

2013 BUDOKAN MONSter and Junior Boys/Girls Competition **8th September 2013**



On the 8th September 2013, Budokan Judo Club hosted its 12th annual MONSter (formerly U/10s) competition staged since the JFA introduced MONSters in 2002. In 2010 we included for the first time a club-hosted NSW U/14s age competition which, like the U/10s, also had a provision for novice divisions. In 2011, Juniors were split into Junior Boys/Girls (9, 10, or 11 in the calendar year) and Senior Boys/Girls (12, 13, or 14). MONs category also changed from U/10 years on the day of the competition to 6, 7, or 8 in the calendar year. So in 2011 we presented our competition for the new MONS and Junior Boys/Girls age categories and this format was retained for both 2012 and this year. At the same time we kept the novice grade divisions within each age category so that it remained a real education for less experienced Judoka introducing the formalities and pressure of a competition in a very friendly environment. Inclusion of “novice” and “graded” divisions was complicated by the new Junior Grading system introduced in June 2011, whereby the grades for “novice” and “graded” divisions changed including a number of grades and are also different for “MONS” and “Junior Boys/Girls” age categories.

This year, there were 33 MONs and 56 Junior athletes, a total of 89 athletes, up 2 from 2012 and an all-time high in numbers. 18 clubs were represented, 6 more than in 2012, and we thank them all for helping to make this a great event for our youngest athletes (Dragon, Woy Woy, Tiger Do, Zen Bu, Blacktown City, Shinsei, Uni NSW, Samurai, Bushido, Kugatsu, Willoughby, Kokoro, Temple Dogz, Glendenning, St. Georges Basin, Kido, Shoalhaven and of course 29 athletes from Budokan, up 5 from 2012.

Some statistics from this year's competition:

- Participation from 90 athletes covering 18 clubs, compared to 2012 where we had 87 athletes from 12 clubs
- There were 33 MONs and 56 Junior Boys/Girls compared to 2012 where we had 51 MONS and 36 Junior Boys/Girls
- A total of 145 matches were played compared to 109 in 2012
- We ran 11 MONS divisions with 52 matches, compared to 2012 where we ran 13 MONS divisions with 57 matches
- We ran 14 Junior Boys/Girls divisions with 93 matches, compared to 2012 where we ran 19 Junior Boys/Girls divisions with 52 matches
- Largest category was Junior Boys Graded with 25 followed by Junior Boys Novice with 19, combining to 49% of the total entries. This compares to 2012's largest categories of MONS Novice Girls with 29 followed by Graded Junior Boys with 21, combining to 74% of the total entries
- Last year there were no Graded MONS Girls divisions at all, whereas this year we had 3
- Largest Club entry was Budokan with 29 (compared to 24 in 2012) entries followed by Tiger Do with 9 (compared to 8 from UNSW in 2012)
- In the MONS category, we awarded 11 Gold, 11 Silver and 9 Bronze Medals plus 7 special awards for Ne-Waza, Tachi-Waza, Spirit and Player of the Day
- In Junior Boys/Girls, we awarded 19 Gold, 14 Silver, 10 Bronze Medals and 4 x 4th places (where there were 2 pools and a final pool) plus 7 special awards for Ne-Waza, Tachi-Waza, Spirit and Player of the Day
- In total, we awarded 30 Gold, 25 Silver and 16 Bronze Medals plus 14 special awards for Ne-Waza, Tachi-Waza, Spirit and Player of the Day compared to 36 Gold, 34 Silver and 20 Bronze Medals in 2012
- We sold all the food and had to go out and buy more
- There were many compliments and only 1 complaint which was dealt with quite easily
- There were no hungry or grumpy referees or parents
- We spent well about \$800 on trophies and certificates making this one of the most attractive competitions available for MONS and Juniors
- We made a lot of money for the club fundraising account

A huge congratulations goes out to all Budokanis to celebrate yet another wonderfully successful Budokan tournament. The weather was great, the number of competitors was huge, the food was very tasty and plentiful, the Budokan support was again outstanding and we made a huge profit, significantly more than last year. There were some big divisions especially in Juniors where we ran 4 divisions with 2 pools, some great matches and quite a few going to golden score and decision (for which we obtained agreement with the Referee's Commission to reduce match time), with all athletes putting on a great spectacle of technique and spirit. We received many positive comments from visiting parents and coaches during and after the competition which is very encouraging and motivating.

Congratulations to all athletes especially those who participated in competition for the first time. This is your first rung up the ladder of your future competition career. Detailed results for this year's competition follow.

