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Statement

Kobe Osaka International is a non-political organisation. Its objects, among others, is to spread the practice and enjoyment of karate-do through international co-operation and friendship amongst people regardless of race or creed, by means of international seminars, training camps, and competitions.

Objects

- To help its membership enjoy quality of life through the practice of karate-do.
- To improve the standards of all its members by effective coaching.
- To award internationally respected Dan grades, Refereeing qualifications, and Coaching certificates.
- To do all such other things as are incidental to the furtherance of the objects of Kobe Osaka International.

Style

Kobe Osaka International was founded as a Shitoryu/Shukokai organisation. However due to wide spread interest, membership is now available to all authentic schools of karate-do and we now have affiliated members from all four major styles within our ranks.

Membership

Membership is open to Federations, Clubs, and Karate-ka of all National Federations in membership of the I.O.C. recognised World Karate Federation.

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Tommy Morris

Tommy Morris holds the rank of 8th Dan awarded by the World Karate Federation and is one of the world's foremost professional coaches. He is the Chairman of the Sports Commission and Referee Council of the World Karate Federation (and the European Karate Federation) which has 170 countries in membership. For twenty-five years he ran a full-time karate club and health club in Glasgow with a number of satellite dojos throughout Scotland. Since 1965 he has trained over 75,000 people in his system. His name appeared in the Guinness Book of Records.



Tommy Morris

He was the first Scottish National Coach, and for many years Kobe Osaka students were the mainstay of the Scottish and British teams. Kobe Osaka students have won numerous Scottish, British, European, and World titles. Danny Bryceland, Myles and Iain Burke, Robin MacFarlane, David Coulter and Pat MacKay being some of the best known of the many top notch competitors who went through the Kobe Osaka dojos. The latest in a long line of successes is his son Steven. In thirty-five major tournaments, Steven has taken thirty-one kata medals, including 5 European Championships medals, and a World Cup Bronze. He also placed 5th twice in the World Championships. He has won the British Championships, an unprecedented 11 times in succession.

Although Tommy Morris has achieved major successes in the training of champions, he is also well known as an instructor of effective and practical self-defence measures, both armed and unarmed, and has specialised in "Counter Measures", which taught police, military personnel, business executives, and ordinary people how to defend themselves against all kinds of attack. He still teaches tactical firearms use for people at risk and Special Forces personnel.

He founded Kobe Osaka International in 1991 and which now has associated partners in 35 countries world-wide.

He is married with two sons and a daughter and has four grandchildren.

History

1954 started training in Ju-Jitsu and Judo.

1955-1957 worked as a copy boy for the Glasgow Evening Citizen.

1957-1967 worked as a photo-process engraver with the Evening Citizen and Scottish Daily Express.

1957-1963 Served in the Royal Marines Volunteer Reserve and qualified as a Commando, Parachutist, and Assault Engineer.

1961 started learning karate from books.

1963 founded the Kobe Osaka Karate Club.

1963-1964 served in the 15th Scottish Parachute Regiment (TA).

1964 first karate instruction in Paris with Henri D. Plee and first karate licence with the League Isle de France, French Karate Federation.

1965 obtained the first Black Belt ever awarded in Scotland for karate and founded the Scottish Karate-do Association.

1965-1970 competed for Scotland and Britain in karate.

1966 opened Scotland's first full-time dojo at 27 Union Street in Glasgow.

1967 Gave up his job with the Scottish Daily Express and went to train in Japan, returned as a 3rd Dan and started teaching and training as a full-time instructor.

1967 qualified as a National Referee.

1970 joined the Renfrew & Bute Police Special Constabulary and retired in 1985, with the Long Service Medal.

1970 qualified as a European International Referee.

1975 qualified as WUKO World Referee.

1976 appointed a member of ECU Referee Committee.

1977 appointed a member of WUKO Referee Council.

1976-1980 represented Britain in two World Practical Pistol Championships and competed in matches in the U.S.A., Australia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, and UK.

1984 till the present, Chairman of ECU/EKF Referee Committee.

1986 till the present, Chairman of WUKO/WKF Referee Council.

1991 founded Kobe Osaka International.

1998 Appointed Chairman of the EKF Sports Commission.

1999 Appointed Chairman of the WKF Sports Commission.
2003 Awarded 8th Dan by WKF.

Tommy Morris training on the makiwara at Doshisha University, Osaka, Japan, August 1967



Steven Morris

Steven Morris was born in 1963 and started training in karate when he was six years old. He has an unprecedented record of absolute consistency in competition at national and international level. He started competing at age twelve in kata and kumite, and has had considerable success including many Shukokai and Shitoryu international titles. He was the K.O.I World Kata Champion from 1991 until 1999 when he retired. He won every British Kata Championships from the first one ever held in 1985 until he retired as undefeated champion in 2000.



