

ACTION INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT
Saturday October 19 Philadelphia Sports Club @ Highpoint

Events Available:

Asah Sharks	Little Ninja Sharks	Kids White Yellow Orange	Kids Purple - Black	Adults	Additional
Asah Shark Kata	Ninja Shark Kata 1 Combination Set (3 moves maximum)	Universal Two Fitness Challenge	Kata self defense OR point sparring	Kata self defense OR point sparring	musical kata with or w/o weapons

Event Details:

- All competitors **MUST** perform a Kata.
- Tournament Presentation:** Bow, "Judges my name is _____, My school _____, today I will perform _____, May I please begin, Thank You Judges!" Bow
- Children's Kata Options:

WHT / YEL / ORG	PUR / BLU / GRE	BROWN - ABOVE
Universal Two	Universal Perseverance Universal Respect Universal Intensity	Arnis, Kama, Sword or Staff,
- Weapons Kata to be performed by Brown Belts and Above **ONLY**.
- Combinations may not be more than 3 moves L.N.S only. White, Yellow and Oranges belts Fitness Challenge only.
- Self Defense event is the performance of any (2) Self Defense techniques as learned in class.
- ASAH Sharks compete in only (1) event.

General Guidelines for Spectators:

The goal of this tournament is to build confidence in children and adults. The goal is not to win the largest trophy, but rather, to instill a sense of pride and accomplishment. The top rated fear in adults is public speaking. The second is death. This means most people would rather die, than speak or perform in front of a group of people. Each tournament competitor is combating that fear, just by his/her participation. That is what should be applauded here: growth, fun, effort; not the size of the trophy. This is a day to celebrate. Praise your child for participating. This is meant to be a positive experience.

All judges and officials have been taught specifically how and what to score on. Any negativity toward a performance or an official will only defeat the purpose of building confidence and courage in a positive way. Please remember the average tournament is designed to reward the strong and eliminate the weak. The Action Tournament rewards every competitor for his/her courage and participation.

SPECTATORS: \$5 EACH PAY AT THE DOOR (Including Parents)

***** **ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 12** *****

Cut below and submit with check made payable to "ACTION KARATE."

Any 2 Events \$49 – (BBLC-\$45) \$10 Per Extra Event Special Needs \$40 All ASAH Sharks \$30
 School Demo Teams \$150 School Jr. Demo Teams \$150 Commemorative Tournament T Shirt \$15 Size _____
 Private Lesson \$40 _____ (Please write in the name of the instructor you would like to work with) _____

Competitor Name: _____ Age: _____ Belt Rank (color on 10/19/2013): _____

Kata Name: _____ Action Karate Location: _____

Mark with (X) each event

Kata: _____ Fitness Challenge (**WYO Only**) _____ Combination Sets (**LNS Only**): _____ Self-Defense: _____

Point Sparring: _____ Musical Forms _____ Traditional Forms: _____ Traditional Weapons: _____ Sync Forms: _____

ANY CREATIVE FORM SHOULD BE DESIGNED WITH FLOORING IN MIND. NOT ALL RINGS ARE MATTED.

Liability waiver - competitor represents being physically fit to participate in prescribed program. All use of the facilities shall be undertaken at the sole risk of the competitor. Action Karate shall not be liable to anyone for claims, demands, damages, injuries, loss of property or acts of negligence.

Parent or Guardian signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Action Invitational FAQ's

Why do we have sponsors?

As we have not raised our admission price ever, we rely on our sponsors to help defray the cost of our tournament. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please see your instructor.

My child just started karate/ my child is so shy/ my child hates crowds/ my child isn't very coordinated/ my child is only 3 years old etc. etc. Is the tournament for him?

Most definitely YES. The purpose of the tournament is to encourage children to take a risk and do their personal best. It is not a hard core competition. Every child who participates is rewarded with a trophy for having the courage to perform in front of the judges.

Are all the trophies/medals the same?

No. While every child receives a trophy/medal for participating, students are judged on their performance. There are 1st 2nd and 3rd place trophies/medals.

Is my child guaranteed a trophy or medal?

Yes, in his kata or Fitness division for WYO Belts **ONLY**. If your child is doing combination sets, self defense or sparring there is no guarantee that he will receive a trophy/medal in that division.

What do I need to do to participate?

Fill out the registration form and turn in by October 12th w/ registration fee.

Is there an entrance fee?

All spectators (includes Mom, Dad, siblings, Grandparents, friends etc.) must pay a \$5 entrance fee at the door. Competitors do not need to pay.

What time is my child competing?

Once we have all the registration forms and have compiled the divisions, we will announce the official times. Traditionally, the younger children compete first i.e. Asah Sharks at 9:00, Little Ninja Sharks at 10:00 etc. Usually all divisions are finished by 2:00. **PLEASE NOTE**-Do not be late. If you miss your child's division he will still be allowed to participate, but with a higher ranked division. For example a white belt might have to compete with purple belts. Besides leaving ample travel time, add in some extra time to get through the admission line and to find your ring location.

Who does my child compete against?

Once all registration forms are in, we create the divisions based on age and rank. For example we try (numbers permitting) to have 7 year old white belts competing against other 7 year old white belts.

How do I find my ring location?

The week prior to the tournament we will have ring assignment sheets available. On it, find your child's age and rank (and in some cases last name initial). For example purple belt age 10, last name starts with "S". Above this category you will see a color designation-green ring, orange ring etc. This means when you enter the gym look for the ring with that color balloons floating above it. This is where you should report. Again- it is better to be early than late.

If my child is doing more than one event (kata and combinations, self defense or sparring) where do I go for the other events?

99% of the time, your child's 2nd event will be held in the ring he was assigned to for kata. Once **all** the kids in a division have completed their katas, they will then compete with each other for their other event. Please check ring assignment sheets for any additional divisions (musical katas).

What does my child need to know?

Everything your child needs to know will be taught in their class, although they should practice at home too. Asah Sharks will do the Asah Shark Kata, Little Ninjas- Little Ninja Shark 1 and **one** combination set, Beginners (White, Yellow Orange) Universal Two and the Fitness Challenge. You **must** be a Brown belt or higher to use a weapon.

Who are the judges?

The head judges are all Action Karate Instructors. Auxiliary judges are all Action Karate students having achieved the rank of 3rd Kyu or higher.

What happens if my child freezes/cries/refuses to do his kata etc?

The judges will do everything humanly possible to make sure that your child has a positive experience. One time a judge even asked all the spectators to close their eyes so no one was watching while a particularly shy child performed. Please, as parents, don't interfere and allow the judges to work with your child. If they need your help, they will ask for it. And remember praise your child for the risk they have taken and the effort they put out. Every child is a winner.