



2008 AUSTRALIAN OPEN & KYU GRADE KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



**Caloundra Indoor Stadium
North Street, Golden Beach, Caloundra, Queensland
11th, 12th, 13th April 2008**

The Australian Karate Federation Inc. in conjunction with the tournament organisers, Queensland Karate Association Inc., would like to invite you to the 2008 Australian Open & Kyu Grade Karate Championships. We wish all participants a personal best performance in this championships event and hope that visitors to Caloundra, located on the beautiful Sunshine Coast of Queensland, have a most enjoyable visit.

Destination CALOUNDRA

Caloundra occupies a highly favoured location in the richly productive and progressive south-east corner of Queensland. It is the southern gateway to the Sunshine Coast, one of Queensland's leading tourist destinations, and is easily accessible by road, rail and air.

Informative websites visit: www.caloundratourism.com.au or www.mysunshinecoast.com.au

Brisbane International and Domestic Airports are located one hour's drive south of Caloundra. Connecting bus services to and from Caloundra are available with Sun-air Bus Service, Suncoast Pacific or Suncoast Airlink and operate every day. For more information visit:

Sun-air Bus Service - www.sunair.com.au

Suncoast Pacific - www.suncoastpacific.com.au

Airlink Transfers - www.airlinktransfers.com.au

The Sunshine Coast (Maroochy) Airport is located 35 minutes drive north of Caloundra. Sun-air Bus Service provides door to door shuttle services connecting to all flights. For more information call:

Sun-air Bus Service - 1800 804 340 or visit www.sunair.com.au

A range of rental car options is available in Caloundra or from the Brisbane and Sunshine Coast Airport. Contact the Visitor Information Centre for maps and car rental options.

Sunbus provides frequent services throughout the Caloundra coastal area and the Sunshine Coast.

ACCOMMODATION – HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

Special rates have been negotiated with Rydges Oasis Resort, Cnr. North & Landsborough Parade, Caloundra. Rydges Oasis Resort is a short walk to the tournament venue. Contact details are as follows:

Telephone: (07) 5491 0333

Fax: (07) 5491 0321

Email: rydges_caloundra@rydges.com

Website: www.rydges.com/oasis

Please mention 2008 Australian Open Karate Championships when making bookings to secure the special rates. Accommodation ranging from hotel suites to self contained two and three bedroom villa apartments are available.

