



BEST OF THE BEST WAKO PARTICIPANTS OF 2014

WAKO Women Committee presents the best fighters and referees of 2014 WAKO Championships. CONGRATULATIONS. Let us learn more about our CHAMPIONS.

We will update this list.



MARIA DOMENICA MANDOLINI – ITALY

the best low kick female fighter of WAKO European Championships in Bilbao 2014

Italian champion from 2004 to 2014

Bronze medalist at WAKO European Championships - Guimaraes 2008

Silver medalist at WAKO European Championships in Budva, Skopje, Baku, Ankara

Silver medalist at World Championships in Belgrade, Villach, Skopje

Gold medalist at World Championships - Agadir 2005

Gold medalist at European Championships - Bilbao 2014

Winner of Wako Thailand title in Rajong 2006

WAKO PRO European champion 64kg 2010

WAKO PRO European champion 62kg 2011, 2012, 2013

Domenica's record: 50W 0N 8L



JORDAN DORAN – IRELAND

the best point fighting female fighter of WAKO World Championships in Rimini 2014

Jordan is 13 years of age and has been practicing martial arts along with her team mates of Hurricane Martial Arts for 7 Years.

A few of her accomplishments to date consist of Irish National Champion in 2013 & 2014 in both disciplines semi contact and light contact.

Irish open champion in the age category 13-15 +65kg which she won at 12 years of age.

She also dominated WAKO Worlds 2014 in the same category and Came home with Gold medal.

Along with this prestigious title she also was named Best female fighter of the tournament in Semi contact.

PETRA LONCAR - CROATIA

the best point fighting female fighter of WAKO European Championships in Maribor 2014

Petra Loncar was born 28.06.1997. She started training kickboxing in 2005 when she was 8 years old, in one of the best Croatian clubs – Tigar Karlovac.

Petra's coach Zoran Cicvara, lead Petra to first World Championship in 2008 in Napoli (Italy) where she took the 3rd place.

Next year 2009 she was in the European Championships in Pula (Croatia) and she was European Champion in Point fighting.

In Belgrade(Serbia) in 2010 on World Championships, Petra took the 2nd place in Point fighting.

European Championship in 2011 in Lignano Sabbiadoro (Italy) was Petra's first Championship in light contact and she was the European Champion in light contact and silver in point fighting.

World championship in 2012 in Bratislava (Slovakia) was a great year for her, she was the double World Champion in light contact and point fighting.

In 2013 in Krynica-Zdroj (Poland), she was the European Champion in light contact.

In World Championships in Italy, Rimini in 2014 Petra was silver in light contact.

After Rimini his coach made a decision and took Petra at the age of 17 to participate in European Championships for seniors in Maribor 2014. Petra won the gold medal in pointfighting and silver in light contact.





MICHAELA KOVACOVA – SLOVAKIA

the best female referee ring sports of WAKO World Championships in Rimini 2014

Michaela have started with kickboxing in 2005 in Steel Trans kickboxing club Kosice, where she is still member but now like a referee.

During few years, she had to finish competing in ring sports, due to some hard injuries. At the beginning of

year 2009, when she had a break for convalescence, she started with judging at national cups, moreover it was her first time as referee at WAKO European championships cadets & juniors in Pula Croatia, in same year.

Definitely she stopped fighting in 2011 at WAKO World championships in Macedonia.

In 2013 during WAKO World senior championship in São Paulo in Brazil she was awarded as BEST REFEREE - ring sports , presented by acting WAKO IF president Espen Lund. Later in this year she got a place between WAKO PRO REFEREES.

During WAKO World championships in Antalya in Turkey were elections for composition of WAKO Europe Board during the General Assembly for WAKO EUROPE foundation on Sunday 1st December 2013 in Antalya, Michaela became a member of WAKO European ring sport Committee.

From 2009 till today she still have presented and working with Slovak Kickboxing Union and WAKO.

ILKNUR GEDIK - TURKEY

the best light contact female fighter of WAKO World Championships in Rimini 2014

Turkish national athlete Ilknur Gedik has become the Junior World Champion in the discipline of Light Contact, 50 kg at the World Kickboxing Championship which was held between 06-14.09 in Rimini, Italy. In addition she was elected as "the most technical athlete" in said tournament.





GAYNOR MORGAN – GREAT BRITAIN

the best light contact female fighter of WAKO European Championships in Maribor 2014

I have been training in martial arts for around 10 years now. I started in Peterborough freestyle and moved to train with Hicks karate, where I remained until end of 2014. I have recently moved over to Immortal 365, All these clubs are Peterborough based, which is also where I live.

As well as training in Peterborough 4 years ago I was given opportunity to train at the Blue Blood academy, I become part of the international team blue blood international team. I am still training at this club on a regular basis.

WAKO TITLES:

2012 - bronze European +70kg points

2012 - Czech Open +65 kg ladies points

2013 - double bronze world title +70kg

2014 double British +70kg

2014 Irish open light con +70kg

2014 best fighter - bronze light con +70kg

2014 WAKO European gold light con,

2014 Bronze points +70kg; bronze teams

2015 Triple WAKO British +70kg, -70kg light contact

I train 4/5 days a week, around my normal Monday to Friday job. This also includes me heading down to the gym to incorporate some weights, and fitness classes.

My favorite technique is reverse blitz.

Future/long term goals - continue to grow and improve, main focus is to see this fighting year through first before thinking about the next. My main focus is now the Irish Open and then the Wako world's in November.

HANNE LAUSLETHO – FINLAND

**the best full contact female fighter of WAKO European Championships
in Bilbao 2014**

Hanne Lauslehto is a Finnish kickboxer fighting for Team Kehäkarhut from Järvenpää, Finland. Hanne started kickboxing at a young age of 15. She was quickly drawn into the fast pace and the toughness which competitive kickboxing requires. She also discovered that she's got a quite a talent for it. That same talent was spotted by her coach Juha Saurama. Juha Saurama has been Hanne's coach ever since, and they have traveled around the world in tournaments for many years. Hanne was an active competitor in kickboxing for many years and she also made the Finnish National team.

Together with kickboxing Hanne also started training Olympic Boxing at a young age. At the beginning of her career, kickboxing was her primary sport and she competed in boxing in addition to that. Hanne's achievements in boxing were significant. After the 2008 European Championships in kickboxing Hanne decided to focus exclusively in boxing. After that Hanne competed in the Finnish National Boxing team and was a runner up for the 2012 Olympics. During that time Hanne was only competing in boxing and her kickboxing training was on hold. After the elimination tournaments for the Olympics, she decided to go back to kickboxing. While focusing on boxing, Hanne won the bronze medal in the 2010 World Championships in boxing in the -51kg category.

The year 2013 was Hanne's comeback to kickboxing. She started competing regularly in international tournaments and quickly established her spot in the top of her division. The highlight of the year 2014 was the European Championships in Bilbao, Spain where Hanne won the women -52kg category in Full Contact. Now the goal is to hold her spot at the top of the division for years to come. Fight record in Kickboxing: 61 fights with 44 wins and 16 losses and 1 draw. As a professional kickboxing her record is 2-0-0. In boxing she has 101 fights with 82 wins and 19 losses.



We are looking forward to receiving the full information from the rest of nominated BEST FIGHTERS and REFEREES of 2014. We will publish them in order to obtain the answers.