

Taekwondo Australia NSW Inc



NEWSLETTER



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President's Message



Welcome to the
Official Newsletter of
Taekwondo Australia NSW Inc!

This is a free service to all Taekwondo Australia Inc members, Officials, Head Instructors, Coaches, Referees, Players, Students, Parents, Family and Friends who want to share information, publish news and announcements or simply feature interesting stories, achievements or events.

The State Executive Council and Officials have many plans for the rest of the year and for next year and will be announcing events and programs in the Newsletter. Keep posted through the Newsletter!

If you are interested to announce or feature any stories or upcoming events, please send in your comments and photos to the State Newsletter Coordinator, Natalia Sangalang at natalias@tkdnew.org.au.

Jae Young Kwak
President

Australian Open and National Championships

TKD NSW is pleased to announce that it was successful in its bid to host the 2008 Australian Open and National Championships.

The tournament will be held at the Sydney Olympic Park State Sports Centre, Olympic Boulevard, Home Bush on 4 - 6 September 2008.

The tournament days are as follows:

Thursday 4 September 2008 Poomsae

Friday 5 September 2008 Colour Belt Sparring

Saturday 6 September 2008 Black Belt Sparring

Closing date for the registration is on 11 August 2008.

Upcoming 2008 NSW State Tournaments

10 August 2008 – Winter Open Championships
9 November 2008 – Spring Open Championships

Both tournaments will be held at the Sydney Olympic Park, State Sports Centre, Olympic Boulevard, Home Bush.

The Winter Open Championships will serve as the State Selection for the upcoming Australian National Taekwondo Championships.

Registration will open in early July for the Winter Open Championships and early October for the Spring Open Championships. Information for both tournaments will be published on the Calendar of Events in the TKD NSW website.

Coaches - you MUST have a current NCAS card to coach at tournaments with the NCAS ID to be worn during competition. **A head instructor card does not count.**

Players - you MUST have a current TAI registration card **at weigh in and on tournament day.** Any competitor not registered and insured will not be eligible to compete.

Blue Mountains Championships



Haktari Taekwondo has successfully hosted the 2008 Blue Mountains Championships held last 18 May 2008 at the Lithgow Showground. There were 185 participants, 121 in sparring and 64 in poomsae. Congratulations and well done to Jeff Crane and the Haktari Taekwondo Academy!

State Tournament Training

TKD NSW State Training Committee chaired by High Performance State Coach, Jong Man Hong is conducting monthly state training sessions for Red Belt and Black Belt tournament players from several clubs in NSW.

The last two state training sessions were held at the following venues:

4 May 2008 United Pro Taekwondo, Prestons

1 June 2008 Wyllie Taekwondo, Willoughby

Thank you to Marwan Hussein and Greg Wyllie for hosting the state training sessions at their dojangs/gyms.



Photo above was taken at the Prestons state training



Photo above was taken at the Willoughby state training

The next state training is scheduled on Sunday, 6 July 2008 at Hong's Taekwondo at Blacktown Leisure Centre, Stanhope Gardens.

Registration will open at 11:45 am for a 12:00 pm start and will finish at 2:00 pm. Training fee is \$10 to be paid at registration. Participants must be in their dobok (full TKD uniform) and must bring their own protective equipment (chest protector, head gear, shin guards, arm guards, groin guard, mouth guard), gloves (optional), water/drink and kicking pads.

Head instructors are being encouraged to further support TKDNSW by hosting the state training sessions during the year. Please contact Natalia Sangalang at natalias@tkdnsw.org.au for your expression of interest.

2008 Beijing Olympics

Australia has qualified a full team of four athletes (two male and two female divisions) to the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

After a rigid selection process which was based on the performances of the ten pre-selected elite taekwondo athletes that were members of the Olympic Training Squad at training camps and at international competitions across Asia, Europe and North America, the Australian Olympic Committee has announced the following successful athletes to the Australian Olympic Taekwondo Team for the Beijing Olympic Games:

Ryan Carneli	Under 58kg
Burak Hasan	Under 68kg
Tina Morgan	Under 67kg
Carmen Marton	Over 67kg

Congratulations and all the best to Ryan, Burak, Tina, Carmen, Daniel Trenton and the coaching team. Australia is behind you and will be eagerly watching the games on television. Go Aussies! Oi! Oi! Oi!