Steven Morris

He entered 12 European championships and was never placed lower than 5th. He placed 2nd three times, 3rd twice, 4th four times, and 5th three times. He has competed in 2 WUKO/WKF World Cups and placed 9th and 3rd. He has competed in 3 WUKO/WKF World Championships and placed 5th twice. In the 1996 World Championships in South Africa he was behind the 3rd place contestant by just 0.2 points.

Qualifications

Steve has been a full time karate and health club instructor since 1985 and currently runs eight dojos. He has attended numerous leisure industry courses on anatomy, physiology, biomechanics, nutrition, and safe exercise procedures. He has attended the Refereeing and Coaching Courses organised by Kobe Osaka International and is a Scottish Karate Board Level 2 Coach and SVQ Assessor. He holds Kobe Osaka International Instructor, Referee and Kata Judge qualifications as well as being an SKB National Referee and Kata Judge. He has assisted his father on numerous national and international courses at home and abroad, including ten years as the Kobe Osaka International Kata Coach. He has amongst others, conducted training for the Egyptian, Kuwaiti, and Saudi Arabian National Teams. The Egyptian Kata Team went on to win the African Games and to take a 5th place in the World Championships in Granada. He trained the Kobe Osaka Kata team, which won the British and Scottish

Championships three times and twice took 5th place in the European Championships.

He is widowed and has two sons Sam and Max.

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The Kobe Osaka Story-The Early Years

From the Kobe Osaka Story by
Alistair Marshall and Tommy Morris

Tommy Morris, Scotland's first karate black belt, is the acknowledged founder of organised karate in Scotland. He first became interested in the martial arts at the age of 14. "I suppose I was something of a seven stone weakling, though I don't remember anyone kicking sand in my face," says Tommy, "but I did decide to do something about it. I became interested in judo and ju-jitsu after reading several books and magazines on the subject. I had already come to the conclusion that proficiency in unarmed combat was a necessary part of any self-respecting man's repertoire and of course it was also a great way to keep fit and develop my physique".

In 1957 Tommy joined the Royal Marines Reserve, qualifying as a commando, a parachutist, and an assault engineer. During his 6 years of service he taught close combat and participated in many successful demonstrations and displays throughout the United Kingdom. It was in 1961 that he first heard of the new techniques of karate, which were fast gaining popularity in France and the U.S.A., but there were no qualified instructors in Britain. He realised that if he wanted to learn the new art he would have to teach himself from training books and manuals. He drew up his own training programme and every day for the next two years, in every available free moment, he persevered with his task alone and unsupervised. With

no fixed place to train his dojo was often the open fields, sometimes the Royal Marines Drill Hall at Eglinton Toll, more often than not the Daily Express process-engraving darkroom during the meal-break. The major breakthrough came in late 1963. The Glasgow novice wrote to the famous French martial arts expert Monsieur Henri Plee, who had made a study of karate in Japan and who was teaching the Shotokan style of karate. The young Scot was invited to cross the Channel and train for a spell at the Frenchman's famous dojo, the Academie Francaise d'Arts Martiaux in the Rue de la Montagne St. Genevieve in Paris. Finance for the trip was a major stumbling block but Tommy overcame it by regretfully selling his most prized possession - a Royal Enfield Constellation motorcycle he had saved three years to buy - and in May 1964 he set off to take his first instruction in karate. Once in Paris he found that his lonely hours in the gym had not been in vain. His training schedule had been basically correct and at the end of five days he was awarded the grade of 4th kyu.

Back in Glasgow Tommy was approached by a group of friends and asked if he would be prepared to instruct them in karate. A small informal club was formed at the Osaka Judo Club's gym in Albion Street, and interest was so intense that by the time Tommy set off for a second trip to Paris in September of 1964, the Club membership had mushroomed to over ninety. Tommy was promoted to the rank of 1st kyu by Monsieur Plee, and the membership of the Osaka Karate Club, as it was then known, continued to snowball. In 1965 some of the leading instructors of the day were invited to Glasgow to give instruction. Among the first were Yoshinao Nanbu then 4th Dan, and Frenchman Patrick Baroux who was later to become European Champion in 1966 and 1967. At the end of Sensei Nanbu's week long course, he awarded a number of Osaka Club members their first gradings. Tommy Morris himself made history as the first Scot ever to be awarded a Karate Black Belt.



Members of the Kobe Osaka in September 1965. Yoshinao Nanbu is in the centre with Patrick Baroux and Tommy Morris in the front. Are you in the photo? If you are why not get in touch?

