



# Kyoku**SHIN** Karate



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## New South Wales Open Kyokushin Full Contact Championships results.

The 2007 NSW event was a great success, once more it was held in Wollongong and the Unandera dojo did a fantastic job as usual. Erol Ibriam who originally was to fight in the Heavyweight Green Belt Division opted for the Open Division when there was no one else entered in his division. I am sure it was a surprised Erol when he beat an up and coming heavyweight in Patrick O'Neill only to have to take on an even bigger challenge in Andre Naked. Erol pulled off an even bigger upset when he beat the very experienced Andre to make it into the final. Meanwhile Michael Archer beat a very tough competitor in David Rigg to take on Erol in the final. The final was a non event when Michael pulled out due to an injury giving Erol the NSW title.

The Female Heavyweight was just as exciting when in the semi final Chantel Gibson took on Emily King in very tough no-nonsense fight with Chantel winning in a very close bout. The other semi was just as exciting with Narelle Letby toughing it out against another strong fighter in Shannon Johnston-Ward, both were as tough as it comes and both refused to take a step-back with hits that had the male fighters wincing, in the end it was Shannon that got the nod but in another almost impossible fight to split. The final of the Female Open had two very strong fighters in Shannon and Chantell in what was one of the fights of the day with great technique and big hits and another very tough call of the judges who opted for Shannon. The Male Middleweight final Between Jason Walker and Masuyaki Sakamoto had every one on their feet in a final that has every thing, Sakamoto had earlier beat an up and coming fighter in Ronnie Chand, Ronnie was not intimidated by Sakamoto a member of the Australian team at the 2006 World Cup with Ronnie taking to Sakamoto from the first bell and never let up, but experience always pays and it was Sakamoto's experience and extensive tournament skill that made the difference in the end. With both finalists, Jason and Sakamoto members of the 2006 Australia World Cup team the audience expected a great match and were not disappointed, great experience and fighting skill best describes this match and both fighters used them to the fullest, in the end it was left to the judges to pick a winner as neither fighter could get the upper hand and the went for Jason. The Final of the Female Open Lightweight Division had pint sized Monique Hall facing Katie Hall. If any fighter lets Monique's size give them confidence when taking her on will be making a big mistake. Monique may be short in stature but big in heart and ability as all those that watched this great fight will attest. Katie who is also not short on fighting ability and technique put up great fight, but it was the dogged determination of Monique that won the day. The Female 4<sup>th</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Kyu Division Semi had Belinda Pohla and Toni-Le Letti slugging it out, Belinda and had great kicks and for a while it looked like that may win the day for her, but the stronger body hits eventually paid off for Toni-Le who won on the flags to meet Jodie Lees in the final. Another slug fest followed with both fighters sticking mainly to body punches and low kicks with the occasional head kick thrown in to keep each other on their toes and it must have been a difficult choice for the judges who went for Toni-Le.

The Male 5<sup>th</sup> Kyu & Under Division Final had Toby Read and Jason Pring facing off. It was hard to believe that these two junior grades could put up such a fight that belied their experience. It was great fight, I am sure the audience was sad to see it come to an end and would have been happy had the judges called a draw and to see them go round again. However I am sure neither fighter was unhappy to hear the final bell as it was non stop with both fighters giving everything they had. It was left to the judges to come up with a winner and they went for Toby. The Middleweight 5<sup>th</sup> Kyu & Under Final was equal to the Heavyweight and it started to seem the lower grades could outdo the senior grades in exciting matches. It was John Griffin taking on Brendan Tuck in another fight that again had the audience on their feet and hoping for an extension, but two very tired fighters saw the flags go up for John in a tight one. The Lightweight 5<sup>th</sup> Kyu & Under final was another no-beg-your-pardons affair when Kengo Takahashi took on Leon Theofanou and it was another humdinger. With so many exciting bouts happening, I am sure by this time the audience did not want this day to end and this match was no different. The advantage seemed to swing back and forth with both fighters being on top at one time or another. In the end they flags went up for Lean The last fight of the day had the 16 & 17 Years Male Final with Lachlan Jackson taking on Orman Callaghan. It was certainly a good fight to end the day on and send the audience home in a buzz. These two young fighters took to each other like veterans and with style and technique that "wowed" the audience but in the end Lachlan proved to be too strong who was judged the winner.

