G. Competitors MUST be full facing to the camera at the moment they start their performance for individual patterns competition.

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H. Official Procedure for creating and uploading Individual Pattern videos:

- I. The first frame of the video MUST start with a close-up view of the competitor, visibly displaying the correct match code for that round of competition,
 - a. Close-up view must clearly show head and shoulders of competitor
 - b. Match Code MUST be readable (no glare)
- II. Competitor MUST put aside the match code, without leaving the video,
- III. Competitor MUST go directly to their starting point,
- IV. Competitor MUST bow correctly,
- V. Competitor MUST perform the ready stance required for their pattern,
- VI. Competitor MUST begin the pattern immediately (without delay) AND without any commands,
- VII. Competitor MUST finish the pattern, return to the appropriate ready stance, and then relax.

In the case of a competition with 2 patterns (i.e., Black Belts): continue with article VIII. In the case of a competition with 1 only pattern: continue with article XII.

- VIII. Competitors have a MAXIMUM of 10 seconds rest/preparation time between the 2 patterns.
 - a. Rest Time begins at the moment the competitor relaxes after adopting the final ready stance at the end of the 1st pattern and ends when the competitor begins the ready stance for the start of the 2nd pattern.
 - b. Competitor MAY change location of the starting position during these 10 seconds.
- IX. Competitor MUST perform the ready stance required for their pattern.
- X. Competitor MUST begin the pattern immediately (without delay) AND without any commands.
- XI. Competitor MUST finish the pattern, return to the appropriate ready stance and then relax.
- XII. Competitor MUST bow.
- XIII. Video will be stopped immediately following the bow.
- XIV. NO commands, directions or advice are allowed to be given by a coach during the entire video.

I. Official Procedure for creating and uploading **Team Pattern** or **Pre-Arranged Sparring** videos.

- I. The first frame of the video MUST start with all the team members on the floor, positioned in the location where they will begin their pattern.
 - a. **NO** marching in, marching out, or changing of positions is allowed.

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- b. Competitors may pivot on their spot, in order to face the camera and perform the required bow.
- c. Competitors **CANNOT** move locations or change their position before the pattern begins.
- d. The first frame of the video **MUST** start with a close-up view of one of the competitors, visibly displaying the correct match code.
 - i. Close-up view must clearly show head and shoulders of the competitor.
 - ii. Match Code **MUST** be readable (no glare).
 - iii. All other team members **MUST** be visible, on their starting positions, and not moving about.
- II. The Team Member **MUST** put aside the match code, without leaving the video,
- III. The Team Member **MUST** go directly to their starting point,
 - a. At this point, the whole team is waiting on their starting positions for the first pattern.
- IV. All Team Members **MUST** bow together, correctly,
- V. All Team Member **MUST** perform the ready stance required for their pattern,
- VI. The Team **MUST** begin the pattern immediately (without delay) and with command given by the team leader/member only.
- VII. The Team **MUST** finish the pattern, return to the appropriate ready stance and then relax.

In case of competition with 2 patterns: continue with article VIII case of competition with 1 only pattern: continue with article XII

- VIII. Teams have a **MAXIMUM** of 15 seconds of rest/preparation time between the 2 patterns.
 - a. Rest Time begins at the moment the team relaxes after adopting the final ready stance at the end of the 1st pattern, and ends when the team begins the ready stance for the start of the 2nd pattern)
 - b. The Team **MAY** change location of the starting position during these 15 seconds.
- IX. The Team **MUST** perform the ready stance required for their pattern.
- X. The Team **MUST** begin the pattern immediately (without delay) and with command given by the team leader/member only.
- XI. The Team **MUST** finish the pattern, return to the appropriate ready stance, and then relax.
- XII. The Team **MUST** bow.
 - a. Competitors may pivot on their spot, in order to face the camera and perform the required bow.
 - b. Competitors **CANNOT** move locations or change their position after the pattern ends.
- XIII. Video will be stopped immediately following the bow.

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- a. ALL commands for bowing, calling the name of the pattern, giving directions (Junbi, Sijak, Goman, Barro) MUST be given by one team leader/member only.
 - b. NO commands, directions or advice are allowed to be given by a coach during the entire video.
- J. The official dress code, as described in Articles T6 and T7 of the official ITF Combined Rules of Competition, must be complied with.

IN ADDITION, the following amendments to Article T7 have been approved and adopted:

- a. Head / neck coverings may be worn by all competitors. Head / neck coverings must be constructed of a solid white colour, be made of a soft and/or elastic material and must not contain any hard materials, metal, grips or slides.
- b. Undergarments, of a soft or elastic nature only, may be worn beneath the competitor's dobok (beneath the top and/or trousers). Undergarments must be of a solid white colour, be made of a single layer of soft and/or elastic material, and must not provide additional protection from impact, nor contain any hard materials, metal, grips, or slides. Undergarments must not extend past the distal portion of either the wrist or the ankle.

Females MUST wear either a white t-shirt or white underclothing beneath their dobok top – no coloured underclothing.

- K. In the case that someone cannot create a video in a sports hall, the video can be made in any other appropriate place. (Tournament Committee reserves the right to make final determination as to whether the place of performance is appropriate). [See on rule 2. E below.]

2. Rules that WILL result in point deductions

- A. Competitors MUST visibly mark the starting point of their pattern on the ground. Failure to visibly mark the starting point with result in a deduction of 0.2 points.
- B. If it is not visible or clear to the umpires that the competitor has returned to the starting point, within one shoulder width, it will result in a deduction of 0.2 points.
- C. Competitors' image MUST occupy a MINIMUM of 25% of the height of the video screen at all times. If the preparation, the execution, or the tool cannot be recognized due to poor image quality, or the image section is too small, 0.2 points will be deducted for every omission.
- D. If a competitor's foot, or tool is outside of the view of the video, a deduction of 0.2 points will be made for each and every occurrence.
- E. If a competitor, or team, performs their pattern or sequence on any surface (i.e., grass, obstacles) that makes it difficult for the umpires to see and determine correct foot positioning, 0.2 points will be deducted for each and every occurrence. [See rule 1. K above.]
- F. The video camera must stay on a fixed spot and cannot be moved laterally.

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- a. Zooming or rotating (umpire view) on the spot are allowed.
- b. If the camera does not have a zoom, moving directly forward and backward to imitate zooming is allowed.
- c. Moving the cameras position laterally during any single pattern is not allowed.
- d. Changing the position of the camera during the rest time (Maximum of 10 second for individual patterns and 15 second for team patterns), is permitted in order to facilitate the performance of the pattern.

3. Administrative rules that MAY result in point deductions.

If the video recording size is too large, it is possible that the video will be disrupted/distorted. This may appear as a pause or stop to the Umpires causing point deduction. We recommend a total file size of no more than 200 MB.

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