In October that same year, the club took part in the first British Karate Championships at Crystal Palace and Danny Bryceland a Kobe-Osaka member who had been in training for only 10 months won the Junior Grade Championship of Great Britain. In November 1965 the club moved to a new H.Q. in the Dixon Halls and changed its

name in honour of Mr. Nanbu, to the Kobe-Osaka Karate Club. Kobe is the city where he lived and trained and Osaka the university where he studied.

It was also in 1965 that a number of people in Dundee, Coatbridge, and Kilmarnock, approached Tommy with a view to affiliating with his club to learn karate. As a result a Constitution was drawn up and the Osaka Karate-do Renmei, later to be the Scottish Karate-do Association was founded with Tommy Morris as Secretary and National Coach.

In 1966 a karate magazine article by Bob McIntosh the Chairman of the Scottish Karate-do Association, had this to say - "The Association and its growth are the direct result of the prodigious efforts of our own Tom Morris, who is the only Black Belt holder in Scotland. It is an accepted fact that karate and Morris are synonymous with all who reside in the North, and his boundless enthusiasm and organising ability are the motivating factors behind the success we have enjoyed so far. As our National Coach, he travels wherever requested, and his prowess in his field is unique. This is the view of all who have enjoyed his instruction. If these attributes are overshadowed at all, it is only by his performance on the mat, which is an experience in itself. His sacrifices for the sport have been many and varied, and his entry into karate is an absorbing tale on its own. In an effort to emulate someone like this, members train hard and compete in a like manner. If they are trained by Morris, there will never be any hesitation to accept any challenge. The Association was founded in June 1965, and gradually enquiries came from various parts of Scotland. It soon became apparent that someone would have to accept the mammoth task of welding different clubs together. Tom Morris immediately set about preparing a Constitution along with plans to embrace as many clubs as possible throughout Scotland. Today, these clubs are now united under the guiding hand of this singularly dynamic person. Tom's efforts have been rewarded by the successes achieved, and when one considers his capabilities, there can be little doubt of future success."

Prophetic words, since members of the four clubs who attended the inaugural meeting little realised that in the space of one decade Scottish Karate would blossom to include thousands, and that home-bred karate champions would emerge, who one day would challenge Europe and the World and win. In February of 1966 Tommy successfully organised the first Karate International to be held in Britain. A highly experienced French team came out on top but the Scottish squad's experience was invaluable for the future. Tommy himself now became an established member of the Great Britain Team and took part in the first British International events and the first European Championships in Paris.

In October 1966 he organised the first Scottish Championships in the Govan Town Hall. In attendance were such famous names as Henri Plee, Yoshinao Nanbu, Tatsuo Suzuki, and Jacques Delcourt, President of the European Karate Union. A capacity crowd of 1400 wildly cheered the demonstrations and fighters alike. Not unexpectedly Kobe-Osaka swept the board.

Success followed success. The first Kobe-Osaka Championships held shortly afterwards attracted hugely enthusiastic support. "Oh those heady exciting days, we little realised we were making history", says Tommy. In January 1966 the club had moved to new premises at 27 Union Street, where it was to stay for the next five years. The Scottish Karate-do Association was also flourishing and by the end of the year there were 14 clubs. Shortly afterwards the staggering interest in Karate in Scotland forced Tommy to make the most crucial decision of his life. If he wanted to promote and nurture the present growth in interest he would have to give up the security of his job as a photo-process engraver with the Scottish Daily Express. Work-mates told him he was mad to consider it, but in July 1967 he made the break and set off on a further quest for knowledge on a two month Odyssey to Japan with Yoshinao Nanbu. Together they visited as many Japanese karate clubs as possible, but it was at the Kobe dojo of Sensei Chojiro Tani, that Tommy was introduced to the karate style that he felt had everything. "Some of the dojos I visited had been disappointing," says Tommy. "Many of the techniques were archaic and lacked in real power. Some of the movements were purely traditional, rather than functional and therefore did not provide the answers in sporting or self-defence situations. The new style I was introduced to at the Shukokai dojo in Kobe appeared to have everything the others didn't. It was aesthetic. It looked how I believed karate should look. It was powerful. It was fast. It had traditional roots, and it was realistic and effective." It was here that Tommy met Sensei Shigeru Kimura and recognised immediately that he was to be one of the world's great karate instructors. Bearded and almost six feet tall, he was anything but the traditional Western idea of a Japanese. Fast, fearsome, explosive and deadly in action, it was the quiet aura of invincibility that was most impressive of all.

