

All Style Friendship Karate Championships

The International Federation of Funakoshi Shotokan Karate South Africa (IFFSKSA) and the World Friendship Karate Union (WFKU) hosted the All Style Friendship Karate Championships on the 18 May 2008.

More than 620 eager Karatekas together with parents gathered at the University of KwaZulu Natal (The Old Mutual Sports Hall) to participate. The clubs that have participated are the IFFSKSA, Hayashiha Shitoryu, Midland Shotokan, and WKSA Stanger, Ninfu Shitoryu, Shotokan Karate Do South Africa, Budo Ryu Karate, South Coast Shitoryu, GHS Karate, Gokan

Shotokan Karate, KSI Wentworth, Shitoryu Kim Westville, Isipingo Goju Kai, JKA Pinetown, Kofukan, Association of Shotokan Karate Do, Kokstad Shotokan Karate Do, JKF Goukai Kloof, K.F.Y Karate club, Scottsburgh Karate club, Addington Karate Academy, Funakoshi Pinetown, Funakoshi Queensburgh, Hillary Eagles, Kimura Karate Institute, Trav-Trav Shotokan Karate club, Rising Sun Karate Club, Nuzuma/ Kwa-Mashu Club and Greenwood Park Karate club.

The Head of the IFFSKSA and President of WFKU Shihan Eric Govender said that, "The competition was one of the biggest tournament in the KZN

Province and which lead to a huge success." Competitors from various styles displayed great skills.

He said, a tournament of this nature brought karate organisations together and allowed students, Sensei's and parents to interact with each other.

Govender added, he was delighted to see children as young as four years old and adults as old as sixty years old participating in this event.

The Grand Champion of the Senior Friendship Cup went to Malvin Govender, who won the Kata and Kumite division. Shihan Eric Govender said, "This code of sport should be embedded in every child and adult.



Sensei's in the back row. Front row: senior karateka's with the winner's medals 4th from the left front: Malvin Govender (Grand Champion for Kata/Kumite Seniors)