Under 9s MONSters

Novice Boys

U/21kg

- 1 Miguel Redoblado (Budokan)
- 2 Francis Park (Budokan)

U/24kg

- 1 Ethan Ehamparam (Budokan)
- 2 Lochie Hudson (Budokan)
- 3 Hugo Casal (Dragon)

U/40kg

- 1 Mark Chalmers (Budokan)
- 2 Samir Ashton (Budokan)

Novice Girls

U/24kg

- 1 Bianca Tandean (Budokan)
- 2 Lizzy Edwards (Budokan)

Special Boys/Girls Novice U/31

- 1 Mena Gorgees (Glendenning)
- 2 Samir Ashton (Budokan)

Graded Boys

U/24kg

- 1 Jack Taylor (Zen Bu)
- 2 Peter Moratidis (Samurai)
- 3 Joshua Power (Blacktown City)

U/27kg

- 1 Nicholas McClifty (Tiger Do)
- 2 Lion Park (Budokan)

U/31kg

- 1 Nicholas McClifty (Tiger Do)
- 2 Oscar Woodward (Budokan)
- 3 Tyrell Picton (Kokoro)

U/35kg

- 1 Owen Taylor (Zen Bu)
- 2 Ayden Haggard (Temple Dogz)
- 3 Harrison Tomlin (Tiger Do)

Graded Girls

U/27kg

- 1 Marissa Finka (Tiger Do)
- 2 Deanna Finka (Tiger Do)
- 3 Isabel Redoblado (Budokan)

U/31kg

- 1 Ivana Rivstevski (Tiger Do)
- 2 Giorgia Tivoli (Blacktown City)
- 3 Adrianna Krallidis (Zen Bu)

MONS Special Awards

Best Tachi-Waza (standing technique): Ivana Ristevski (Tiger Do), Isabel Redoblado (Budokan), Josh Power (Blacktown City), Miguel Redoblado (Budokan), Tyrell Picton (Kokoro), Nicholas McClifty (Tiger Do)

Best Ne-Waza (ground technique): Mena Gorgees (Glendenning), Peter Moratidis (Samurai)

Best Spirit: Samir Ashton (Budokan), Isabel Redoblado (Budokan)

Player of the Day: Nicholas McClifty (Tiger Do)

Junior Boys and Girls**Novice Boys**

U/30kg

- 1 Joel Walters (St Georges Basin)
- 2 Zach Ferguson (Bushido)
- 3 Max Grenier (Woy Woy)

U/34kg

- 1 Ari Skleparis (Dragon)
- 2 Sam Ferguson (Bushido)
- 3 Aiden Borsez (St Georges Basin)

U/38kg

- 1 Olivier Woodward (Budokan)
- 2 Bernhard Tandean (Budokan)
- 3 Cooper Doherty (Bushido)
- 4 Dan Quirk (Bushido)

U/42kg

- 1 Deniel Havenga (Budokan)
- 2 Joshua Levi (Zen Bu)
- 3 Samuel Zogbee (Tiger Do)

Novice Girls

U/29kg

- 1 Amy Meyers (Shinsei)

U/32kg

- 1 Piper Ryan (Shoalhaven)
- 2 Chantelle Guevara (Dragon)
- 3 Amy Meyers (Shoalhaven)

U/36kg

- 1 Bethany Wade (Budokan)

U/40kg

- 1 Bethany Wade (Budokan)
- 2 Sophia Krallidis (Zen Bu)

Graded Boys

U/27kg

- 1 Leo Matsuzaki (Willoughby)

U/30kg

- 1 Liam McClifty (Tiger Do)
- 2 Oliver Jennings (Budokan)
- 3 Baxter Scholtz (Budokan)
- 4 Dylan Katz (UNSW)

U/34kg

- 1 Finn Tafft (Budokan)

- 2 Harrison Lambley (Kido)
- 3 Aleksander Simic (Bushido)
- 4 Rauiri Edwards (Budokan)

U/38kg

- 1 Zach Colman (Budokan)
- 2 Jarrel Redoblado (Budokan)
- 3 Alex Djamirze (Budokan)

U/42kg

- 1 Byron McIntosh (Kokoro)

U/46kg

- 1 Lewis Taylor (Zen Bu)
- 2 Anny Vojnikovich (Kido)
- 3 Sam Benson (Blacktown City)
- 4 Byron McIntosh (Kokoro)

O/50kg

- 1 Jared Robinson (UNSW)
- 2 Maksim Jovanoski (Tiger Do)

Graded Girls

U/36kg

- 1 Milla Rose Sagurit (Glendenning)

U/40kg

- 1 Saskia Brothers (Budokan)
- 2 Maddison Edwards (Budokan)

U/44kg

- 1 Elyshia Jackson (Kido)

U/52kg Special

- 1 Elyshia Jackson (Kido)
- 2 Ayla Tivoli (Blacktown City)
- 3 Kaitlan Hoong (Bushido)

Junior Boys & Girls Special Awards

Best Tachi-Waza (standing technique): Bernhard Tandean (Budokan), Ari Skleparis (Dragon), Liam McClifty (Tiger Do)

Best Ne-Waza (ground technique): Jarrel Redoblado (Budokan), Bethany Wade (Budokan)

Best Spirit: Amy Meyers (Shinsei), Leo Matsuzaki (Willoughby)

Player of the Day: Finn Taftt (Budokan)

Again, this event was a great success for the club – it showed the real spirit of working together and contributing even where there is no direct involvement of the families with the athletes competing. This is the traditional and unique Budokan spirit.

!!!! THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

Finally, congratulations on a job well done to all the Budokan MONSters and Junior Boys and Girls who competed, to all clubs who participated, and to all the supporters and helpers of the event.