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Historical Background

of the
SWKKF
Para-Karate Program

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Historical Background of the Para-Karate Program in SWKKF

Prior to the Para-Karate Committee

2014

- Shintani Athlete with a disability and Shintani Coach become part of Karate Canada National Team attend WKF World Championships in Bremen, Germany
- Shintani Coach creates Para Program for Karate Canada

2015

- Shintani Athlete with a disability wins Gold at Karate Canada National Championships, Vancouver, BC

2016

- Shintani Team includes Para athletes
- Shintani team competes at US Open winning Para Medals with two Shintani athletes with a disability (kata & kumite)
- Shintani Team Para athletes earn medals at the Calgary Karate Cup Shotokan Tournament

2017

- Shintani team competes at Irish Open winning Para Medals with two Shintani athletes with a disability (kata & kumite)
- Shintani team competes at US Open winning Para Medals with two Shintani athletes with a disability (kata & kumite)
- Shintani team competes at Junior International Cup winning Para Medals with two Shintani athletes with a disability (kata & kumite)

2018

- Shintani team competes at US Open winning Para Medals with Shintani athletes with a disability (kata & kumite)
- Shintani team competes at Junior International Cup, winning Para Medals with Shintani athletes with a disability (kata & kumite)

Development and Growth of the SWKKF Para-Karate Committee

2018:

- Para-Karate Committee began
- Membership was established (3 black belts, 1 senate advisor, 1 auxiliary member)
- The committee's mandate was written

- Para-Karate rules and regulations for this event at SWKKF tournaments started to be developed
- The design of a training workshop for judges was discussed

2019:

- Mandate approved by the senate
- Rules and Regulations for Para-Karate division designed with WKF information as a reference
- Judging clinics started to be available to provide training opportunity
- This committee was senate approved to stand alone
- Preparation made for black belt training at black belt workouts

2020:

- Welland black belt workout hosted a Judging and Supporter training clinic
- Started development of SWKKF Instructor's Manual for Para-Karate
- Started development of training clinics for instructors to become certified Para-Karate Instructors
- Started discussion on development of grading manual and grading sheets
- Started development of modified criteria and ranking system for Para-Karate students

2021:

- Development of videos i.e., how to instruct virtually (tips)
- Modified criteria and ranking for kyu belts established
- Guidelines for black belt gradings discussed
- Proposed budget for National Competition initiated
- Request for SWKKF website to include Para-Karate section – Manual was posted
- Began development of international competition guide

2022:

- Re-design SWKKF website to ensure Para-Karate Program is accessible
- Started discussion about marketing Para-Karate at local dojos
- International Competition guide posted on SWKKF website
- Development of more videos i.e., upper/lower body techniques, two-step flag kumite
- Begin training clinics for Para-Karate Instructors to become certified
- Confirm guidelines for black belt gradings
- Redesign SWKKF Website to provide a Para-Karate Program section that will be accessible and contain all Para-Karate Program resources, manuals and guidelines.

Para-Karate at SWKKF Tournaments

2017:

- South Calgary began hosting Para divisions including Shindo (first division featured 3 competitors)

2019:

- First Para-Karate event at a SWKKF tournament in Welland (April 2019)
- Second Para-Karate event at a SWKKF tournament – Nationals (May 2019)

2020-2022

- All F2F tournaments were placed on hold due to Covid-19 pandemic and public health restrictions

International Para- Karate Competition with SWKKF Representation

2018

- Shintani team competes at US Open winning Para Medals with two Shintani athletes with a disability (kata & kumite)
- Shintani Team competes at Junior International Cup winning Para Medals with Shintani athletes with a disability (kata & kumite)
- Shintani team member medals in Para weapons with Shindo
- Shintani Para team member competes kumite on podium in front of 1500 person audience

2019

- Shintani team competes at US Open winning Para Medals with two Shintani athletes with a disability (kata & kumite)

2020

- Para athletes compete in virtual events, both within and outside the SWKKF

2021

- Para athletes compete in virtual events, both within and outside the SWKKF

2022

- Para athletes compete in both in person and virtual events, both within and outside the SWKKF

Future Possibilities of the SWKKF Para-Karate Program

- Regular in-person National Tournament with Para-Karate event
- Active Instructor's training program
- Recognized certified Para-Karate Instructors and Judges
- Recognized SWKKF of Inclusion in policy and practice
- Increased and active Para-Karate membership in SWKKF

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