



松濤館国際空手道南アフリカ WELCOME TO SKKSA ようこそ

From the Chief Instructor

A warm karate welcome to you! Thank you for choosing to study with our organization. I trust that you enjoyed a restful summer holiday and are all keeping safe and healthy.

We have several opportunities for exciting competitions, with the highlight being the WUKF SA National Championships and Afro-Asia Open, to be held in Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth) from 3rd – 6th April. We look forward to taking a team to participate.

We will continue to bring you international classes with our friends from across the karate world. Look out for these online classes on our digital platform, MyDojo. We encourage you to take advantage of these great opportunities.

IMPORTANT EVENTS TO DIARISE FOR THIS YEAR

Take note of these important examination and training events:

- * **Mid-Year Winter Course & Colour-Belt Grading:** 5th and 6th July 2025
- * **Summer Course & All-Belt (White-Black Belt) Grading:** Fri. 5 December 2025 – Sun. 7 December 2025

Details & schedule specific to your grade will be sent out closer to each of these two important events. Those wishing to grade will be required to participate in the compulsory sessions relevant to their grade. Compulsory sessions are non-negotiable.

WELCOME PACK

This Welcome Pack includes all the information you need to get started on your karate journey with SKKSA.

REGISTRATION

All new and returning karateka are required to affiliate with SKKSA. The registration form can be found at the back of this Welcome Pack. It is vital that you ensure your form is filled-out and returned to your instructor along with the registration fee. Unregistered karateka may not be entered into exams, tournaments and training courses and will not be eligible for SKKSA ID. Returning students are required to affiliate via MyDojo.

SKKSA maintains a policy of 90% karate, 10% competition training. We follow the traditional Shotokan style, and practice the philosophy of the founder of modern karate, Gichin Funakoshi:

The ultimate aim of karate lies not in victory nor defeat, but in the perfection of the character of its participants.

To our returning karateka, I welcome you back to another exciting year. And to those joining us for the first time, thank you for choosing SKKSA. I trust that you will enjoy your karate experience with one of South Africa's most innovative karate groups.

I thank you for your support, and invite you to make regular contact with me or the dojo instructors to discuss any aspect of you or your child's progress in karate.

Wishing you a sporting 2025! Yours in karatedo,

ANEEL DOWLATH SENSEI

Chief Instructor & Technical Head
(Rokudan – 6th Dan black belt)

AFFILIATION FEES

All karateka are required to affiliate with SKKSA with payment of an annual fee (as per the table below). This fee covers SKKSA's affiliation with the national bodies (WUKF and MASA), and international registration with WUKF. This fee also gives you access to our online platforms for additional training support.

All affiliation fees are payable to SKKSA upon registration. A 10% late-payment levy will be applicable on any affiliations received >30 days from date of signature.

2025 Annual Registration Fee Breakdown

Junior (under 18 years)	R430 p.a.
Senior (18 years & over)	R475 p.a.

DOJO FEES

Your dojo training fee is determined by your instructor, and is payable directly on a monthly basis to your dojo. Please consult with your instructor for their fee structure.

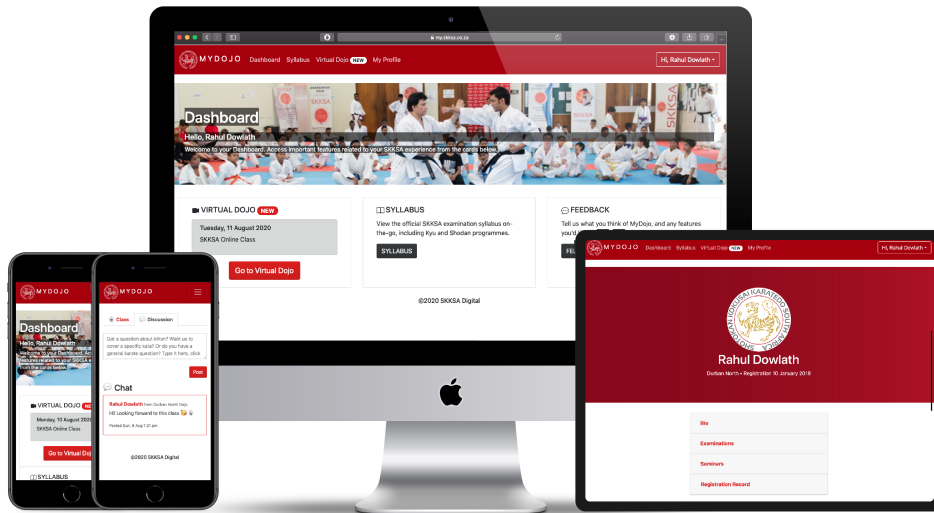


Celebration



We are proud to announce that this year, we are celebrating 25 years of karate excellence.

A celebration is planned, and further details for a special dinner banquet will be announced soon.



SKKSA MYDOJO

Your Online Karate Portal

MyDojo is your central hub for your student life with SKKSA.

Returning students can use MyDojo to easily re-register with us. The web app can be downloaded to your phone or tablet, and you can use your Profile as your student card to sign-in to senior Saturday training and other special events.

New students are requested to sign-up for MyDojo once their SKKSA registration has been processed and they have received their SKKSA ID number (SKK####).

View your karate profile with us: see your grading records, track your senior Saturday sessions, and more.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Our returning students can use their phone, tablet or computer to complete their 2025 registration with us. This eliminates the tedious task of filling our forms, paper waste, and minimises physical contact. Our online registration promises to be a more efficient way to get you set-up for your 2025 karate endeavours with us.

