

# Independent Wado-Ryu Karate-Do Association United Kingdom



August 2013

## This Month

**Wado UK 5<sup>th</sup> East Yorkshire  
Open Karate Championships**

**World Police & Fire Games**

**6<sup>th</sup> South Yorkshire Open**

**6<sup>th</sup> Wado UK Presentation  
Evening**

**Date Section**



**Wado-UK**  
**5th Wado UK**  
**East Yorkshire Open Style**  
**Karate Championships**  
on  
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2013**  
At  
**The Sports Arena - KC Stadium**  
**Hull, East Yorkshire**  
**England**  
**HU3 6GA**  
**Free Car Parking**  
**Cafeteria**

We now have approximately one month left before our 5<sup>th</sup> Wado UK East Yorkshire Open Karate Championships. We still have an enormous amount of work to do in preparation, but at this stage we are on track for what we hope will be another successful and enjoyable competition. Our event is acknowledged as one of the best competitions on the calendar, and our hope is to not only maintain this perception, but to bolster it by improving at every opportunity. This year will see the very first time where we will have all 600 matching Tatami mats on the floor. Previously we have used Paul Braid's mats from his Shinken Dojo to make up the required number. This has given us what we needed as far as full 10m

x10m areas go, but having them all locked together being of the same design will be another improvement. This last set of 100 mats which were part funded by a grant from the Neil Hudgel solicitors trust and the Hull & East Yorkshire Community Foundation arrived last week, and have now been cleaned in preparation.

We will be beginning the physical preparation for the event on the Friday night, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Following the collection of the two vans we have hired, we will be travelling around collecting the mats and other items ready to set up the arena on the Saturday. By the time we arrive back at the venue on the Saturday morning the arena will be ready for the competition to begin.

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The Sunday evening following the event will see the vans loaded once again for the return trips to where the mats etc. originated. The final part of the physical planning will be to return the vans on the Monday morning.

It doesn't stop there though. There will still be a need to update websites send out results and several other soft issues which we need to attend to. All of this attention to detail is what helps make our event the focus for many of the associations who attend. This year we already have commitment from Scot-

tish groups, and this is only because they value our competition.

We achieve what we do because of the assistance offered to us by our membership and their families. We really hope that this year will be no exception, and we will have our army of volunteers at hand to assist us all the way. Some of the jobs are heavy work such as moving and laying mats, but other tasks involve much less strenuous activities. If you would like to help with any activity for whatever duration, please let us know. We rely on the generosity and good will of our membership to succeed.

## World Police and Fire Games 2013

On Sunday 4th August, Belfast played host to the World Police and Fire Games. More specifically the Karate element of it. Wado UK played its part, as Tony Dent was invited over as a referee for the event. With over 7000 participants and 68 sports on offer, Belfast was a buzzing city for the 10 days of the games. The WPFG are beaten for size only by the Olympics and Commonwealth games. Tony was there along with five other English Referees for the event. The standard though a bit of a mixed bag was good enough to throw up some exciting matches, with the highlight being the men's team final between France and Finland. A great weekend and a fascinating change on the usual International Karate scene. Dame Mary Peters was the ambassador for the games, and the photo below shows her posing with the referees and officials for the Karate competition.



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## 6<sup>th</sup> South Yorkshire Open Karate Championships

The day started with pairs Kata with Teerth and Charan (Team Dhési), Amrit and Josh (Team Amrit) and Oliver and Charlotte (Team Pinder), taking to the mat in a pool that had no weak pairs. Each pair performed well, though were all on the wrong end of five flags to nil decisions.

The same score was seen by Charan and Josh in their respective individual events as they went out in the opening round. Charlotte was to have a similar result as she was disqualified following a brain malfunction with her mouth saying one Kata and her body doing a different one!

Teerth and Oliver were in the same event and despite having first round byes were knocked out at the quarter final stage by the eventually beaten finalist and winner respectively. However, both performed well with Teerth splitting the decision 4-1 and Oliver 3-2.

