



KyokushinSHIN Karate

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"Everybody falls, but we get back up because the ground is no place for a champion," "

2015 Australian Kyokushin Open Championships:

If the 2015 Australian Kyokushin Karate Association Open Championships was not the biggest martial art tournament ever held in Australia, it certainly was among the biggest, with 397 fighters in the draw, which does not include the *kata* competitors.

The two day event started the *kata* competition which was so large it took five match areas to get in finished in a reasonable time. With a large mixture of different styles from *Kempo Ryu*, *Kung Fu* and of course, *Kyokushin*, from which to decide the 2015 *Kata* Champions, it was going to be a difficult task, nevertheless they did and selected them from some outstanding *kata* competitors.

The *kata* was followed by the Non Contact Divisions and it was obvious getting through the 256 Non Contact fighters in one day would be a mammoth task. Nevertheless with a very good team of officials available they managed to do just that, whilst doing so the "day-one-packed-stadium" was constantly on their feet with great fights that often had the match officials scratching their heads to decide winners. As usual the Non Contact tournaments starts with the 5 Years and Under Division and continues on through the various ages until the adults divisions were reached, even though Kyokushin prides itself on being full contact fighters, they are obviously producing outstanding Non Contact fighters, as did the *Seido* organisation who put up some great fights against a very strong *Kempo Ryu* team. Some surprising wins come from fighters from "new" into the Kyokushin events, in the "Eye of the Eagle fighters trained by *Shihan* Azizzi and the independent Kyokushin organisation "Hunter Valley Kyokushin". The Full Contact events was on the second day, again it was another mammoth task with 145 full contact fighters to get through. The 2015 year was a new milestone for the AKKA event, inasmuch that children's contact division was for the first time part of the event. The children wear chest and head guards and with the restricted rules, such a only touch contact kicks to the head allowed resulted free flowing action-packed bouts which in many cases out-did the adults and proved a great success for the AKKA which has now decided to make it a part of every AKKA Open Championships due most importantly to no child was hurt in the fighting

Some of the highlights were in the Male Open Middleweight with *Kempo Ryu* fighter Emilo Ocampo and Hunter Valley Kyokushin Fighter Justin Lai in the Male Open Lightweight Division and it was another audience standing bout, after some huge powerful hits it was the *Kempo Ryu* fighter that came out on top. The Male Middleweight Open Division between FAFC Kyokushin fighter Benjamin Lyon and Guy Thrupp from the North Queensland Kyokushin under *Shihan* Field, was not to be outdone and attacked each other with some high speed, powerful techniques, that saw the fight swing back and forth, in the end it was Benjamin that got the flags. The Male Heavyweight Division was again filled with excitement and controversy when two Kyokushin Heavyweight, Mohammad Rezaie and Terrence English faced off. These two very experienced fighters slugged it out until Mohammed in the

heat of the moment got accidentally punched in the head and was withdrawn by the tournament doctor and sadly Terrence lost on a disqualification and a really great bout come to sad conclusion.

The female fighters were not to be outdone males and the Female Lightweight Open division had Kyokushin fighter Fiona O'Neil and Bondi Junction's Ai Ikeda facing each other, it was a complete contrast in styles with Fiona keen to stand toe-to-toe and slug it out and Ai was having none of that and used the hit and move tactic. It was certainly a fantastic bout which saw Ai Ikeda winning the fight and the 2015 Championships. The Final of the Female Open Middleweight Championships had Kyokushin fighter from Albury Aimee Morris taking on Bondi Junction fighter Lissa Hodder, this was a toe-to-toe battle with the two fighters almost never separated, without any score it was put to the judges with the flags going to Aimee. The Female Heavyweight Open was again a Bondi Junction versus Tamworth fight. Between Ysobel Jarjoura and Melisa Whitten no doubt this bout was one of the highlights of the tournament with two very strong fighters refusing to give a millimetre and every one held their breath when the referee ask for the flags, which went with Ysobel who now the current IKO-Matsushima World Champion and the 2015 Australian Champion.

Full Contact Results

Male Open Heavyweight Division:

- 1st Place: David Weir-Smith
2nd Place: Mohammad Rezaie

Female Open Heavyweight Division:

- 1st Place: Ysobel Jarjoura
2nd Place: Wellisa Whitten

Male Open Middleweight Division:

- 1st Place: Benjamin Lyon
2nd Place: Guy Thuup
3rd Place: Jack Bardney & Reece McCulloch

Female Middleweight Open Division:

- 1st Place: Aimee Morris
2nd Place: Lissa Hodder

Male Open Lightweight Division:

- 1st Place: Emilo Ocampo
2nd Place: Justin Lai

Female Lightweight Open Division:

- 1st Place: Ai Ikeda
2nd Place: Fiona O'Neil
3rd Place: Allison Solidaris & Sheridan Trevena

Male Heavyweight 3rd & 4th Kyu Division:

- 1st Place: Djordji Vezmar
2nd Place: Matthew Pullin

Female Lightweight 3rd & 4th Kyu Division:

- 1st Place: Bree Ward

Male Heavyweight 5th Kyu & Under Division:

- 1st Place: Jamie Oliver
2nd Place: James Wood
3rd Place: Kevin Tomas & Duane Frank