You can even affiliate as a family in a single application with our new Linked Family Profiles. Simply login to MyDojo with one of your family's accounts and follow the 2025 registration prompts.

INTERNATIONAL CLASSES

Look out for the announcements of special online classes with international instructors on your MyDojo Dashboard.

SIGN UP FOR MYDOJO

If you haven't yet signed up, please visit **my.skk.sa.co.za** to link your SKKSA ID and get your own MyDojo account today. We encourage all our karateka to sign up for MyDojo (even if there are more than one member in each family practicing). MyDojo is a personal platform and the experience is tailored to each student.

MYDOJO IN 2025

The Digital team is working on some exciting enhancements to MyDojo this year. Keep an eye out on our social media for news of the new features.

Wishing you a sporting 2025 and see you at the Virtual Dojo soon!

Yours in karatedo

RAHUL DOWLATH

SKKSA Digital

(Nidan – 2nd Dan black belt)

SKKSA ID

Each student is issued with a grading book when they join **SKKSA**. These books serve as a record of your karate career. They are also barcoded with your unique student number, called **SKKSA ID**. This allows you to scan in to **SKKSA** seminars. Karateka are required to bring their books to seminars as a means of accessing each session; grading books are also required when karateka undertake examinations. Please keep your grading book safe – replacing the grading book incurs a fee (see table below).

DIGITAL STUDENT CARDS

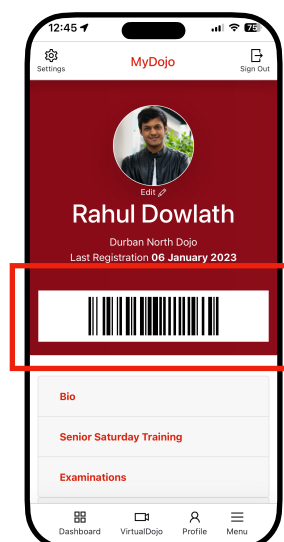
All registered students have access to a digital student card available via MyDojo. Use this to scan into senior Saturday training and other SKKSA-hosted training events.

REPLACEMENT FEES	
GRADING BOOK	R 65

REPLACING A LOST GRADING BOOK

Please notify your dojo instructor. SKKSA Student Records will then liaise with your instructor to process the request for a replacement.

Payments for replaced grading books may be done with your instructor; new grading books are only issued once payment is received. For more information, please visit www.skksa.co.za/id

SCAN INTO TRAINING WITH YOUR PHONE

Tap "Profile", then use the barcode beneath your photo to scan into SKKSA-hosted training sessions.

**GO BEYOND THE DOJO.**

NEWS, PHOTOS, FILMS AND MORE

**GO BEYOND THE DOJO:
JOIN THE CONVERSATION ONLINE**

Connect with us on Facebook and Instagram. Keep updated with live blogs of events, photos, the latest news, and more by following us on Instagram [@skksa.online](https://www.instagram.com/skksa.online) and on [facebook.com/SKKSA](https://www.facebook.com/SKKSA).

Visit the **SKKSA** website to download syllabus, learn more about us, and view our video presentations. Click onto:

www.skksa.co.za

Read the Kata Series, learn more about the art of karate and get the latest news from our blog:

www.skksa.co.za/blog

EMAIL

- For general enquiries, email: info@skksa.co.za
- For media-related info, email: digital@skksa.co.za

CALENDAR

Our Events calendar is constantly updated with the latest info. It's available online, and you are encouraged to check the Events page regularly to familiarize yourself with what's happening in the karate world. Access the Events page from: www.skksa.co.za/events

GRADING EXAMINATION POLICY

Please read the following policies carefully regarding grading examinations:

- ▶ No student will be allowed to grade in July if they registered after 31 March 2025.
- ▶ No student will be allowed to grade in December if they registered after 15th August 2025.
- ▶ Students who hand-in Registration Forms between the 1st April 2025 and 14 August 2025 may only grade in December.
- ▶ Registration forms received 30 days after signature date is subject to a 10% late fee.

COLOUR BELT EXAMINATIONS

There are two examinations a year: Mid-Year Exams occur in July at the Winter Course; Final Exams occur in December at the 2025 Summer Course. A student may not attempt an exam if:

- ▶ They have not attended at least 80% weekday classes
- ▶ They are not wearing the correct karate attire
- ▶ A student may only participate in an exam upon recommendation by their dojo instructor.
- ▶ They have not attended every compulsory session at the respective training course.

BROWN BELT EXAMINATIONS

There is only one examination a year, at the 2025 Summer Course in December (5-7 December)

A brown belt karateka, or a karateka currently purple belt and eligible to undertake a brown belt examination, may only do so by fulfilling the following requirements. **Please refer to the Brown Belt Grading Policy** (available at the Admin Hub in MyDojo).

- ▶ Black belt exams: refer to Black Belt Exam Policy (available from your instructor).

***The Senior Grading Policy must be signed at the beginning of the year by all brown/black belt candidates, and is available from your instructor. It can also be found in the Admin Hub on MyDojo.**

CORRECT KARATE ATTIRE

Karateka are required to wear the correct *gi* at all times while training.



Note: protective gear is required at competitions. Your dojo instructor will advise on the appropriate approved items, and where they may be purchased from.

SKKSA badges may be purchased from your instructor. If you have any questions regarding the correct karate attire, please speak to your dojo instructor.

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