

EKF Referee News

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EKF Referee Training Course And Exam

The English Karate Federation held a Kata & Kumite Officials training course. After the success of the last course, the course combined both Kata & Kumite training. The course was taken by WKF Karate Referee Terry Pottage assisted by World Kata & Kumite Judge Nariman Jeddi. Also in attendance was England's newest international official Tony Dent who recently qualified as a European Kata Judge.

For the first time on an English Referee course, the presentation was given on a big screen using a powerpoint format just as they do at European and World Referee courses. Terry started the course by going through the current W.K.F. competition rules covering both Kata & Kumite and explaining the finer points in great detail. After the theory training, it was examination time. 10 Candidates who are attempting a new qualification or renewing their current qualification attempted the theory exam with a minimum pass mark of 80% for Kumite Judge, 90% for Kata Judge and 90% for Kumite Referee. Also, for the first time since the formation of the EKF, 3 candidates also took the new national table officials exam.

The theory examinations were followed by practical training on the tatami with Terry and all officials going through the various Referee commands and signals. With the absence of our younger volunteers who normally come along for sparring, everyone then changed into their Karate Gi's with the experienced Referee's & Judges taking their turn to do some sparring and the new candidates and candidates up for promotion officiating under the watchful eye of Terry and Nariman.

It was then time for some Kata. The class was split into 2 groups for training on the Shitei Kata for W.K.F. competition. Terry Pottage – 7th Dan took half of the group through the Shito Ryu version of Sienchin and Nariman Jeddi – 7th Dan took the other half of the group through the

Goju Ryu version of Seipai. Candidates who wish to attempt a Kata Judge qualification must perform one Shitei Kata from their own style and then one Shitei Kata from one of the other 3 styles. With 2 candidates up for Kata assessment, it was then time for the 40 candidates who attended the course to move aside whilst the assessments took place. First up was Tony Perry from Hanko Ryu who performed Shito-Ryu Bassai Dai as his own Shitei Kata and then Goju-Ryu Seipai as his selected Kata from another style in front of World Kata Judges Terry and Nariman along with the added pressure of the other 40 officials watching. Second up was Reece Taylor, also from Hanko Ryu who preformed Shito-Ryu Sienchin as his own Shitei Kata and Goju Ryu Seipai as his selected Kata from another style. After selected questions on the Bunkai of all Kata performed, Tony Perry was awarded National Kata Judge 'B' and Reece Taylor became the first candidate ever to receive the new Junior Kata Judge qualification.



With 40 candidates in attendance, 10 of whom took Kumite Examinations, 3 took Table Officials Examinations and 2 successful Kata Judge Assessments, the course again proved to be a very successful day. Written examinations are as follows:

Renewals all passed

Chris Mileham - SSU

Mike Tointon - Ishin

Phil Moody - Shindo-kai

Gary Hoyle - Kofukan

New Provisional Qualifications

John Tweedale - Referee - KYK

Graham Mablesen - Judge B - WIKF

Dave Clarke - Judge B - UKKW

Brian Graham - Judge A - TASK

Jeff Probst - Judge B - WIKF

Tony Utting - Judge A - UKKW

Kata

Tony Perry - Judge B - Hanko Ryu

Reece Taylor - Judge B (Jnr) - Hanko Ryu

Table Officials (Provisional)

Vikki Melling - UKKW

Paul Griffiths - UKKW

Wayne Harrison - UKKW

The successful candidates will take practical assessments at the forthcoming BKF championships in Sheffield next weekend.

Finally, a big thank you must go to Tony Utting of Aquila Karate for arranging the venue.