



## 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL JKA OPEN TRAINING CAMP & COMPETITION 18<sup>TH</sup> -22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019 MANDURAH WESTERN AUSTRALIA

### **SPECIAL JKAHQ VIP GUEST SHIHAN T. IMAMURA.**

*Unlike other states in Australia, Western Australia is geographically remote and with an abundance of JKA Karate talent here in Western Australia, an official organised annual open JKA BUDO training camp and competition was long overdue, Report: Jim Wood MBE*

Over 100 enthusiastic students from **JKA KDA** supported by **JKAA** and **JKA SKC** in Western Australia travelled to Mandurah WA to participate in what is now the largest JKA Karate gathering in Western Australia. The beginner and senior grades classes were both at full capacity during this awesome week of training, **solely** by the legendary JKA Karate master **T. Imamura Shihan**. Fantastic private training sessions with this Karate icon were on offer at Jim Wood custom made JKA Dojo in Mandurah and JKA KDA Perth WA. Besides a week of intense training, Shihan T. Imamura oversaw a strict 2-hour judge seminar that was included prior to the successful 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Dan grading examinations.

**T. Imamura Shihan** had a captive audience all week in the Dojo with his masterly detailed attention to basic stances, his emphasis on turning in all Kata was exceptional. Shihan detailed several Heian, Bassai, Kanku, Enpi, and Jion Kata as well as the special Kumite lesson which made him a proven legendary JKA champion. More work on the high stances, Kime, and hips were highlighted.

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> OPEN JKA -KDA "Ippon Shobu" competition with special VIP guest Imamura Shihan** was held on the last day of the camp, where over 80 students competed. Official judges were from 3 JKA groups who worked very hard as one JKA team here in WA. All groups took their fair share of the silverware, with special awards being presented by T. Imamura Shihan.

To see all the happy children flaunting and rattling their medals was very rewarding for all the 3 groups instructors. The JKA judges also received an appreciation certificate and enjoyed gaining the experience required for their JKA accreditations.

A special thanks to JKAHQ, T. Imamura Shihan, for continued support, and the 3 JKA groups and their sensei's who helped to make this a successful and memorable week for JKA Western Australia, where many new friendships were kindled.

\*Next year's 3<sup>rd</sup> Open JKA WA camp and competition is already planned here in Mandurah WA 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Another top JKAHQ instructor will be invited to attend and it is hoped for an even bigger turnout of JKA participants. Invitations will be sent nearer the time, please follow us on face book for updates.

Thank you.  
Jim Wood MBE  
Organiser

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