Female Heavyweight 5th Kyu & Under Division:

- 1st Place: Stacey May

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

Male Middleweight 5th Kyu & Under Division:

1st Place: Steven Hill
2nd Place: Lachlan Hill
3rd Place: Adam Hellinga & Watito Ishii

Female Middleweight 5th Kyu Division:

1st Place: Nicole Maxwell

Male Lightweight 5th Kyu & Under Division:

1st Place: Thomas Shaw
2nd Place: Zac Wheatley

Female Lightweight 5th Kyu & Under Division:

1st Place: Carmela Naseby
2nd Place: Pamela Tungkarisi

Male 16 & 17 Years Heavyweight Division:

1st Place: Jake Lynch
2nd Place: Cody Churchill

Male 16 & 17 Years Lightweight Division:

1st Place: Nassar Kaasab
2nd Place: Hunter Thupp

Male 14 & 15 Years Division:

1st Place: Vince Prasad
2nd Place: Jake McGuire

Female 14 & 15 Years Division:

1st Place: Thiilyaaha Jones
2nd Place: Isabelle Graham

Male 12 & 13 Years Division:

1st Place: Brydan Jones
2nd Place: Jake Smith
3rd Place: Paul Bessiris & Sulav Malla

Female 12 & 13 Years Division:

1st Place: Monique Woodham
2nd Place: Shinay Prasad

Male 10 & 11 Years Division:

1st Place: Zach Nubulsi
2nd Place: Liam Tomas
3rd Place: Kai Murata-Ivens & Ollie Hunter

Female 10 & 11 Years Division:

1st Place: Brydie Mason

Male 8 & 9 Years Division:

1st Place: Isaac Kassab
2nd Place: Kyan Redfern
3rd Place: Lachlan Carr & Luke Softley

Female 8 & 9 Years Division:

1st Place: Elaina Domagala
2nd Place: Niamm Elliott

Non Contact Results:

Male Open Division:

1st Place: Nick Williams
2nd Place: John Williams
3rd Place: Susumu Toyooka & Sebastian Troccaz

Female Open Division:

1st Place: Eva Sklavos
2nd Place: Aimee Morris

Male Open Masters Division:

1st Place: John Stassi
2nd Place: Craig Bardney
3rd Place: Frank Cirrillo & William O'Neil

Female Open Masters Division:

1st Place: Tracy Tynan
2nd Place: Tracy Whitehead
3rd Place: Caroline Atkinson & Ivonne Scheidenbach

Male 5th Kyu & Under Division:

1st Place: Thomas Errey
2nd Place: James Bardney
3rd Place: Steven Hill & Luke Powell

Female 5th Kyu & Under Division:

1st Place: Isabella Naseby

2nd Place: Jacinta Wood

Male 16 & 17 Years Division:

1st Place: Cody Churchill

2nd Place: Adreece Dewash

Female 16 & 17 Years Division:

1st Place: Grace McQuaid

Male 13-15 Years Division:

1st Place: Aaron Nabulsi

2nd Place: Ryan Stephens

3rd Place: Bailey McGuire & Daniel Braithwait

Female 13 – 15 Years Division:

1st Place: Isabelle Graham

2nd Place: Samara Graham

3rd Place: Jessica Adams & Sophie Derwash

Male 10 – 12 Years Division:

1st Place: Zach Nubulsi

2nd Place: Jayden Wallis

3rd Place: Nicholas Poulos & Harold Gerrero-T

Female 10 -12 Years Division:

1st Place: Sophie Elias

2nd Place: Chelsea Homa

3rd Place: Emma Carr & Savannah Clarke

Male 8 & 9 Years Division:

1st Place: Ryan Ford

2nd Place: James Naseby

3rd Place: Eyad Nasir & Lachlan Morrissey

Female 8 & 9 Years Division:

1st Place: Mia Wallis

2nd Place: Rachell Barnes

3rd Place: Laura Casas & Sarah O'Neil

Male & Female 6 & 7 Years Division:

1st Place: Daniel Gordan

2nd Place: Jonah Barrett-Fungalei

3rd Place: Cory Linker & Indianna Brazier

Male & Female 5 Years & Under:

1st Place: Aisha Aziz

2nd Place: Allah Aziz

The Australian AKKA calendar is as follows:

Monday 7th September Bondi Junction Under Green belt grading

Sunday 12th September NSW AKKA Black belt grading

Sunday 4th October: Riverina Non Contact & Full Contact Open Country Championships Griffith

Saturday 17th of October European Championships –Sweden

Sunday 8th November: New South Wales Non Contact Open Team & Individual Kata Championships:

Congratulations to Andre & Clem Dopud-Terraz on the birth of their son Nicholas. Born 10 August 2015 4.72 kg, 57 cm (he's a big guy hence his nickname Thor)

Karate Dogi:

Australia recently donated second-hand dogi to the South African correction facilities, which runs a highly successful Kyokushin Karate program. It is a pity that countries outside South Africa cannot get rid of their Martial Arts bias to copy the South Africa model. Here is the reply from *Shihan Mazibuko* regarding the Australian donation.

"We would like to extend a very warm thank you for the karate suits received as a gift we are very thankful Hanshi and words alone cannot express our gratitude".

Regards, Khanyisani Mazibuko

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