



IV PAN AMERICAN KARATE JKA CHAMPIONSHIP 2023
AUGUST 19th and 20th, 2023
JKA INTERNATIONAL KARATE GASSHUKU – SOUTH AMERICAN JKA
AUGUST 17th and 18th, 2023
BOGOTA, COLOMBIA



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PRINCIPALES ACTIVIDADES

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1. INTERNATIONAL GASSHUKU, JKA SUDAMERICANA – August 16th and 17th



Led by Oishi T. Shihan, 9th Dan, Assistant Chief Instructor of JKA HQ, assisted by Hakizume K. Sensei, 3rd Dan, current JKA National Kata Champion in Japan and coordinated by Inoue M. Shihan, 8th Dan, President of the JKA Sudamericana, a massive technical seminar was held with the participation of more than 300 karatekas from all the countries of America.

The masterful practices taught by Oishi T. Shihan were focused on Kihon Kumite and Jiyu Kumite where he demonstrated the great technical skill that characterizes him and led him to be one of the most famous Kumite competitors in history. The second part of each of the practices was led by Hakizume K. Sensei, with explanations and spectacular executions of the katas: Bassai Sho, Kanku Sho, Unsu and Wankan. In turn, Inoue M. Shihan was responsible for the translation and coordination of each of the practices and with his accurate explanations and demonstrations, he provided the possibility for all attendees to receive the instruction correctly.

A great honor for JKA Colombia to have been responsible for the organization of this momentous event.

2. JUDGE SEMINAR – August 18th



With the participation of more than 60 judges of different nationalities, it was taught and directed by the technical commission of the JKA Sudamericana, made up of Sensei Jaime Agliati (Chile), Eugenia Valls (Argentina), Enrique Nan (Uruguay) and Alfredo Aires (Brazil) and the judges with International category present at the event.



3. WELCOME DINNER – August 18th



With the presence of two representatives from each country, and as special guests Oishi Takeshi Shihan, Hikuzume Kaishi Sensei as representatives of JKA-HQ, Inoue Mitsuo Shihan President of the JKA South America, Machida Yoshizo (Brazil) and Armando Vargas Sensei Director of the event, JKA Colombia offered the Welcome Dinner to the participating delegations.

4. COMPETITIONS – AUGUST 19th and 20th, VERMONT GYM CULTURAL CENTER



The competitions took place on August 19 and 20. At the Vermont Gymnasium Cultural Center, a competition space suitable for hosting 6 competition areas. With the participation of more than 700 competitors from 16 countries.

- Children & Youth Competition, August 19th





The Children & Youth competition began with categories from 11 years to 20 years, Male and Female in the modalities of Individual Kata and Kumite. In the 15-16 year old categories, both Kata and Kumite team competitions were presented.

- Senior Competition, August 19th



In the Senior competition there were 5th age categories, 40-45 years, 46-50 years, 51-55 years, 56-60 and Over 61, Male and Female in the Kata and Kumite modalities.



- Adult Individual and Team Competition



Adult Category Competition, Male and Female from 21th years of age. He developed in the modalities of Kata and Kumite.



On this time, the Argentine team was crowned Champion team in the overall medal table of the event.

Argentina, Champion country of the “IV Pan American JKA Karate Championship 2023”



Colombia team, host country.



5. OPENING CEREMONY





On Sunday, August 20th, representatives of the Embassy of Japan in Colombia and Directors of JKA-HQ, JKA South America and JKA Colombia were present at the opening of the event



In company of the Cultural Attaché and the Senior Counselor of the Embassy of Japan in Colombia, the opening of the Championship took place on Sunday, August 20th at 1 pm.



JKA officials



Armando Vargas R. Director of the event



Inoue M. Shihan, President of the South American JKA



Oishi T. Shiha, Assistance Chief Instructor JKA-HQ

6. EXHIBITION BY HAKIZUME K. SENSEI – KATA: GANKAKU



7. FINAL RESULTS



Lugar	País	Sigla	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1	Argentina	ARG	24	20	18
2	Brasil	BRA	15	13	30
3	Chile	CHI	14	13	18
4	Estados Unidos	USA	4	2	7
5	Venezuela	VEN	3	5	5
6	México	MEX	2	5	2
7	Canadá	CAN	2	0	1
8	Panamá	PAN	2	0	0
9	Paraguay	PY	0	3	1
10	Colombia	COL	0	2	1
11	Perú	PER	0	2	1
12	Bolivia	BOL	0	1	0
13	Costa Rica	CR	0	0	1
14	Ecuador	ECU	0	0	0
15	Uruguay	URU	0	0	0
16	El Salvador	SAL	0	0	0

7. SAYONARA PARTY – 20TH DE AUGUST





With the attendance of nearly 800 people, the competitors, authorities, and companions, both adults and children, enjoyed and, above all, strengthened the ties of friendship between the countries in our traditional Camaraderie Festival.

This is how the activities corresponding to the “IV Pan American JKA Karate Championship 2023 – Bogotá, Colombia” ended.

The next day each of the delegations began their return home.

We want to thank each and every one of those who participated directly or indirectly in this wonderful event, thanks to their effort and commitment we achieved this great dream.

ARIGATOU!!!

Sincerely,

ARMANDO VARGAS R.
Representative & Chief Instructor
JKA/WF COLOMBIA