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31st Shorin-Ryu Shorinkan Nationals 2025 – Pretoria **ISSUE 2.00**

Subject:	Invitation and Championship Rules
Date:	10 & 11 October 2025
Closing Dates Entries	22 September 2025
Payment	03 October 2025
Tournament Briefing:	17H00 on 09 October 2025 at the Tournament venue. Compulsory the Refs / Judges / Coaches / Team Managers / Table Officials.
March-on &: Opening Ceremony	Friday 07h30.
Tournament Start:	Immediately after opening Ceremony
Saturday:	Tournament start 8h00
Venue:	Jonnibach Hall, 377 Eufees street Pretoria North (NG Kerk Onderstepoort)
Entry Fee:	Competitor : R150 Kata : R150 Kumite : R60 Kobudo long weapon : R60 Kobudo short weapon Unison : R150 per team Rotational Kumite: R150 per team Spectator : R20.00 adults, children free
Accommodation & Transport :	Arrangements to be made by yourself.

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Entries & Payments will only be accepted from dojos – NO INDIVIDUAL Entry and / or Payment to be made.

Payment - Please clearly indicate your dojo's name to control entries properly!!!:

Payment per club to:

Villieria Karate

ABSA savings account

Account Number - **1468240013**

Reference: *Dojo Club Name/ NATIONALS*

Proof of payment to "senseiriaan.coetzee@gmail.com"

Tournament Entries

Each Dojo responsible to do entries on the Kihapp system

Note: Karateka entered for Kobudo – Kobudo Grade to be submitted

Cafeteria:

Refreshments and light meals will be sold at the venue. No food or drinks will be allowed to be brought into the venue.

DIVISIONS

Kata & Kata Opens

Unison Kata & Unison Kata Opens

Kobudo – Long Weapons – Bo & Eku

Kobudo – Short Weapons – Nunchaku, Sai, Kama, Tonfa & Tinbe-rochin

Kobudo Opens

Kumite & Kumite Opens

Rotational Kumite – male & female separate.

Age: As on 10 October 2025.
8 years & under, (entries will determine if sub-division split is required),
9-10yrs, 11-12yrs, 13-14yrs, 15-17yrs, 18-21yrs, 22-29yrs, 30-39yrs, 40-49yrs,
50 – 59yrs & 60 & over.

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Grades: White-Orange
Green-Purple
Brown and Black

These age & grade divisions are provisional and will be finalised following receipt of entries.
The organiser/s reserve the right to combine divisions should it be deemed necessary.

KATA: Kata competition will be run as follows:
White to Orange – only one round for 6 or less participants and two rounds for more than 6 participants
Any of the following Katas – Participants may repeat a Kata
Kihon 1-3
Tai-koko-Kata
Naihanchi 1 & 2
Pinan 1 & 2

Green to Purple – only one round for 6 or less participants and two rounds for more than 6 participants
Any of the following Katas – Participants may not repeat a Kata
(If lower grade (orange) is in the higher grade group, the lower grade will also do two kata, but may repeat)
Naihanchi 3
Pinan 3, 4 & 5
Passai-Sho
Wanshu

Scores of both rounds to be added together.

Brown to Black Belts – Two rounds – the number of participants does not determine
Any Kata that is on the WUKF Shorin-Ryu Kata list may be done.
Two rounds (must be a Pinan or Naihanchi round plus a Black Belt Kata from the list)
Scores of both rounds to be added together

NOTE!!

The fact that we are using mostly WUKF rules, does allow kata to have slow movements at the correct places, contrary to Shorinkan tradition.



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KOBUDO

Separate divisions for Long & Short Weapons.

Long Weapons : Bo & Eku

Short Weapons : Nunchaku, Sai, Kama, Tonfa & Tinbe-rochin.

Participants may perform any Kobudo Kata on the WUKF Kobudo Kata List.
When performing Kobudo kata, contestants should wear their Kobudo obi.

All categories (White to Orange, Green to Purple & Brown to Black) -

Only one round for 6 or less participants and two rounds for more than 6 participants

White to Orange

Any Kata including 14 moves

Participants may repeat a Kata

Green to Purple

Any Kata

Participants may repeat a Kata

Can be different weapon – Long and Short cannot be mixed

Brown to Black

Any Kata

Participants may not repeat a Kata

Can be different weapon – Long and Short cannot be mixed

UNISON:

Unison competition will be run using the point system.

