

# 2025 Tournament Calendar

Date	Competitor Level	Event & Location
Sunday 16th Feb	Development & Elite	VKL Melbourne Open Melton
Sunday 2nd Mar	Open to Any Level Compulsory for State Squad New & Current Competitors	Victorian State Championships Macleod Speak to Sensei Simon Regarding This Tournament
Sunday 23rd Mar	Development & Elite	VKL Shotokan Karate Cup Box Hill
4th to 6th Apr	Open to Any Level	AKF Australia Open Liverpool NSW
Sunday 18th May	Development & Elite	VKL Kobe Osaka Keysborough
<b>Sunday 15th Jun</b>	<b>Development &amp; Elite Compulsory Squad Event</b>	<b>VKL Shukokai Cup Dandenong</b>
10th to 13th Jul	State Team Only	Australian National Championships Adelaide, SA
<b>Sunday 24th Aug</b>	<b>Open to Any Level Compulsory Squad Event</b>	<b>SSU Vic Championships Dandenong</b>
Saturday 20th Sep	Open to Any Level	KV Junior Development Tournament Melton

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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

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

WKF white head protector with fac mask 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

## 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.