

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@tkdnewsw.org.au.

Jae Young Kwak
President

Coach and Student Registration

There is a national crackdown on student and coach accreditation which will be enforced at the upcoming NSW State Tournament on 12 August 2007. It has been discovered that some players have competed without up to date insurance. This is a very serious matter. Additionally, this is only fair to the vast majority of members who keep all their memberships up to date.

Coaches - you **MUST** have a current NCAS card to coach at tournaments. **A head instructor card does not count.**

Players - you **MUST** have a current TAI registration card **at weigh in and on tournament day**. Excuses such as "I forgot it", and "It hasn't arrived yet" will not be accepted. You need to sort your membership out now if you have not done so already.

Protest / Dispute Resolution Process

Should any dispute arise on competition day, the following process is to be followed:

1. Get a Protest Form from the Competition Supervisory Board, and fill it out.
2. Lodge your protest form with non-refundable \$100 to the Competition Supervisory Board.
3. The Competition Supervisory Board will make a judgement which must be adhered to.
4. Any subsequent issues / appeals are to be issued to the NSW executive in a letter.

Current WTF Tournament Sparring/Kyorugi Rules

New Tournament Sparring or Kyorugi rules have been implemented in State and National Championships. The new rules include the following, among others:

1. Introduction of Sudden Death 4th round in the event of a tied score at the end of normal regulation match time. The tie score is the net total score after deduction of points.
2. Win by 7-Point Gap.
3. Win by 12-Point Ceiling.
4. Smaller competition area of 10 x 10.
5. Reducing all black belt matches to 2 minute durations for each round.
6. Wearing of gloves.

The main reason for these amendments is to introduce rules to make taekwondo competition more exciting, faster pace and safe.

2007 NSW State Selection / Winter Open Championships

There are some exciting announcements to make ahead of the upcoming State Championships to be held on 12 August 2007 at State Sports Centre, Olympic Boulevard, Homebush Bay.

We are expanding to 4 courts for free sparring: The game durations have been adjusted as follows:

Seniors & Veterans (Open Division and older)

Black Belt 3 x 2 mins
Colour Belt 2 x 2 mins

Intermediate (12-13 years, 14-15 years, 16-17 years)

Black Belt 3 x 1.5 mins
Colour Belt 2 x 1.5 mins

Junior (6-7 years, 8-9 years, 10-11 years)

Black Belt 3 x 1 min
Colour Belt 2 x 1 min

National Qualification Criteria: 1st, 2nd and **both 3rd place** competitors in free sparring will qualify to compete at the National Championships in September.

NSW Team Jacket: An order form will be handed over during medal presentation. Cost of the team jacket is \$40.

2007 Australian Open and National Championships

The Australian Open and National Championships will be held at the Adelaide Superdome, Adelaide Sports Park, Main North Road, Gepps Cross, SA, located about 30 minutes north of Adelaide. The tournament will be held for the first time in 4 days from 20 to 23 September 2007.

Competition Dates:

20 September 2007, Thursday	Colour Belt Technical
21 September 2007, Friday	Black Belt Technical
22 September 2007, Saturday	Colour Belt Sparring
23 September 2007, Sunday	Black Belt Sparring

Competitor Weigh in and Registration Dates:

21 September 2007, Friday	Colour Belt Sparring
22 September 2007, Saturday	Black Belt Sparring

Colour belt competitors must have won Gold, Silver or Bronze medal placings in their respective State Selection to be allowed to participate. Black belt competitors must have approval of their respective State Associations. A maximum of 4 competitors from each State will be able to contest each division in the Coloured Belt Sparring and Poomsae.

Closing date for registration is on **20 August 2007**. All entries are to be forwarded by Head Instructors to NSW State Team Manager, Bilal Elmoway, prior to this date.

For detailed information, please download information pack from www.taekwondoaustralia.org.au

State Tournament Training

TKD NSW and High Performance State Coach, Jong Man Hong, are inviting all Red Belt and Black Belt tournament players to participate in upcoming State Tournament Training which will commence on 1 September 2007 and will take place every first Saturday of each month. Details are as follows:

Venue : Yang's Taekwondo Academy Dojang at 73 Lakemba Street, Belmore

Time : 5:00 to 7:00 pm (arrive at 4:30 pm for registration and 5:00 pm start)

Duration : 2 hours

Fee : \$10/session

Participants : Red Belts and Black Belts

Participants must be in their dobok (TKD uniform) and must bring their own protective equipment such as chest protector, head gear, shin guards, arm guards, groin guard, mouth guard, gloves (optional), water/drink and kicking pads (if you have).

A committee to be comprised of 5 members is being formed to facilitate the NSW Tournament Training Program. This is open to all Head Instructors. Please register your interest to Master Hong at hongstkd@yahoo.com.au on or before **20 August 2007**.

National Sports Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2006 Taekwondo Australia Inc competition (sparring category) awards for athletes and coaches. Categories include:

- Elite Male and Female Athlete of the year
- Hall of Fame Award for Athlete (Nominees must have been retired for a minimum of four years, with the exception of Olympic Medal winners whom maybe nominated the second year following their retirement)
- Coach of the year
- Hall of Fame Award/Coaches

Nominations must be sent before **10 August 2007** to:

Mr Robert Cooley
Chairman, National Sports Board
PO Box 4000
Albion Park Rail NSW 2527

Awarding of the winners will be made during the Opening Ceremonies of the National Championships in September.

2007 Asian Junior Championships



Female Team (from left to right) – Rima Kanoun, Catherine Dawson, Ellen Tjahjana, Eli Greenfield and Dana Cleary.