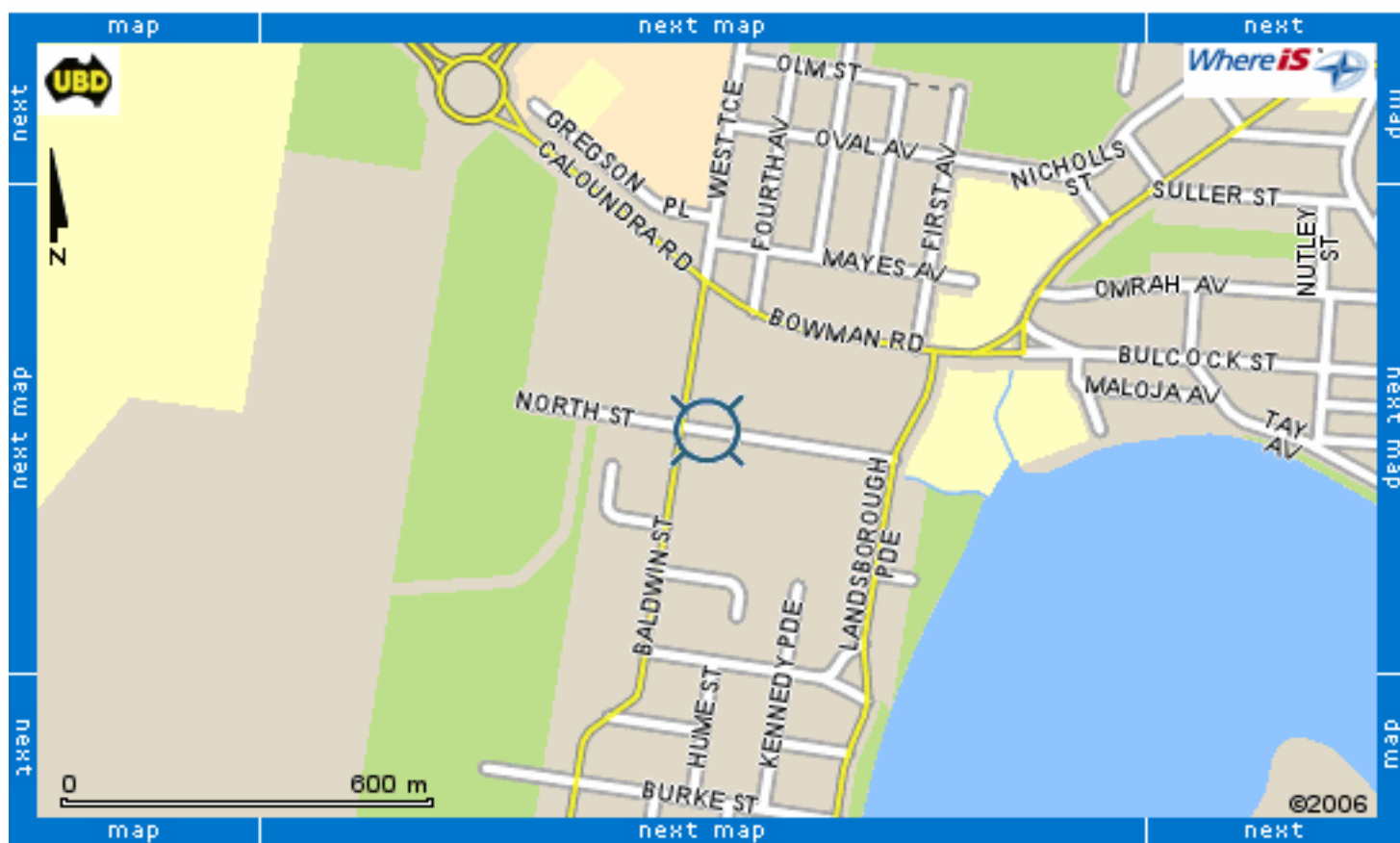
TOURNAMENT VENUE

Caloundra Indoor Stadium
North Street
Golden Beach, Caloundra, Queensland

"Caloundra Indoor Stadium is a modern, air conditioned sporting facility that is of international standards and equipped with multi-functional features."

The Caloundra Indoor Stadium is the Sunshine Coast's only 4 court multi purpose air conditioned stadium. The venue is ideal for local sports, as well as exhibitions, trade shows and major sporting events such as State and National Championships. The stadium is centrally located to shops, accommodation and the beach, all of which are within walking distance.

Source: www.mysunshinecoast.com.au/



ENTRY FORMS

Competitors are asked to take particular note of the three (3) different entry forms.

Entries must be submitted on the following forms:

- Form 1** Individual entry for **Kyu Grade Championships**
- Form 2** Individual entry for **Australian Open Championships**
- Form 3** TEAM entry for **all Team Events in Australian Open Championships**

Please note:

- Only **ONE** entry form per team.
- There are no team events in the Kyu Grade Championships.

All Kyu Grade events will be held on Friday 11th April 2008 commencing at 8.30 am. Please note that Open divisions will commence on the completion of Kyu Grade Divisions on Friday 11th April.

To be eligible to compete in the Kyu Grade Championships, competitors must hold a ranking no higher than 1st Kyu. Kyu Grade competitors may also compete in the Australian Open Championships.

If a competitor enters BOTH the *Australian Kyu Grade Championships* and the *Australian Open Championships* **the entry fee shown on each form is applicable.** These two Championship events are classified as **TWO SEPARATE EVENTS.** Submitting an entry in **BOTH** Championship events is **NOT** classed as being an initial event plus an 'additional event'.

