

Karate BC is the recognized governing body for karate-do (karate) in British Columbia, Canada.

OPEN LETTER TO MEMBERSHIP

DATE: May 15, 2017

RE: Non-Members may Compete in Karate BC Sanctioned Tournaments

(Update to letter previously distributed August 2012.) As of the 2012-13 competitive season, the Karate BC Executive Committee decided to allow non-members to compete in sanctioned tournaments run by our members. There will be an extra fee imposed on each non-member of **\$1.00** to compete in any single tournament. These fees will be collected by the tournament organizers and forwarded to Karate BC within two weeks of the event. Please use the form "sanctioned tournament non-members list" which is available on our website, <u>www.karatebc.org</u>, or contact our office.

This change in policy reflects our wish to encourage those instructors in our communities who practice traditional karate and are not presently members of Karate BC, to allow their students compete in Karate BC events, using our modified WKF rules.

The Executive Committee, under the direction of the Technical and Tournament Committees, reserves the right to disallow athletes to compete.

This means that:

- 1. Non-member athletes from non-member clubs may enter private tournaments run by our members.
- 2. Non-member athletes from non-member clubs may continue to enter any Karate BC Sanctioned Open Tournament, as before. Karate BC has a mandate to run such a tournament as of 2013.
- 3. **Only** Karate BC registered athletes from Karate BC member clubs may compete in the competitive stream set out by Karate BC, including:
 - a. Zone Tournaments;
 - b. BC Team Selection Tournaments; and
 - c. Provincial Championships.
- 4. This exception does not alter Karate BC/Karate Canada membership. All members of a Karate BC registered club must be members of Karate BC.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact us directly.

Yours truly,

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