

## [2014 British International Open Karate Championships](#)

The British Open seemed to enjoy its new home at the Sportdock UEL , London. This longstanding prestigious event has seen lots of different venues over the last 25 years from Birmingham to Crystal Palace. Wherever the venue the talent on show is always worth watching and this one was no exception.

With large squads from Karate Wales and Karate Sport England the two squads went head to head many times during the afternoon. Karate Wales saw 3 golds in the kata , 2 Shotokan and 1 open whilst Karate Sport England took 6 of the other 7 kata golds.

Alfie Wise from EKK and Joanne Phelan SSK were the winners in the senior open events.

Karate Wales repeated their success in the Junior team kata whilst Shingi Tai took the senior team event.

In the kumite Phil Patrick from OSTMA saw his son Ashton take gold in the boys 8/9 years old section.

The girls 8/9 open saw Mai Saavedra from Kyoji Kai narrowly beat Connie Antoshko from UKA to win gold.

The older sections were again hotly contested between Wales and England with golds for Wales coming from Annabel Stacey , Sam Cana , Connery Hutchinson ,Nathan Davies , whilst for England winners were Zane Sewell , Vladut Vasilache , Tommy Mullhall , Elliot Engwell , Isabelle Tilley , Rachel Barton-Hagger , Terri Naylor , Aaliyah Fadare , James Eade, Ellie Greenhalgh , Chloe Barnes and Rahul Khan.

There were some excellent performances notably Chloe Barnes and Imaany Kuhaendran in the final of the female cadet B O55k , the fight swinging this way and that with the winning point being scored in the last few seconds of the fight. Fantastic stuff from two quality fighters !!

In the juniors Under 21 England internationals Charlie Collins and Maddie Moore won the male and female events respectively with Maddie taking silver behind England team mate Shauna Carroll in the Senior Openweight.

Luke Howard from Karate Wales took the men's senior title whilst Charlie Collins won the Open Shubo Ippon event.

The Veterans saw Miranda Wood UKA take the female vets and Spencer Howard BUJIN take the male vets.

The junior teams were dominated by the UKA (shikon) teams winning the boys 12 and under , girls 12 and under and girls 13/14 with Karate Wales taking the Boys 13/14 section.

The cadet teams were rotation events and UKA took 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the male event but SESK took the female cadet forcing the UKA team to settle for silver.

The senior teams saw Karate Sport England teams win both male and female categories .

Congratulations to Abdu Shaher for attracting a good entry on a weekend where there were other comps all over the country. Well done to Chief Referee Mark green for keeping the event ticking over through the day and also thanks to all the other officials and medics and timekeepers that supported the event.

We all look forward to the IKU European Championships at the Sportdock at the end of October.