

Report of trip to British Open Karate Championships Glasgow 6th – 7th October 2012

The Irish National Karate Team is made up from all the various karate styles in Ireland. Individual clubs or associations must be members of the official National Amateur Karate Association of Ireland (O.N.A.K.A.I.), in order to represent Ireland under the National Governing Body (NGB) for karate in Ireland. Students must train under the ONAKAI coaches and be selected for the national squad in order to compete.



Eleven of the 13 kata Irish team came from Itosu-kai karatedo Ireland (IKKI).
Rear L->R: Jake Mulvany, Nathan Donelan, Karen Dolphin, Una Flynn, Faye Mulvany & David Fuery. Front: Evan Donelan, Eimar Porter, Evan Dowd, Layla Ward & Kian Porter.

The format of the kata event was; individual kata, team pairs and teams of three.

Junior Report

Layla Ward, Evan Dowd and Evan Donelan won bronze in the U-13's Mixed 3 Person Teams event, with Ward and Dowd also finishing third - for their second bronze of the competition - in the Kata Team U-14 Mixed Pairs. Kian and Eimar Porter came agonizingly close to winning bronze in the male



and female U-14 individual competition, with Eimar being knocked out in the 3rd round by a split decision, just losing out on bronze by one flag.

There were also sterling performances by Faye Mulvany, and Nathan Donelan. Faye winning her 1st round 5-0 and going out of the second on a split decision 2-3. Nathan and Evan Donelan also

competed in kumite where the standard of kumite was very high. An experience the brothers will remember. Huge credit must go to our own Itosu-kai Kata coach who is also the ONAKAI National Kata coach, Marie Dolphin. Marie was extremely pleased with the success and performance of the kata team. Marie entered students into as many categories as possible so as to gain as much experience from the international as possible and to maximise the opportunity for success. Leo Mulvany, IKKI Chief Instructor, saw the overall performance as strong as most of the loses were on split decisions



leaving us with a positive view for the future.

Senior Report

This years British Open ran over 2 days, with 22 countries competing and almost 1200 competitors on 8 tatami's and 60 referees/officials in attendance.

Four of Itosu-kai's senior team represented Ireland, Karen Dolphin, Jake Mulvany, David Feury and Una Flynn. Jake was first up in the under 21 category and in spite of going out in the first round he was able to eventually take bronze with a convincing win through the repechage.



In the senior ladies, Karen and Una won through to the 3rd round competing with superb performances against very experienced opponents. Exiting just before medals on split decisions, their performances were exemplary and demonstrated great commitment and technique.

David and Jake put in sterling performances in the senior mens but were up against very talented experienced competitors. Jake did not progress past the first round and David was unable to take advantage of repechage.



Thanks to Itosu-kai kumite coach Kevin Casey and assistant Jake Mulvany for their kumite coaching and John Dolphin, ONAKAI regional kumite coach for his NGB input. Last, but not least, a huge thanks to the parents for their support especially, Niall Donelan, Cyril & Marie Porter (& Cormac), Joe Ward, Sonia Dowd & Lorraine Coyne for travelling with the team and Iomar Porter in Glasgow.