



SHINTANI WADO KAI KARATE FEDERATION

Dear SWKKF Membership,

November 4th 2018

I wanted to share some great news with everyone. As part of our strategic plan for the organization, we want to continue to increase our presence with other organizations. Effective today, I am pleased to share with everyone that the Shintani Karate Federation is now an officially recognized association with Karate Canada. In June, Sensei Darren Humphries from Calgary, Alberta approached Sensei Heather Fidyk with a proposal to work through the process to become a recognized association. Sensei Heather brought this proposal forward and the senate unanimously agreed to proceed.

This initiative is a great example of leadership and teamwork. I want to personally congratulate and thank Sensei Ron Mattie, Sensei Heather Fidyk, Sensei Michel Gosselin and Sensei Darren Humphries for the months of effort and preparation. These four individuals traveled to Toronto, Ontario for the Karate Canada Summit at the end of September to go through a Dan Evaluation that is required to become a recognized association. Each of these individuals presented Shintani Karate Kihon Kumite, Kata and Kata Bunkai to display the teachings of Master Shintani. The feedback we received as an organization was extremely positive.

Some of the key benefits for our organization include:

1. Promotion for SWKKF. As a recognized association, we will receive a lot of exposure for our organization.
2. World Wide Recognition through Karate Canada Dan certificates. Karate Canada Dan Certificates are recognized internationally as being issued by Sport Governing Body for karate in Canada.
3. Portability. Provincial and Territorial Karate Associations across the country will recognize Shintani Karate.
4. Certification. As a recognized association, we will be able to provide access to our members for 1st Dan to 5th Dan Certificates without having to take the National Dan evaluation like we did in September.
5. Access to World Karate Federation (WKF) certificates. Having a WKF certificate will eliminate other Wado Styles from not recognizing SWKKF Dan rankings.
6. Shintani Karate Federation Karate Canada certification program will be available to our members of the SWKKF in 2019.

This is a major milestone for our organization and I could not be prouder of this accomplishment. This is another one of the many initiatives that will provide opportunities for our membership. If anyone would like additional information, please feel free to reach out Sensei Darren Humphries (darren@dynamickarate.ca) or Sensei Heather Fidyk (senseiheather@calgarywadokai.com).

In Harmony,

Sensei Denis Labbé
SWKKF President