

2023 Tournament Calendar

Date	Competitor Level	Event & Location
Sunday 12th Feb	Development & Elite	VKL Melbourne Open Melton
Sunday 26th Feb	Open to Any Level Compulsory for State Squad New & Current Competitors	Victorian State Championships Macleod
Sunday 19th Mar	Development & Elite	VKL Shotokan Karate Cup Box Hill
Friday 5th to Sunday 7th May	Open to Any Level	AKF Australia Open Liverpool NSW
	National Team Only	OKF Cadet & Junior Oceania Championships Liverpool NSW
Sunday 21st May	Development & Elite	VKL Kobe Osaka Keysborough
Sunday 18th Jun	Development & Elite Compulsory Squad Event	VKL Shukokai Cup Dandenong
Sunday 9th Jul	Open to Any Level	SSU Vic Championships Dandenong
Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd Jul	National Team Only	OKF Senior & U21 Oceania Championships Christchurch NZ
Friday 25th to Sunday 27th Aug	State Team Only	Australian National Championships Perth WA
Saturday 23rd Sep	Open to Any Level	Karate Victoria Open Macleod
Sunday 8th Oct	Development	KV Junior Development Tournament Melton
Saturday 2nd to Monday 11th Dec	Selected SSU Affiliated Club Competitors	SSU Junior Japan Trip Register Your Interest

DEFINITIONS OF AN ATHLETE

An elite athlete for the purposes of VKL is someone who has been a member of the Victorian State Team in either of the previous two years. Please note this does not include reserves

Any athlete who meets the above criteria must ONLY enter the Elite Divisions. However, this only applies to the discipline in which they have achieved state team selection eg if a competitor is a member of the State Team in Kata but not in Kumite, they are permitted to enter the development division in Kumite.

Athletes who do not meet the definition of an elite athlete may enter the Development Divisions. These athletes may also choose to enter the Elite divisions however, an athlete who has entered both Divisions and places 1st or 2nd in the Elite Division cannot participate in the Development Divisions in future events.

An Open event is for any competitor of any skill level competing in divisions applicable to what they have entered. Eg: Age & weight. An Open event is unrestricted and any competitor can enter who understands the event rules of competition.

KUMITE EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

WKF/AKF Blue & red gloves, shin guards and instep protectors which MUST cover the toes*

Moulded mouth guard and a body protectors are compulsory for all competitors including seniors

Approved white head protectors are compulsory for all children's divisions

WKF/AKF Groin guard for males of all ages and chest guard for female cadets and above

Blue and Red belts must be used and a spare backup uniform in the case of blood contamination (blood rule health & safety)

If a contestant comes into the area inappropriately dressed, they will be allowed one minute to remedy matters, otherwise they will be disqualified

**Development competitors will only need either red or blue protective equipment NOT BOTH*

KATA EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

Blue and Red belts must be used

White plain singlet for females

Heavier weight Kata uniform recommended

VICTORIAN STATE TEAM SELECTIONS

All athletes seeking selection in the Victorian State Team MUST have participated in the Victorian State Championships the same year. Athletes seeking selection in the State Team to compete at the National Championships are encouraged to enter the Elite Divisions. Points accumulated over the four VKL tournaments in the Elite Divisions will be considered in the process of State Team selection.