

2025 WUKF EAST CAPE OPEN & 2026 WUKF EASTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL TRIALS

GUY BUTLER THEATRE, 1820 SETTLERS MONUMENT
MAKHANDA/GRAHAMSTOWN

- ❖ Children, Youth, Adult & Veterans (all belt levels).
- ❖ Medals will be awarded to the top three in each category.
- ❖ Individual Kata, Kumite and Kobudo Categories.

Date: 25th October 2025

United Shotokan-Ryu



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Dear Colleagues

Please join us for the final round of the 2025 WUKF Eastern Cape League which will take place in Makhanda on the 25th October. This event will also serve as provincial trials for the Eastern Cape dojos which hold affiliation to MASA. Competitors will once again compete in several categories to accumulate points to determine the top ten karate and kobudo practitioners in the Eastern Cape for 2025.

The Guy Butler Theatre in Makhanda/Grahamstown is internationally acclaimed for hosting some of the world's greatest performance artists, shows and ballet companies. This superb theatre will once again provide a unique setting for the energy, athleticism, spirit, and camaraderie which imbues WUKF Karate.

The event will be powered by the Kihapp Tournament Management System which provides viewing and real time updates for scoring, drawsheets and category starting times. This data is also accessible via competitors', coaches', supporters', and parents' smart phones. We also intend streaming categories live to YouTube.

The Championship will be based on WUKF rules with amendments and will include individual kata, kumite and kobudo (short and long weapons). Kata and kumite categories will accommodate novice, intermediate and elite competitors based on age and belt level. Kobudo categories will be arranged according to various age categories.

We would be honoured with your participation in what promises to be an enjoyable event for participants, officials, and spectators alike.


Kind regards

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Date:	Saturday, 25th October 2025.
Venue:	Guy Butler Theatre, 1820 Settlers Monument, Makhanda
Directions from PE:	Stay on the N2 approaching Makhanda. Follow the N2 signage directly to the 1820 Settlers Monument. Estimated traveling time: 90 minutes.
Directions from EL:	Stay on the N2 approaching Makhanda. Follow the N2 signage directly to the 1820 Settlers Monument. Estimated traveling time: 140 minutes (approximate).
Directions from PA:	Take the N2 off ramp as you approach Makhanda on the R67. Once on the N2 follow the N2 signage directly to the 1820 Settlers Monument. Estimated traveling time: 50 minutes (approximate).
Coordinates:	-33.319492, 26.519036
Briefing:	08:00: Referees and Judges.
Starting time:	08:30: Official Opening.
First categories:	08:50
Competitor entry fees:	R150 first category. R100 per additional category individual/team.
Spectator entry fees:	R50,00 payable on entry in cash or by card.
Closing date:	Entries: Friday, the 17 th October. Kindly note that this is the final date for the submission of entries on Kihapp. Please note that no refunds will be made for withdrawals after the 17 th October. Each dojo/Federation is required to make a single payment on behalf of their members. <i>Regrettably no late entries will be accepted thereafter.</i>
Account details:	ECSR Karate. Standard Bank Acc No: 28 406 2596. Reference: Dojo name Each dojo will be invoiced on the 18 th of October with payment due on the 20 th of October.
Categories:	Male and female individual kata and kumite. The competitor's age on the day of the Championship and belt level will determine the category in which he/she will compete. Should it be deemed necessary, the organisers reserve the right to combine categories.
Children:	7yrs and under, 8yrs, 9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs and 12yrs: White to Orange, Green to Purple and Red to Black.
Cadets:	13 & 14yrs, 15-17yrs: White to Orange, Green to Purple and Red to Black.
Juniors:	18-20yrs: White to Orange, Green to Purple and Brown to Black.
Seniors:	21-35yrs: White to Orange, Green to Purple and Brown to Black.
Veterans:	36 49yrs: White to Orange, Green to Purple and Brown to Black. 50yrs+: White to Orange, Green to Purple and Brown to Black.

Individual Kata:	<p>The kata competition will be run according to the point system.</p> <p>2 Rounds of kata (if 7 or more competitors):</p> <p>White to Orange: may repeat a kata.</p> <p>Green to Purple and Red to Black: Free choice kata but may not repeat.</p>
Individual Kumite:	<p>5 - 12yrs: Shobu Nihon (4 waza-ari/2 ippon).</p> <p>13yrs+ Shobu Sanbon (6 waza-ari/3 ippon) .</p> <p>The knockout system will be employed for all categories.</p>
Kobudo: (Long & Short Weapons)	<p>10 & under, 11-13yrs, 14-17yrs, 18-35yrs, 36-49yrs, 50yrs+ (one round only).</p> <p>Open belt categories.</p>
Kyu/Dan levels:	<p>Please note that kyu/dan levels for the tournament are based on the following system:</p> <p>White belt = 9th kyu</p> <p>Yellow belt = 8th kyu</p> <p>Orange belt = 7th kyu</p> <p>Green belt = 6th kyu</p> <p>Blue belt = 5th kyu</p> <p>Purple belt = 4th kyu</p> <p>Brown belt (including Shotokan Junior Red belt) = 3rd-1st kyu</p> <p>Dan/Black belt = 1st-10 dan</p>
WUKF Rules:	<p>The WUKF rules will be implemented and at times may be amended for the purposes of the tournament. Please use the following link to view the WUKF rules: WUKF Rules - World Union of Karate-Do Federations</p> <p>Entry form: Please complete the indemnity & entry form and email it to garyg@geenet.co.za. Alternatively, a completed and signed hard copy may be delivered to the organisers prior to the start of the tournament.</p>
	<p>The Kihapp Online Tournament Management System will be used to register all athletes, coaches, and referees. It is recommended for each dojo to appoint one team manager to register their athletes for the Championship. Once the Kihapp site is open all dojo-heads will receive a link to access the site. If you've never used Kihapp before, you will be required to register your email address and set a password. From there you will be able to access the tournament site and register your entries. Kihapp is easy to use and you will be able to enter and delete entries up to Friday, the 7th of October. If you have any questions or difficulties with the system, please don't hesitate to contact the organiser.</p>
Equipment:	<p>Gum shields (any colour except red) and mitts (red or white) are mandatory. Shin and instep pads are optional. No blue mitts, instep or shin pads are permitted.</p>
Refreshments and snacks:	<p>A snack station will be available at the venue. Refreshments and lunch will be provided for officials.</p>
Referees and Judges:	<p>All competing dojo are requested to please consider providing referees and/or judges for the tournament.</p>

