

# 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 NSW 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 and on the website at [www.tkdnsw.org.au](http://www.tkdnsw.org.au).

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@tkdnsw.org.au](mailto:natalias@tkdnsw.org.au).

**Woo Jeon Yang**  
**President**  
**Taekwondo Australia NSW Inc**

### 2010 Autumn Open NSW State Tournament

**21 March 2010**

The first state tournament for the year was successfully held at the State Sports Centre, Sydney Olympic Park, Olympic Boulevard, Homebush last 21 March 2010.

There were 538 competitors on the day, 395 in sparring and 143 in technical events with interstate players from Victoria and Canberra. Their participation made the tournament more exciting and competitive.

A welcome change with the match schedules was seen at this tournament with some black belts fighting earlier in the day as compared to all previous tournaments where the black belt matches were held in the afternoon up to the end of the program. This initiative has been well received and will continue in future state championships.

Thank you to NSW Tournament Director, Matt Vale, volunteers, officials, referees, head instructors and the players for their support and participation at this tournament.

### Upcoming 2010 TKD NSW State Tournaments

**1 August 2010**  
**12 December 2010**

These state tournaments will be held at the State Sports Centre, Sydney Olympic Park, Olympic Boulevard, Homebush. The Executive Committee is very pleased to hold the August and December state tournaments at this premier sporting venue.

The August state tournament will serve as the state selection event for coloured belts for the recent Australian Open and National Championships.

Information will be available from the TKD NSW website at [www.tkdnsw.org.au](http://www.tkdnsw.org.au) over the next few months. If anyone is interested to be a volunteer on each of the tournaments, please contact NSW Tournament Director, Matthew Vale on 0410 816836 or send him an email at [matt@tkdnsw.org.au](mailto:matt@tkdnsw.org.au)

### 2010 Australian Open and National Championships

**22 – 24 October 2010**

This year's Australian Open and National Championships is scheduled on 22 – 24 October 2010 and will be held at the Australian Institute of Sport, Belconnen ACT.

Information will soon be available on the Taekwondo Australia website at [taekwondoaustralia.org.au](http://taekwondoaustralia.org.au).



## **2010 World Junior Championships**

Australia was well represented at the recent World Junior Championships held at Tijuana, Mexico on 6-9 March 2010 by the following athletes:

<u>Athlete</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Division</u>
<b>MALE</b>			
Michael Metaxotos	Joon No TKD	VIC	<45 kg
Benjamin Belangue	Powerhouse TKD	VIC	<51 kg
Cem Kahraman	Powerhouse TKD	VIC	<55 kg
Paul Otago	Charles Rawlins	WA	<59 kg
James Iriyadi	Titans TKD	VIC	<63 kg
Mohammad Abdallah	Fighting Lyons	VIC	<68 kg
Kostan Ioannou	Joon No TKD	VIC	<73 kg
Kyle Parmley	Focus TKD	QLD	<78 kg
<b>FEMALE</b>			
Kanica May	Joon No TKD	VIC	<42 kg
Bryanna Cheong	Joon No TKD	VIC	<44 kg
Chynea Lang	Titans TKD	VIC	<46 kg
Renae Perkins	Charles Rawlins	WA	<49 kg
Clare Francis	Charles Rawlins	WA	<52 kg
Enise Ayanlar	Powerhouse TKD	VIC	<55 kg
Nadine Venter	Charles Rawlins	WA	<63 kg
Emily O'Sullivan	Charles Rawlins	WA	<68 kg
Courtney Sinclair	Halls TKD	VIC	>68 kg

There were over 750 athletes from 85 countries. Our Australian athletes fought well with some reaching to the 3<sup>rd</sup> round and quarter finals in closely contested matches. They are:

- Michael Metaxotos reached the quarterfinals and lost to host Mexico 17-1.
- Chynea Lang reached the quarterfinals and lost to host Mexico 8-0.
- Courtney Sinclair reached the quarterfinals and lost to Croatia 2-0.
- James Iriyadi reached the 3<sup>rd</sup> and lost to Canada 7-4.
- Cem Kahraman reached the 3<sup>rd</sup> round and lost to Russia 11-7.
- Emily O'Sullivan reached the 3<sup>rd</sup> round and lost to Korea 16-4.

