

Taekwondo Australia NSW Inc



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President's Message



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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.

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.

2011 TKD NSW State Tournaments

27 March 2011

The first state tournament for the year was successfully held at the State Sports Centre, Sydney Olympic Park, Olympic Boulevard, Homebush last 27 March 2011.

There were 423 competitors on the day, 322 in sparring and 101 in technical events with interstate players from Victoria and ACT. Their participation made the tournament more exciting and competitive.

A highlight of this tournament was the use of the centre court for black belt open division matches for most of the day which is a welcome change with spectators being able to watch very good fights from our senior players throughout the day. 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, coaches and the players for their support and participation at this tournament.

6 and 7 August 2011

The premier event of the year for TKD NSW was once again held at the prestigious State Sports Centre, Olympic Park. The August state tournament served as the state selection event for colour belts for the recent Australian Open and National Championships.

The state championships had been a success with a high turnout of 774 players who participated, 495 in sparring and 279 in technical events. There were interstate competitors from ACT, Victoria and Queensland which provided tough competition for some divisions.

The competition was held for two days with the technical divisions held on Saturday, 6 August 2011 as well as a Fight Night which saw black belts in selected open divisions competing under a single elimination format.

The full sparring program was held on Sunday, 7 August 2011 where the remaining open black belt divisions fought under a repechage format where the player who loses to the finalists will go to a separate match to compete for bronze. The aim is to give our elite athletes more game time and to reduce the pain of getting a tough draw as against the single elimination system.

This tournament also saw the removal of the head kicks to yellow belts for all divisions over 13 years old as a safety measure. This will be implemented in all future competitions.

Thank you for the volunteers, referees, medical staff and officials who have selflessly provided their time and effort to ensure a successful event for TKD NSW.

11 December 2011

This is the last state championships for the year and will be held at the State Sports Centre, Olympic Park.

Information on registration will soon be released on the www.tkdnsw.org.au website.

2012 TKD NSW State Tournaments

18 March 2012
4 - 5 August
2 December 2012

TKD NSW is pleased to announce that we have again secured the State Sports Centre, Olympic Park as the venue of these competitions.

2011 Australian Open and National Championships

8 – 11 September 2011



Following last year's successful Australian Open and National Taekwondo Championships held at the Australian Institute of Sport, Leverrier corner Battye Streets, Bruce ACT, this year's premier national taekwondo event was again held in the same venue.

The competition ran for 4 days from 8 to 11 September 2011. The tournament was a success with over 950 competitors. Feedbacks received from many parents, players, officials and coaches were that the tournament was very well organized, venue was excellent and volunteers were accommodating and helpful with many smiling faces seen for the duration of the events.

Congratulations to the management committee headed by Tournament Director, Stephen Brown, the TA Executive Board and Officials, ACT State representatives, Impact Taekwondo, Referees, Volunteers and everyone who contributed their time and effort in ensuring a successful tournament.

For the third year in a row, online registration proved successful and well received. There were over 950 athletes in Poomsae and Sparring entries this year competing in 1,500 events across 420 divisions. Referees and Coaches have likewise registered online to participate in the competition.

Significant changes noted in this year's national championships were the introduction of the Daedo Points Scoring System (PSS) for the black belt divisions in the 14-17, Open and Masters age groups and the holding of the black belt 14-15 years old sparring competitions and some black belt open sparring divisions on Saturday instead of the usual last day of the championships with the open black belt winners receiving trophies instead of medals.

For NSW, there were 288 competitors, 233 in sparring and 55 in technical events who participated in the event. Although the numbers are lesser than the previous year's participation of 368 athletes, TKD NSW still had a strong contingent at this year's National Championships with 194 medals won, 59 of which are gold medals.

The NSW medal breakdown is as follows:

	Black Belt	Colour Belt		
<u>Medal</u>	<u>Technical</u>	<u>Sparring</u>	<u>Sparring</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gold	13	11	35	59
Silver	8	22	46	76
Bronze	6	23	30	59
Total	27	56	111	194
Participated	55	88	145	288

Results for all the technical and sparring competitions are available on the Taekwondo Australia website at www.taekwondoaustralia.org.au.

Daedo Protection Scoring System

The Daedo Points Scoring System (PSS) was used for the first time at the recent Taekwondo Australia Open and National Championships in Canberra for the Black Belt Divisions of 14-17 years, Open and Masters Age Groups.