Participants are restricted to performing approved traditional

Shorinkan kata. Oldest student, Highest Grade and Majority (female/male) will define category. **Not opens**

Juniors (≤ 17) – mixed gender team/s will be allowed (majority defines)

Seniors (18 +) – mixed gender team/s will be allowed (majority defines)

KUMITE:

The 6 point rule for kumite with no negative points for fouls.

12 years and younger 4 points

Same age & belt groups as kata – no weight divisions

Repechage system will be employed for all divisions.

Gum shields and Mitts (red & white) are compulsory. No Blue mitts

Red and White belts will be provided.

Groin Protector (male) and Chest protector (female) are preferable.

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BLACK BELT OPENS:

Unison – (16+ for all team members) All participants must be a black belt and no mixed gender team/s will be allowed.

Kata – (16+) Must be a black belt & 2 different kata.

Kobudo – (16+) & 2 different weapons. Must be a black belt in either karate or Kobudo

Kumite – (18+). Must be a black belt. **This event will be at 12h00 on Saturday!!**

The Board of Directors has the authority to change this criteria on the day of the Championship.

Athletes have to participate in the tournament division of the specific event if he/she wants to participate in the Opens event – Kata / Kobudo / Kumite.

A trained Paramedic will be on duty on Saturday 11 October 2025 for Kumite.

NOTE!

All black belts and senior brown belts will be required to be judges on the day of the tournament.

Names to be forwarded on entry list. Only those nominated will be allowed to judge.

Official attire to be worn.

OTHER STYLES!

Should there be competitors from non Shorinkan who practices Kokusai Renkokai Kobudo, they may enter in the Kobudo and Kumite divisions. If the numbers allow, a separate kata division will be made to accommodate them.

No entry in the Shorinkan open divisions however.



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GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1. GENERAL RULES

- Right of Admission is reserved.
- Entries accepted from paid up *affiliated* members of Shorin-Ryu Shorinkan SA.
- Should any tournament rules / arrangements be disregarded, the offending person / participant or spectator may be required to leave the championship / venue, immediately.
- Participants take part at their own risk. No claim may be made against the host, Shorin-Ryu Shorinkan Pretoria or any of the officials officiating on the day of the tournament.
- **Attached indemnity form – compulsory for each student that participates. To be handed in to your Club Sensei and in turn handed in at the championship before tournament commences.**
- It is the responsibility of each instructor to explain the conditions to the participant before entering the championship.
- Karateka must participate in white Gi's (Karate suits)
- Females may wear a white t-shirt under their gi top.
- Only the official application form will be accepted, legibly completed
Separate Kobudo Grade for students participating in Kobudo
- No entry fees will be refunded on withdrawal.
- Only the official coaches will be allowed on the floor. **The one's nominated on the entry form!!!**
- Any participant not reporting to his/her floor after 3 call-out's, will be immediately disqualified.
We shall start with black belt senior divisions on both days!

OFFICIALS

- A meeting will be held at 07h30 on the Friday morning whereby all referees, managers, coaches, instructors and table officials will be briefed regarding the rules and arrangement concerning the championship.

3. SPECTATORS

- No spectator or supporter may move onto or interfere in the arena.
- On the day of the tournament no arguments with a referee will be permitted. Should there be a problem on the floor, it can be resolved by reporting it to the relevant floor manager, who will bring it to the attention of the tournament director. Formal complaints can be presented in writing and the tournament director will give feedback.

As you are aware there is a lot that goes into hosting a National Tournament and we would appreciate it that the cut-off dates 19 September and 26 September 2025 for all entries and payments is adhered to.

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TOURNAMENT RULES : WUKF rules with ammendments.

1.1 The purpose of the tournament rules is to provide for the smooth and fair administration of the tournament event and to ensure the safety of its participants and the enjoyment of its spectators.

1.2 All tournaments of Shorin-Ryu Shorinkan South Africa are subject to the following rules.

1.3 All participants, athletes and non-athletes alike, must adhere to the tournament rules and act in accordance with the spirit of Karate-Do or risk being censured from participating in all or part of the tournament event at the discretion of the Chief Referee.

1.4 All problems, issues or circumstances not clearly regulated by the tournament rules will be decided at the discretion of the Chief Referee.

As mentioned above, 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](#)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION:

INDEMNITY AND CONSENT FORM FOR THE SHORIN-RYU SHORINKAN SA NATIONAL CHAMPIONHIPS – 2025 PRETORIA

This will be send out as a separate form.

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