



# KyokuSHIN Karate

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## 2012 Australian Kyokushin Open Championships:

There can be no doubt that this year's AKKA Nationals was the best tournament for many years. Both the Saturday Non Contact, with over 215 fighters, had the audience spellbound with a great display of technique and ability. This event has cemented itself as the training ground for the AKKA's future knock-down championships, with the non contact rules based around the knock-down rules except that the fighters cannot impact, making it an easy step up into knock-down tournaments. With three mats needed to get through the day, it was all hands on deck for the AKKA's match official and helped by Shihan Peter Mylonas (Kempo Ryu) who put in a large number of great fighters and as the results indicated, they were well into the medals. With so many fighters in the non contact tournament, it was a challenge getting the event started. Once underway, however, it ran like clockwork thanks to a great team of tournament staff and of course, the good decisions of the match officials, this all adding to a smoothly run tournament. The AKKA Executive had decided that this year they would return to traditional three minute rounds in the full contact National Championships which had been abandoned for a number of years, due to an excessive number of fighters. This was certainly a nice problem to have, getting around the large number of fighters and still have three minute rounds so it was decided to run two mats up to the semi-finals to accommodate this. The three minute rounds proved to be a successful formula as the fighting was the highest standard in an AKKA Full Contact event since the IKO-Matsushima World Cup, held in Sydney in 2006. This year, the Nationals were certainly one of the best Australian events. With two mats on the go and both having some spectacular fights, it was difficult to know where to look. Nevertheless, the capacity audience was screaming support for their favourite fighter to the extent one spectator remarked that he thought he was going to have heart attack, prompting his friend to mumble something about not giving him mouth-to-mouth! The first fights were in the Male Colts and these 16 and 17 years males and females, were not going to run second to the adults, to the extent that we actually had knock-out wins, and considering that the Colts wear head, shin and instep guards, it was quiet a feat. A big hit in the Male Colts were the Kung Fu fighters from Shifu Schaber, who had one of his Colt fighters awarded third place, which is a very good effort for a first time in a Knock-Down even. It also gives a big warning to the AKKA fighters to watch this Kung Fu team in the 2013 Championships. The final of the Female Heavyweight Colts between New Zealander, Hahu Haimona, and Smeaton Grange's Tiani Smith was a great bout which went to the flags and in a close call, the match went to Hahu. The Male Heavyweight Colts between Dailey King and Samuel Shields was equally good, the bout once again going to the flags with Dailey getting the nod. The Female 16 – 17 Years Lightweight Final between Tzara Brooker and Caitlin Ayoub proved that today's females are just as tough as the males, when they fought almost to a standstill making it one of the great bouts of the day with the flags going to Tzara. Tough was a byword in the male Lightweight Colts when Kyuss Brooke faced Jake Nasco. This bout was a great contrast in styles with "take no

prisoners" Kyuss having to get around Jake's super technique. Kyuss bulldozed forward with power and Jake pulled out every technique in the book and doing it at high speed. However, Jake's great technique was unable to overcome the driving power of Kyuss and Kyuss went on to win. The Female Open Lightweight bout between Shihan Mylonas's Margaret Le and New Zealand's Jacqueline Wooster, was another bout that was worth the price of the entry ticket. Margaret has won this event in the past and had beaten Bondi fighter, Ai Ikeda, in a tough battle. Jacqueline knew she would have to fight better than she had ever fought in the past to get a win over such an outstanding fighter as Margaret and that is exactly what she did, pulling out every technique she could think of and was awarded the flags. The male Lightweight Open saw another Kempo Ryu fighter, Chris Solidario. In the finals facing him was Ballarat's William Phillips, who is an Australian Representative and a very experienced fighter. However, it took all of William's experience to get the win over Chris when the fight went to an extension. After six minutes of tough hard fought minutes, it was William who became the 2012 Champion. The Female Middleweight Open final was a classic fight with a previous World Full Contact Champion and 2012 World Full Contact Runner-up in Shannyn Johnstone-Ward against Griffith fighter, Lisa Hodder. Lisa was not put off by the pedigree of Shannyn and took the fight to her world class opponent. Shannyn however held her ground and came back with an equally strong attack and so the fight went back and forth and then as, neither fighter could get the knock-down they were looking for, it was put to the judges who went for Shannyn. The Male Open Middleweight saw another New Zealand fighter in Kalym Davies, the son of Shihan Davies and World Heavyweight Full contact Champion, Penita Davies. With such a pedigree you would expect Kalym to be a great fighter and proved to be! Kalym had won his fight against Maroubra's, John Stassi, who might have won the fight had it not been for Kalym pulling out the fastest spinning back kick ever, resulting in the biggest knock-out of the tournament. Kalym then beat Wollongong fighter, Leon Theofanou, who represented Australia in the 2012 World Full Contact Championships. He faced Victorian Benjamin Lyon. Ben put up a fantastic defence by deciding that attack was the best defense. Kalym however, was well able to stave off the very strong attack from Ben to be awarded the win and once again take the Australian title. The Female Heavyweight final was between Maita Haimona, another great fighter from New Zealand, and Australia Representative, Rebecca Connolly. These two heavy weight fighters went toe to toe but when it went to the flags it was another win to New Zealand. The Heavyweight Male Open final between Daniel Vrtacic and Terrence English, both of whom represented Australia at the 2012 World Full Contact Championship in Japan. Daniel had eliminated long time and previous Australian Champion, Andre Nakad in a previous bout and is a very experienced fighter. He represented Australia in the Sydney World Cup in 2006. As expected it was a rugged affair with both fighters slamming into each other, which made even the audience wince. In the end neither fighter could get a score the flags went to Terrence.

