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IRISH OPEN

01ST - 04TH MARCH

2018

CITYWEST HOTEL, DUBLIN, IRELAND
WWW.IRISHOPENONLINE.COM





Dear Coach/Student

We would like to invite you to 2018 Irish Open International. What an amazing year 2017 was. We broke all records within WAKO for the sixth year in row, surpassing all our expectations once again. With more than 4,000 registrations a new world record for a fighting tournament. So again we will ensure we only allow 4,000 registrations. We really are delighted with the continued positive feedback from coaches and fighters alike from our post event survey, amazingly 99.8% of coaches intend on returning in 2018. Last year we collaborated with Peace and Sport and IOC initiative Founded in 2007 by Modern Pentathlon Olympic Medalist and World Champion Joël Bouzou, Peace and Sport is a neutral and independent worldwide organization that is operational in using sport and its values as an instrument for peace, it is a strategic partner with WAKO IF and something we believe aligns itself with our chosen charity and the unique nature of the Irish Open contributing annually to society in support of vulnerable children. www.peace-sport.org

The Irish Open is run by fighters for fighters in aid of a very worthy charity, the Irish Society for the protection of Children. Please do not forget that it is unique in this regard in that nobody gets paid at all, every cent of profit is donated to the ISPC. No other tournament in the world today offers 17x7 meter matted areas, two 8x8 meter areas for forms. It is very important to remember competitor's registration will close at 12 noon on Friday 1st March. Also to ensure we maintain the integrity and joy of the championships competitor registrations are restricted to 4,000 as we really do not want the event to grow any more, strange but true, Irish Open is not about size or money it is about beauty and excellence, we want to ensure we can continue to offer the engagement and quality you have all come to expect from our event. We also must recognize the hard work of our volunteer referees, so we will have a more balanced program spread out over a longer time bringing more stability and space for everybody, competitors, coaches, officials and volunteers.

We are very excited about our continued collaboration with the US Open, the largest and most prestigious tournament in America. The two events will be closely linked in, with all winners from the 2017 Irish Open receiving automatic seeding at the 2018 US Open event and vice versa anybody ranked at US Open in the top three will be seeded in Irish Open.

We are very proud of what the Irish Open has become; it really is an amazing event, with so many international fighters. This truly gives your students a rare opportunity to compete against fighters of the same level. We look forward to seeing all our friends at what is a very unique get together of the world's most talented Martial Artist Athletes in what will be an inspirational weekend filled with energy and passion unmatched in the fighting tournament scene today.

Roy Baker, Chairman Irish Open Organizing Committee Where Legends are Born.



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2018 SCHEDULE

4th November 2017: Online registration goes live. Special Note: Registration is restricted to the first 4,000 entries, registered and PAID ONLINE.
17th February 2018: Online Registration Closes (If limit not reached)
Thursday 28th February: 8pm - 10.30pm International Masters fighting Seminars
8pm - 10.30pm JPM USA Forms team Seminar (Trix - Weapons-Forms)
10am - 10.30pm Competitor Registration ALL
Friday 1st March: 9am - 12 noon Competitor Registration ALL
12noon - 2pm Full Contact Fighter Medical Check (Mandatory)
2pm Draft Adult Draw (Friday) sheets issued. (Phone Application)
2pm - 9pm All Team Events (Fighting + Forms) Men (4 man) €1,000 Women (3 Woman) €750 Junior (3 boy - 1 girl) €250 Cadet (3 Boy - 1 Girl) €250 Younger Cadet (3 Boy - 1 Girl) €250
2pm - 9pm Full & K1 Eliminations (Two Rings)
2pm - 9pm Light Contact Eliminations (10 Areas)
8pm Draft Draw sheets issued for Saturday and Sunday
8pm - 9pm Change Table open for all proposed changes.
** Note it is the responsibility of the coach to review their competitors and ensure they are in the correct divisions/category. No changes after this time will be made.**
Saturday 2nd March: (Note any changes or omissions to draws must be made previous evening it is the responsibility of the coach to check the online system)
9am - 6pm All remaining Light Contact Sparring (8 Areas) All Adult Advanced Point Sparring (8 Areas) All Junior Advanced Point Sparring (8 Areas) Cadet/Junior Forms/Weapons/Trix Full and K1 Eliminations
(NOTE FULL CONTACT and K1 WILL CONTINUE IN TO SUNDAY ALL DAY)
7pm - 11pm Irish Open Night Of Champions
Note select only 10 PF - 2 FC 2 K1 - 3 LC matches - Forms Tricks battle - ** Cash Prize €250 **
Sunday 3rd March: ** NOTE No changes to published sheets**
9am All Pee Wee Point Sparring / Cadet Point Sparring All Younger Cadet Point Sparring / All Older Cadet Point Sparring Adult Forms/Weapons / Full & K1 Finals / Veterans
4pm Male Grand Champion (Win GC + Own Division €1,250 / Win GC Only €250) Female Grand Champion (Win GC + Own Division €750 / Win GC Only €250) Jr Male Grand Champion (Win GC + Own Division €250 / Win GC Only €100) Jr Female Grand Champion (Win GC + Own Division €250 / Win GC Only €100)
10pm Legendary Irish Open After Party

*PF = Point Fighting LC = Light Contact FC = Full Contact TK = Traditional Kata MF = Musical Forms K1 = K1 Rules
** BEGINNER: A beginner can not have competed more than three times. They must also be in the first two grades of your system. If your student comes out and throws machine gun kicks etc. or a fanstastic combination of the hands, he/she will be automatically disqualified. WE WILL STRICTLY ENFORCE THIS. Chief Referees Decision in area is final. No refund given.
***Grand Champion: A fighter MUST compete in Individuals if he/she wishes to compete in Grand Champion. If they pull out of individuals for any reason, they are automatically removed from Grand Champion Division.