



# SHOTOKAN!



## 35<sup>th</sup> UC Riverside Karate Championships and 2007 WUKO WORLD - USA TEAM TRYOUTS

MAY 19, 2007 – UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE

12 January, 2007

Dear Instructors, Competitors, Students and Friends:

Greetings and best wishes for a wonderful 2007. I am especially pleased to invite you to participate in **35<sup>th</sup> UC Riverside Shotokan Karate Championships** and **2007 WUKO - USA IPPON TEAM TRYOUTS** on Saturday, May 19, 2007, at the University of California, Riverside.

As with our last four competitions, we will emphasize Shotokan Kata and Ippon Kumite, and the international rules, principles, and philosophies that are uniquely ours.

In reading the rules and reviewing the divisions on the next page, please note the following key points regarding this year's competition:

- All adult competition will use JKA/WUKO Shobu Ippon (1 point, 2 half point) rules.
- All youth competitors will use a modified Sanbon (three points, no half points) criterion.
- Divisions will be determined on the basis of karate rank.
- Contestants may only perform kata's that are appropriate to their rank.
- We will use Heian flag elimination for the first round of Black belt kata competition.
- **YES!!!, this year we will have Youth Team Kata Competition. Please Check the division page.**

**DON'T FORGET** - This year's advanced Men and Women's divisions will serve as a West Coast selection event to choose the 2007 USA Ippon Team to compete at the 2007 WUKO World Championships, this June, in Spain.

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**SPECIAL - ARE YOU A SANBON FIGHTER?** I encourage all national caliber san-bon fighters to contact me regarding their potential eligibility to represent the US at the WUKO World Championships. Please visit: <http://wuko-karate.org/> for more information.

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Thank you! Please feel free to write me directly at [otis@AmericanJKA.com](mailto:otis@AmericanJKA.com) or call me at 760.612.7029 with any thoughts or questions. I look forward to seeing you on May 19 for some great competition!

Yours in shotokan,

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WUKO – Chairman: North American Region/ [www.wuko-karate.org](http://www.wuko-karate.org)

Director and Chief Instructor - UCR Karate Program/ [www.karate.ucr.edu](http://www.karate.ucr.edu)



**Referee & Judges Meeting - 9:30 am on the day of the tournament**

### Hotel Information

*Mention the UCR Karate Tournament for special rates*

1. Courtyard by Marriott - \$82.00 1-4 people: 951-276-1200
2. Comfort Inn - \$99.00 double/ includes breakfast buffet: 951-683-6000.