

# To: All Karate Instructors and Students

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Dear Fellow Karate Instructors and Students,

My name is Sensei Dennis Toomey. I am a fifth degree black belt in Shorin-Ryu Okinawan Kenpo Karate and I teach a Karate program at the Dayton Academy of Gymnastics at 5051 Nebraska Avenue in Huber Heights. I would like to cordially invite you and your students to an open karate tournament I am having on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Dayton Academy. Registration starts at 11 a.m. and the tournament will start at 12:15. Divisions include forms, fighting, weapons and jujitsu. I have very nice awards for all places. For a \$20 entry fee, a student may compete in one or all divisions. All sparring matches are first competitor to 3 points wins. Foam gear is mandatory including hand, feet, and headgear.

This tournament will be catering to beginners and under black belts who would like the chance to win a nice award and see what competition in point tournaments is like. I am non-political and this tournament is for the kids to have a good time and participate in Karate as a sport to test their skills and to make new friends. We are all brothers and sisters in the arts regardless of style. I believe that fun, friendly, and fair tournament competition is a way for students to broaden their knowledge of Karate and to peak the enthusiasm of parents and students alike. I hope you feel the same way and will accept my invitation to bring your students and participate in this event.

I know we are in rough economic times so I am making my tournament very reasonable for both students and parents to attend. The cost of entry for any or **all events is only \$20**. That's right only \$20. **Parents of competitors get in for only \$1.00, ages 6 and under are free, and any other spectators are only \$2.00**. This will be a hard tournament for students and parents to pass up at this price. Any black belts that volunteer to judge or do a demonstration will get in free.

I will have medals and ribbons for **all** places. I will have forms, weapons, fighting and jujitsu divisions. This will be a kyu/gup grade tournament with **no black belt competition**. I am, however, planning to have a black belt demonstration segment where any black belts may do a demonstration of kata, forms, self-defense, breaking, musical form etc. All black belts performing will get special awards. If you or any other black belt would like to do a demonstration, please contact me by Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> and let me know so I can plan an award for you. I would appreciate greatly your support and continued good luck to yourself and your students. For additional info or questions you may call me at 233-3559 (H), or cell phone # 903-3770, or e-mail me at [dtoomey@who.rr.com](mailto:dtoomey@who.rr.com). See attached flyer for details.

Domo Arrigato (Thank you),

Sensei Dennis Toomey  
Godan, Shorin-Ryu Matsumura Kenpo Karate