

Ballinasloe Town Team Project



*Ballinasloe People of the Year
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*Sports and Recreation Team Award
Nomination Form*

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This category recognises specific sports teams who have excelled in their chosen sport and represented their town with distinction. Sports and Recreation is important in creating a healthier lifestyle for the whole community.

Please type your answers

Section A: Details of the Team being Nominated	
<p>Name of Team:</p>	<p>Ballinasloe IKKI (Itosu-Kai Karatedo Ireland)</p>
<p>Contact Details for Team: (Name, Address, Email & Mobile)</p> <p><i>Please provide full contact details as all Nominees must be informed of their nomination and invited to the Awards Ceremony.</i></p>	<p>Leo Mulvany (IKKI Chief Instructor), 10, College Court, The Pines. Leomulvany1@eircom.net 0874159858</p> <p>Tony Dolphin (IKKI President), Tristane, Aughrim. tonydolphinn@gmail.com 0872608055</p> <p>Claire Harte (IKKI Secretary, PRO. & Assist. Kata Coach), Shrule Grove, Shrule, Co. Galway. galwaydojo@gmail.com 0872338565</p> <p>Kevin Casey (Head Kumite Coach), 9 Mount Carmel Crescent, Loughrea. knc@eircom.net 0876133297</p> <p>Marie Dolphin (IKKI Director & Head Kata Coach), Laurencetown, Ballinasloe. Jm.dolphin@hotmail.com 0873082323</p> <p>John Dolphin (Assist. Kata Coach), Laurencetown, Ballinasloe. Jm.dolphin@hotmail.com 0868621747</p> <p>Donal Monahan (Assist. Kumite Coach), Carrick Hill, Roscrea, Co. Tipp. Donalmonahan9@gmail.com 0877607063</p> <p>Martin Ryan, Cappahouse, Ballydangan. martjryan2@gmail.com 0860732525</p>
<p>Please give some examples of how the Team have excelled in their sport and how they have represented their Community with distinction.</p>	<p>Established in the Social Centre Gym in 1976, Ballinasloe based IKKI karate has come a long way. In 1977 the Chief Instructor of Canada visited Ballinasloe which started an incredible relationship between 2 countries and continues today, 40 years later.</p> <p>The IKKI team comprises all the club instructors who have been part of the team for over 30 years. This has proven to be the reason for the team's success over the years:</p>

- all having the same goals, ethos and principles
- ensure peer review occurs continuously
- to teach karate in our communities and ensure that the public enjoy a positive karate experience
- provide correct and proper training through accredited coaching procedures
- ensure that all instructors are vetted, attained basic awareness courses and provide correct care for children in their care
- have a pathway for talented/elite athletes to realise their full potential

This the team has done and results are plentiful.

In 1981 Leo Mulvany and Tony Dolphin represented Ireland at the Canadian karate headquarters in Toronto, Canada. The Chief Instructor of Canada was very proud of Canada's link with Ireland. Since then all the members of the team have travelled to Toronto representing Ireland at the Canadian Karate Championships and attending karate seminars on numerous occasions. Leo Mulvany and Kevin Casey had the distinction of taking gold in the Canadian championships on separate occasions. Other team members including Claire Harte, Marie Dolphin achieved over the years, silver/bronze medals and many tournament placings. Very memorable moments were many, but when Irish instructors were asked continuously to instruct classes in Toronto, this certainly was a huge honour.

Leo Mulvany, Marie Dolphin and Tony Dolphin have each won the Tsumura Cup which is a very prestigious award presented at the end of the Canadian Karate Championships each year by the Chief Instructor of Canada, Kei Tsumura.

The Irish team have hosted the Canadian Chief Instructor, Kei Tsumura and his team of instructors in Ireland on at least 10 occasions since 1977. This brought huge opportunity to all the IKKI members in Ireland, not just Ballinasloe. It developed relationships through karate for all members and which has benefitted many people over the years.

The IKKI excelled in the 80's and 90's in competition in Ireland. Winning many national titles in other karate style competitions. This was true peer review in the broadest sense.

The IKKI have attended the IKIF (Itosu-Ryu Karatedo International Federation) World Championships in Tokyo, 2002, Los Angeles 2005, Kuala Lumpur 2009, Osaka 2013 and Shanghai, August 2017. These have always been supported extremely well with a team of approximately 25-30 attending these championships. We have flown the Ballinasloe flag far and wide as a team.

In 2011 the IKKI hosted the Chief Instructor of Japan and president of the IKIF (World Body), Sadaaki Sakagami in Ballinasloe and 3 other Japanese instructors.. The IKKI held an international seminar for all the European IKIF members. Over 130 members attended with a total count of just under 200. This was the first of its kind in Europe.

In the mid 2000's the IKKI association joined the National Governing Body for karate in Ireland (ONAKAI). This proved to be a game changer. Since then the Ballinasloe based karate association has become very influential in Irish Karate at a national level. Kevin Casey was a kumite national coach for three years, Marie Dolphin is currently the national kata coach for the NGB and for the past, almost 10 years. She is responsible for coaching and team selection at a national level of all karate styles in Ireland for European competition and has had huge success. The IKKI brings national all- Ireland competitions to Ballinasloe and have been doing so for years now. Leo Mulvany served on the NGB national executive for 2 years, is the NGB Anti-Doping Officer, a referee kumite level B, one of only 3 kata judge level A in the country and is an NGB coach tutor of almost 10 years.

Between karate and input to karate on an all Ireland scale, Ballinasloe is synonymous with all aspects of karate from a team perspective touching practically every corner of Ireland.

Our squads are contributed to by all members of the IKKI team and it is these students who represent the IKKI and Ireland at international level.

Most recently attended internationals (see www.itosukaiireland.org)

- Irish International Open 2017, National Indoor Sports Arena. Team of 17, 1 gold, 1 silver, 5 bronze (over 600 competitors from 13 countries)
- National All-Ireland Junior Kata Championships 2017, Shearwater Hotel, Ballinasloe.
- IKIF World Championships 2017, Shanghai, China. 20 medals in all, 4 gold, 9 silver and 7 bronze making this the most successful IKIF international for Ballinasloe based Itosu-Kai Karatedo Ireland ever (see www.itosukaiireland.org)
- Scottish Open 2017, Edinburgh, Scotland (NGB team)
- 2017 EKF JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS, SOFIA, BULGARIA (NGB Team)
- 2016 WKF SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS, LINZ, AUSTRIA (NGB Team)
- 2016 JUNIOR KATA CHAMPIONSHIPS, BALLINASLOE, GALWAY
- USA INTERNATIONAL TRADITIONAL KARATEDO CHAMPIONSHIPS & SEMINAR, Los Angeles, USA, 2016 (1 gold, 4

In our communities, we have shown that we do make a difference at club recreational level. This is where our main activity is focused. We have also shown in abundance that at an elite level, we compete with the best in the world and get results.

This has come from a long and tough journey where the IKKI team has rallied and chosen to concentrate for many years, on common goals for our practising students.

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Section B: Details of Persons Nominating the Team (Each nomination requires a proposer and a seconder to validate the nomination)

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