**A black belt is a white belt who never gave up – Just enjoy the journey**

Link to last months Shin:

<http://www.akka.com.au/newsletters/Shin201208.pdf>

**Training:** "When you're not training somebody else is and when you meet, they'll win"

### 2012 Australian Kyokushin Open Full Contact Results

#### Male Open Heavyweight:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Terrance English  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Daniel Vrtacic  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Benjamin Balshaw & John Shields

#### Female Open Heavyweight:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Marta Hairmona  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Rebecca Connolly  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Ysobel Jarjoura & Rebecca Savige

#### Male Open Middleweight:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kalym Davies  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Benjamin Lyon  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Leon Theofanou

#### Female Open Middleweight:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Shannyn Johnstone-Ward  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Lisa Hodder

#### Male Open Lightweight:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: William Phillips  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Chris Solidarious

#### Female Open Lightweight Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jacqueline Wooster  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Margaret Le

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: David Weir-Smith  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Elias Kavadias

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Elton Drego  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Woo Ram Kim

#### Female 3<sup>rd</sup> Kyu & Under Open Weight Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Tracy Whitehead

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Alex Kelly  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Cameron Fordham

#### Male Heavyweight Colts Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Daily King  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Samuel Shields  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Jacob Mildon & Jesse McCall

#### Female Heavyweight 16 & 17 Years Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Hahu Haimona

#### Male Lightweight Colts Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kyuss Brooker  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jake Nasko  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Benjamin Mauioa & Ian Tolnay

#### Female Lightweight 16 & 17 Years Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Tzara Brooker  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Caitlyn Ayouba

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#### Male Open Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Adel Ismaiel  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Mitchell Bugg  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Christian Bugg & Jordan Mott

#### Female Open Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Sacha Morrissey  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Karen Cirillo  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Karina Narayan & Jessica Bardney

#### Male Open Masters Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Davis Vernon  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Chris Gale  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Paul Wilson & Deavid Lothington

#### Female Open Masters Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kerri-Anne Phillips

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jo Collier

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Steve Zambon

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Craig Bardney

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Heather Chapman

#### Male 16 & 17 Years Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Alex Vullings

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Tristan Curtali

#### Male 13 – 15 Years Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Nassar Kesseb

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jordan Martin

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Chris Durham & Brandon Smith

#### Female 13 -1 15 Years Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Tanishia Togrolini

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Alana Jeffrey

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Emaily Howell & Eilisha Stockdale

#### Male 10 – 2 Years Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Premo Davies

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Thomas Zambon

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Tommy Smith & Tamihana Te Aho

#### Female 10 – 12 years Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Aaliya Davies

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Tara Lewis

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Leticia Nasco & Sasha Kassar

#### Male 8 & 9 Years Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jack Hocking

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Zain Taiba

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Dane Gilchrist & Barry Pillado

#### Female 8 & 9 Years Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Shaído Rich

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Katherine Monier

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Diandro Rizzo & Tara Brampton

#### Male & Female 6 & 7 Years Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Hawaii Teaho

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ashley Carroll

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Lilly Ratwonaski & Ailznadrulev

#### Male & Female 5 Years & Under:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Issak Kasas

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jaydyn Collins-Smith

#### The Aliens are coming:

We should not forget that the closest star (beside our Sun) is so far away from Earth that travel between the two would take more than a human lifetime. The fact that it takes our Sun about 200 million years to revolve once around the Milky Way gives one a glimpse of the perspective we have to take of interstellar travel. We are 500 light-seconds from the sun. The next nearest star to Earth's sun (Alpha Centauri) is about 4 light-years away. That might sound close, but it is actually something like 24 trillion miles. Even traveling at one million miles an hour, it would take more than 2,500 years to get there. To get there in twenty-five years would require traveling at more than 100 million miles an hour for the entire trip. Our fastest spacecraft, Voyager, travels at about 40,000 miles an hour and would take 70,000 years to get to Alpha Centauri.

#### Bad joke of the month:

My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were \$70!!! Blow this, I thought, I can get one cheaper off the web.

**Quote of the month:** "Sometimes courage doesn't roar - sometimes it is the little voice at the end of the day that says... I'll try again tomorrow" Dainere Anthoney

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