



SOUTHERN SHOTOKAN KARATE ASSOCIATION

CALENDAR 2026



Please check grading sheets or online for any date and time changes

JANUARY

Fri	9	28th Winter Karate Camp - Friday 9th January to Sunday 11th January 2026 at the Victoria Hotel (TLH Leisure Resort), Torquay, TQ2 5HS. For SSKA members, family and friends. For all grades with Chief Instructor of the S.S.K.A.
Sat	10	To book your accommodation please contact the Hotel direct on 01803 400500 and quote the following code: ID 53728 to receive a special rate. You are welcome to book another hotel if you prefer, but all training will be held at the Victoria Hotel.
Sun	11	TRAINING FEE: Before the 30th November 2025 the training fee will be £95. From 1st December 2025 the training fee will increase to £120. From 1st January 2026 and if you pay on the day the training fee will increase to £150. Details are available to download from the SSKA website.

FEBRUARY

Fri	27	Pre-Grading Lesson at West Somerset Sports Centre, Bircham Road, Minehead, TA24 6AY. Juniors & Seniors (All Grades) arrive at 6.45pm for admin, lesson 7.00pm - 8.00pm. With Sensei McCormack, Senior Instructor of the SSKA
Sat	28	Pre-Grading Lesson at Strode Leisure Centre, Strode Road, Clevedon, BS21 6QG. Juniors & Seniors (All Grades) arrive at 4.45pm for admin, lesson 5.00-6.00pm. In the Main Sports Hall with Sensei Lewis, Assistant Chief Instructor of the SSKA.
Sat	28	Black & Brown Belt Course and Black Belt Grading at Five Rivers Leisure Centre, Hulse Road, Salisbury, SP1 3NR. Juniors & Seniors arrive at 2.30pm for admin, lesson 3.00 - 4.00pm. Grading starts approx. 4.00pm in the Main Hall with Chief Instructor of the SSKA. You can get your card signed here.

MARCH

Sun	1	Pre-Grading Lesson at Woodford Park Leisure Centre, Haddon Drive, Woodley, Reading RG5 4LY. Juniors & Seniors (All grades) arrive at 9.00am for admin, lesson 9.30am-11.00am with Chief Instructor of the SSKA, Sensei Lewis, Sensei Whitcher and Senior Instructor assistance.
Sat	7	Pre-Grading Lesson at St Peter's Church of England Aided School, Quarry Lane, Exeter, EX2 5AP. Juniors & Seniors (All grades) arrive at 9.45am for admin, lesson 10.00am-11.00am in the gym with Chief Instructor of the SSKA.
Sun	8	Pre-Grading Lesson at Five Rivers Leisure Centre, Hulse Road, Salisbury, SP1 3NR. Juniors & Seniors (All grades) arrive at 3.15pm for admin, lesson 3.30 - 4.30pm. In the Dance Studio with Chief Instructor of the SSKA.
Mon	9	Pre-Grading Lesson at Grange Leisure & Community Centre, Grange Drive, Swindon, SN3 4JY. Juniors & Seniors (All grades) arrive 8.00pm for admin, lesson 8.30pm - 9.30pm in the Main Sports Hall with Chief Instructor of the SSKA.
Sun	15	Kyu Grading at Woodford Park Leisure Centre, Haddon Drive, Woodley, Reading RG5 4LY. Juniors & Seniors (All Grades) arrive at 8.30am for admin, lesson 9.00 - 10.30am. Grading starts at 10.45am with Chief Instructor of the SSKA, Sensei Lewis, Sensei Whitcher and Senior Instructor assistance.
Sat	21	Kyu Grading Centre at Five Rivers Leisure Centre, Hulse Road, Salisbury, SP1 3NR. Juniors & Seniors (All Grades) arrive at 2.30pm for admin, lesson 3.00 - 4.00pm. Grading starts approx. 4.00pm in the Studio with Chief Instructor of the SSKA.
Sun	22	Kyu Grading Centre and Black Belt Grading Centre at Grange Leisure & Community Centre, Grange Drive, Swindon, SN3 4JY. Juniors & Seniors (All Grades) arrive at 8.30am for admin, lesson 9.00 - 10.30am. Kyu Grading starts approx. 10.45am followed by the black belt grading. In the Main Sports Hall with Chief Instructor of the SSKA, Sensei Lewis, Sensei Whitcher and Senior Instructors assistance. You can get your card signed here.
Sat	28	Kyu Grading Centre Only and Black Belt Course Centre at St Peter's Church of England Aided School, Quarry Lane, Exeter, EX2 5AP. Juniors & Seniors (All Grades) arrive at 8.45am for admin, lesson 9.00am - 10.00am. Kyu Grading starts at approx. 10.15am in the gym with Chief Instructor of the SSKA and Sensei McCormack.

