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APRIL 11th, 2026



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Upper Chichester Rec Center
Joan Morrison Fieldhouse
8500 Furey Road, Aston, PA

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INVITATION



Delaware County Karate Championships

Dear Instructors & Friends:

I hope this letter finds you in good health and thriving. I would like to formally invite you and your students to the 45th Delaware County Karate Championships, which will be held on Saturday, April 11th, 2026. As in previous years, we are looking for the support of traditional Martial Arts Instructors and schools in an effort to help us display traditional Martial Arts in the favorable light it deserves. This is a strictly invitational tournament.

This year's event will be held again at the Upper Chichester Recreation Center: 8500 Furey Road, Aston, PA 19014. This venue allows us to run 10 rings simultaneously and expedites the event. Our tournament starts on time! We will start putting competitors into the rings at 10:35 a.m. Late competitors will not be allowed to enter after their ring starts.

As in our past events, we have included a list of divisions with their corresponding rings in this mailing. The ring assignments are also on the application forms that will be at the event. It is important that parents are informed regarding the rings their children will be competing in so that they may find seating near that ring. Arriving early will help and all spectators should be informed that they will not be able to stand around the rings or block the view of the rings for spectators that are seated.

All Masters and Instructors are encouraged to help us run the event in the fairest possible manner by helping us officiate the tournament. Our Tae Kwon Do, Okinawan & Japanese, American Goju, and unaffiliated Tang Soo Do guests are encouraged to call me prior to the event to let me know the names of the adult Black Belts from their schools that wish to help us officiate on the day of the tournament. We will make every effort to give each school representation in the rings that their students compete in. An abbreviated rules sheet is enclosed in this mailing. Looking forward to seeing you on April 11th.

Respectfully yours,

Frederick Scott
Tournament Director



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GENERAL INFORMATION

CHAMPIONSHIP DIRECTOR

Master Frederick Scott



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REGISTRATION

The Registration Table will be open on the day of the event from 9:30 AM to 10:30AM only. Payment on the day of the event must be cash or check to Amkor.

Pre-registration will be available online (amkorkarate.com) through Wednesday, April 8th and accepts payment by credit card.

COMPETITOR COST (Spectators are FREE!)

\$70.00 per competitor covers all three events (Forms, Fighting, and Weapons (Black Belts only). Competitors can only enter one division of any category.

START TIME

11 AM: Competitors will be called into rings at 10:35 AM to start at 11:00 AM sharp.

RING ASSIGNMENTS

All rings are pre-assigned and can be found on the back of the application form and in the program. A ring layout can be found inside the tournament program. Report before start time!

AWARDS

Beautiful 1st Place through 4th Place Medals.

DRESS CODE

The traditional uniform of your style. No T-shirts, fashion statements or jewelry allowed. All Officials must be in uniform.

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT - All competitors must have their own fighting gear.

Mandatory Head, Hand, Foot, and Mouth protection. Mandatory Groin protection for male competitors. All protective gear must be FOAM-dipped vinyl. NO leather, taped equipment, boxing style gloves, or sneaker style footgear allowed. Soft foam shin guards may be worn under pants.

PARKING

Parking is available in multiple lots surrounding the Upper Chi Rec Center and along Furey Road. Please observe all posted signs and avoid reserved spots for maintenance vehicles and Township Police.





TOURNAMENT FIGHTING RULES

➤ **POINTS:**

1. One Point for controlled kicking techniques to the head.
2. One Point for all other legal techniques.

➤ **LEGAL TECHNIQUES:**

1. Controlled punches to the body, face, head, and kidneys.
Punches to the face and head cannot make contact.
2. Light to moderate body contact.
3. Sweeping to the front leg (not against the joint) is allowed for Black Belt adults only, immediately followed by a punch or kick.
4. Controlled back fist and ridge-hand techniques allowed to legal target areas.

➤ **ILLEGAL TECHNIQUES:**

1. Uncontrolled techniques, blind techniques, ripping or gouging techniques.
2. Head butting, finger jabs, and strikes to the throat.

➤ **FOULS:**

1. Techniques thrown to the groin, back of the head, spine, joints, and shins.
2. Excessive holding or grabbing: No more than one second.
3. Persistent running out of the ring to escape attack or stall.
4. Coaching from the sidelines.
5. All Fouls that cause swelling, bleeding, facial discoloration, or prevents injured contestant from continuing will result in disqualification.