Age is determined by the age a competitor will be on the 12th September 2008.

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES
MONDAY 3rd MARCH 2008**

The Australian Karate Federation Inc. reserves the right to combine or cancel Divisions where insufficient entries are received.

All entry forms must be signed by competitors and/or both Parents/Guardians for competitors under 18 years of age. Please mail entry forms and entry fees to:

**Australian Karate Federation Inc.,
22 Kilcolman Street,
The Gap, 4061
Queensland, Australia**

Please ensure the correct categories/divisions you wish to enter are ticked clearly on your entry form. All competitors **MUST** check all their draws for errors and **Coaches** must notify the Tournament Organisers **BEFORE** the event commences of any discrepancies.

Change of draw request may be submitted on the following grounds :

- Left Off Draw
- Added into incorrect event as per participants nominated event on the entry form
- Against another club member in the **FIRST** round only
- Is finalist from last year and is on same half of the draw as other finalist from last year.

COACHES REGISTRATION

ALL COACHES (Club/State/National/International) intending to coach at the event MUST submit a Coaches Registration Form by **Friday 3rd March 2008**. (Coaches Registration Form is available on the website). International coaches must hold and supply recognised accreditation. Coach passes may be collected from the AKF Inc. National Coaching Director, Mrs. Pam Smith, at the Tournament Venue (Caloundra Indoor Stadium) during the following times:

- Thursday 10th April 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm
- Friday 11th April 8.00 am to 10.00 am
- Saturday 12th April 8.00 am to 10.00 am

REFEREE SEMINAR

The Referee Seminar will be held at the Tournament Venue (Caloundra Indoor Stadium) on Thursday, 10th April commencing at 6.30 pm and finishing at approximately 9.00 pm. There will be an opportunity for upgrading for Referees & Judges in both Kumite and Kata.

All Referees/Judges officiating at the Championships are required to attend the seminar.

WEIGH-IN

The weigh-in will be conducted at the Tournament Venue (Caloundra Indoor Stadium) on the following days and times:

- Thursday 10th April 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm
- Friday 11th April 8.00 am to 9.00 am.....and.....4.00 pm to 5.00 pm
- Saturday 12th April 8.00 am to 9.00 am

SPECTATOR ENTRY FEES

Adult	1 Day Pass	\$10.00
Pensioner & Children (5 – 15 Yrs)	1 Day Pass	\$ 5.00
Family (2 Adults + 2 Children)	1 Day Pass	\$20.00
Adult	3 Day Pass	\$25.00
Pensioner & Children (5 – 15 Yrs)	3 Day Pass	\$10.00
Family (2 Adults + 2 Children)	3 Day Pass	\$45.00
Children 4 Yrs & Under	No charge	

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

A draft schedule of events based on actual 2008 entry forms will be posted on the Queensland Karate Association Inc. website: www.karatequeensland.com.au approximately one week prior to the event.

INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS ONLY

International participants may make payment to the AKF National Administrator for entry fees in AUD currency at the Tournament Venue (Caloundra Indoor Stadium) at the following times:

- Thursday, 10th April 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm
- Friday, 11th April 8.00 am to 10.00 am

Please contact the AKF Inc. National Office by email at admin@akf.com.au if you would prefer to make payment by International Money Transfer. Entry forms must be received by the due date: Monday, 3rd March 2008.

AUSTRALIAN SPORTS ANTI-DOPING AUTHORITY (ASADA)

Australia's Driving Force for Pure Performance in Sport

Deterrence ▪ Detection ▪ Enforcement

Athletes in doubt about the status in sport of a substance or medication are encouraged to check with either the Status of medications page on the ASADA website – www.asada.gov.au – or by calling the Anti-Doping Hotline on **1800 020 506** between 8 am – 8 pm (AEST) 7 days a week.

The Anti-Doping Hotline is a confidential, free call service for athletes that offers information on the status in sport of Australian pharmaceutical medications and substances.



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