Tommy resolved to make an in depth study of his style and trained eight hours a day with him for the next six weeks. It was a spartan existence on a diet largely composed of fish and rice with a four mile walk each way twice a day, to the dojo, often in 100 degree heat. Training commenced with half an hour's punching practice on the makiwara and then an hour and a half training in basics and kata, sometimes under the personal tuition of Mr. Tani and sometimes alone. After a light lunch there were a further two hours of basics and kata training. Between 4pm and 6pm there was practice with nun-chaku and ton-fa (Okinawan close combat weapons originally used as farm implements). After a half-hour break, public classes commenced for an hour and a quarter and after that Mr. Kimura took the black belts for "special" training. This included very hard training, kata and free fighting. To finish there was a period of free practice, with the survivors working late into the night. At the end of his stay in Japan, Tommy was promoted to the rank of 3rd Dan. An achievement which rightly gained him recognition as "The highest ranking karate man of British origin in the United Kingdom." (Karate & Oriental Arts Magazine November 1967).



Tommy Morris demonstrating Ton-fa 1981

The wave of publicity which followed his return from Japan led to incessant demands for Tommy's services for courses in Shukokai Karate and the first authentic demonstrations of Nun-chaku, Sai, and Ton-fa throughout Britain and Europe. The great Hiroo Mochizuki, himself an accomplished weapons expert and a master of Iai-do, paid him the ultimate compliment watching his demonstrations in London and Paris, when he said "Those were some of the best ton-fa demonstrations I have ever witnessed."

The Kobe-Osaka Club membership also increased by leaps and bounds. In the British Championships Team Events the club was 3rd in 1967, 2nd in 1968 and 1st in 1969. In 1968 Peter Buonaccorsi took the British Junior Grade Championship and Danny Bryceland topped off his 1965 success by winning the Senior Championship. Success in the Scottish Championships was also evident with Kobe-Osaka members

winning all events from 1966 to 1971. It was a startling achievement considering that there were nine senior Japanese instructors and over 300 clubs in Britain at the time.

In 1968 the first Scotland v England International was held and the Scottish team comprised entirely of Kobe-Osaka members, thrashed the English in the first victory of an unbeaten run which was to extend for eight years. In 1969 Tommy Morris took part in a series of demonstrations and courses in England and France along with Shigeru Kimura and arranged for the karate master to visit the Kobe-Osaka Club in Glasgow where he awarded Black Belts to several members.

In 1970 Tommy became Scotland's first International Karate Referee when he successfully passed the European Karate Union's Referees Examination in Ostend, Belgium. So successful a referee was he that in 1974 the European Karate Union appointed him Vice Chairman of the European Referees Commission. In 1975 he was appointed Arbitrator at the 2nd World Karate Championships in Long Beach, California and in 1977 at the 3rd World Championships in Tokyo, was promoted to Chief Referee (Kansacho) and elected Chairman of the World Union of Karate-do Organisations (W.U.K.O.) Rules Committee.

In 1973 accompanied by Brian Docherty, one of his senior instructors, he paid a working visit to the dojo Mr. Kimura had established in New Jersey, U.S.A. There, he gained valuable insights into the American karate scene and exchanged close combat techniques in training sessions with the New Jersey State Police.

In the same year the Kobe-Osaka Clubs, now an Association in their own right, severed their relationship with the Scottish Karate-do Association and Tommy assisted in the formation of the new Scottish Karate Board of Control. He also achieved a goal he had fought for, for several years as delegate to the European Karate Union, when the Scottish squad was recognised as a separate team for the first time in the European Championships. The stand he had taken was vindicated in the most crushing way, when in the finals in Valencia, the Scots beat the French to take the Championship at their first attempt. All but one of the team had started their karate at the Kobe-Osaka Club. The wheel had turned full circle.

The Kobe-Osaka Club's membership had now grown to over 500 in Glasgow alone, and there was a long waiting list. Tommy therefore purchased another floor at the premises in Glassford Street, where the club had moved in 1971, and a new dojo was opened on the 6th January 1974.

Bruce Lee and the "Kung-fu" films now hit the Western world with a bang. The Kobe-Osaka club was besieged with people eager to emulate Lee's exploits and Tommy had to negotiate with Unicorn Leisure for the use of Clouds Disco at the Apollo Theatre to cope with the demand. What started off as a let for two nights per week became four nights and a Saturday and Sunday. Over 1500 people started karate there that year alone, and in order to meet all his commitments Tommy was now working a 90 hour week. So great was the demand that Tommy opened clubs in Kilmarnock, Ayr, Motherwell, Dumfries and Edinburgh and trained some 30 instructors to teach Kobe-Osaka's 2500 members. By the middle of 1975 the "boom" was over and the hordes of aspiring "Bruce Lee's" once again gave way to the more serious student.

