## TKD500 TECHNICAL STANDARDS

## SIDE PIERCING KICK

- Performed with the front leg
- Foot must touch the floor between each kick
- Leg must enter chamber position before AND after the kick
- Foot must connect with pad in footsword position
- It's up to you how often you alternate legs, if at all
- Height must be above your own thigh



Chamber position before and after kick



Correct footsword position



Swinging the leg up and down from the pad without proper preparation and retraction

## **SQUAT**

- Must return to fully upright position between squats
- To be counted, the thighs must be parallel to the floor
- Your head should be forward facing throughout the technique



Head forward facing, thighs parallel to the floor



Leaning forward and sticking your rear out behind you

## MIDDLE FRONT PUNCHES

- Jab/cross to focus mitts, i.e. diagonal to mittholders opposite pad
- Arm must be fully extended and retracted
- Hand should be in proper fist (thumb outside)
- Fist must actually connect with mitt (i.e. misses do not count)



Punching arm fully extended, reaction arm fully retracted



Reaction arm not fully retracted