

USA KARATE ACADEMY

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Announcements, Events, Tournament News



March is roaring into the dojo! We have belt testing, tournament prep, and more. This is a great time to be karateka. Warm up your best ki-ai and fling yourself into spring training.

A Letter from Shihan Joni

Monday, February 27, 2017

I am so grateful for the regular participation and support of our students, their family members, and friends. As you know, the State of Washington is looking for every cent big or small to cover shortfalls in the State Budget. While USA Karate Academy has not increased tuition fees since 2008, the State of Washington has classified all martial arts activities conducted in any facility that is NOT a community center, as a retail sales item. Due to this unintended taxation, our students are subjected to an increase of fees due to the new tax.

Most of you know that since October 2016, I have been actively involved with a grassroots group, the Washington State Martial Arts Association, which banded together to get the taxation repealed. Some of you have sent money, testified, signed petitions, written letters or emails, or called your representatives, to compel our representatives to bring Senate Bills and House Bills to the floor for lawmakers to repeal the unintended tax. Thank you for your continued support.

Because Martial Arts training is an excellent catalyst for students to develop healthy life-styles, as well as skills for personal protection, and a host of other great benefits, the effort to fight this taxation without representation, is well worth it.

As our school continues to face the financial pressure of increasing fees from the retail sales tax that has been passed onto our students, I assure you all that we are committed to continue offering martial arts training to our community.

In a last ditch effort to right this wrong, please contact your Senator to make sure SB5220 or SB5205 gets a hearing, out of committee and a vote in the Senate. Ask your Representative to make sure HB1032 gets out of committee and a vote in the House of Representatives.

Your legislator isn't going to answer the phone so don't worry. Tell their staff member, leave a voicemail, send an email, send a letter. Ask your friends to do the same.

With the support of you, our students, families, and friends of our dojo, we can continue to be a place of positivity, and personal growth now and in the years to come.

Upcoming Dates to Note

3/4 - Black Belt Training
11:30am-1:30pm

3/10 - Belt Testing

3/12 - Daylight Savings Begins (set your clock forward 1 hr)

3/25 - REGISTRATION DEADLINE for PNW AAU District Championships and Regionals Qualifier (this is our home tournament!)

Happy Birthday to our March Babies


3/3 - Tina L.
3/7 - Aniah H.
3/14 - John R.
3/15 - Shannon T.
3/23 - Thalia J.
3/27 - Eduardo G.
3/29 - Stan G.
3/30 - Rita C.

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Very truly yours,



Shihan Joni Sharrah

Spring Tournament Update

The Pacific Northwest AAU District Championships and Regionals Qualifier is officially on April 1, 2017 at the Lynnwood High School gymnasium in Bothell, WA. USA Karate Academy is the host. All proceeds benefit the USA Karate Club and funds are used to support our athletes' travel.

All our students are expected to participate and assist (check your record book!) and we also rely on parents' helping with the many moving pieces that ensure a smoothly running, safe and fun event.

All tournament paperwork is available! You can register in the dojo (cash or check only) or online through www.karatemaster.com (with credit/debit card). **EVERY STUDENT WHO KNOWS A FULL KATA CAN COMPETE.** Additional information is available in the dojo and on our [website](#).

Walla Walla Tournament Report

The USA Karate Academy Travel Team Had 100% Success Rate!

The results of the 25th Walla Walla Karate Invationals are (name, division, placement):

Tony Wilson, Adult Male Black Belt, 2nd kumite, 3rd kobudo

Abby Knapp, Adult Female Black Belt, 2nd kata, 2nd kobudo, 2nd kumite

Rob Harrill, Senior Adult Black Belt, 2nd kata, 2nd kobudo, 4th kumite

Edwin Godfrey, Senior Adult Advanced, 2nd kata

Michael H, 15-17 Advanced Male, 1st kumite, 2nd kata

Rebekah Demirell, Senior Intermediate Female, 3rd kobudo, 4th kata

Emela Moreyra, Adult Intermediate Female, 1st kata, 2nd kumite

Manuel Moreyra, Senior Intermediate Male, 1st kumite

Ian P, Junior Novice/Intermediate Male, 2nd kata, 4th kobudo, 4th kumite

Bruce P, Youth Novice/Intermediate Male, 2nd kata, 4th kobudo, 4th kumite

Andrew K, Teen Beginner/Novice Male, 2nd kumite, 3rd kata

Brenna Stratton, Adult Beginner Female, 1st kata, 2nd kumite

Support our small business with your retail purchases!

We carry or can order everything martial arts related, from optional sparring gear and weapons to apparel and accessories.

All students need basic sparring gear, which includes a mouthguard, groin cup & supporter (boys), fist pads, and helmet with face shield (for minors).

We have all mandatory equipment available for sale in the dojo.

Students participating in weapons classes need to purchase their own bo staff (and later kai-bo, escrima, etc.) as soon as possible. You cannot practice weapons at home if you don't have the equipment!

Don't forget to put your name on your gear upon receipt!

Policy Reminders & Updates

Check your Official Record Promotion Book and your New Student Handbook for details

Make sure we have your current cell/mobile phone number and email address! We are utilizing new software to mass email and text our members with emergency information, updates and announcements. This information is critical to keeping you in the loop. We do NOT spam our members or share this information with outside parties.

Let us know if you/your student will miss class for any reason. Use the official dojo phone (206-440-5500) and email (usakarateacademy@gmail.com) to ensure the staff gets notice. Shihan's direct contacts are: 206-228-2392 and jsharrah@windermere.com.

If you need to hold your space in the program while you are out for a month or more, let us know.

Summer Day Camp for 2017 will NOT BE AVAILABLE. We have a lot of summer travel planned for our amateur karate athletes.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!



New USA Karate Academy Team Gear

New team jackets (required for tournament travel team), pants, and gear bags are available for order now!

The new gear is navy blue, with the Itosu-kai logo and our name embroidered on it. Your name can be embroidered on the jacket for no extra charge.

Order forms and prices are available in the dojo!

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