In line with their established policy of keeping abreast, indeed in front, of new developments, eight Kobe-Osaka instructors visited Mr. Kimura's dojo in New Jersey in the late summer of 1975, and fought Mr. Kimura's crack team. The result was a resounding victory for Kobe-Osaka when they defeated the U.S. team by 7 victories to 1 and took the first five places in the individual event.

In April 1976 Tommy Morris was elected Chairman of the Scottish Karate Board of Control and in March was promoted 5th Dan by Senseis Tani and Kimura. However the boss of the Kobe-Osaka had no intention of letting the grass grow under his feet in the fields of self-defence and combat. An expert with knife, pistol, rifle, and shotgun he graduated as top student at Jeff Cooper's American Pistol Institute in Arizona with a rating of "Expert-Special Merit", in the use of the .45 automatic pistol. He was runner up in the first U.K. Combat Pistol Championships and represented Great Britain in the biennial World Combat Pistol Championships in September 1977 and again in 1979.

In 1978 Kobe-Osaka members again demonstrated their superlative abilities and further consolidated their position as leaders in the karate world. David Coulter won the European Lightweight title in Geneva, and the Kobe-Osaka teams took both first and second places in the 10th Scottish Championships. This was their seventh Scottish Championships team victory. In addition Kobe-Osaka members took first, second and third places in the individual event. Twenty members were also promoted to Black Belt status including Tommy's son Steven, who after nine years training became at 15 years old the Club's youngest black belt.

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This list is not a complete list of all KOI members.

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How To Join KOI

As our reputation spreads as a non-political and competent organisation more and more people are asking to join us and there are now clubs in 40 countries affiliated to KOI. We are always interested to hear from like-minded groups. If you would like to know how to become a member of KOI and to receive membership details, send us an e-mail with a short CV of you or your organisation. Don't forget to tell us whether you are interested in affiliating a club or a federation.

Member's Area

The member's section of K.O.I. contains valuable information for both K.O.I. members and their students (such as the grading syllabus), plus hints and tips for referees and those students interested in competition.

If you don't have an online membership, please fill out the following form and we'll send you your Username and Password. Please note a valid email address is required so we know where to send your Log In details.

KOI News

KOI 14 will take place in Moscow from 3rd till 10th July 2005. For details go to our Next World Cup page.

KOI Gold Card

KOI Gold Cards are now available to all individual members. They are valid for five years giving holders access to all KOI activities world wide and replace the annual individual licences.

Gold Wire Blazer Badges



Gold and silver wire blazer badges are now available to all members. Ask your instructor or order direct from us.

Web Site Layout

We hope you like the new KOI site layout. It was designed by Jason Stanley who also runs the KarateTips web site. If you would like Jason to design a site for you contact him.

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KOI 13 World Cup and Training Camp

Kobe Osaka Russia was again top of the medals table. You can see the full report on the [KOI 13 Report](#) page.

Member of Honour Awards

Some time ago KOI began to think of how to acknowledge in a nice way the contribution of those who have dedicated themselves and expended great effort in support of KOI and so was born the idea of "Member of Honour". It was decided that six persons would be the first to receive this special award;

Steven Morris, Scotland

Kamil Musin, Russia

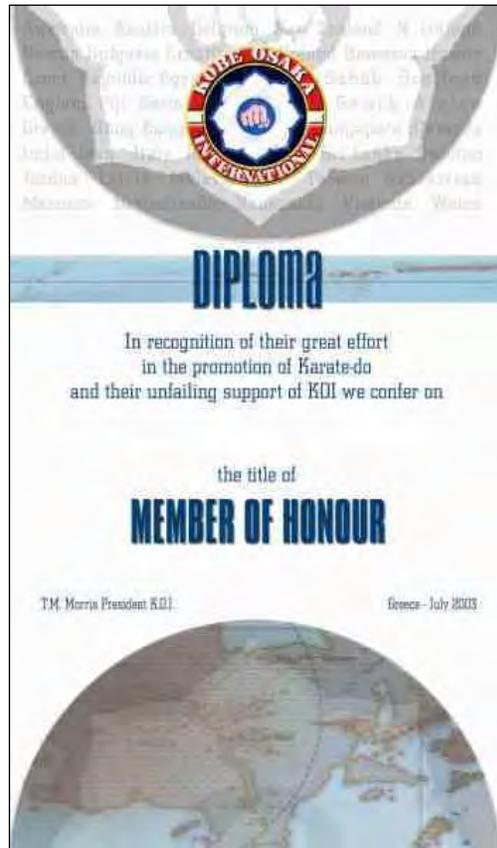
Richard Callaghan, Australia

Murad Assem, Egypt

Gina Ragazzo, Italy

Loh Beng Hooi, Malaysia

All of them have contributed in different ways to help make KOI what it is today and we are very proud of them and what we have made together: something different and unique in the karate world... Kobe Osaka International.



