



松濤館国際空手道南アフリカ

WELCOME TO SKKSA

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A warm karate welcome to you! Thank you for choosing to study with our organization. I trust that you enjoyed a restful summer holiday and are energized and revitalized to enjoy another eventful and exciting karate year.

This Welcome Pack includes all the information you need to get started on your karate journey with SKKSA. Please read it carefully to find out about:

- * Points systems and awards
- * SKKSA ID
- * Our online presence and email addresses
- * The Grading Examination Policy
- * Correct karate attire
- * Affiliation fee breakdown for 2017

REGISTRATION

All new and returning karateka are required to affiliate with SKKSA. Due to regional and provincial requirements, karateka wishing to participate at regional/provincial/national events are required to affiliate with the respective bodies via SKKSA. The registration form can be found at the back of this Welcome Pack. It is vital that you ensure your form is filled-out and returned to your instructor along with the registration fee. Unregistered karateka may not be entered into exams, tournaments and training courses and will not be eligible for SKKSA ID.

SKKSA maintains a policy of 90% karate, 10% competition training. We follow the traditional Shotokan style, and practice the philosophy of the founder of modern karate, Gichin Funakoshi:

The ultimate aim of karate lies not in victory nor defeat, but in the perfection of the character of its participants.

To our returning karateka, I welcome you back to another exciting year. And to those joining us for the first time, thank you for choosing SKKSA. I trust that you will enjoy your karate experience with one of South Africa's most innovative karate groups.

I thank you for your support, and invite you to make regular contact with me or the dojo instructors to discuss any aspect of your child's progress in karate.

Wishing you a sporting 2017!

Yours in karatedo

SENSEI ANEEL DOWLATH

Chief Instructor & Technical Head (Godan)

AWARDS

The organization uses a Points Rating system, whereby points allocated under this system are used to determine the following:

- ▶ Entrance into provincial tournaments
- ▶ Entrance to national tournaments
- ▶ Training workshops
- ▶ Invitation tournaments
- ▶ Grading examinations
- ▶ Overseas tours and competitions
- ▶ Annual Awards

Please refer to the points allocation schedule alongside. It must be noted that under this system every student will be able to track and determine his/her progress throughout the year. Note also that special emphasis is placed on dojo training.

IMPORTANT

Whilst the points earned will be used to determine awardees at the end of the year, the Chief Instructor reserves the right to have the final decision in selecting the awardees.

The **"Extra Mile"** Awards are offered to those students who are purple belt upward, and the students attitude to his/her training (i.e. how seriously they take their karate), and well as participation in karate events (tournaments and training courses) will be considered.

The **"Perseverance and Dedication"** awards are offered to white to blue belts. Awardees are selected on the basis of improvement, dedication to training and the amount of effort put into their training, as well as their general standard of karate.

The **"Student of the Year"** award is for purple-black belt students, calculated from January to 31 October. It comprises attendance at Saturday classes, weekday classes, and participation at tournaments.

The **"Chief Instructor Choice Award"** is for purple-black belt students. It is solely at the discretion of the Chief Instructor and is based on his personal observation and assessment of the student's dedication to the art.

ACTIVITY	POINTS
Saturday Training (must be present for full 2hr session*)	12 per Sat
Special weekend seminars	12 per session trained
Participation at SKKSA/invitation tournament	3
Participation at a provincial tournament	4
Participation at a national tournament	5
Participation at an international tournament	10
Drawing blood in kumite at a tournament	-15
Being disrespectful in public/losing control/showing no respect towards your instructor or fellow karateka, opponent or referee	-80
Found being disrespectful in public/bringing the organization's name into disrepute	-80

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR MEDAL WINNINGS ARE RECORDED BY YOUR INSTRUCTOR ON THE DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT. IF YOU DO NOT ADVISE YOUR INSTRUCTOR OF YOUR WINNINGS, YOUR POINTS MAY BE FORFEITED.

* Points will not be allocated should the student leave without training for the full 2 hours.

AFFILIATION TYPES & FEES

Due to regional and provincial requirements, karateka wishing to participate at regional/provincial/national events are required to affiliate with the respective bodies via SKKSA. Those karateka will therefore be required to pay an additional affiliation fee as levied by the respective karate regional authorities.

All affiliation fees are payable to SKKSA upon registration. A 10% late-payment levy will be applicable for returning students after 1st February.

