

WKC CANADA NEWSLETTER – MARCH 18th, 2009

Regional tryouts in full swing across Canada.

The Quebec regional tryout was held this past weekend in Quebec City. Congratulations to all the winners; we look forward to seeing you in Ottawa, May 15th 16th 17th for the Canadian Championships. Remember that you must qualify in the top eight in a forms, weapons or point fighting division in order to be eligible to compete at the Nationals. Since there are no Regional competitions for continuous fighters, they may advance directly to the Nationals.

*** You can only compete at the Nationals in a division that you qualified for ***

Upcoming Regional events: East Coast - March 21st, Ontario – Saturday April 4th, Alberta – Saturday April 18th, Northern Ontario – Saturday April 25th, Manitoba – Saturday April 25th, British Columbia – April.

For more information visit www.wkccanada.com

New Awards for WKC Canadian Champions.

This year we are happy to announce that all first place winners at the Canadian Championships will receive a WKC 2009 CANADIAN CHAMPION sweat shirt.

New date for age of competitors.

Each year at the world championships we have had a problem with youth competitors who move up into a new age division during the tryout process. This year we are using a competitor's age as of January 1st, 2009 in order to determine the age category they compete in at the world championships in November. We realize that the Quebec tryout is over and this may affect some competitors. Do not worry; you can compete in the appropriate age division regardless of where you qualified. If you have any concerns please contact us directly.

New discount for multiple divisions

WKC Canada recognizes that this year many of our competitors are experiencing the effects of the economic downturn. Considering this, and combined with the consideration that new divisions have been added at the world championships, we are now offering a discount on entry fees. The first 3 divisions remain the same price, however every additional division is free. This offer is also in effect at the Ontario Tryouts in London, Saturday April 4th.

How the WKC is cutting costs at the World Championships!

One of the main reasons the WKC was formed was the runaway costs that other organizations were charging to compete at their world championships. In order to try and make the event more affordable the WKC has adopted several policies:

1. The competition will be held over 4 days, not 6 or 7. By reducing the number of days of competition it saves the competitor on hotel costs.
2. The entry fee will be 60 euros an event not the 80 euros we were charged in Florida.
3. Spectator fees will be cut in half, 40 euros for the week as opposed to 80 euros in Florida.
4. WKC Canada will cover the cost of all passports and stamps for Team Canada members competing in Ireland.
5. All Team members can book directly with the tournament hotel in Dublin. The hotel is connected to the convention centre where the World Championships will be held.

Looking ahead: The Douvris Classic is Saturday, March 21st in Ottawa and the Cobra International is April 11th in Montreal; we will be at both events answering any questions in person.

Michael Bernardo and John Douvris