

IRISH
'09 OPEN

INTERNATIONAL

EUROPE'S LARGEST TOURNAMENT



13th, 14th & 15th
March
National Basketball Arena, Dublin, Ireland



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WHERE LEGENDS ARE BORN

Dear Instructor/Coach

We would like to invite you to Europe's largest Martial Arts Tournament The Irish Open has evolved into the NO 1 Tournament in Europe, nothing compares to the energy and excitement and enthusiasm which the fighters get from this truly amazing event, it is a spectacle to behold and unique in its energy and vitality and definitely not to be missed or experienced in your Martial Art career.

We are very excited about our new collaboration with the US Open, the largest and most prestigious tournament in America. The two events will be closely linked in 2009 with all winners from the 2009 Irish Open receiving automatic seeding at the 2009 US Open event. All competitor from the 2008 US Open event will receive automatic seeding at the 2009 Irish Open. Both of these world class events are without question the largest events on each continent and it is a natural progression for our sport that they are now associated with each other and cooperate in the development of martial arts on a truly global scale.

The 2008 IO Event saw 27 Countries attend with over 2000 + fighters from all over the world on the mat. We had TV coverage from Setanta Sport and RTE and it was covered in several international magazines. We had the greatest fighters in the world today converge on Dublin to see who really is the best. People like, Raymond Daniels, Zoltan Dancso, Andrea Lucchese, Robbie Lavoie, Zolt Moradi, Gregorio Di Leo, Jack Felton, Kristian Jaroszkiewicz, Kostas Tabolreas, Robbie McMenamy, Morten Spissoy, Jacey Cashman, Mimmo De Marco, Harold Schmidt, Josh Heyes, Michael Page, Grazzian Aalession, Joey Greenhaugh, Robert Knodlseder, Roberto Monturo, Henry Robinson, Ross Levine, Lee Mathews, Andrea Ongaro, Maurizio Valessia, Daz Ellis, Dave Hylton, Roland Krummenenauer, Gloria De Bei, Sharon Gill, Elaine Small, Zsofia Minda, Maureen Deareen, Betty Kovags, Angelopoulos Andreas, Bev Sturzaker, Yaz Anderson, Melanie Moder, Dezsos Debreczeni and Corey Caine, a virtual who is who on the tournament fighting scene in the world today.

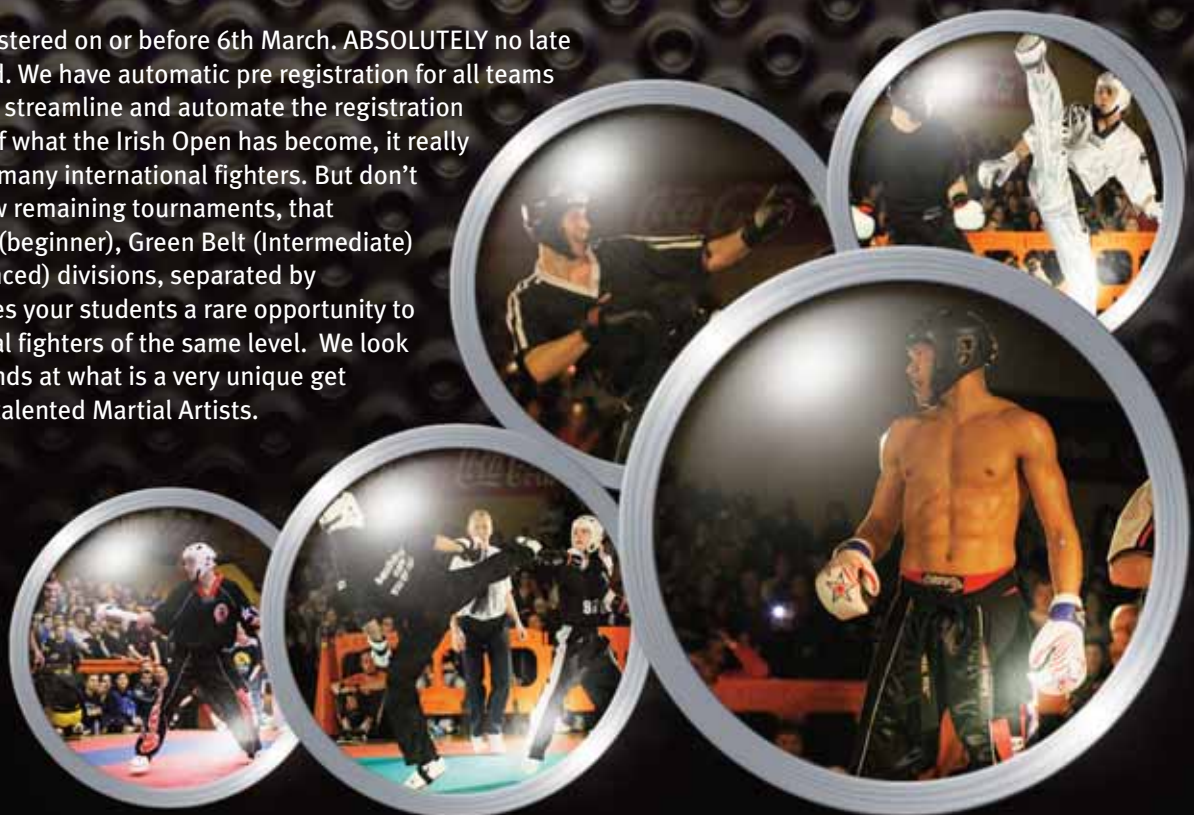
We can not go by without thanking the referees over the years, to many to mention, but with people like, T Rondo Van Cleefe, Nevil Wray, Elaine Small, Lloyd Allen, Tony Cashman, Peter Edwards, Des Leonard, Filippo Fusco, Darragh Geoghegan, Michael McCann, Ilija Salerno and others we really do have the best officials in the world, whose only focus is the safety and enjoyment of the fighter without politics of favour. Our volunteers are legendary, 140 people helping out over three days to make our experience more enjoyable.

