

October Announcements

October 1st, 2025 | JKA NorCal



THIS MONTH

Hirayama Seminar: We're thrilled to announce that our dojo will be hosting a three-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.

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

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



Friday, October 24th:

5:00 – 6:15 pm – General Class for JKA NorCal members (JKA NorCal)

6:30 – 8:00 pm – JKA-USA and JKA NorCal Competition Team member training

Please note: These classes are free for our Dojo members, but donations are welcome and encouraged.

Saturday, October 25th:

7:00 – 9:00 am – Open Mat with JKA-USA Team members (JKA NorCal)

12:00 – 1:00 pm – Session 1 with Sensei Hirayama (JCCCNC)

1:30 – 2:30 pm – Session 2 with Sensei Hirayama (JCCCNC)

3:00 – 4:00 pm – Session 3 with Sensei Hirayama (JCCCNC)

Sunday, October 26th:

10:00 – 11:30 am – Session 4 with Sensei Hirayama (JCCCNC)

2:30 – 4:00 pm – Session 5 with Sensei Hirayama – Competitor Focused Training (JCCCNC)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

JKA Panamerican Championship in Bogotá: Six dojo members attended the championship from September 26-28, 2025. Our strong performances could not have been possible without the world-class instruction and guidance of Senseis Wauriman and Jihone. All our first-time team members delivered an impressive showing that represented their rapid improvements over the past year. Thank you to all our dojo family members who tuned in to the livestream and sent their love to us, both in person and virtually! As a whole, JKA-USA put up a historically powerful performance in the adult category. We're thrilled to have been a part of the start of something amazing!



Dojo Highlights:

SAMMI:

- 1st place, kata
- 1st place, team kumite
- 1st place, team kata
- Top 8, kumite

JULIA:

- Top 16, kata

CHRISTINA:

- 2nd place, kata (61+ div)



FUTURE EVENTS

1. **Ryukyukan Karate & Kobudo Tournament:** Local tournament with WKF-style ruleset in Dixon, CA (1.25 hr drive). If you are interested, please speak with an instructor before 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