

### WELCOME:

We would like to invite you, your dojo and members to enter our **World Karate Organisation Shinkyokushinkai New Zealand** (WKOSNZ) MARCH MATCH FIGHTS AND KATA TOURNAMENT on the 9 MARCH 2024 in Napier, New Zealand. All general information, Entry Forms, Kata and Full Contact Kumite Rules, Codes of Conduct, Anti-Doping Policies, Tournament Posters etc. are available now for download at <https://www.shinkyokushin.org.nz/march2024>

We look forward to welcoming back New Zealand Kyokushin organisations and their members.

### WHY ENTER THE MARCH MATCH FIGHTS AND KATA TOURNAMENT?

The MARCH MATCH FIGHTS AND KATA TOURNAMENT is an excellent opportunity for Kumite and Kata competitors to begin their preparations for 2024's major tournaments and an ideal starting point for new and experienced players to gain valuable tatami experience.

### HOW TO ENTER:

You can enter the tournament via an online form; this is in addition to the traditional printed copy. Our recommendation is that you distribute the two-sided paper-based version to your members to collect the relevant information, then enter their details online. Both the online and printed versions (emailed to us) will be accepted.

### KEY TOURNEMENT INFORMATION:

- **DATE:** Saturday 9 March 2024
- **ENTRIES OPEN:** 15 January 2024
- **ENTRIES CLOSE:** 5pm Friday 1 March, no entries on the day of the event
- **DRAWS:** In consultation with coaches, draws will be finalised by 5 March
- **VENUE:** Meeanee Indoor Sports Centre, Gavin Black Street, Meeanee, Napier  
<https://goo.gl/maps/NP41phgyuJPWVzxA6> : Changing rooms and showers available.
- **KATA REGISTRATION:** 8:00am-8:30am
- **FIGHTER WEIGH IN FROM:** 8:30am-11am
- **START TIME:** Kata 8:30am, Marth Fights from 10:30am approximate finish time 3-4pm
- **EVENT ORDER:** Competitor line up (morning only), official welcome and competitor oath, Kata competition followed by Kumite. There will be a short refreshment break between Kata and Kumite events.
- **GENERAL QUERIES:** Maria 021 746 103
- **FOOD:** There's a coffee cart and dairy on Meeanee road (one minute by foot from the venue).
- **SPECTATOR ENTRY:** There is a flat \$5 per person entry fee for spectators 5 years and older.

### KATA COMPETITION:

The morning will start with Kata from 8:30am with Development, Intermediate and Premiere divisions. Divisions are in elimination tournament format, with mixed gender and will be split into 2-3 age groups per division. Kata will be performed individually, and score cards will be used for judging. Competitors from other styles may perform their school's version of the listed katas. First, second, and third place medals will be awarded to division winners and runners-up. Permissible kata for each division are outlined in the table below:

<i>Development Kata</i> <i>White/orange/Blue Belt to 7<sup>th</sup></i> <i>Kyu</i>	<i>Intermediate Kata</i> <i>Yellow/green belt</i> <i>6<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Kyu</i>	<i>Premiere Kata</i> <i>Brown/Black belt Kata</i> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Kyu and up</i>
Taikyoko Ichi, Ni, San, Sokugi Ichi, Ni, San, Pinan ( <i>Heian</i> ) Ichi & Ni and Sanchin.	Any of the <i>Development</i> Kata plus Pinan ( <i>Heian</i> ) San, Yon, Go, Tsuki no Kata, ( <i>Kihon Tsuki no Kata</i> ), Yangtsu ( <i>Ansan/hansan</i> ), Gekisai dai and Tekki sono ichi ( <i>Naihanchi Ichi</i> ).	Any of the <i>Intermediate</i> Kata plus Gekisai Sho, Tekki Ni & San ( <i>Naihanchi Ni &amp; San</i> ), Tensho, Saifa ( <i>Saiha</i> ), Seienchin, Bassia Dai. Seipai, Garyu, Kanku ( <i>Kanku dai</i> ) and Sushihō ( <i>Gojushiho</i> ).

### KATA SUMMARY:

1. **White/Orange/Blue Belt:** Ungraded to 7th Kyu players may perform only Development Kata
2. **Yellow/Green Belt:** 6<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Kyu players may perform any Intermediate or Development Kata
3. **Brown and Black Belts:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Kyu and up players may perform any Premiere or Intermediate Kata

**JUDGING ASSISTANCE:** Again, we are keen to have suitably qualified corner judges from representative Kyokushin organisations assist with corner judging. This will provide a fair and transparent Kata and Kumite judging outcome. Your organisations assistance would be most appreciated.

**KUMITE COMPETITION:** Kumite Protective gear and fight duration. Please review, as we have updated our junior fighters and adult women's protective equipment requirements to mostly align with WKO Shinkyokushinkai Japan.

Matches are arranged by the best possible match-up based on age, weight, grade, and experience. The winner will be determined by three consecutive fights. Each fight will be judged by five corner judges. There will be a one-minute break between rounds (30 seconds for those 14 years and under). If a fighter is unable to continue during or at the end of a round, the fight will be awarded to their opponent. The results of each round will be announced at the conclusion of all three rounds.

- **Juniors 6 years and under** will wear head gear and chest armour (provided), shin pads and gloves. 3 x 1 min rounds, 30 second break between rounds.
- **Juniors 7 – 14 years** will wear head gear, shin pads and gloves (no chest armour) 3 x 1.5 min rounds, 30 second break between rounds.
- **Colts 15-17 years** will wear head gear and shin pads (no chest armour or gloves). 3 x 1.5 min rounds, 1 min break between each round
- To ensure consistency in protective gear, all competitors will wear the same protection. Upon registration and weigh in, please present your protective gear for inspection. In the event your gear differs, shin pads and gloves will be provided.
- **18-35yr novices (less than 2 prior fights) and masters competitors** will wear head gear and shin pads by default. If both fighters agree prior to the match not to wear head guards and shinpads, this will be allowed provided their coaches consent to this. 3 x 2 min rounds, 1 min break between each round
- **18-35yr experienced fighters** will wear mouth guards and groin guards (women to wear breast protectors and shin pads). Note women's breast protectors are to be individual breast cup protectors and NOT full chest and sternum guards like those used in Netball. 3 x 2 min rounds, 1 min break between each round
- An example of SHINKYOKUSHINKAI experienced fighting can be seen here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jKGRIAvzKdY>

### **MOUTHGUARDS FOR KUMITE COMPULSORY. NO EXCEPTIONS. NO MOUTH GUARD, NO KUMITE.**

**FLIGHTS AND ACCOMODATION** The nearest New Zealand domestic Airport is "Napier" aka "Hawkes Bay"; the airport is 7-10 minutes by car from the venue. Regarding accommodation, most places in **Napier** are within a 7-10 minute drive from the venue, **Clive** 5-7 minutes, **Hastings/Havelock North** accommodation is within 10-15 minutes and **Bay View** 10-15 minutes.

If you have any tournament queries, please feel free to contact me directly on 0275 359 954. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday the 9 March 2024 in sunny Napier. Osu!

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