

# March Announcements

March 1st, 2026 | JKA NorCal



## THIS MONTH

**Belt Testing:** We will be hosting an in-house Belt test for our students on **Friday, March 6th at 6 PM.** Instructors have reached out to the students who are testing. After all testing has concluded, stick around for a small celebration including your results! Pizza and refreshments will be provided. Please be at the dojo and in your gi by 5:45 PM at the latest so you have time to stretch and get settled!



**Silicon Valley Open:** WKF-style tournament hosted by United Bay Area Karate Club in San Jose. A great first tournament for students interested in competing at all ages and levels! We want to bring a big team to this first-time event! Let us know if you or your child is interested. Mouthguards are required for kumite.

*Date: March 14, 2026*



Pictures from last year's Golden Gate Championships and Tokon In-House tournaments

## CHECK YOUR CALENDAR

**JKA NorCal Dojo-wide Training:** We will be hosting a general class from 6:00-7:30 PM on **Friday, April 10th** for the whole dojo, yellow belt and up, all ages. This is a great opportunity to meet other dojo members and train with people who might not attend the same classes. For younger students, this is a chance to see some of your sempai training alongside you!

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



### Tokon Spring Tournament:

Congratulations to Abdallah and Amir Batshon for representing JKA NorCal at the latest competition in Sacramento! Special shout-out to Abdallah, who placed second in kumite.

They also attended a kumite seminar taught by U.S. national team member Joseph Tolentino. Over two sessions, they practiced a variety of drills centered on head kicks, evasive movement, and follow-up techniques.

## FUTURE COMPETITIONS

**USA Open Karate Championships:** Open international karate tournament in Fort Worth, TX, hosted by USNKF. This weekend is packed with instructional seminars and certifications for referees, coaches, and athletes. Early registration closes on March 16.

*Date: April 2-5, 2026*

**North American Open:** Open international karate tournament in Las Vegas, NV, hosted by the WUKF and AAU. There will be a variety of events available, including open kata, style-specific kata, ippon kumite, and sanbon kumite. Early registration closes on March 28.

*Date: April 3-5, 2026*

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If you haven't joined our Slack channel, please use this QR code to get looped in! This is the primary way to get announcements, ask questions, and contact other dojo members.



