

## UPCOMING MKF EVENTS

A very important competition for Maltese young athletes in this year's karate scene is being held between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September, where 5 karate elite practitioners will be participating in the 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the Mediterranean Championships (this year Cadets and Juniors) in the city of Podgorica, Montenegro. The Malta Karate Federation has been preparing these athletes for the past 4 months with the help and dedication of the national and club coaches who have constantly assisted these young karatekas, and helped them achieve very good competitive levels. They will represent Malta in both kumite (sparring) and kata (sequence of techniques) categories. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> time Malta is being represented in these championships since they first started in 1991, and the athletes feel very well prepared. 10 nations will be expected to participate, all of which are being represented by athletes of international competing levels. It will not be an easy task for our athletes, and even though no undue pressure is being done for podium results, MKF is confident of achieving satisfying results. The team will be made up of:

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| 1) Tyler Tanti      | Individual Kata & Team Kata |
| 2) Luca De Battista | Team Kata                   |
| 3) Daniele Selvaggi | Team Kata                   |
| 4) Kimberly Stanton | Individual Kata & Kumite    |
| 5) Chris Rotin      | Individual Kata & Kumite    |
| 6) Dylan Hales      | Individual Kumite           |

The Maltese delegation will be headed by Perit Willi De Battista. Sensei Joe Tanti (Chairman - Instructors' Commission) and Sensei Jason Edwards (National Kumite Coach) will be joining the delegation to assist the athletes in all technical/coaching matters.

Following this event, the MKF will, for the third consecutive year, be participating in the Friendship Games through the Maltese Olympic Committee. The event is being held between 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September in Trapani, Sicily. It is important to note that most of the Italian National Team is made up of Sicilian athletes and thus the level of Karate is extremely high. In last year's games the Maltese flag was held high by the winning of a number of matches over the Italians. A big good luck goes to our team made up of:

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| 1) Tyler Tanti      | Individual Kata   |
| 2) Kimberly Stanton | Individual Kata   |
| 3) Dylan Hales      | Individual Kumite |
| 4) Roberta Abela    | Individual Kumite |

Sensei Joe Tanti (Chairman - Instructors' Commission) and Sensei Jason Edwards (National Kumite Coach) will once again be joining the delegation to assist the athletes in all technical/coaching matters.

We auger all athletes well.