### Male Open Heavyweight Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Erol Ibriam
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Michael Archer
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Andre Naked

### Female Open weight Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Shannon Johnson-Ward
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Chantel Gibson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Emily King

### Male Middleweight Open Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Jason Walker
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Masayuki Sakamoto
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Ronnie Chand

### Female Lightweight Open Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Placed Monique Crane
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Katie Hall

### Female 4th & 3rd Kyu Division:

- 1<sup>ST</sup> Place Toni-Le Letti
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Jodie Lees
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Melissa Huggins

### Male Heavyweight 5th Kyu & Under

- 1<sup>ST</sup> Place Toby Read
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Jason Pring
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Shane Giles

### Male Middleweight 5th Kyu & Under

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place John Griffin
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Brendan Tuck

### Male Lightweight 5th Kyu & Under

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Leon Theofanou
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Kengo Takahashi

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**Male 16 & 17 Years Division**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Lachlan Jackson  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Orman Callaghan  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Kevin Martin

**NSW Open Kyokushin Non Contact Championships****Male Open Division:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Ronnie Chand  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Victor Hals  
 Equal 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Earl Ocampo & Bill Bostikas

**Female Open Division:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Magma Szalinska  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Lucja Pustelnik  
 Equal 3<sup>rd</sup> Places Jessica Tran & Belinda Pohla

**Male 5<sup>th</sup> Kyu & Under Division:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Robin Holly  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Andrew Dagg  
 Equal 3<sup>rd</sup> Places Clinton Moore & Salarda Erwin

**Female 5<sup>th</sup> Kyu & Under Division:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Lorrain Horan  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Vickie Teichman

**Male 13 – 15 Years Division:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Brendan Cutlet  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Raymond Letby  
 Equal 3<sup>rd</sup> Places Christopher Chalita & Jonathan Levada

**Female 13 – 15 Years:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Sacha Morissey  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Jovana stojkov

**Male 10 -12 Years Division:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Shamus Pohla  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Jonathan Pacchiarotte  
 Equal 3<sup>rd</sup> Places Blake Belcastro & Dino Juklen

**Female 10 -12 Years Division:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Elizabeth Thai  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Alysha Jenssen  
 Equal 3<sup>rd</sup> Places Corina Garcia & Kahla Campbell

**Male 8 & 9 Years Division:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Jaedon Slavador  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Jake Nasko  
 Equal 3<sup>rd</sup> Places Joshua Taylor & Jeremy Price

**Female 8 & 9 Years Division:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Richelle Hamilton  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Rachell Morissey

**Male & Female 7 Years & Under division**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Brendon Salama  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Christopher Abela  
 Equal 3<sup>rd</sup> Places Marcus Lymbris & Cameron Letby

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**AKKA 2007 Calendar: (Shihan Taylor Branch)**

22<sup>nd</sup> July NSW AKKA Non Contact Team Kumite and Individual Kata Championships  
 22<sup>nd</sup> August: Tamworth dojo Under Green belt grading  
 25<sup>th</sup> August: AKKA Australian Open Non Contact Championships  
 26<sup>th</sup> August: AKKA Australian Open Full Contact Championships  
 2<sup>nd</sup> September: Sensei Mark Tyson's birthday (Tamworth Instructor)  
 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Sept: Shihan Taylor Branch Summer camp and Green belt & Over Grading  
 10<sup>th</sup> September: Bondi Junction Under Green Belt Grading  
 11<sup>th</sup> September: Bondi Beach Under Green Belt Grading  
 15<sup>th</sup> September: Lakemba dojo Under Green belt grading  
 22<sup>nd</sup> September: Mt. Druitt Under Green belt grading  
 28<sup>th</sup> September: Friday Fight Night  
 28<sup>th</sup> September: Macarthur Dojo Under Green Belt Grading  
 7<sup>th</sup> October: Riverina Championships  
 1<sup>st</sup> December: Black belt grading - South Australia  
 5<sup>th</sup> December: Tamworth dojo Under Green belt grading  
 15<sup>th</sup> December: Mt. Druitt Under Green belt grading  
 21<sup>st</sup> December: Bondi Beach last training session for 2007  
 22<sup>nd</sup> December: Bondi Junction last training session for 2007

**NEW AKKA web site:**

Thanks to Sempai Wong, we have a new AKKA web site.

You can check it at <http://akka.com.au>

**"Beginner to black belt" Kyokushin Kata.****NOW INCLUDES A KATA DVD:**

A Kyokushin Karate Manual with over a 100 pages of Kata with complete and detailed explanations, including the correct count for Kyokushin Kata. A comprehensive book that takes a student from "beginner to black belt". By Shihan John Taylor Kata included:

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**Early Morning Class:**

We now have a 6am class at the Bondi Junction dojo on Tuesday and Thursday for those that **LIKE AN EARLY START**. The class is run by Sempai Volkerts

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