

2019 Kata National Championships

It is exciting that Kata in Australia is growing year on year, not only in number of competitors at our National Championships but there is a noticeable improvement in the quality of the Katas presented, which is a clear reflection of the focus and commitment that the athletes are placing on their continual improvement.

Kata is a pathway in judo where both male and female judokas can compete directly against each other with no gender advantage. This has been highlighted again this year at our National Championships where Meera Verma and Amy Trinh, successfully defended their Ju-no-Kata National Title, as did Junior Nage-no-Kata Champions Bernard and Bianca Tandean, showing that high quality Kata can be achieved regardless of gender or age.

Greg Cadarin and Matthew Holmes demonstrated their world class level Goshin Jutsu taking out yet another Australian Championship and it is encouraging to see that they are now also being challenged by up and coming Goshin Jutsu pairs from NSW (Willison and Truppel) and QLD (Murray and Nablusi).

Following the retirement of Ernie Wakamatu and Michael Griffiths the Kime-no-Kata and Katame-no-Kata titles were wide open. Geoff Watson and Srdjan Angelkovic, from QLD put in a classy performance to take out their first National Championship in Kime-no-Kata.

The Katame-no-Kata was the most competitive Kata at this years Championships with seven pairs competing. Tasmanian pair Nick Mackey and Yutaka Wakamatsu won the Gold medal and their first National Championships with a very strong performance.

In a sheer act of determination and commitment, not even letting a car accident on the way up from Sydney get in the way of competing, Eddie Yuen and Andreas Koltai took out the National Championships for Nage-no-Kata, with a determined effort.

Overall an incredibly successful Australian National Championships, showcasing the talent that Australia is producing in our very important Kata Pathway.

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Junior Nage No Kata		TORI		UKE		Rank
Pair 3	NSW	Bernard	Tandean	Bianca	Tandean	1
Pair 1	VIC	Francis	D' Couto	Romy	Haller-Trost	2
Pair 2	VIC	Ryan	Lim	Francis	D' Couto	3
Goshin Jitsu						
		TORI		UKE		Rank
Pair 3	NSW	Matthew	Holmes	Greg	Cadorin	1
Pair 2	NSW	David	Willison	Marcus	Truppel	2
Pair 1	VIC	William	Murray	David	Nabulsi	3
Nage No Kata						
		TORI		UKE		Rank
Pair 6	NSW	Edmund	Yuen	Andras	Koltai	1
Pair 1	QLD	Blake	Murray	Michael	Pennisi	2
Pair 5	VIC	Vin	Nightingale	Saul	Nightingale	3
Pair 2	ACT	Rasika	Ranthilaka	Steve	McGregor	4
Pair 3	NSW	Anthony	Hayes	Benjamin	Collis	5
Pair 4	NSW	David	Willison	Marcus	Truppel	6
Katame No Kata						
		TORI		UKE		Rank
Pair 2	Tas	Wakamatsu	Yutaka	Mackey	Nick	1
Pair 7	NSW	Andras	Koltai	Edmund	Yuen	2
Pair 4	WA	Dawn	Santos	Paul	Kendrick	3
Pair 1	WA	Melissa	Dennehy	Dawn	Santos	4
Pair 5	WA	Paul	Malinowski	Yekaterina	Yurkova	5
Pair 6	QLD	Mathew	Kinstler	Campbell	Dunstan	6
Pair 3	VIC	Hunter	Richardson	David	Nabulsi	7
Ju No Kata						
		TORI		UKE		Rank
Pair 3	SA	Meera	Verma	Amy	Trinh	1
Pair 1	NSW	Ernie	Wakamatsu	Aurora	Ilainen	2
Pair 2	NSW	Bernard	Tandean	Bianca	Tandean	3
Kime No Kata						
		TORI		UKE		Rank
Pair 3	Qld	Geoff	Watson	Srdjan	Angelkovic	1
Pair 2	NSW	Yekaterina	Yurkova	Alexander	Malinowski	2
Pair 1	ACT	Mathew	D'Aquino	John	Watkins	3