

2007-2008 Karate Team

KARATE TOURNAMENT TEAM AND EXIBITION TEAM

Southwest Center for the Martial Arts will select a group of students to represent our school at both local and out of state tournaments. The group selected will also represent our school at various exhibitions including half time shows at various professional sports games, exhibitions at nursing homes, hospitals and other community service opportunities. Criteria for selection will be established that will include not only karate skill but will be based on work ethics, overall attitude and behavior. Please let us know if you or your child has an interest in being a part of the 2007-2008 Southwest Center Karate Tournament and Exhibition Team.

We are in the process of selecting our tournament uniform (matching sweat pants and tops or jackets with our school name, our style and school logo) travel bags, and sparring gear.

Members of the team will be required to join the ASKA (Arizona State Karate Alliance, USKA (the United States Karate Alliance)

Financial assistance may be available for those needing help. We will also pursue corporate sponsorship.

State, National and World Champions

How it works:

The Arizona State Karate Alliance (ASKA) host one karate tournament each month. These tournaments are also sanctioned by the United States Karate Alliance. When a competitor (adult or child) participates and wins 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in one of the ASKA tournament they are awarded points (20 points for 1st place, 15 points for 2nd place and 10 points for 3rd place). These points are also sent to the USKA for National Point Awards. The competitor that accumulates the most points will become the Arizona State and /or National Champion. The point year runs from May 7 2007 until May 7, 2008.

The point champions are for Kata (forms) Kumite (sparring) and Kubudo (weapons). The competitors are broken down by age group and by belt ranks (beginning, intermediate and advanced).

The ASKA has a year end award banquet at the Ancola Country Club and presents trophies for the top ten competitors in each division.

The USKA has their award banquet at the World Competition each year.

ASKA/USKA Tournament Schedule 2007-2008 (Tentative) In Arizona

June 09, 2007	to be announced
July 07, 2007	Mr. Pertuit Flagstaff, AZ
Aug 11, 2007	ASKA Benefit
Sept 08, 2007	Sensei Contreras
Oct 20, 2007	Sensei Fisher
Nov 17, 2007	Sensei Knighton
Dec 08, 2007	Open
Jan 12, 2008	Sensei Linebarger Tucson
Feb 02, 2008	AZ State Championships (Points +5)
March 8, 2008	Southwest Center for the Martial Arts
April 12, 2008	Wickenburg

USKA Tournaments 2007-2008 Outside AZ Optional

June 2, 2007	Randy Sanders	Albq, NM
Aug 2-Aug 5	USKA Worlds	New Orleans, LA (Double Points)
Oct 6, 2007	Southwest Regional	Albq, NM (Points +10)
Nov 3, 2007	USKA California State	Riverside, CA (Points +5)
Nov 10, 2007	NM State	Santa Fe, NM (Points +5)
Dec 1, 2007	Lee Kittell	Albq, NM
Jan 19 2008	Pacific Regional	Palm Springs, CA (Points +10)
Feb 23 2008	Lee Kittell	Albq, NM
March 27-30	USKA National	Albq, NM (Double Points)
May 3, 2008	Bushido Open	Albq, Nm

TOURNAMENT CLASSES

Thought-out the school years special classes will be offered for the Tournament and Exhibition Team. Most of the classes will be held after the regular classes but we will also occasionally offer classes on Saturday and/or Sunday to work on tournament your tournament Kata, your Kubudo Kata or your Kumite.

TOURNAMENT GI

It is not required but recommended that the tournament team purchase a Tournament/Exhibition Gi and sew the required patches on the gi.

TOURNAMENT COST

The cost of most local and out of state tournaments will be \$30 for the 1st event and additional \$10 for the second event and \$5 for the third event. If you are an AKSA member you will be given a \$5.00 discount. State, Regional, National and World Tournaments are more expensive but the trophies are also more expensive. For example at the 2007 World Championships: One event is \$55 Two Events is \$60 Three is \$70 and four is \$75 but you can enter All Traditional and Specialty Events of \$95.

This includes Kata, Kumite, Weapons, Koshiki, Continuous Sparring, and Chanbara. Team events are \$10 per team member.