There were mixed reviews from competitors and officials with many noting that the traditional turning or roundhouse kicks to the body do not easily score on the PSS mostly due to the lack of "rolling" motion for the sensors on the foot socks and the chest protector to connect and register the point.

TKD NSW has recently acquired a full set of the Daedo PSS with support from TA that will be used in the black belt open division at the upcoming state competition. Tournament Director Matt Vale will coordinate with TA and other states for use of their equipment to allow for a quick turnaround of matches particularly in the sizes 3 - 4.

The Daedo PSS has been selected for use at the 2012 London Olympic Games.

TKD NSW Kyorugi State Training

10 April 2011
22 May 2011
19 May 2011
19 June 2011
28 August 2011
9 October 2011

TKD NSW State Training Committee chaired by new High Performance State Coach, Chris Pennington have conducted several state training sparring sessions during the year at the State Sports Centre, Olympic Park (except for the 28 August 2011 which was held at the Anne Clarke Netball Centre, Lidcombe).

The participants enjoyed the simulated court environment with the use of the scoring equipment and assistance of some referees. All belt level participants over 10 years old can now attend the state training sessions.

The training sessions were focused on developing kyorugi techniques, speed, power, stamina, confidence, flexibility and coordination for the players. It gives them an opportunity to meet other players from different clubs, improve their skills and undergo intensive training in sports taekwondo.

The last state training session for the year is scheduled on Sunday, 9 October 2011 at the Hall of Legends, State Sports Centre, Sydney Olympic Park, Olympic Boulevard, Homebush.

Participants must wear their dobok (TKD uniform) and must bring their own protective equipment (chest protector, head gear, shin guards, arm guards, groin guard, mouth guard, foot socks (optional), gloves (optional)), water/drink and kicking pads at these sessions.

Referees are being encouraged to attend to assist in sparring matches and to further develop their skills in officiating at the state training sessions.

For upcoming state training sessions, please refer to the TKD NSW website at www.tkdnsw.org.au.

TKD NSW Coaching Seminar

6 March 2011

TKD NSW hosted a coaching seminar last 6 March 2011 at The Taekwondo College of Sydney, Unit 5, 22-24 Norman Street, Peakhurst.

This course will enable the participants to be qualified to coach players at Interclub, State and National Championships. The current coaching card should be worn at any tournament to avoid player disqualification.

There is currently one level of coaching accreditation. For all enquiries relating to Coaching Accreditation, please contact the NSW Coaching Coordinator, Milad Khalil at milokhalil@hotmail.com.

TKD NSW Referee Seminar

10 July 2011
13 November 2011

The last referee seminar for the year will be hosted by TKD NSW at Hills District Taekwondo , 5/252 New Line Road, Dural NSW 2158 (next to Bunnings).

Please RSVP to Assaf Hobeika by email blackegletkd@hotmail.com or Chris Pennington by email ecta@bigpond.net.au and download the application form from the TKD NSW website www.tkdnsw.org.au.

The course will be split into two sessions. The morning session will be open to all players, coaches and instructors for better understanding of competition rules. The afternoon session will be for those who want to obtain accreditation as a referee or for reaccreditation. Refer to the TKD NSW website www.tkdnsw.org.au for fees and schedule.

TKD NSW conducts several referee seminars during the year. Watch out for information on referee seminars and latest developments in the referee's page of the TKD NSW website at www.tkdnsw.org.au or contact TKD NSW Referee Board Chairman, Assaf Hobeika at +61 4 16155709 or by email to blackegletkd@hotmail.com.

TKD NSW Referee Committee

Assaf Hobeika	Chairperson
Chris Pennington	Secretary
Sam Loiacono	Education Officer
Sharon Pennington	Female Liaisons Officer
Greg Craig	Member
Steve Ashbridge	Member

TA Poomsae Seminars

20-25 January 2012

Taekwondo Australia is pleased to announce that a series of poomsae seminars will be conducted by Grand Master Kyung Chan Kim in Melbourne in January 2012.

Grand Master Kim ran a series of seminars in April 2011 in Australia and is looking forward to returning to Australia to assist with the development of Australian coaches and athletes. He is a world renowned and distinguished poomsae practitioner whose qualifications include:

- 9th Dan Grand Master
- Referee Chairman at World Poomsae Championships
- Korean National Team Head Coach, 2008 World Championships
- Coach of numerous World Champions
- Multiple National Champion and 7 times Hanmadang Poomsae Champion
- Korean Taekwondo Association Referee Chairman
- Member of Poomsae Technique Research Committee

Online registration opens on 3 October 2011 and will close on 13 January 2012. Numbers will be strictly limited for all sessions so register early to avoid missing out. For inquiries, email seminar@taekwondoaustralia.com.au or call 03 9850 2121.

