

## Osu Shihan, Sensei, Senpai, Coaches and Instructors

### WELCOME:

We would like to invite you, your dojo and members to enter our World Karate Organisation Shinkyokushinkai New Zealand (WKOSNZ) KOKORO CUP Open Championships on the 7 NOVEMBER 2026 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/kokoro26>

We look forward to welcoming back New Zealand Kyokushin organisations and their members while also hosting a team representing Shinkyokushinkai Australia. We are also excited to welcome fellow Karate New Zealand members and other Karate styles to this year's November Kokoro Cup.

### WHY ENTER THE KOKORO CUP?

The KOKORO CUP is an excellent opportunity for Kumite and Kata competitors to begin their preparations for 2027's major tournaments and an ideal starting point for new and experienced players to gain valuable tatami experience.

### HOW TO ENTER:

As in previous years we are offering dojo and competitors the ability to 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 TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

- **DATE:** Saturday 7 November 2026
- **ENTRIES OPEN:** 1 September
- **ENTRIES CLOSE:** 11:59pm Friday 23 October, no entries on the day of the event
- **DRAWS:** In consultation with coaches, draws will be finalised by 30 October
- **VENUE:** Centennial Events Centre, 40 Latham Street, Napier South, Napier 4110  
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/4ivAXSqxkHsxYMoT8> : Changing rooms and showers available.
- **REGISTRATION AND WEIGH IN:** Kata 8am-9am Kumite: 8am-12noon
- **START TIME:** Kata 9am, Kumite 11am onwards. Approximate finish time 3-4pm
- **EVENT ORDER:** Competitor line up (morning and afternoon), official welcome and competitor oath, Kata competition followed by Non-Contact then Full Kumite. There will be a short refreshment break between after Non-Contact Kumite.
- **GENERAL QUERIES:** Maria 021 746 103
- **FOOD:** There's a dairy on Latham Street (one minute by foot from the venue).
- **COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRT:** \$50: You may pre-order a t-shirt via the printed or online entry form.
- **SPECTATOR ENTRY:** There is a flat \$10 per person entry fee for spectators 5 years and older.

## KATA COMPETITION:

The morning will start with Kata from 9am with Development, Intermediate and Premiere divisions competing in age-based competition. Your style or school version of the kata listed below may be performed. Shinkyokushin member competitors will be assessed against the Shinkyokushin Kata standard, as demonstrated in the WKO instructional videos. The same kata will be performed side by side during eliminations and individually in the finals, with decisions determined by five flags.

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| <b>Development Kata:</b><br><i>White/orange/Blue Belt to 7th Kyu</i><br><br>Elimination Rounds:<br>▪ Taikyoko Ichi/Ni<br>Final Round:<br>Taikyoko San | <b>Intermediate Kata:</b><br><i>Yellow/green belt 6th - 3rd Kyu</i><br><br>Elimination Rounds:<br>▪ Pinan Ni/San<br>Final Round:<br>▪ Gekisai Dai | <b>Premiere Kata:</b><br><i>Brown/Black belt Kata 2nd Kyu up</i><br><br>Elimination Rounds:<br>▪ Pinan Go/Tsuki No Kata<br>Final Round:<br>▪ Gekisai Sho |
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**JUDGING ASSISTANCE:** Again, we are keen to have suitably qualified corner judges (3<sup>rd</sup> Dan or higher) 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 as per page 11 of the competition rules.

## 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.

## PLEASE NOTE

We recommend you look into accommodation sooner rather than later. We recommend you visit [www.bookings.com](http://www.bookings.com) or [www.trivago.com](http://www.trivago.com) for accommodation options.

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 7 November 2026 in sunny Napier.

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