



Monthly Newsletter World Karate Organization

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Dear Branch Chiefs and Contacts

I would like to start my greeting by thanking you all for your hard work with our organization. It is already July, and half of this year has passed. Here in Japan, the rainy season is about to end, and the summer rolls around. We have a lot of camps and seminars in summer. The annual So-Honbu Summer camp will be held in July and we look forward to have a lot of students attending this camp from all over Japan.

As we informed you in last month's Newsletter, this coming August, the Karate Dream Cup will be held in Tokyo. This tournament is for all generations, and there will be 40 categories with 976 competitors. There will also be 31 overseas competitors from four countries. It is great that these people have decided to come all the way to Japan for participating in this tournament. I am grateful for their decision. Our intention is to make this Karate Dream Cup to an international tournament, and to have children from all over the world participating in this event. I hope that we will have more competitors coming from your dojos next year!

(Note from translator: In Japan, we are able to put "international" before a tournament name officially when there are competitors from eight countries or more.)

There will be summer camps coming up not only in Japan but also in many countries throughout the world. I myself will attend camps in Norway, Greece and Switzerland (I apologize for not being able to accept all the invitations). I will certainly have a great time in the three countries and I will enjoy training with you all. Once again, I strongly feel the greatness of the treasure that Oyama Sosai left to us. Thanks to Kyokushin Karate, we are given the opportunity to meet with people from all over the world, and I am very proud of this.



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There will also be many students coming to Japan this summer for Karate training. I admire the enthusiasm of those people and we are glad to welcome them here in Japan. Though we are not able to accept all the requests, we will do our best to give these students the chance for a good training and we hope that they will return to their countries with many good memories of Japan.

Unfortunately, these days, we are facing many natural disasters throughout the world. We can also see an increase of criminal acts, especially horrible crimes such as random killings. When looking at the world today, I strongly feel that there is a strong need for Budo more than ever. And we, who are practicing Budo today, should continue our Way, training our body and spirit to become stronger. In order to help those who are in need of help, we ourselves must be strong. At the same time, we should do our best to show people the greatness of Karate and Budo. I am sure that we will make a great contribution to Society by our efforts.

Once again, I thank you for your continuous hard work!

Osu!

Kenji Midori,
WKO President



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2. Activities of Japanese instructors (at the date of 28. June, omit titles from names)

(1). Yasukazu Koi

Date: June 22th – 25th
Place: Canada
Purpose: Seminar

(2). Keiji Sampei

Date: June 25th – 29th
Place: Denmark
Purpose: Camp

(3). Kenji Midori, Yasukazu Koi

Date: June 26th – 29th
Place: Norway
Purpose: Camp

(4). Yoshitaka Sato

Date: June 26th – July 1st
Place: Netherlands
Purpose: Camp

(5). Kazuo Miyoshi, Shinichi Sotodate,
Norio Hayashida, Fumie Matsuno

Date: June 26th – July 2nd
Place: Kazakhstan
Purpose: Tournament, Seminar

(6). Kenji Midori, Yasukazu Koi

Date: June 30th – July 5th
Place: Greece
Purpose: Camp

(7). Keiji Sampei, Keiji Okumura,
Norichika Tsukamoto

Date: June 30th – July 7th
Place: Bulgaria
Purpose: Camp
(Mr Sampei will be back on 5th of July.)

(8). Ko Tanigawa

Date: June 13th – July 20th
Place: Hungary
Purpose: Camp

(9). Satoshi Yui

Date: July 22nd – July 29th
Place: Romania
Purpose: Camp

(10). Shinji Sakamoto

Date: July 30th – August 5th
Place: Spain
Purpose: Camp

(11). Kenta Mori

Date: July 30th – August 6th
Place: Bulgaria
Purpose: Camp

(12). Norichika Tsukamoto

Date: July 31st – August 7th
Place: Mauritius
Purpose: Tournament, Seminar,
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(13). Kenji Midori

