

**New world record established in Raleigh, over 1000 karateka**

**practicing together kata Heian Shodan. The leader is sensei Vladimir Jorga.**

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2015 National Karate Championship Brings 3000 Visitors and $1.5 Million to Raleigh

*The 2015 Amateur Athletic Union Karate National Championships in the Raleigh Convention Center will bring more than 1600 athletes and their families to the local area June 30 - July 4, 2015. 1000 athletes will attempt to set a new world record for simultaneous performance of karate sequence. Top finishers will receive medals, trophies, and an invitation to be selected to the National Teams traveling to Brazil this fall or to Ireland next spring.*

Raleigh, NC, July 01, 2015 --( PR.com )-- 1600 top karate athletes will compete for medals and honors at the Raleigh Convention Center from June 30 to July 4 for the 2015 Amateur Athletic Union Karate National Championships.“Raleigh is proud to be the 2015 host of the AAU Karate National Championships,” said Tori Collins, Associate Director of the Greater Raleigh Sports Alliance. “Downtown Raleigh is ready and excited to roll out the red carpet for

AAU Karate's athletes, officials and their families and the Raleigh Convention Center is the perfect venue

for this marquee event."
Photo opportunities during these days: 1) During Opening Ceremonies on July 2, 8:00-9:30 AM, the group will attempt to break a world record for the largest number of people performing kata (self -defense sequence) in synchronicity.

The record stands at 809 persons; AAU Karate will attempt 1000+ people. The attempt will be documented

and submitted to the Guinness World Records for certification.

2) From July 2–4, the Statue of Sir Walter Raleigh on South Salisbury Street will sport a white karate

uniform and black belt to welcome the participants.

3) Competition for children ages 5 to 12 years will be conducted July 2, 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM, competition

for teens ages 13-18 and adults will be conducted July 3, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and additional advanced

sparring will be conducted July 4, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Children ages 5-18 as well as adults will compete

in weapons, forms, and sparring with the goals of taking home a national title.

4) The top two finishers, age 12 years and older, in the advanced/black belt categories will be selected

to the National Team pool for planned international championships in Brazil and Ireland over the next twelve

months. Local athletes to watch include Brianne Lawton, a senior at UNC-Chapel Hill, three-time

member of the U.S. National team; Asia Yu-Robinson, age 17, a senior at Leesville Road High School

and 6-time world champion, and Thomas Dang, age 17, a senior at RTP High School and member

of the 2014 U.S. national team."Having AAU nationals in Raleigh is a dream come true for our

karate dojo," said Steve Robinson, member of the AAU Referee Council and chief instructor of the host

club, Triangle's Best Karate.

"Every family who embarked on the national quest can compete, while 3000 of our friends come to our

hometown!"The economic impact to the area is expected to be more than $1.5 million with participants and

their families visiting local hotels, shops, restaurants and other area businesses. More than 3000 total

attendees are expected with 4600 hotel room nights booked.

"The AAU Karate National Championships epitomize what AAU events are about," said Dr. Roger Goudy,

AAU President/CEO. "Provide quality participation opportunities for athletes and coaches under the

management of an experience staff in a fun atmosphere. This year's event is sure to be the best yet.

"The event is open to the public with a day pass cost of $15 which can be purchased on-site at the

convention center. Seniors and children under 5 are free. A limited number of free spectator

tickets for July 4 will be available at website, Triangle's Best Karate dot com.About the local host:

Established in 2004, Triangle's Best Karate is a family-owned and operated traditional karate

school and member club of the Amateur Athletic Union. Chief instructor Steve Robinson teaches

Japanese karate, Israeli Krav Maga, conditioning, and traditional weapons in northwest Raleigh.

Like its counterpart state AAU Karate programs, Best Karate also operates statewide and regional

competitions, trains referees and coaches, and raises money for its athletes and area charities.

In its 11-year history, twelve Best Karate members have been selected for the National Team

and

have competed internationally

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