GENERAL:
- All participants must compete at the level of their highest belt achieved in that event.
- The Tournament sponsors reserve the right to combine divisions if there are insufficient numbers of participants in any one division for any event.
- All competitors must demonstrate proper sportsmanship and attitudes towards all other competitors and judges. Lack of respect, poor sportsmanship or attitude will result in immediate disqualification and loss of all entry fees.

KATA:
- A panel of three or five judges will score each competitor using a scale of 1 through 10. Decimal points will be used to minimize ties. Scores will be based on correct technique, focus, balance, power, speed, timing and overall execution of the kata.
- If a competitor forgets his or her kata, he or she may start over. However, one full point will be deducted from the total score by the scorekeeper. The judges will score the competitor as usual. The center judge will instruct the scorekeeper of the 1.0 point deduction.
- All weapons used are subject to examination by the judges. Only traditional weapons are allowed (sai, tonfa, nunchaku, bo, sword, jo, etc.)

KUMITE:
- Protective gear is required for participation in kumite. (Mouthpiece, pads for hands and feet, headgear, groin protector for males.)
- One round, two minutes, per match. First one to score three points or whoever is ahead at the end of time wins.
- One point is scored for all techniques.
- NO FACE CONTACT ALLOWED. Light head contact is allowed to the headgear only.
- All competitors will receive one warning for any illegal technique (i.e.: low kick, running out of bounds, excessive contact, etc.) Each warning thereafter will result in a penalty point awarded to the other competitor, and may result in disqualification at the Judge’s discretion.
Welcome to the 23rd Annual
Bamboo Dojo Invitational Karate Tournament
Saturday, August 13, 2016
Vero Beach Heritage Center

PROGRAM

9:30 AM: Registration opens.

10:45 AM: Black Belt and Staff meeting.

10:55 AM: Registration closes.

11:00 AM: Welcome and Introduction of Special Guests. National Anthem.

11:05 AM: Japanese Sword Demonstration

11:15 AM Announcement of Ring Assignments for competitors.

11:20 AM: Competition will begin with the youngest divisions. They will compete in Kata, followed by Kobudo (Weapons), then Kumite (Sparring). The same order will be followed by each age group.

Awards will be presented immediately following each event.

The tournament sponsors wish to thank all volunteers, parents, judges, scorekeepers, timekeepers and staff for their participation and assistance. Without the generous contributions of time and effort by those volunteers, this tournament would not be possible.

We also want to thank all competitors for their good-natured and enthusiastic competition. We hope that the tournament is fun for those competing, as well as offering them a chance to test their skills against their peers.

Reminder: Snacks and beverages are available for sale at the window.

Note: The tournament directors reserve the right to combine two divisions into one, or to separate one division into two or more, if it is determined to be warranted.

If there are 3 or more competitors over 50 years of age in any category, there will be an Executive Division.