

Jan/February Announcements

February 4th, 2026 | JKA NorCal



THIS MONTH

Scheduling Changes: Welcome back to the dojo for another year of training! We hope everyone had an enjoyable break and are excited to announce our new class schedule. All **youth** classes will now be in a combined class from **5:00-6:15 PM** Monday through Thursday. There will be two instructors present to manage the larger class size while maintaining individual attention. Additionally, the **adult** class on Saturday morning will be moving to Sunday morning. The times will remain the same, with kumite from 7:30-9:00 AM and kata from 9:00-10:00 AM.

Belt Testing: We will be hosting an in-house rank-promotion test for our students on **March 6th at 6 PM**. Instructors will confirm which students are testing during weekly classes and make an announcement on February 16th. 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!

Gear Order: For advanced members, we are planning to put together a dojo order for high-quality gis, belts, and full sets of kumite gear. For those interested in gis, we might have a few sizes and models that you may try on/train in before you decide to order one for your own. An order sheet has been posted to Slack. Please reach out with any questions you may have, as always!

Additionally, all youth at orange belt or above will be **required** to own their own pair of handpads to get the most out of weekly kumite class. Please speak to the instructors if your child needs to order a set, and we'll get that sorted! Always write your name on your hand pads!



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

2026 Shin'Nen Budo Karate Tournament: Congratulations to Abdallah and Amir Batshon for representing JKA NorCal at the latest competition in Sacramento! They showed up strong in both the kata and kumite men's divisions, with Abdallah bringing home second in kumite and first in kata, while Amir placed third in kata.



FUTURE EVENTS

Tokon In-House: USNKF-style tournament hosted by Tokon Martial Arts in Sacramento. A good entry tournament for people interested in competing at all ages and levels! Let us know if you or your child is interested so instructors can provide a proper introduction to the format and expectations of competition karate.

Date: February 21, 2026

Silicon Valley Open (Replacement to Golden Gate Championships): USNKF-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.

Date: March 14, 2026

REMINDERS

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

