

American Amateur Karate Federation
JKA-US South Atlantic Region presents
2007 8th Annual Sakura Taikai



Date/Time:

Friday April 13th

6p – 9p BB Kata

Saturday April 14th

9a – 12:30p Kids, Adults, Team

1:30p – 8p BB Kumite, Kogo

Tournament Host:

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Judges Seminar:

None

Tournament Location:

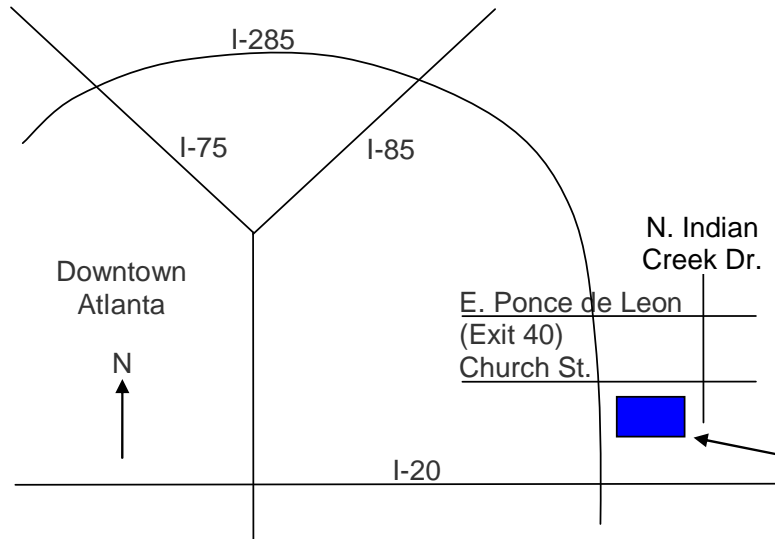
Atlanta Area School for the Deaf

890 North Indian Creek Dr

Clarkston, GA 30021

Registration Deadline: Received by Friday April 6th
No on-site registration

2007 8th Annual Sakura Taikai Tournament Location



Tournament site

When:

April 13 & 14
Friday 6p – 9p, Black Belt Kata
Saturday 9a – 12:30p, Kids, Adults, Team
Saturday 1:30p – 8p, Black Belt Kumite & Kogo

Where:

Atlanta Area School for the Deaf (AASD) Gym
890 N. Indian Creek Dr.
Clarkston, GA 30021

Directions:

From I-285 take exit 40, E. Ponce de Leon & Church St.
If you are coming from the North, turn left on Ponce de Leon toward Clarkston. Go to the 2nd traffic light, go approx 1 mile.
If you are coming from the South, turn right on Church St. Go to the 1st traffic light, go approx 1 mile.
Turn right on N. Indian Creek Dr., go approx ¼ mile.
AASD is on the right.
Park in lot, gym is to the rear of the building

A Brief History of Traditional Karate

Many historians believe that the Traditional Karate practiced today stems from martial arts developed in China several thousand years ago. The exact root cannot be traced since there are no reliable written records. There is a well-known legend that a Buddhist monk introduced a form of martial arts for health and self-defense to the monks of Shaolin Temple. From there the Chinese martial arts developed into numerous “external” and “internal” styles.

Due to an active commerce and trade between the Ryukyu kingdom (Okinawa) and China, the arts eventually spread to Okinawa where it underwent further development and changes. This is believed to have started during the peak of the Ryukyu kingdom, around the 1500's.

Master Gichin Funakoshi formally introduced a form of Okinawan fighting art, known as Okinawa-Te, to mainland Japan in 1917. The art of Karate soon became popular in Japan. “At the same time, the ancient native Japanese hand-to-hand fighting techniques jujitsu and kendo (sword fighting) were being widely practiced, and modern sports imported from the West were rapidly becoming popular. Karate soon took over many elements of both of these, and the basis was laid for the modern Japanese-style karate,” claims Master Hidetaka Nishiyama in his book KARATE THE ART OF EMPTY HAND FIGHTING.

