

2018 Karate Team Shiai

The Japan Karate Association of Montville in conjunction with the UConn Karate Club invites you to attend a team competition to be held on Saturday, April 7th.

This is a friendly competition and it is open to all ages, ranks, and gender. There will be a class followed by team kata and team kumite events. Details of the competition format are on the next page, along with a page to print and post at the dojo. Black belts waiting to compete or who do not wish to compete are invited to get valuable judging experience.

The purpose of this competition is to learn more about the team aspect of karate, foster better training spirit in this regard, meet new like-minded students from the area and especially to have fun. It will also serve as a warm up for the SKDI Annual Spring Championships held right down the road on May 5th.

Please send me your teams by **Thursday, April 5th or earlier**. Teams will also be formed *the day of* the competition as necessary, so any “remainders” may be placed on a team at the last moment. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

-*Bako*

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Saturday, April 7th



PHOTOS FROM PAST SHIAI

WHAT: A friendly dojo **TEAM** competition.

WHEN: 9:00am – 10:15pm: **Training**

10:45am – 1:30pm: **Competition**

1:30pm – 3:00pm: **Lunch**

WHERE: Fair Oaks School – Oakdale, CT 06370

Corner of Old Colchester Rd and Chesterfield Rd

WHO: Shotokan karate practitioners from the area

COST: **\$25** for **CLASS, COMPETITION** and **FOOD**

\$20 for part of the day

\$15 for each additional family member

*There is no cost for anyone assisting with judging

Certificates will be awarded accordingly

TEAM SHIAI FORMAT

Team Kata:

- Teams of 3 perform a synchronized kata of their choice.
- Judging is based equally on
 1. team technique and
 2. team timing.
- A score will be given against a standard of 6.0 for White/Green/Brown belts and 7.0 for black belts
- The low score and the high score are dropped
- The highest score in each division wins.
 - Ties are broken by including the low score, then the high
- It is also possible that you are competing on 2 different teams so listen for your name being called to possibly compete on another court.

Team Kumite:

- Teams of 3 perform basic sparring in 3 separate head-to-head matches.
- Judging is based on spirit, technique, speed, power, distance, target, balance and focus.
- Within each match a student wins if a majority of the judges vote for their performance.
- The team with the most amount of wins advances.
- Ties will be broken with an additional match if necessary.
- In cases of 3 teams, a “round robin” is used where teams must compete against both of their opponents.
- Some students may be asked to join other teams as the event unfolds so **BE READY!!**