Date: August 14th – 19th
Place: Switzerland
Purpose: Camp

(14). Keiji Sampei, Kunihiro Suzuki

Date: August 20th – 25th
Place: Russia
Purpose: Camp

(15). Yasukazu Koi

Date: August 22th – 24th
Place: Indonesia
Purpose: Tournament

(16). Isao Kobayashi, Yasuharu Fujihara, Yasukazu Koi

Date: August 26th – September 2nd
Place: South Africa
Purpose: Tournament, Referee
seminar,
Grading

(17). Kenji Midori, Isao Kobayashi

Date: September 23th – 30th
Place: Aruba
Purpose: Tournament

(18). Kenji Midori, Isao Kobayashi, Norichika Tsukamoto, Taishi Watanabe

Date: October 24th – 29th
Place: St-Petersburg, Russia
Purpose: Tournament, Seminar

(19). Kenji Midori, Yasukazu Koi

Date: November 13th – 19th
Place: France
Purpose: Events

(20). Kenji Midori, Yasukazu Koi

Date: December 7th
Place: Sri Lanka
Purpose: Tournament

1. Information for the 4th World Cup

(1) Number of MEN Fighters from Each Region

WKO Board decided to increase the number of MEN fighters from each region, from 16 fighters to 32 fighters. And also there are some changes of the number of WOMEN fighters from each region. The exact number from each region will be as follows.

TOTAL MEN FIGHTERS: 32

Europe: 6, Russia: 4 (as the host), Asia: 4, Middle East: 2, Africa: 2, South Pacific: 2, North America: 2, Central America: 2, South America: 2, Japan: 6

TOTAL WOMEN FIGHTERS: 16

Europe: 3, Russia: 2 (as the host), Asia: 2, Middle East: 1, Africa: 1, South Pacific: 1, North America: 1, Central America: 1, South America: 1, Japan: 3



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(2) Selection Tournament for the 4th World Cup

I. Japan Region

Date: 17th, 18th May, Place: Osaka, Japan

Date: 18th, 19th October, Place: Tokyo, Japan

II. South Pacific Region

Date: 23rd August

Place: Geelong, Australia

III. Central American Region

Date: 27th, 28th September

Place: Aruba

IV. South American Region

Date: 25th October

Place: Uruguay

V. Russian Region

Date: 26th October

Place: St-Petersburg, Russia

VI. North American Region

Date: 22nd, 23rd November

Place: Montreal, Canada

VII. Asian Region

Date: 7th December, Place: Sri Lanka

- Please notify the WKO Office if the details such as date and place of selection tournaments for the 4th World Cup is fixed in each countries/regions.

2. Progress Report on Acceptance of WADA CODE (NEW!)

For the acceptance of WADA CODE, we are now working on the preparation of the WKO Shinkyokushinkai's original Anti Doping Rule, by reference to WADA Model Rule and the rules of other organizations those who already accepted WADA CODE.

We will consult with Mr. Imai, the corporate lawyer of JKO about the procedure of WADA CODE acceptance in the aspect of legal matter. Then we will revise the draft of WKO Rule, submit it to WADA with the registration fee and will finally accept the WADA CODE after the valuation of WADA.

Anti Doping Committee and WKO office are now working together to make WKO Shinkyokushinkai's Anti Doping Rule. We would like to complete the procedure and submit it to WADA around August 2008.

Naito Takatomi
Chairman of WKO Anti Doping Committee

3. WKO Website



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Visit our renewed website!

<http://www.wko.or.jp/>

We have been working on the improvement of the WKO Website since the end of last year. Therefore, we would like you to send the information of events which you would like to put on the website if you have any. Please provide us the basic information as mentioned below.

1. Events

- 1) Name of the event (Name of the tournament, camp, e.t.c.)
- 2) Date and the place where the event was held
- 3) Host branch
- 4) The number of participants to the event
- 5) List of prize winners (in case of tournament)
- 6) Details about the event (including the impressions by host)
- 7) Photos (Please give an explanation for each photo. About 5 to 10 photos will be put on the website.)