All the other Australian athletes lost in the opening and second round matches of the tournament. However, they have all gained extraordinary experience of competing against the top junior athletes from around the world.

## **2010 WTF Youth Olympics Qualification Event**

The WTF Youth Olympics Games Qualification Event was held at Tijuana, Mexico on 3-4 March 2010 with over 320 athletes in 85 countries. This event was the qualification tournament for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games where 30 athletes will compete at the inaugural Youth Olympic Games in Singapore in August this year.

The top 6 placed athletes in each division at this YOG Qualification Tournament have earned their country the right to contest that division at the upcoming Youth Olympic Games.

Australia was represented by the following athletes:

<u>Athlete</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Division</u>
<b>MALE</b>			
Cem Kahraman	Powerhouse TKD	VIC	<55 kg
Jason Noh	Hong's TKD	NSW	<63 kg
Mohammad Abdallah	Fighting Lyons	VIC	<73 kg
<b>FEMALE</b>			
Taiha Gorton	TKD Oh Do Kwan	WA	<55 kg
Anya Vukomanovic	Titans TKD	VIC	<63 kg
Courtney Sinclair	Halls TKD	VIC	>68 kg

All of the Australian athletes lost their opening round except for Cem Kahraman who advanced to the 3<sup>rd</sup> round match but lost to Egypt 9-3. However, their experience in this inaugural event will help prepare them for future international competitions as they continue their sporting careers into the senior level.

## **Special Awards and Recognition**

- Congratulations to Sam Loacono for officiating at the recent World Junior Championships and WTF Youth Olympic Games Qualifying Event. TKD NSW is very proud of you Sam!
- Congratulations to Dale Bryce from Eclipse Taekwondo for winning Bronze medal at the US Open held on 10-14 February 2010 in Last Vegas, USA. Fantastic effort Dale!
- Congratulations to Jason Noh from Hong's Taekwondo for having been selected to the national team and for representing Australia in the under 63 kg division at the World Taekwondo Federation Qualification Event for the Youth Olympic Games held in Tijuana, Mexico on 3 – 4 March 2010. Jason lost in the first round to Ukraine 7-2.

Participating in this tournament has given Jason a wonderful insight into the high standards in international taekwondo competition and an invaluable experience. This is Jason's second international competition having represented Australia in the 2008 Oceania Taekwondo Championships – Junior Division, under 51 kg. Well done Jason!

## **2010 International Events**

- 10-14 February 2010, Las Vegas, USA: US Open Taekwondo Championships.
- 3-4 March 2010, Tijuana, Mexico: WTF Youth Olympics Qualification Tournament.
- 6-9 March 2010, Tijuana, Mexico: WTF World Junior Championships.
- 13-14 March 2010, Hamburg, Germany: German Open.
- 19-21 March 2010, Eindhoven, Netherlands: 37<sup>th</sup> Dutch Open.
- 24-25 April 2010, Alicante, Spain: Spain Open.
- 11 May 2010, St Petersburg, Russia: 2<sup>nd</sup> WTF World Para Taekwondo Championships.

- 20-23 May 2010, Astana, Kazakhstan: Asian Taekwondo Championships.
- 29 June to 4 July 2010, Vigo, Spain: 11<sup>th</sup> World University Taekwondo Championships.
- 14-21 July 2010, Quebec, Canada: 19<sup>th</sup> World Military Taekwondo Championships.
- 17-20 July 2010, Urumqi, China: WTF World Cup Taekwondo Championships.
- 14-26 August 2010 (Taekwondo events on 15-19 August 2010), Singapore: WTF Youth Olympic Games.
- 25-26 September 2010, Manchester, United Kingdom: British International Open.
- 8-10 October 2010, Tashkent, Uzbekistan: 5<sup>th</sup> WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships.
- TBA October 2010, Guayaquil, Ecuador: 17<sup>th</sup> Pan American Taekwondo Championships.
- 12-17 November 2010, Guangzhou, China: 16<sup>th</sup> Asian Games.
- 4-5 December 2010, Noumea, New Caledonia: Oceania Taekwondo Championships.

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