Tommy Morris Receives 8th Dan

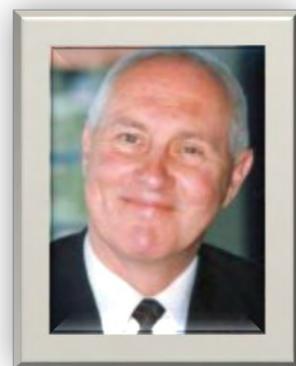
At the Congress of the 16th World Karate Championships in Madrid Tommy Morris was awarded the rank of 8th Dan by the World Karate Federation President Don Antonio Espinos Ortueta. Tommy had just completed his technical report to the Congress delegates when the President asked him to remain on the podium. There then followed a very moving eulogy on Tommy's work and dedication to karate. President Espinos said that the WKF owed a great deal to Tommy for his competent work with the referees over many years and more recently for his part in the development of the new competition rules.

This is the first time that the Directing Committee of the WKF has actually awarded a Dan Grade, as until now WKF has simply recognised grades already awarded by the National Federations to their own members. This is what the President said in his letter of 9th September to the Directing Committee members.

"I convey to you my proposal for awarding the 8th Dan to Tommy Morris, to be able to give him the certificate in Madrid next November. He received the 7th Dan in March 1985, this is 17 years ago, he continues active in training and teaching and his undisputed contribution to World Karate and WKF as well as his trajectory since then have led me to propose you this award as the culmination of an outstanding career in Karate during the last two decades."

The Directing Committee decision was unanimous.

Tommy said later that the years had simply flown past and he had never given any thought to or attached any real importance to being upgraded as evidenced by the seventeen years that had passed. He said that until now the highlights of his karate life had probably been the award of his 1st Dan in 1965 and his 5th



Dan in 1976, both of which he regarded as major milestones in his career, anything after that was simply a number to be added to one's CV. However what Antonio Espinos had said to the delegates at the Congress had changed all that and Tommy feels very honoured and gratified by the award.

Affiliation Renewals

Please note that all affiliations and licences expire on 31 December each year. Please renew your membership and apply for your licences as soon as possible so that your membership does not lapse.

Licences and Affiliations

Please note that KOI has adopted a new system of affiliation and licensing of associate members. Licences available are the normal Student Karate-ka Licence, the International Competitor's Licence, the Registered Black Belt Holder's Licence and the Black Belt Instructor's Licence. All Associate Member's licences and affiliations expire on 31 December each year. (Full Members in Scotland, Kobe Osaka England, and Australia are not affected.) The Licences are in the form of a plastic I.D. card and are renewable each year on 1st January.



If you do not have a current licence or your Club or Federation has not paid its affiliation fees, then you are not a member. If you are a competitor you should apply for a KOI Competitor's Licence which lets you participate in all KOI events world-wide. Don't forget to send a passport style photograph of yourself with your application so that it can be scanned onto your Licence/I.D. Card.

KOI Instructor Licences

KOI Instructors will now be receiving the new plastic I.D. card licence. Since these new cards display the holder's photograph you are reminded to send a good passport type photograph with your next licence application, even if you have sent one before. After that the photo will be retained on file and there will be no need to send another unless you want to update the photo. Cards are also being issued for Black Belt holders who are not instructors, these do not require a photograph.

Black Belt/Instructor's Register

To provide authenticity for interested party's, KOI will publish on this web site a register of its licensed black belts and instructors. When your licence is issued we will publish your country, name and Dan grade and whether you are an instructor. This will enable you to provide anyone such as local or government authorities, sports centre managers, clubs or federations etc., with a means of quickly checking that you are a member and the qualification that you hold. For this reason it is required that your application is submitted on the proper application form. Get your application in now and get on the black belt register.

World Karate Federation News

Continuing his initiative to have all WKF referee candidates receive the same fair treatment from the Referee Commission Tommy Morris devised and proposed to President Antonio Espinos that an entirely new system of examination be adopted. The proposal was accepted and was put into practice in Monterrey Mexico at the WKF Championships last November. A presentation outlining the new system was given to the WKF Executive Committee and to the Congress where it was warmly received. The new system resulted in the highest ever passmark with a higher than 50% pass in kata and kumite.