The Logo for 2008 was "Where Legends are born" and it really was a very good description of the 2008 event. We continue to strive to make our event better for the fighter and to this aim we have changes some things in the schedule to bring about a better balance over the entire weekend for the senior fighters. In particular we will be hosting the team event on Friday night 13th March. All senior male black belt divisions on Saturday 14th march and the male grand champion division on Sunday. We have also now brought in Cash prizes for ALL black belt divisions. Brining our total prizes given over the weekend to a value of €20,000.00. The Irish Open committee is delighted to once again associated with the Irish Society for prevention of Cruelty to Children (ISPC).

PRE REGISTRATION EVENT

All teams must be FULLY registered on or before 6th March. ABSOLUTELY no late registrations will be accepted. We have automatic pre registration for all teams on line from Sep 08. This will streamline and automate the registration process. We are very proud of what the Irish Open has become, it really is an amazing event, with so many international fighters. But don't forget it is one of the very few remaining tournaments, that continues to have white belt (beginner), Green Belt (Intermediate) and brown/Black Belt (Advanced) divisions, separated by weight/height. This truly gives your students a rare opportunity to compete against international fighters of the same level. We look forward to seeing all our friends at what is a very unique get together of the worlds most talented Martial Artists.

Regards,
Irish Open Organising
Committee



SCHEDULE

Pre Registration closes Friday 6th March 2009 for all participants, ABSOLUTELY no registrations will be accepted after this date.

Thursday 12th March 2009

International Fighting - Forms and Weapons Seminar

Friday 13th March 2009

2pm - 6pm International Registrations
7pm - 10pm Team Event
(Four man & one woman)

Saturday 14th March 2009

9am - 10.30pm International Registrations
11am - 6pm Light Contact, Six areas.
11am - 5pm ALL Male Black Belt Divisions
(Six Areas Up to finals)
5pm - 6pm Female Grand Champion
(Four Areas up to Finals)

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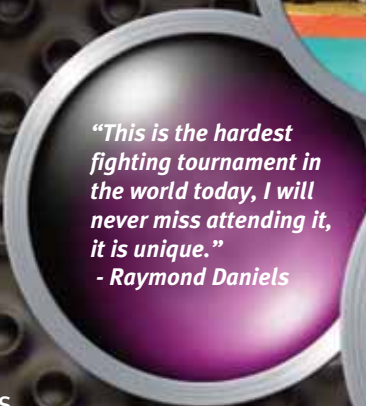
7pm - 7.10pm	Men's Black Belt + 89kg Final	8.10 - 8.20pm	Men's Light Contact Final
7.10 - 7.20pm	Men's Black Belt - 89kg Final	8.20 - 9pm	Forms Eliminations
7.20 - 7.30pm	Men's Black Belt - 84kg Final	9 - 9.10pm	Fem Grand Champion Final
7.40 - 7.50pm	Men's Light Contact final	9.10 - 9.20pm	Men's Black Belt - 74kg Final
7.50 - 8pm	Women's Light Contact final	9.20 - 9.35pm	Men's Black Belt - 69kg Final
8 - 8.10pm	Men's Black Belt - 79kg Final	9.45pm - 10pm	Men's Black Belt - 63kg Final

Sunday 15th March 2009 *** NEW FORMAT***

11am Junior Divisions Semi Contact
2pm Senior Divisions
4pm Female Black Belt Divisions
4pm Men's Grand Champion