Special Awards and Recognition

Congratulations to Safwan Khalil for winning a Gold medal at the recent 2011 Summer Universiade held in Shenzhen, China on 21 August 2011. This is the first ever gold medal for any Australian taekwondo athlete in this event.

Safwan won against his tough Iranian opponent in the sudden death round with a kick to the head scoring the winning point.



Safwan has also successfully qualified his weight division of under 58 kgs to the 2012 London Olympics by winning the Oceania Olympic Qualification Tournament in New Caledonia recently. He will be representing Australia to the Summer Olympic Games alongside his wife Carmen Marton who also qualified her division of under 67 kgs.

This is the first Olympics competition for Safwan and is a fulfillment of a lifelong dream that he pursued since he was 13 years old.

It is also a rare event if not the first time that a husband and wife will be participating in the same Olympic Games for Australia.

Safwan was also part of the Australian Olympic Squad for the Beijing Olympics in 2008.

It has been a very good year for Safwan as he had also achieved strong results reaching the quarter finals of the WTF World Qualification Tournament for the 2012 London Olympic Games which was held at Baku, Azerbaijan last June 29 to July 4, 2011. He lost by only 1 point to the Korean opponent at a score of 4-5 who placed third overall in the event. However, Safwan made headlines when he beat the current World Champion from Spain in a sudden death round for his third match.

Safwan also represented Australia at the recent World Championships at Gyeongju, Korea in May 2011 in the under 63 kgs division where he reached the second round but lost by just 1 point to Dominican Republic 2-3. He won his first match with such class with a score of 14-2 over Cyprus.

Safwan has received and won many accolades and achievements in taekwondo over the years and has been a prominent member of the Australian Taekwondo team for several years. He also won Australia's first Asian Junior Championship Gold medal in Vietnam in 2003.

He comes from a family of taekwondo jins with older brother Ali Khalil now acting as his coach and mentor. Ali and Safwan Khalil are from the Global Martial Arts Club in NSW.

Safwan has brought honour and pride to TKD NSW and Taekwondo Australia. Well done Safwan! TKD NSW is with you all the way!

TKD NSW State League for Sparring

A player ranking system was introduced at the August 2010 Winter Open State Selection tournament for all Black Belt athletes over 14 years old. Split by division, the top 4 NSW athletes will be ranked A, B, C or D. A = Gold, B = Silver, C = Bronze (winner of repechage), D = player who lost to C.

The purpose of the league is to promote healthy competition amongst our athletes and encourage further development amongst the senior ranks of NSW athletes.

At every NSW State Competition, the slate will be wiped clean and all spots are up for grabs. In between competitions, rankings can shift based on both attendance and performance at State Training sessions.

There will be grey areas, such as when a division is merged, or when an interstate competitor enters a division. A discretionary decision will need to be made in these cases, but rest assured, if players achieve a black and white result, they will get the appropriate ranking.

For a list of the league ranking, please refer to the TKD NSW website www.tkdnew.org.au.

2011-2012 International Events

Notable events in the WTF Calendar are as follows:

2011

- January 28-31, Chennai, India: 5th Commonwealth Taekwondo Championships
- February 17-21, Austin, Texas, US: 2011 US Open
- May 1-6, Gyeongju, Korea: 2011 WTF World Taekwondo Championships
- June 30 - July 3, Baku, Azerbaijan: WTF World Qualification Tournament for London 2012 Olympic Games
- July 14-19, Chuncheon, Korea: Chuncheon Open International Taekwondo Championships
- July 29-31, Vladivostok, Russia: 6th WTF World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships
- August 12-23 (18-23 for taekwondo), Shenzhen, China: 26th Summer Universiade

- September 11, Noumea, New Caledonia: WTF Oceania Qualification Tournament for London 2012 Olympic Games
- October 1-2, Manchester, UK: 2011 British International Open
- December 3-4, London, UK: Taekwondo Test Event for London 2012 Olympic Games

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- April 4-8, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt: 9th WTF World Junior Taekwondo Championships
- May 25-30, Pocheon, Korea: 2012 World University Taekwondo Championships
- July 27 - August 12 (8-11 for taekwondo), London, UK: London 2012 Olympic Games
- Date to be announced, Santa Cruz, Aruba: 2012 WTF World Cup Taekwondo Team Championships

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