In 1948 the Japan Karate Association (JKA) was formed. The JKA organized an instructor-training program that began sending Karate teachers throughout the world. Since then Karate has grown tremendously and it is estimated that over 1.5 million people practice Traditional Karate today worldwide.

AAKF

“The American Amateur Karate Federation (AAKF) is a nationwide public benefit, tax exempt, corporation established under the U.S. Act of 1979 public law regarding sports governing bodies.

The main purpose of the AAKF is to benefit the physical and mental health of the people of the United States through the development of Traditional Karate.

For this purpose, it also continually develops the technical level of coaches, officials, and judges as well as sets guidelines and sanctions local, regional and national Traditional Karate events.

On the international basis, the AAKF is a member of the International Traditional Karate Federation (ITFK) and its sole representative in the U.S. Through the ITKF, the AAKF sends a U.S. Team to participate in the international events and promotes international communication through Traditional Karate.” - AAKF

The AAKF was organized in 1961 and is headed by Master Hidetaka Nishiyama. Sensei Nishiyama, along with the AAKF director Ms. Aiko Torii can be contacted through the national headquarters: 1930 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1208, Los Angeles, CA 90057, (213) 483-8261.

JKA-US South Atlantic Region, Inc.

JKA-US South Atlantic Region (SAR) is comprised of four southeastern states—North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. As a non-profit organization, it endeavors to improve the quality of Traditional Karate instruction and properly educate the public to the values of Traditional Karate. SAR promotes various activities and events throughout the year:

- Instructor Seminars
- Youth and Adult Competitions
- SAR Summer Camp
- Inter-regional Training Programs
- Participation in AAKF National Championship
- Participation in ITKF International Tournaments
- Rank Testing
- Newsletter and Internet Correspondence

SAR Tournament Purpose and Philosophy

All SAR tournaments are based on the rules set forth by the ITKF competition rules. However, the complex structure of ITKF rules was generalized to meet the needs of the SAR Tournament. By simplifying the rules, we are better able to educate the underlying principles of Traditional Karate to the competing students as well as to the public at large.

Master Hidetaka Nishiyama, in his book ITKF COMPETITION RULES, states, "Martial arts has a long history of a form of competition known as "shi-ai" ("testing each other") used to test each other's daily progress for the purpose of guiding future development rather than simply for the purpose of winning."

Although the nature of any competition evaluates participants, thus separating the winners from the losers, the principle of Budo (Japanese Martial Arts) pursues much higher ideals. A martial artist in the quest to attain perfection uses a "shiai" to test oneself and reflect on one's level of proficiency. Therefore, the "shiai" is a valuable tool for personal development.

A shiai also helps build the student's character, moral consciousness, humility, sportsmanship, and kinship with others following the path of Budo. Thus, winning a competition is not the purpose of a Traditional Karate "shiai". Any display of temper, disrespect or unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated and may be subject to dismissal from the tournament.

Notes to Participants and Dojo Members

We, the tournament organizing committee would greatly appreciate your cooperation in the smooth operation of the events. Remember that all members of the judging and the operational staff are volunteers doing their best to insure **fair** and **safe** judging to all competitors. We will do our utmost to minimize human error in scoring.

If any discrepancy occurs, please direct all your questions and/or comments to your club director/instructor, or to the volunteer aide who should be available at the spectator stand.

In addition, the tournament organizing committee is always looking for volunteers to help run the SAR Tournaments. There are various subcommittees, so if you have any interest in getting actively involved, please contact your club director/instructor.

Lastly, we would like to thank all the volunteers, members and supporters of the South Atlantic Region, and the Traditional Karate Atlanta.

JKA-US South Atlantic Region 2007 8th Annual Sakura Taikai Competitor Registration/Release Form

Competitor's Name: _____ phone: _____
Parent/Guardian: _____ email: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Emergency Contact: _____ phone: _____
AAKF Number: _____ Age: _____ Rank: _____

In consideration of being permitted to participate in the activities conducted by South Atlantic Region ("SAR") and hosted by Traditional Karate Atlanta ("TKA"), I agree as follows on behalf of myself, my personal representatives, heirs, beneficiaries and assigns.

I ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE that my participation with SAR and TKA is for the purpose of practicing Karate; the practice of Karate is the physically strenuous, dynamic, and challenging practice of self defense which includes, but is not limited to, punching, kicking, striking and grappling, both individually and with partners. I further understand that such activity includes inherent dangers including serious bodily injury, permanent disability, paralysis or death which may be caused from my actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others or the conditions of the facility in which the activity is conducted; I understand there may be other risks or other social or economic losses either not known to me or readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES incurred as a result of my participation in the activity. I have consulted with my physician prior to engaging in the practice of Karate with SAR and TKA and I am qualified, in good health and proper physical condition to participate in such activity. I am responsible for monitoring my own activity level and maintaining awareness of my own physical limitations. I further agree that I will immediately discontinue participation in any activity which I perceive to be unsafe for any reason.

I HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE AND AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS SAR and TKA, its administrators, members, directors, agents, officers, volunteers, employees and other participants, owners and lessors of the premises on which the activity takes place (each considered a "Releasee") from all liability, claims, demands, losses or damages on account caused or alleged in whole or in part by any act or omission of the Releasees in connection with the activities described above, whether or not caused in whole or in part by the negligence of any Releasee, including rescue operations, and further agree that if, despite this release, I or anyone on my behalf makes a claim against any Releasee, I will indemnify, save and hold harmless each of the Releasees from any litigation expenses, attorneys fees, loss liability, damage or cost as may occur as the result of such claim.

I agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the American Amateur Karate Federation, SAR, TKA, and to exercise caution and restraint when practicing Karate individually and with other students. I agree to immediately report any unsafe conditions which come to my attention, including but not limited to the floor or any equipment. Any intentional act to injure another participant is expressly prohibited. SAR and TKA reserves the right to dismiss any participant at any time for any reason.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY; I INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THE BALANCE SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

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Competitor Registration/Release Form

	Participant: <input type="checkbox"/>	Judge: <input type="checkbox"/>
Kyu Rank (Kata/Kumite): _____		
Black Belt Kata: _____	Black Belt Kumite/Kogo: _____	
Enbu: _____	Partner: _____	
Synchronized Kata: _____	Partners: _____	

Name of Participant (if over 18)

Signature of Participant (if over 18)

Date

MINOR RELEASE

I AM THE MINOR'S PARENT AND/OR LEGAL GUARDIAN AND HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE THIS WAS WAIVER ON HIS/HER BEHALF. I UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF KARATE AND ITS PRACTICE AS DESCRIBED ABOVE AND THE MINOR'S EXPERIENCE AND CAPABILITIES; I BELIEVE THE MINOR TO BE QUALIFIED, IN GOOD HEALTH, AND IN PROPER PHYSICAL CONDITION TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH ACTIVITY. I hereby adopt and fully incorporate the entirety of the above WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK on the minor's account and behalf, releasing all Releasees in the manner and upon the terms described above on behalf of the minor, his/her parents/guardians, personal representatives, heirs, beneficiaries, and assigns.

Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

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Schedule

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6p – 9p	Kata	Black Belt Kata
Saturday April 14th		
9a – 11a	Kata/1 step Kumite	Kids Class CW, CA, CB, CC
11a – 11:30a	Enbu	Kids Enbu (all ranks)
10:30a – 12p	Kata/1 step Kumite	Adults Class A, C1, C2
12p – 12:30p	Enbu	Adult Enbu (all ranks)
12:30p – 1:30p	Lunch	
1:30p – 8p	Kumite, Kogo	Black Belt Kumite & Kogo

NOTE: All times subject to change

Cost

Participants \$25
Judges \$20

NOTE: AAKF Membership must be current.

Complete & send 2 page Competitor's Registration/Release Form with payment to:

Traditional Karate Atlanta
P.O. Box 813124
Smyrna, GA 30081

(Please pay using MasterCard/VISA/Debit or make checks payable to Traditional Karate Atlanta or TKA)

Additional information and/or assistance:

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