2017 Fee Breakdown	
SKKSA: Dojo-only	
Junior (under 18 years)	R230 p.a.
Senior (18 years & over)	R250 p.a.
SKKSA + Provincial Affiliation	
Junior (under 18 years)	R315 p.a.
Senior (18 years & over)	R335 p.a.

PLEASE NOTE: Provincial affiliations are quoted as-advised by Karate Kwazulu-Natal.

SKKSA ID

Each student is issued with a grading book when they join **SKKSA**. These books serve as a record of your karate career. They are also barcoded with your unique student number, called **SKKSA ID**. This allows you to scan in to **SKKSA** seminars. Karateka are required to bring their books to seminars as a means of accessing each session; grading books are also required when karateka undertake examinations.

Please keep your grading book safe – replacing the grading book incurs a fee (see table below).

STUDENT CARDS

Karateka in the Purple – Black belt categories are issued with a Student Card. This card is required to register at each Saturday training session, and may also be used in lieu of the grading book to sign-in to sessions at an **SKKSA** seminar.

REPLACEMENT FEES	
GRADING BOOK	R40
STUDENT CARD	R30

REPLACING A LOST GRADING BOOK/CARD

Please notify your dojo instructor. SKKSA Student Records will then liaise with your instructor to process the request for a replacement. You will receive a new student number – please be aware of this when accessing any online services via our website.

Payments for replaced grading books/cards may be done with your instructor; new grading books and student cards are only returned once payment is received. For more information, please visit www.skksa.co.za/id

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JOIN THE CONVERSATION ONLINE**

Connect with us on Facebook and Twitter. Keep updated with live blogs of events, photos, the latest news, and more by following us **@SKKSA** (twitter.com/SKKSA) and on **facebook.com/SKKSA**.

Visit the SKKSA website to download syllabus, learn more about us, and view our video presentations. Click onto:

www.skksa.co.za

Read the Kata Series, learn more about the art of karate and get the latest news from our blog:

www.skksa.co.za/blog

EMAIL

- ▶ For general enquiries, email: **info@skksa.co.za**
- ▶ For media-related info, email: **media@skksa.co.za**

CALENDAR

Our Events calendar is constantly updated with the latest info. It's available online, and you are encouraged to check the Events page regularly to familiarize yourself with what's happening in the karate world. Access the Events page from:

www.skksa.co.za/events

GRADING EXAMINATION POLICY

Please read the following policies carefully regarding grading examinations:

- ▶No student will be allowed to grade in July if they registered after 15th February 2017.
- ▶No student will be allowed to grade in December if they registered after 1st August 2017.
- ▶Students who hand-in Registration Forms between the 16th February and 1st August 2017 may only grade in December.

COLOUR BELT EXAMINATIONS

There are two examinations a year: Mid-Year Exams occur in July at dojo level; Final Exams occur in December at the 2017 Summer Course.

A student may not attempt an exam if:
They have not attended at least 80% weekday classes
They are not wearing the correct karate attire

A student may only participate in an exam upon recommendation by their dojo instructor.

BROWN BELT EXAMINATIONS

There is only one examination a year, at the 2017 Summer Course in December.

A brown belt karateka, or a karateka currently purple belt and eligible to undertake a brown belt examination, may only do so by fulfilling the following requirements:

- ▶Completed a minimum of two Saturday sessions per month, consistently throughout the year. Intermittent progress reports of your attendance will be provided to your dojo instructor.
- ▶Completed at least 80% of their weekday classes
- ▶Students will not be allowed to make-up for lost classes in the 3rd and 4th quarter of the year.

▶Brown and black belt examinations are done once a year at the 2017 Summer Course, on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th December 2017.

▶All brown belt karateka are required to complete all sessions at the 2017 Summer Course in order to qualify for examinations. This requirement is not negotiable.

***The Senior Grading Policy must be signed at the beginning of the year by all brown/black belt candidates, and is available from your instructor. It can also be found at: www.skk.sa.co.za/karateka**

CORRECT KARATE ATTIRE

Karateka are required to wear the correct *gi* at all times while training.



Note: protective gear is required at competitions. Your dojo instructor will advise on the appropriate, WKF-approved items, and where they may be purchased from.

SKKSA badges may be purchased from your instructor. If you have any questions regarding the correct karate attire, please speak to your dojo instructor.

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