

Wagga Wagga Invitational Championships



After many weeks of intensive tournament training as delivered by SM Tam, SM Alan Luong, Boosabum Jacek, and Boosabum Tsevotmir, a group of 27 jejas from TTM drove to Wagga Wagga AAITF NSW Open Taekwon-Do tournament with a collection of parents, friends, and supporters.

A small group, including Boosabum Jacek, Boosabum Tsevotmir, Boosabum Amanda, and Michelle Graham made the trip to attend and complete the three days Umpires Course as conducted by SM Linda Low from Perth.

On the Saturday, the Umpires course began with the focus on how to judge, referee, practice codes of conduct, and to uphold moral culture of Taekwon-Do within a competitive arena. During the day, jeja's continued to make the trip from Sydney to Wagga Wagga. Some jejas were able to meet up for a last minute training session before the tournament. At the end of the day, the umpires' course wrapped up for the day and then it was time for a quick shower and change before we all met for dinner at a local buffet restaurant. It was then early to bed for all the jeja's in preparation for the long day ahead.



Sunday morning, the day of the tournament, all the TTM jejas with SM Tam and Sabum Mayumi, gathered as a team at the venue with friends, supporters, and family. After locating our draws, the tournament started with the Taekwon-Do oath, a welcome speech, and an acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of the land by Sabum Phillip Fitzgerald-Holmes. All competitors', coaches, umpires, and referees gathered together for the obligatory group photograph.



The AAITF NSW Open Championship started with the female 1st Dan black belt patterns, where TTM scored their first medals with Priscilla Lee, Carolyn, and Vanessa setting the pace by scoring Gold, Silver, and Bronze. The rest of the day

rushed by with TTM scoring medals in every event. TTM was also represented as Jury Presidents, centre referees, and judges as the jejā's participating in the umpire course got to put their skills and knowledge into action. SM Tam and Sabum Mayumi were multi-talented by being coaches, judges, competitors, and supporters for the jejās.



At the end of a 12 hour day, TTM was hopeful they had done enough to score the overall club trophy, but we had to wait for the organised dinner to find out. After we had all bowed out and travelled to the restaurant, we waited with baited breath to see who came out on top. First of all, overall junior female trophy was awarded

to our very own Musk Chow! After that, Joe Lee was awarded overall junior male trophy. We then found out, that yes, we had done enough and won the overall club champions!



After a tiring day, all the jejā's had a well earned rest. But for the jejā's in the umpire course, they still hadn't finished yet! On the Monday, when some of the jejā's were traveling home, the umpire course was being completed with theory tests, with Boosabum Jacek applying for his 'A' class certification. We are proud to say that they all passed with fantastic marks and new knowledge to be applied to future tournaments. It was also an opportunity for a last training session with the Australian team as coached by SM Tam, Sabum Danny, and Coach Justin Low.

We all then headed home where we reached Sydney safe and sound. Ready to start classes again.

Boosabum Amanda Murray