

September Announcements

September 4th, 2025 | JKA NorCal



THIS MONTH

JKA Panamerican Championship in Bogotá: Six of our dojo members have been selected to represent the USA (and Canada) at this international event. We're wishing them the best of luck! As instructors will be out of town, there will be **no youth classes from September 23-25**. Share your best wishes with Senseis Wauriman and Christina, as well as Sempais Harry, Sammi, Abdallah, and Amir! Sensei Jihone will accompany them as a coach!

Tournament Dates: September 26-28, 2025 - We'll share the livestream link as soon as it's available!

New Students Arrive at JKA NorCal: This month, we welcome new students of all ages who are trying karate for the first time. Color belts, it's time for you to show off the skills you learned to earn those new belts! Say hello, make new friends, and show them JKA NorCal is a home for everyone.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

At the end of August, we hosted a belt exam and promotion at the dojo. Eighteen students tested for ranks ranging from 8th Kyu (yellow belt) to 1st Kyu (third brown belt). Special congratulations to the new yellow belts for completing their first exam, we hope it's the first of many to come!



FUTURE EVENTS

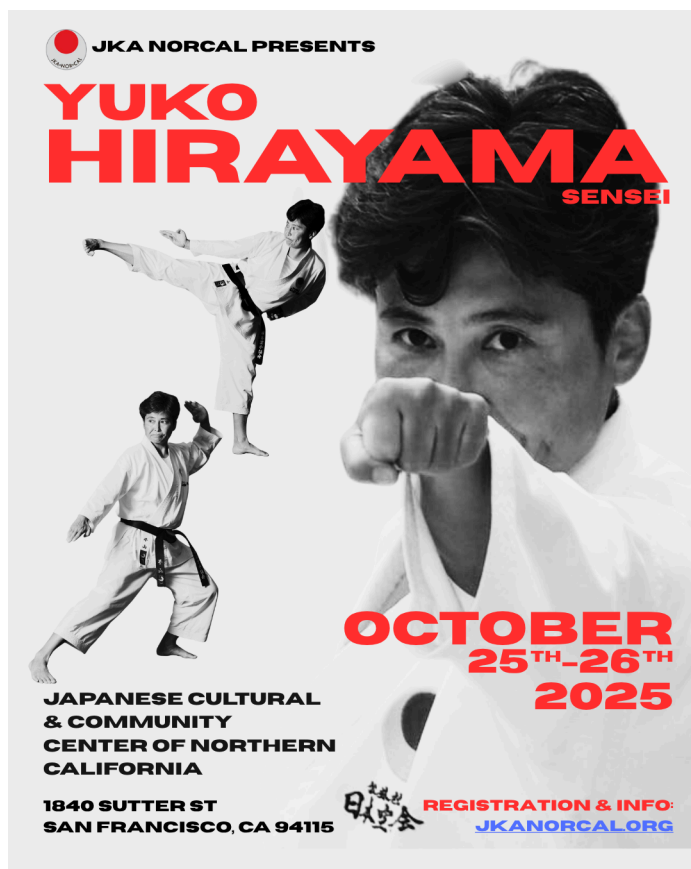
Hirayama Seminar: We're thrilled to announce that our dojo will be hosting a two-day seminar with Sensei Yuko Hirayama (7th Dan, JKA World Headquarters)! Sensei Hirayama is an exceptional instructor and an accomplished competitor in both kata and kumite.

This is a rare and special opportunity to train directly with a world-class JKA instructor right here in San Francisco — no need to travel to the large, national seminars in New Orleans or elsewhere.

Location: Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (Japantown SF)

Dates: October 25–26, 2025

Even if you are unable to attend the full seminar, you can still register on-site for individual classes or participate as a volunteer!



COMPETITION TEAM

1. **Ryukyukan Karate & Kobudo Tournament:** Local tournament with WKF-style ruleset in Dixon, CA (1.25 hr drive). If interested, please speak to an instructor prior to the event to ensure proper division registration!

Dates: November 8, 2025

2. **2025 JKA/AF Nationals:** Competition team members will be representing JKA NorCal at the annual national championship in New Orleans, LA.

Dates: November 21-23, 2025