➤ **CONTACT:**

1. Contact is not allowed to the head or face area.
2. Headgear must be worn at all times during freesparring.
3. Any deliberate or incidental contact that causes swelling, bleeding, facial discoloration, or prevents the injured contestant from continuing will result in disqualification.

➤ **PENALTY PROCEDURES:**

1. Only two judges are needed to make the call for contacts or fouls.
2. The first contact will result in a warning.
3. The second contact will result in disqualification.
4. The first foul will result in a warning.
5. The second foul of the same nature will result in disqualification.
6. The third foul of any kind will result in disqualification.

DELAWARE COUNTY KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

DIVISIONS & RING ASSIGNMENTS

Divisions may be split or combined on the day of the event at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

If the division has a ring number assigned below, competitors should report to that ring at 10:35am.

Ring assignments may change as divisions move to available rings for efficiency.

Age	Belt	Forms & Fighting Division	Ring	WEAPONS DIVISIONS: BLACK BELTS ONLY			
5-6	White/Orange	Grasshopper Beginner/Novice	3	11-12	Black	Peewee Black Belt Weapons	8
5-6	Green/Red	Grasshopper Intermediate	3	13-14	Black	Junior Black Belt Weapons	8
7-8	White	Mini Mite Beginner	1	15-17	Black	Super Jr. Black Belt Weapons	TBD
7-8	Orange/Yellow	Mini Mite Novice	1	18-34	Black	1st/2nd Dan Mens Weapons	TBD
7-8	Green/Blue/Purple	Mini Mite Intermediate	2	18-34	Black	3rd Dan Mens Weapons	TBD
7-8	Red/Brown	Mini Mite Advanced	2	18-34	Master	4th Dan & Up Mens Weapons	TBD
9-10	White	Mini Peewee Beginner	4	18-34	Black/Master	Black Belt Womens Weapons	TBD
9-10	Orange/Yellow	Mini Peewee Novice	4	35-49	Black	Black Belt Mens Weapons	TBD
9-10	Green	Mini Peewee Intermediate	4	35+	Black/Master	Black Belt Womens Weapons	TBD
9-10	Red/Brown/Black	Mini Peewee Advanced	5	50+	Black	Black Belt Mens Weapons	TBD
11-12	White/Orange	Peewee Beginner/Novice	6	Age Belt Adult Black Belt Forms Ring			
11-12	Green/Blue/Purple	Peewee Intermediate	6	18+	Black	Tae Kwon Do Forms	TBD
11-12	Red/Brown	Peewee Advanced	7	<i>TKD Forms divisions may be added based on registrations.</i>			
11-12	Black	Peewee Black Belt	8	18-34	Black	1st Dan Mens Forms	TBD
13-14	White/Orange	Junior Beginner/Novice	6	18-34	Black	2nd Dan Mens Forms	TBD
13-14	Green/Blue/Purple	Junior Intermediate	6	18-34	Black	3rd Dan Men Forms	TBD
13-14	Red/Brown	Junior Advanced Girls	9	18-34	Master	4th Dan & Up Mens Forms	TBD
13-14	Red/Brown	Junior Advanced Boys	9	18-34	Black	1st/2nd Dan Womens Forms	TBD
13-14	Black	Junior Black Belt Girls	8	18-34	Black	3rd Dan Womens Forms	TBD
13-14	Black	Junior Black Belt Boys	8	18-34	Master	4th Dan & Up Womens Forms	TBD
15-17	White/Orange	Super Junior Beginner	10	35-49	Black	1st - 3rd Dan Mens Forms	TBD
15-17	Green/Blue/Purple	Super Junior Intermediate	10	35-49	Master	4th Dan & Up Mens Forms	TBD
15-17	Red/Brown	Super Junior Advanced Girls	9	35-49	Black	1st - 3rd Dan Womens Forms	TBD
15-17	Red/Brown	Super Junior Advanced Boys	9	35-49	Master	4th Dan & Up Womens Forms	TBD
15-17	Black	Super Junior 1st Dan Girls	TBD	50+	Black	1st - 3rd Dan Mens Forms	TBD
15-17	Black	Super Junior 2nd/3rd Dan Girls	TBD	50+	Master	4th Dan & Up Mens Forms	TBD
15-17	Black	Super Junior 1st Dan Boys	TBD	50+	Black	1st - 3rd Dan Womens Forms	TBD
15-17	Black	Super Junior 2nd/3rd Dan Boys	TBD	50+	Master	4th Dan & Up Womens Forms	TBD
18-34	White - Green	Adult Beginner Women	10	Age Belt Adult Black Belt Fighting Ring			
18-34	White - Green	Adult Beginner Men	10	<i>May split by size or combine by age based on registrations.</i>			
18-34	Red/Brown	Adult Advanced Women	10	18-34	Black	1st/2nd Dan Mens Fighting	TBD
18-34	Red/Brown	Adult Advanced Men	10	18-34	Black	3rd Dan Mens Fighting	TBD
35+	White - Green	Senior Beginner Women	10	18-34	Master	4th Dan & Up Mens Fighting	TBD
35+	White - Green	Senior Beginner Men	10	18-34	Black	1st/2nd Dan Womens Fighting	TBD
35+	Red/Brown	Senior Advanced Women	10	18-34	Black/Master	3rd Dan & Up Womens Fighting	TBD
35+	Red/Brown	Senior Advanced Men	10	35-49	Black	1st - 3rd Dan Mens Fighting	TBD
<i>Divisions listed as TBD will be assigned as rings become available.</i>				35-49	Master	4th Dan & Up Mens Fighting	TBD
				35-49	Black	1st - 3rd Dan Womens Fighting	TBD
				35-49	Master	4th Dan & Up Womens Fighting	TBD
				50+	Black	1st - 3rd Dan Mens Fighting	TBD
				50+	Master	4th Dan & Up Mens Fighting	TBD
<i>Competitors may only enter one division per category.</i>				50+	Black	1st - 3rd Dan Mens Fighting	TBD
<i>Traditional Forms only: No Open/Demo or Chil Sung/Yuk Ro.</i>				50+	Master	4th Dan & Up Mens Fighting	TBD
<i>See tournament packet for Fighting Rules and equipment info.</i>				50+	Black	1st - 3rd Dan Womens Fighting	TBD
<i>Grand Champions for Adult Black Belts in Forms and Fighting.</i>				50+	Master	4th Dan & Up Women Fighting	TBD