MAY

Fri	29	Pre-Grading Lesson at West Somerset Sports Centre, Bircham Road, Minehead, TA24 6AY. Juniors & Seniors (All Grades) arrive at 6.45pm for admin, lesson 7.00pm - 8.00pm. With Sensei McCormack, Senior Instructor of the SSKA
Sat	30	Pre-Grading Lesson at Strode Leisure Centre, Strode Road, Clevedon, BS21 6QG. Juniors & Seniors (All Grades) arrive at 4.45pm for admin, lesson 5.00-6.00pm. In the Main Sports Hall with Sensei Lewis, Assistant Chief Instructor of the SSKA.
Sat	30	Black & Brown Belt Course and Black Belt Grading at Five Rivers Leisure Centre, Hulse Road, Salisbury, SP1 3NR. Juniors & Seniors arrive at 2.30pm for admin, lesson 3.00 - 4.00pm. Grading starts approx. 4.00pm in the Main Hall with Chief Instructor of the SSKA. You can get your card signed here.
Sun	31	Pre-Grading Lesson at Woodford Park Leisure Centre, Haddon Drive, Woodley, Reading RG5 4LY. Juniors & Seniors (All grades) arrive at 9.00am for admin, lesson 9.30am-11.00am with Chief Instructor of the SSKA, Sensei Lewis, Sensei Whitcher and Senior Instructor assistance.

JUNE

Sat	6	Pre-Grading Lesson at St Peter's Church of England Aided School, Quarry Lane, Exeter, EX2 5AP. Juniors & Seniors (All grades) arrive at 9.45am for admin, lesson 10.00am-11.00am in the gym with Chief Instructor of the SSKA.
Sun	7	Pre-Grading Lesson at Five Rivers Leisure Centre, Hulse Road, Salisbury, SP1 3NR. Juniors & Seniors (All grades) arrive at 3.15pm for admin, lesson 3.30 - 4.30pm. In the Dance Studio with Chief Instructor of the SSKA.
Mon	8	Pre-Grading Lesson at Grange Leisure & Community Centre, Grange Drive, Swindon, SN3 4JY. Juniors & Seniors (All grades) arrive 8.00pm for admin, lesson 8.30pm - 9.30pm in the Main Sports Hall with Chief Instructor of the SSKA.
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Sun	21	Kyu Grading Centre and Brown/Black Belt Course at Grange Leisure & Community Centre, Grange Drive, Swindon, SN3 4JY. Juniors & Seniors (All Grades) arrive at 8.30am for admin, lesson 9.00 - 10.30am. Kyu Grading starts approx. 10.45am in the Main Sports Hall with Chief Instructor of the SSKA, Sensei Lewis, Sensei Whitcher and Senior Instructors assistance. You can get your card signed here.
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JULY		
Sat	4	Kyu Grading Centre at Five Rivers Leisure Centre, Hulse Road, Salisbury, SP1 3NR. Juniors & Seniors (All Grades) arrive at 2.30pm for admin, lesson 3.00 - 4.00pm. Grading starts approx. 4.00pm in the Studio with Chief Instructor of the SSKA.
Sun	5	Black & Brown Belt Course and Black Belt Grading at Woodford Park Leisure Centre, Haddon Drive, Woodley, Reading RG5 4LY. Juniors & Seniors arrive at 8.30am for admin, lesson 9.00 - 10.30am. Grading starts approx. 11.00am in the Main Hall with Chief Instructor of the SSKA and Senior Instructor assistance.
AUGUST		
Fri	14	28th Summer Karate Camp - Friday 14th August to Sunday 16th August 2026 at the Victoria Hotel (TLH Leisure Resort), Torquay, TQ2 5HS. For SSKA members, family and friends. For all grades with Chief Instructor of the S.S.K.A.
Sun	16	To book your accommodation please contact the Hotel direct on 01803 400500 and quote the following code: ID 53728 to receive a special rate. You are welcome to book another hotel if you prefer, but all training will be held at the Victoria Hotel. TRAINING FEES: £95 if paid before or during June 2025 £120 if paid during July 2025 £150 if paid during August 2025 or on the day. Details are available to download from the SSKA website.
SEPTEMBER		
Fri	11	Pre-Grading Lesson at West Somerset Sports Centre, Bircham Road, Minehead, TA24 6AY. Juniors & Seniors (All Grades) arrive at 6.45pm for admin, lesson 7.00pm - 8.00pm. With Sensei McCormack, Senior Instructor of the SSKA
Sat	12	Pre-Grading Lesson at Strode Leisure Centre, Strode Road, Clevedon, BS21 6QG. Juniors & Seniors (All Grades) arrive at 4.45pm for admin, lesson 5.00-6.00pm. In the Main Sports Hall. With Chief Instructor of the SSKA.
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OCTOBER		
Sat	3	Kyu Grading Centre at Five Rivers Leisure Centre, Hulse Road, Salisbury, SP1 3NR. Juniors & Seniors (All Grades) arrive at 2.30pm for admin, lesson 3.00 - 4.00pm. Grading starts approx. 4.00pm in the Studio with Chief Instructor of the SSKA.
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NOVEMBER		
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DECEMBER		
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