

## The 2nd Okinawa Karate World Tournament 2022

*Dear WMKA members around the World*

The Covid-19 pandemic is still hurting many people around the world. I hope you are not affected by it to much and doing OK in your daily life where you live.

After four years, I am pleased to announce the 2nd "Okinawa Karate World Tournament 2022". The Karate Event will be held from August 1st to 9th. It consists of two parts, "Karate Tournament (Kata / form)" and "Karate Seminar". The contents of the Karate event may be changed, or it may be cancelled or postponed based on the COVID-19 situation. The Okinawa Governor is the president of the Karate Events Executive Committee. President Yoshitaka Taira is one of six-Vice president from all Okinawa karate and Kobudo organizations. WMKA Okinawa Headquarters will send 12 personnel including president Taira and vice president Arakaki to the Expert Committees as Seminar instructor and Judges or staffs. Accountant Ms. Mayumi Horikawa Renshi 6th Dan won Okinawan Preliminary Rounds and will attend Main Tournament as one of three participants from Okinawa Adult Female Senior in August.

**The Karate Tournament** (Kata / form) consist of Preliminary Rounds and Main Tournament. You can choose any Category you like based on your Karate-kei (Ryuha) and your age.

**Karate-kei (Ryuha)** is classified into five groups:

- ① Shuri-te kei /Tomari-te kei
- ② Naha-te kei
- ③ Uechi-ryu kei
- ④ Kobudo (Bo)
- ⑤ Kobudo (Sai).

**Age** is classified into four groups for male and female:

- ① Juniors Male (15 to 17)
- ② Adults Male I (18 to 39)
- ③ Adults Male II (40 to 59)
- ④ Adults Male Senior (60 and above).
- ① Juniors Female (15 to 17)
- ② Adults Female I (18 to 39)
- ③ Adults Female II (40 to 59)
- ④ Adults Female Senior (60 and above).

**Karate Seminar** will be run by 28 karate and Kobudo instructors from all Okinawa karate & Kobudo organizations. You can choose any Karate seminar classes you wish. Please visit

“Okinawa Karate World Tournament 2022” in Website to know more detail information if you are interested in the Okinawa Karate Events.

“THE 1st OKINAWA KARATE INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT” was held from August 1st to 8th in 2018. About 1,200 karate enthusiasts from 50 countries and regions around the world participated in the Kata Competition (Kata / form), and more than 2,300 participated in Okinawa Karate Seminars. The Application Deadline for the Karate Events from mainland of Japan and Overseas will be May 31, 2022. We don't know how many karate enthusiasts can participate this year because of the Covid-19 situation around the world. Okinawa wants to regularize “OKINAWA KARATE WORLD TOURNAMENT” within Winter Olympic year.

I hope you will be aware of it and will plan to visit Okinawa in your future karate life.

I will send your miscellaneous Karate certificates and the booklets for Memorial monument erection to USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and India after Small Packet Airmail service is resumed.

Best regards

Riki Nomura, overseas manager in Okinawa.



*Back row: Mr. Sakamoto / Mr. Okuma / Mr. Ishihara / Mr. Taira / Accountant Ms. Horikawa*

*Front row: Vice president Arakaki / President Taira / Director Shinzato.*

*They will attend OKINAWA KARATE WORLD TOURNAMENT 2022  
as seminar instructors / tournament judges / staff / participant*

THE 1st OKINAWA KARATE INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT 2018 Catalogue (100 pages):



The Catalogue for the OKINAWA KARATE WORLD TOURNAMENT 2022 will be published before August.