Questions? Contact Master Erica Tierney amkoraston@gmail.com.

2026 Delaware County Karate Championships
Application & Release Form
April 11, 2026

(First Name) _____ (Last Name) _____

(Address) _____

(Date of Birth) _____ (Age) _____ (Sex) _____

- () Traditional Form/Hyung Price: \$70.00 One or More Events
() Freesparring/Fighting Cash or Check Payable to: AMKOR
() Weapons *Black Belts Only* *Write Instructor's Name in Memo line.*

(Rank) _____ (Division) _____

You may only enter one Division in Forms, Fighting, and Weapons.

(Instructor) _____ (School or Affiliation) _____

Amateur Athletic Release of Liability

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the
2026 Delaware County Karate Championships
the undersigned or the parent or guardian of a minor child participant:

1. Agrees to inspect, prior to participating, the facilities and equipment to be used, and if the participant believes anything is unsafe, he or she should immediately withdraw from the competition and refuse to participate.
2. Acknowledges and fully understands that each participant will be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from their actions, inactions, or negligence, but the actions, inactions, or negligence of others, the rules of play, or the condition of the premises or any equipment used. Further, that there may be other risks not known to us or not reasonably foreseeable at this time.
3. Assume all the forgoing risk and accept personal responsibility for the damages following such as injury, permanent disability, or death.
4. Release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue the Upper Chichester Rec Center, its officers, the AmKor Karate Institutes, its affiliated clubs, or the officials, instructors, sponsors, or other participants, all of which are hereinafter referred to as "releasees," from any all liability to each of the undersigned, his or her heirs and next of kin for any and all claims, demands, losses, or damages on account of injury, including death and damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the releasees otherwise.

WE HAVE READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY.

Date

Signature of Participant or Guardian if under 18 Years Old