

BRITISH KARATE GUILD

# NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2024



# BKG オープン

**1 week until the main event!**

The 2nd British Karate Guild Open Championships takes place on Saturday 9th November at the iconic Crystal Palace National Sports Centre, London - The Home of Full Contact Karate.

With over 170 fighters from around the world taking part, this promises to be an event not to be missed. Get there early to get the best seats! Doors open to spectators at 9am, the Tournament commences at 10.30am.

This will be a busy event, you are advised to book your tickets in advance. Adults - £25. Under 16yr - £15. Family Tickets (2 Adults & 2 under 16yrs) - £65

Book you tickets via the link below:

<https://buytickets.at/britishkarateguild/1285937>



Bespoke limited edition Tournament T-Shirts will be available to purchase at the BKG Shop at the Tournament - £20 (Fighters will be given one for free). Two designs are available, as shown and modeled above by Michael Watson MBE, who will be a VIP guest at the tournament. Dont miss out and get yours while stock lasts!

Our official Hotel is the **Leonardo Hotel, London, Croydon**. Guests can speak to the reservations team on +44 (0) 870 4100 800 or book via their website: <https://www.leonardo-hotels.com> (Select Croydon hotel)



**PLEASE NOTE:** The fighter medicals and weigh-ins will take place at the Leonardo Hotel from 5.30pm to 9.30pm on Friday 8th Nov in the Landsdown Suite. Please complete the Health questionnaire on the BKG website: <https://www.britishkarateguild.com/healthdeclaration>



**“SUCCESS IS NOT FINAL, FAILURE IS NOT FATAL:  
IT IS THE COURAGE TO CONTINUE THAT COUNTS.”**

**WINSTON S. CHURCHILL**



Do not miss out on the opportunity to train with our Five BKG Founders, Shihans Da Costa, Warden, Ntumazah, Whybrow & Stringer! The Open High grade Skills Seminar will take place on 19th Jan 2025, 11am - 2pm, Gravesend (for senior brown belts & above). Free to BKG main instructor; other BKG members - £10. Non members - £20.



The BKG Annual Winter Ball (incorporating a fun auction of memorabilia) is almost upon us!

Get your tickets by emailing [Bkg.kyokushin@gmail.com](mailto:Bkg.kyokushin@gmail.com) before they are all snapped up! Following on from the British Boxing legends, Michael Watson MBE, and last year, John Conteh MBE (pictured above), who will be our next mystery guest? Watch this space! More details to follow.

Tickets for 3 course meal & entertainment are only £50pp. See you Saturday 1st February 2025!



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### THE II BKG OPEN INTERNATIONAL KNOCKDOWN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday 9th November 2024

Doors open for spectators at 9am  
Crystal Palace National Sports,  
SE19 2BB

### HIGH GRADE SKILLS SEMINAR

Senior Brown Belts and Above

19th January 2025

11am to 2pm

Trinity Rd, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 1LU  
FREE for BKG main dojo Instructors  
£10 for BKG members, £20 for non BKG

### BKG WINTER BALL

Saturday 1st February 2025

Novotel Hotel, Stansted CM24 1SF  
3 course Meal and Entertainment  
£50 PP

### BKG OPEN NATIONAL KNOCKDOWN SQUAD TRAINING

Sunday 9th February 2025

12yrs and over

PT Studio One, 12 to 14 Fowler Rd,  
Hainault Ind Est, Ilford, IG6 3UT  
£10 for BKG members, £15 for non BKG.  
2pm to 5pm

### NATIONAL GRADING

1st Kyu and Above

Saturday 15th March 2025

Applications to be submitted via email  
(Time & venue to be confirmed)

### BKG INTERNATIONAL SUMMER CAMP

Friday 15th August - Sunday 17th August 2025

Essex Outdoors,  
Danbury, CM3 FAB

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