What was proposed was that each examiner must act independently in future and will have an evaluation form on which the candidates scores are recorded. Immediately after the examination of a candidate the examiner gives the form to the Referee Commission Secretary. When all the forms have been collected the highest and lowest scores are discarded and the remaining scores are averaged to give the final score. The WKF President and RC Chair decide the actual pass-mark which is not known to the examining panel. The candidate will receive the result via a pass/fail form which in the case of failure outlines the reasons. The National Federation will be notified of the result.

In the past some candidates were upset to receive a "B" qualification when others went directly to "A" level. This has also been changed so that the qualification system is now as follows:

A "B" licence is required before an "A" licence can be attempted. Candidates must progress through each level. However those with "B" qualifications may now officiate at that level in all WKF events and a new examination can be attempted every year, it is no longer required to wait 2 years before moving from Kumite Judge A to Kumite Referee, so the progression is;

Kumite Judge B and/or Kata Judge B

Kumite Judge A and/or Kata Judge A

Kumite Referee B

Karate Referee. This is a new qualification and replaces Kumite Referee A. Karate Referees are qualified in both Kumite and Kata to "A" level. Those who currently hold Kumite Referee A will require to obtain Kata Judge A by 31 December 2008.

The new system has been warmly received with a number of National Federations requesting further details with a view to implementing the same method in their national examinations.

WKF Announces Appointment of RC Assistant Secretary



WKF President Antonio Espinos has announced the appointment of Mr. Loh Beng Hooi as Assistant Secretary to the Referee Commission. In the last few years there has been a considerable increase in the number of candidates and in the number of WKF referees and judges attending World Championships. This together with new procedures put in place by the President to ensure fairness and partiality in the examination process has meant a considerable increase in the RC Secretary's workload. Mr. Loh has been a supplementary member of the RC and will commence his new duties in Mexico.

President Antonio Espinos with Loh Beng Hooi at the 39th European Championships

EKF Referee Committee Elections

The new EKF RC from left to right: Javier Escalante, Pepe Perez, Terry Pottage, Tommy Morris, Cetin Demirel, Tommaso Mini, Klaus Sterba and Vladi Vardiero

The 39th European Karate Federation Congress unanimously agreed to adopt the decision of the Executive



Committee that the members of the Referee Commission should be elected by the referees and judges themselves rather than being appointed by the Executive as in the past. The Chair of the Referee Commission and the Secretary will still be appointed by the Executive Committee. The elections were held on Sunday 9th May at the referee briefing immediately after the Championships end. There were six places to be filled and eleven candidates put their names forward for election. The three who received the most votes would be elected for four years and the other three would be elected for two years so that the whole committee would not be retiring at the same time. Those countries that had one to three referees or judges present were entitled to cast one vote for each of the six candidates. Those that had four to eight present had two votes and those with nine or more present could have the maximum of three votes. The ballot was overseen by Mr. Gunnar Nordahl, EKF 1st Vice President and the RC Secretary Mr. Javier Escalante. The voting was as follows: #####

For a full report and results of the 39th European Championships go to the EKF web site at

www.eurokarate.net

3rd World Junior and Cadet Championships

The 3rd World Junior and Cadet Championships took place in Marseilles France during 24/25/26 October and was attended by 832 athletes from 73 affiliated countries. The new rules are having their effect and the competition was extremely exciting and spectacular. Proper interpretation and application of the rules by the referees concerning contact at the Senior World Championships in Madrid last year resulted in a drop in injuries of 50% as reported by the WKF Medical Committee.

The examinations for Kata Judges and Kumite Referees and Judges were well attended with 42 persons attempting kata qualifications and 124 attempting kumite qualifications or upgrading.

Go to the WKF web page at www.wkf.net for a full report.

Referee's FAQs

This section has been updated with new information and is included in our KOI Members section. Just sign on to get access.

Latest Competition Amendments

The WKF Directing Committee approved the latest amendments to the Competition Rules in Madrid in November. They have been translated from English into French and Spanish and have been sent to all National Federations on Friday 24th January. They are effective as of now. The latest version is 5.3a. Go to our [WKF Rules](#) page if you want to download a copy.

WKF Theory Examinations

The new question papers have been translated from English into French and Spanish and are available on the WKF web site. You can download the English language papers from our [New Questions](#) page in the member's area.

EKF Takes the Lead

Karate competition requires exceptional referees and the movement towards more and more professionalism in sport karate makes the job even more difficult and extremely stressful. Charges of bias against officials even when they are completely unfounded only adds to the strain of officiating and after the World Championships in Madrid, Tommy Morris proposed changes to Antonio Espinos the EKF/WKF President. Since these proposals required no change in the existing competition rules the European Karate Federation implemented them at the Junior and Cadet Championships in February in Wroclaw, Poland. The WKF Directing Committee has also considered and approved these procedural changes and they will be in use in Marseilles at the World Junior and Cadet Championships in October.