Male Team (from left to right) – Adrian Chee, Gylan Al-Atroushi, Taner Hikmet, Hayder Shkara and Marcus Memmolo.

Congratulations and best wishes to the following state players all from United Pro Taekwondo Club who were selected to join the Australian Junior Team to compete in the upcoming 2007 Asian Juniors Championships to be held in Amman, Jordan from 20 to 26 August 2007. TKD NSW is very proud of you!

Rima Kanoun	Female <42 Kg Division
Elly Greenfield	Female 55-59 Kg Division
Gylan Al-Atroushi	Male 48-51 Kg Division
Hayder Shkara	Male 63-68 Kg Division

Well done to Silver Medalists, Yasin Ashley (Male 48-51 Kg Division) and Mohamed Korhani (Male 63-68 Kg Division) also from United Pro Taekwondo.

Congratulations also to Head Instructor Marwan Hussein and his team at United Pro Taekwondo for a very strong result at the Selection Trials held in Melbourne on 3 June 2007.

2007 National Training Squad

Congratulations to the following state players who made it to the 2007 National Training Squad (NTS). TKD NSW is very proud of you!

Male

Gylan Al-Atroushi
Yasin Ashley
Terence Fernandez
Khedar Iskandar
Ali Khalil
Zarko Mikulic
Hayder Shkara
Peter Vassily

Female

Rima Kanoun
Elly Greenfield
Donna Kosta
Mayssaa Iskandar
Kylie Jackson
Erin Wakefield

National Referee Awards

Congratulations to our very own NSW Referee Chairman, Sam Loacono for being awarded the Most Improved International Referee in 2006 by Taekwondo Australia Inc. The National Referee Board acknowledges the efforts and contributions of all referees for a successful year.

TKD NSW conducts a periodic referee seminar. If you are interested to become a tournament referee, go to the Referees Page on www.tkdnsw.org.au for information or latest updates.

2nd World Poomsae Championships

Congratulations and best wishes to the following state players who were selected to join the Australian Poomsae Team to compete in the upcoming 2nd World Poomsae Championships to be held in Incheon, Korea from 28 October to 1 November 2007. TKD NSW is very proud of you!

David Hwang	Individual Male 14-18 years
Kyung Eun Yang	Individual Female 19-30 years
Man Jae Kim	Individual Male 19-30 years
Kyung Eun Yang and Man Jae Kim	Pair 14-35 years
David Hwang	Male Team 36+ years

The team will be supported by Team Staff including National Poomsae Head Coach, Hyung Kook Kang and Team Manager, Anne Maling.

In the bid to strengthen the foundations, ensure development and future growth of Poomsae in Australia, the National Technical Board has extended the criteria for selection into the National Poomsae Team for the World Poomsae Championships in 2008. To be eligible for team selection, players MUST have competed in the following tournaments:

1. Australian National Championships (Adelaide, 20-23 September 2007)
2. National Muyae Open (2008)
3. National Team Selection Trials (2008)

Various Poomsae seminars are being conducted all around Australia by Master Kang in cooperation with the respective State Technical Directors to improve performance of technical players and increase participation in Poomsae in State and National Championships.

For more information, please contact State Technical Director, Suk Woo Ko at kostaekwondo@hotmail.com or National Poomsae Head Coach, Hyung Kook Kang at kangtaekwondo@hanmail.net.

2007 World Taekwondo Hanmadang

Kukkiwon through Taekwondo Australia Inc is inviting competitors to the 2007 World Taekwondo Hanmadang, a technical competition of poomsae (patterns), kyukpa (breaking) and hoshinsul (self-defense). This event will be held in Suwon, South Korea from 1-4 November 2007.

Please register your interest through your Head Instructors or to the State Technical Director, Suk Woo Ko at kostaekwondo@hotmail.com.

2007-2008 International Events

- WTF: Electronic body protector test event for World Championships was held in Chuncheon, Korea on 3-4 March 2007 (This test event resulted in decision not to use electronic body protectors in the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008).
- WTF: World Championships was held in Beijing, China on 18-22 May 2007 (Australia ranked 22nd overall in female and 24th overall in male).
- WTF: Korea (Chuncheon International Open TKD Championships) was held on June 29-4 July (Australia won 1 Gold, 2 Silvers and 4 Bronzes which was a good result).
- WTF: Beijing Olympic TKD referees training course (300 referees) was held in Korea on 29 July-4 August 2007. There were 9 Australian Referees who participated in the course.
- WTF: World University Games will be held in Bangkok, Thailand on 8-18 August 2007.
- ATU: Asian Junior Championships will be held in Amman, Jordan on 20-26 August 2007.
- OTU: South Pacific Games will be held in Samoa on 29-30 August 2007.
- WTF: World Olympic Qualification Tournament will be held in Manchester, UK on 28-30 September 2007.
- Korea Open International Invitational Championships will be held in Incheon, Korea on 1-3 November 2007.
- Kukkiwon: Hanmadang Games will be held in Suwon, Korea on 1-4 November 2007.
- WTF: 2nd World Poomsae Championships will be held in Incheon, Korea on 4-6 November 2007.
- ATU: Regional Olympic Qualification Tournament will be held in Vietnam in November 2007.
- OTU: Regional Olympic Qualification Tournament will be held in New Caledonia on 1 December 2007.
- TA: Junior World Championships Selection will be held on 2 February 2008.
- WTF: Olympic Test Event will be held in Beijing, China on 12 February 2008.
- ATU: Asian Championships will be held in China on 19 April 2008.
- WTF: World Junior Championships will be held in Turkey on 5 May 2008.
- IOC: Olympic Games TKD will be held in Beijing, China on 21 August 2008.

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