2. News

- 1) Details about the news such as date, place, what happened and by whom, e.t.c.
- 2) Photos

- Please be noticed that your report may not be introduced on the website if the report is recognized as inappropriate to put on the website by WKO Office.

4. ISAMI Dogi

Please contact Ms Hayasaki at ISAMI: Email yuko@isami.co.jp or Fax (81)480-24-0713
For your enquiry, please put "Shinkyokushinkai Dogi" as a subject.

3. Notice from WKO Office

1. WKO Office Contact Information:

- E-mail address:

wko.one@shinkyokushinkai.co.jp

.. For Ms. Fumie Matsuno, and for Russia/Asia/N. C. S. Americas/S. Pacific regions

wko.two@shinkyokushinkai.co.jp

.. For Ms. Kazuko Sato, and for Europe/Middle East/Africa regions

- **Postal Address:** 9-20-2F Shin-ogawamachi Shinjuku-ku Tokyo 162-0814, Japan
- **Telephone Number:** +81-3-3268-1494
- **Fax Number:** +81-3-3268-1495

2. Annual Fees

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Payment of 2007 Annual Fees are now PAST DUE!!



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All the Branch Chiefs/Contacts are requested to pay the **Annual Fees** (US\$1 per member) and the **New Member Registration Fees** (US\$5 additional per new member) for 2007 or earlier **immediately**.

Please check Attachment A once again! Those who have not paid the overdue annual fees (2005 – 2007) are highlighted in yellow (printed one is in grey).

If you need invoice from WKO, please kindly contact WKO office.

REQUEST from the WKO office: For those who are paying the annual fees together with other branch(s) in your country, we would appreciate if you could also provide us with the breakdown, the number of members of each branch.

***All Japanese Branches decided to pay US\$4 per member as annual fees from 2008. Please refer to the Attachment-A, as the newest information of increased annual fees from other branches and countries/regions is shown on the list.**

NOTE:

- * **No order for Black Belts and Dan Grading Certificates can be accepted** from those who have not paid the annual membership fees.
- * **You will NOT get the financial support from the World Championship organizer** unless you pay the applicable annual fees.

We accept your annual fees and other payments through one of the followings:

(Please do NOT use any other methods such as bank checks or cash. Cash payment with exact amount may be acceptable only when you are in Japan.)

- **Bank transfer**

Has to be “WKO” only. Do not put anything after the name, please.

**Account name: WKO Account number: 0848604 Name of the bank: Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Kagurazaka Branch
Address of the bank: 3-7 Kagurazaka, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 162-0825, Japan
Their SWIFT code: BOTKJPJT**

- Please add US\$15 when you remit money because Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi charges us 1,500 yen every time we acknowledge the remittance.
- Please avoid a bank that uses the third bank, which may deduct US\$20-25 from your remittance.

- **Western Union International Money Transfer Service (CHANGE)**



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For further information, please visit at <http://www.westernunion.com/info/siteMap.asp>

Please note the change!

Pay to: Mr. Yasukazu Koi
(Please inform us of the “Money Transfer Control No.” and the sender’s name.)

- **International Postal Money Orders (issued by the post office)**

This is different from “International Money Order” issued by a bank, which we cannot accept.

Pay to: NPO World Karate Organization Shinkyokushinkai

③ Various Forms

The WKO Office would like the Branch Chiefs and Contacts to use the designated form when they contact us. We have:

- Order and Payment Form (for payment of grading fees, annual fees, membership fees)
- WKO Official Invitation Letter Form (for inviting Japanese instructors)
- Request Form for Invitation Letter (for whom needs Visa to enter Japan)
- Application Form for a Candidate of new Branch Chief & Contact

Though we understand that some Branches/Countries have their own way, the forms helped us to do administrative work efficiently. We appreciate your kind understanding in the matter.

5. Current Status on Payment of Annual Fees as of June 28, 2008

- See Attachment A-