

## Welcome home!

Welcome to all the faithful students ready to accept the challenges of this new year. We look forward to guiding and leading you in discovering your full potential in the ancient art of unarmed combat. To all the new students, welcome to our family!

An exciting year with many diverse activities will keep you motivated to invest time and energy into training under our selected instructors. Activities include the notorious Berg-Gashuku, the popular JSKA National Karate Championships, a National Team selection for the 8th JSKA World Championships to be hosted in 2016, the International Development Championships partnered with JSKA Namibia and much more!

Our Academy has seen tremendous growth in especially our Open Classes at all the dojos. The idea of parents training at the same time as their kids but in separate classes has become very popular.

We are excited about the huge group of seniors to assist in teaching this year. We do believe in the value of teaching and will invest time into standardizing classes with an added personal flavour.

Please take note of the HOT-LINE to open communication directly to the JSKA/Academy Chief Instructor. Concerns and ideas will be appreciated - [soon@JSKASouthAfrica.co.za](mailto:soon@JSKASouthAfrica.co.za)

## Academy vs JSKA South Africa

The Karate Academy of South Africa has been in existence since 1984. We have grown to a number of schools across southern Africa with a dedicated administration office in Centurion. We have also been members of JSKA World Federation under Keigo Abe sensei since 2002.

The Academy will remain the collective name of our schools in Pretoria and will be defined as a member of JSKA South Africa, our national organization.

This arrangement implies specific events like seminars, team trials and gradings to be Academy specific and JSKA South Africa will manage the national development championships, national championships, international liaison and Dan examinations.

In short: Karate Academy is a member of JSKA South Africa!

## Academy Schools

Please visit our website [karateacademy.co.za](http://karateacademy.co.za) to find all the Academy schools and training times in Pretoria. Take note that afternoon and evening classes are offered across our city and feel free to training at any of our schools.

## 2015 Calendar

The 2015 Academy Calendar is published in this newsletter but take note of the following important events:

- Kiddies Grading - All current students in grade 1 this year will be tested for Pre-Yellow
- Kyu-grade seminars - This valuable training is offered specifically for grading training
- National team selection - A team to be prepared for the 2016 JSKA World Championships
- JSKA Nationals - Our annual national championships hosted in Pretoria
- Kyu-gradings - We will offer 2 gradings for juniors and three for adult students
- We have included a number of additional events in 2015 to specifically prepare our students for the 2016 JSKA World Championships hosted in Namibia.

## Real Karate

Our schools will strive to improve the character of our students through teaching and training of the ancient art of weaponless combat. We will walk in sincerity, train in committed effort under the beautiful etiquette of our ancient art. Our school was founded on discipline exhibited in self-control.

We are proud of our dedicated instructors, we enjoy our committed students and appreciate the support of our parents. We pledge even greater commitment to provide facilities, educate instructors and manage an infrastructure with the sole purpose of improving our standard of students and teaching.



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MONTH	DAY	EVENT	VENUE
January	5	All Schools Open - Holiday Times	All Academy Dojo's
January	14	All Schools Open	All Academy Dojo's
January	16	NGI Training	Honbu Dojo, Centurion
January	19	Beginners Training - Kiddies / Juniors / Adults	All Academy Dojo's
February	6	NGI Training	Honbu Dojo, Centurion
February	7	Kiddies Evaluation Training	Honbu Dojo, Centurion
February	13-14-15	Berg Gashuku	Injisuthi,, Northern Drakensberg
February	28	JSKA Koega Open	Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape
March	6	NGI Training	Honbu Dojo, Centurion
March	13-14-15	Maputo Gashuku	Maputo, Mozambique
<b>March</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>HUMAN RIGHTS DAY</b>	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
March	28	Puma Challenge	Witbank
<b>April</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>FAMILY DAY</b>	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
April	18	Adult Kyu-grading Seminar	Hatfield, PHSOB
<b>April</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>FREEDOM DAY</b>	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
April	25	Adult Kyu-grading	Hatfield, PHSOB
<b>May</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>WORKERS DAY</b>	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
May	9	2nd Gauteng Open	Johannesburg
May	16	JSKA National Team Seminar	Honbu Dojo, Centurion
May	29-30	31st JSKA S A Championships / National Team Selection	Pretoria
June	5	NGI Training	Honbu Dojo, Centurion
June	6	Academy Kyu-grading Seminar	Hatfield, PHSOB
June	8-11	Academy Kyu-grading	All Academy Dojo's
June	13	JSKA Europe Team Training	Honbu Dojo, Centurion
<b>June</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>YOUTH DAY</b>	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
June	15-18	Academy Kyu-grading Certificate Presentations	All Academy Dojo's
June	20	JSKA Europe Team Training	Honbu Dojo, Centurion
July	10-11-12	2nd JSKA Europe Championships	Glasgow, Scotland
July	25	JSKA Development Team Training #1	Pretoria
July	31	NGI Training	Honbu Dojo , Centurion
August	1	JSKA Development Team Training #2	Pretoria
August	1	2nd DCS Open Championships	Boksburg
August	8	JSKA Development Team Training #3 & #4	BOOTCAMP
<b>August</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>WOMENS DAY</b>	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
August	14	JSKA Development Colours Presentation	Pretoria
August	15	JSKA Development Team Training #5	Pretoria
August	21-22-23	20th JSKA International Development Championships	Magaliesburg
September	4	NGI Training	Honbu Dojo, Centurion
<b>September</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>HERITAGE DAY</b>	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
October	2	NGI Training	Honbu Dojo, Centurion
October	10	Dan Grading Seminar	Honbu Dojo, Centurion
October	23-24	JSKA South Africa Dan Grading	Honbu Dojo, Centurion
November	7	NGI Training	Honbu Dojo, Centurion
November	8	Kyu-grading Seminar	PHSOB, Hatfield
November	14	2nd Inter Dojo Team Championships	Johannesburg
November	16-19	Academy Kyu-grading	All Academy Dojo's
November	23-26	Academy Kyu-grading Certificate Presentations	All Academy Dojo's
November	30	All Schools - Holiday Times	All Academy Dojo's



Regards,  
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