Fortunately Amrit was on form and he worked

though his group with four successive five-nil results as he took the clubs first medal of the day, a well-earned gold.

After having some tough draws in the pairs and individual rounds the final Kata event was the teams with Charlotte, Teerth and Oliver (Team Dearing) in one team and Amrit, Charan and Josh (Team Hartery) forming a second. The teams used a delayed start to get some much needed practice in and this paid dividends as Team Hartery won their quarter final 4-1 and Team Dearing proceeded to the semi-final with a 5-0 victory. However, both teams were then against very experienced trios with Team Hartery going out 5-0 to Hull and East Riding and Team Dearing having an identical result exiting to Sale Dojo who were the eventual winners.



The Kumite soon followed and first up was Charan in a small pool of competitors. Charan performed well and was unlucky not to score in the semi-final though the kick was adjudged to have touched leaving the round at nil-nil though Charan had done enough taking the flags 5-0. The final was a much tougher encounter coming up against an experienced competitor who quickly scored three quick fire head kicks to take the final 9-0 leaving Charan with a well-earned silver.

Amrit was in a typically large category and was to



fall foul of the draw as he exited in the first round, a scenario that was to be repeated by Charlotte who went out 9-0, Teerth on the wrong end of a 3-1 score and Oliver who went out 3-0. All were disappointed with their performances though they all gave their best performances and were a little unlucky with both the draw and seeing attacks not score. However, in each case they were fighting in categories at the highest level, with older competitors and particularly for the boys with much bigger opponents.

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Having seen the Kumite yield few medals Josh Hartery was next up. His quarter final saw a nil-nil finish though like Charan earlier he had put in the effort which rewarded him with a 3-2 flags victory. Josh then had a tough semi-final against a very experienced competitor though Josh came from behind to win late in the round 6-5. The final was much easier as Josh took control and dispatched his opponent 9-0 in forty seconds to take gold.

Joe Munro was the last individual Kumite competitor of the day. Joe started in the men's open weight category with a 9-0 win before losing out 1-0 in a hard fought round. Joe then simultaneously competed in the 16-17 year old 75KG+ and under 75KG categories. He had a tough draw in the 75KG section though held on for a draw though he was on the wrong end of a 5-0 flags result. This bout was sandwiched between the first and quarter-final rounds at under 75KG. Joe opened with a 5-1 victory before edging his next round 1-0 as he felt the strain of back to back fights. Having had a break Joe was far too strong for his semi-final opponent with an 8-0 win to set up a final encounter. Joe was to fall just short in an even contest as he went down 4-3 to take silver medal

The last event of the day was the boys 11 to 13 team Kumite. Again the draw went against the team of Josh, Teerth and Oliver as they had to compete in around before the remainder of the pool came in at the quarter-final stage. The boys were drawn against a strong Mujushin team. Oliver was first up and despite going down to two early kicks pulled the score

back to 6-3. Unfortunately late kicks didn't score as the team lost their first round. Next up was Teerth in an even match that saw the bout drawn 0-0 leaving Josh needing to win by 4 to take the team into the next round. Josh was on top throughout the round getting two kicks in to take a 6-0 lead though he was unable to hold on as his opponent pulled three points back late in the fight.

With both teams having scored nine points Oliver took to the mats once again against his earlier opponent. Unfortunately, the result was the same with Oliver going down 6-3 despite a number of late attempts to pull the bout back. The result saw the boys exit the competition.

Overall every competitor came away with a medal with two team bronze medals, two individual silvers and two individual gold medals.



## Date Section

### 7<sup>th</sup> September

British International Open  
Glasgow

### 29<sup>th</sup> September

5<sup>th</sup> Wado UK East Yorkshire Open Karate Championships  
The Sports Arena, KC Stadium, Hull.

### 24<sup>th</sup> November

Western Karate Union Winter Invitational  
Weston super Mare

### 13<sup>th</sup> December

Wado UK Presentation Evening