Here are the changes.

Referee Selection

In future the selection of the referees and judges who officiate in the finals and repechage will be chosen by the Tatami Chiefs (Match Area Controllers) as follows.

1. Each competition area is supervised by two Match Area Controllers (Tatami Chiefs) who observe and monitor the performance of the officials under their control.
2. A Selection Committee consisting of one MAC from each Tatami will be responsible for the choice of officials for the finals and repechage.
3. As far as possible the Members of the Selection Committee will all be from different Continental Unions. (In the case of the European Karate Federation from different countries.)
4. When a team or individual competitor has the same nationality as a member of the Selection Committee then that member will automatically be excluded from the process.
5. The actual choice of officials for the finals will be made by three to five MACs depending on paragraph 4 above.
6. When the choice of Referee Panel had been made it will be recorded on the official form and signed by the Selection Committee.
7. Once made only the Selection Panel that made the choice has the authority to change the composition of the Referee Panel chosen.

Team Kumite Changes

In order to relieve stress, ensure fair play and competent and unbiased officiating the following method is to be adopted for all Kumite Team Finals and Repechage (for the 3rd places) matches.

1. Only qualified referees will be used, not judges.
2. The centre referee will change after each bout.
3. At the end of each bout all the members of the referee panel will move in a clockwise direction to their next position (without an exchange of bows).
4. Each official including the arbitrator (Kansa) will act as centre referee once, excepting female matches

and those matches that are decided according to Article 7 paragraph 6 of the Competition Rules.

5. In the case of a draw (Hikiwake) between male teams and a deciding bout be necessary then the first referee will take the centre position once more.

New Rules Video with Latest Amendments

VMA International has released a video by Tommy Morris featuring the new Competition Rules as adopted in Munich in 2000 and now including the latest amendments as approved for 2003. It is available now. The video is priced at £25.00 GBP plus postage and is available from:

VMA International
White House Studios
40 New Street
Wigton
Cumbria CA7 9AL
England

E-mail: info@vma-international.com

The video is endorsed by the WKF and is recommended for all refereeing officials as well as coaches and competitors.

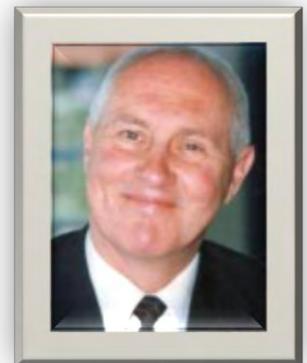
National Referees May Go Direct to WKF Exams

When the first WUKO World Championships and refereeing examinations were held in 1970, nationally qualified referees were eligible to take the examinations and this situation continued right up until quite recently although the European Karate Federation (formerly EKF) was an exception in that its members had to be qualified Continental Union referees before being allowed to participate at World level. However there were so many people attempting the examinations often without effective and proper preparation that the WKF DC decided that all candidates to the WKF examinations must be Continental Union qualified referees so that, in theory at least, only the best would actually attempt the WKF examinations.

Unfortunately the time needed to qualify first as a National Referee, then as a Continental Referee, then as a WKF Judge, and then as a WKF Referee, was so long that some candidates were well past their best by the time they finally arrived at the WKF examinations. This long process together with the added complication and expense of air travel within Continental Unions to attend the examinations was prohibitive for many and so some prospective candidates could never get to the WKF at all. WKF DC decided to remedy this and in a directive issued on 23 July 2001 all Nationally qualified Kumite Referees and Kata Judges supported by their National Federations may once more attend the WKF courses and examinations. Visit the [WKF](http://www.wkf.com) web site for more information.

New W.K.F Competition Rules

As Chairman of the European and World Karate Federation Sports Commissions Tommy Morris has been responsible for collating and developing the new rules proposals in collaboration with the President Antonio Espinos Ortueta and EKF and WKF Referee and Technical Committee colleagues.



These were approved by the WKF Congress prior to the 15th World Senior Championships in Munich on 11th October 2000. The new rules took effect at all WKF and Continental Union Championships from 1st January 2001. In Madrid at the 16th World Championships in November 2002 a considerable number of updates to the Rules were approved by the Directing Committee. These updates were in use at the European Junior Championships in Wroclaw, Poland 14-16 February and were distributed to the National Federations on 24th January.

You can download the rules from the WKF web site or you can get them here in Adobe Acrobat portable document format. You will need to have Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your computer to open them. (If you don't already have it download a free copy from www.adobe.com.)

It should be noted that this is a substantial update and referees and judges will need to spend some time studying them.

[Download Latest WKF Rules](#)