SUNDAY NIGHT - IRISH OPEN AFTERPARTY

*"Where ALL of the worlds best fighters attended the biggest tournament in the world, it is my major priority each year."
- Morten Spissey*



2009 DIVISIONS

Semi Contact Boys -16

Div No	Belt/Grade	Height	Div No	Belt/Grade	Height	Div No	Belt/Grade	Height
1	White	-1,35cm	5	Green	-1,35cm	9	Brown/Black (€50 prize)	-1,35cm
2	White	-1,50cm	6	Green	-1,50cm	10	Brown/Black (€50 prize)	-1,50cm
3	White	-1,65cm	7	Green	-1,65cm	11	Brown/Black (€50 prize)	-1,65cm
4	White	+1,65cm	8	Green	+1,65cm	12	Brown/Black (€50 prize)	+1,65cm

Semi Contact Girls -16

Div No	Belt/Grade	Height	Div No	Belt/Grade	Height	Div No	Belt/Grade	Height
13	White	-1,45cm	16	Green	-1,45cm	19	Brown/Black (€50 prize)	-1,45cm
14	White	-1,65cm	17	Green	-1,65cm	20	Brown/Black (€50 prize)	-1,65cm
15	White	+1,65cm	18	Green	+1,65cm	21	Brown/Black (€50 prize)	+1,65cm

Semi Contact Men +16

Div No	Belt/Grade	Weight	Div No	Belt/Grade	Weight	Div No	Belt/Grade	Weight
22	White	-70kg	25	Green	-70kg	28	Brown/Black (€100 prize)	-63kg
23	White	-80kg	26	Green	-80kg	29	Brown/Black (€100 prize)	-69kg
24	White	+80kg	27	Green	+80kg	30	Brown/Black (€100 prize)	-74kg
						31	Brown/Black (€100 prize)	-79kg
						32	Brown/Black (€100 prize)	-84kg
						33	Brown/Black (€100 prize)	-89kg
						34	Brown/Black (€100 prize)	+89kg

Semi Contact men's Veterans + 35yrs

Div No	Belt/Grade	Weight	Div No	Belt/Grade	Weight
35	All Grades	-74kg	36	All Grades	+74kg

Semi Contact Women +16

Div No	Belt/Grade	Weight	Div No	Belt/Grade	Weight	Div No	Belt/Grade	Weight
48	White	-65kg	50	Green	-65kg	52	Brown/Black (€100 prize)	-55kg
49	White	+65kg	51	Green	+65kg	53	Brown/Black (€100 prize)	-65kg
						54	Brown/Black (€100 prize)	+65kg

Light Contact Men +16

Div No	Belt/Grade	Weight	Div No	Belt/Grade	Weight	Div No	Belt/Grade	Weight
37	Green & -	-60kg	41	Above Green (€100 prize)	-63kg	45	Above Green (€100 prize)	-84kg
38	Green & -	-70kg	42	Above Green (€100 prize)	-69kg	46	Above Green (€100 prize)	-89kg
39	Green & -	-80kg	43	Above Green (€100 prize)	-74kg	47	Above Green (€100 prize)	+89kg
40	Green & -	+80kg	44	Above Green (€100 prize)	-79kg			

Light Contact Women +16

Div No	Belt/Grade	Weight	Div No	Belt/Grade	Weight	Div No	Belt/Grade	Weight
55	Green & -	-55kg	57	Green & -	+65kg	59	Above Green (€100 prize)	-65kg
56	Green & -	-65kg	58	Above Green (€100 prize)	-55kg	60	Above Green (€100 prize)	+65kg

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GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP - OPEN DIVISIONS -

61 Male Grand Champion (€1,500 prize)
62 Female Grand Champion (€750 prize)

63 Team Event (€2,000 Prize)
64 Forms/Weapons - (By Invitation ONLY) (€300 Prize)



*"A melting pot of martial athletes from all over the world who come together to embrace one of the toughest challenges Europe has to offer. No politics, no nonsense, no surrender."
- Corey Caine*

RECOMMENDED ACCOMMODATION

- (1) Jury's Inn, Christchurch, Dublin 2.
Tel: 00-353-1-4540000.
- (2) Jury's Inn, Quays, Dublin 2.
Tel: 00-353-1-6075000.
- (3) Bewleys Hotel, Newlands Cross, Dublin.
Tel: 00-353-1-4640140.
- (4) Ibis Hotel, Naas Road, Dublin.
Tel: 00-353-1-4641480.
- (5) Green Isle Hotel, Clondalkin, Dublin.
Tel No.: 00-353-1-4593406.

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Open to be greater
than a world
championship."
- Harald Schmidt*