Special mention to Safwan Khalil (from United Pro Taekwondo) who won the Gold Medal in his division of under 58 kg at the Spain National Championships and Bronze Medal at the German Open Championships. Well done Safwan!

Also to be cited is Terrence Fernandez (from Martial Arts Spirit) who likewise represented NSW in the Olympic Training Squad in the under 58 kg division and performed very well.

Congratulations also to TKD NSW Referee Chairman, Sam Loaicono for having been selected as a Referee in the Beijing Olympic Taekwondo Competition.

The Beijing Olympic Taekwondo Competitions will be held from 20 – 23 August 2008.

TKD NSW Referee Seminar

TKD NSW Referee Chairman, Sam Loaicono will be conducting a Referee Seminar on Sunday, 29 June 2008. Details of the seminar are as follows:

Date	:	Sunday, 29 June 2008
Time	:	9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Venue	:	United Pro Taekwondo 23 / 264-272 Hoxton Park Road, Prestons (after Liverpool)
Cost	:	\$85

Applicants must be in their dobok (full taekwondo uniform) and are to bring writing pad and pen for notes taking and the Referee Application Form (available on the www.tkdnsw.org.au website). Attendance is to be confirmed by sending email to sam@hillstkd.com.au prior to the seminar.

Star Profile



KYUNG EUN YANG

Profile	:	Poomsae Player
Belt Rank	:	4 th Dan Black Belt
Age	:	22 years old
Started TKD	:	9 years old
Club	:	Kang's Taekwondo
Coach	:	Hyung Kook Kang

Kyung Eun has been practicing Taekwondo for the last 13 years and is actively competing in state, national and international technical tournaments in poomsae and kyukpa. Her family migrated to Australia in 2000 from Korea when she was 14 years old.

Kyung Eun is now 22 years old and has come a long way from being a shy girl who learned taekwondo to gain confidence and improve her personality. She has represented Australia on several occasions.

Among her many notable achievements are:

- 4th Place, 1st World Poomsae Championships 2006
- Bronze Medal, 2nd World Poomsae Championships 2007
- Gold Medal, Commonwealth Games 2006
- Gold/Silver Medal, Australian Open Taekwondo National Championships 2003-2007
- Gold Medal Medal, NSW Championships 2003-2007
- Accredited National and NSW Poomsae Judge

Kyung Eun has shown that being a poomsae player can bring about success in taekwondo and is also highly rewarding. Poomsae competition is now becoming popular and the number of participants continues to increase at every tournament.

Kyung Eun is currently training hard for Australian national team selection at the upcoming 3rd World Poomsae Championships in November 2008.

Well done and all the best Kyung Eun! TKD NSW is very proud of you!

2008 International Events

- 26-27 January 2008, Istanbul, Turkey: European Olympic Qualification.
- 8-10 February 2008, New Orleans, USA: US Open Taekwondo Championships.
- 26-29 February 2008, Beijing, China: Olympic Test Event.
- 10-13 April 2008, Rome, Italy: European Senior Taekwondo Championships.
- 26-28 April 2008, Louyang, Henan, China: 18th Asian Taekwondo Championships.
- 8-11 May 2008, Izmir, Turkey: 7th World Junior Championships.
- 21-29 May, Seongnam, South Korea: 18th World Military Taekwondo Championships.
- 1-6 July 2008, Chung Joo, South Korea: Korea Open – World Taekwondo Festival.
- 4-11 July 2008, Muju, South Korea: 2nd World Culture Expo – Korea Open.
- 16-20 July 2008, Belgrade, Serbia: 10th World University Taekwondo Championships.
- 8-24 August 2008, Beijing, China: Summer Olympic Games (Taekwondo Competition on 20-23 August 2008).
- 25-26 October 2008, Konya, Turkey: European Team Taekwondo Championships.
- 22-23 November 2008, Winnipeg, Mantioba, Canada: Commonwealth Games Taekwondo Competition.

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