

Tsuruoka NL Karate Kids!

**Tournament Date: March
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“I have seen the best karate. All that really matters is what kind of human being you are.”

Masami Tsuruoka



The beginning of something strong...

From the outset they were a relatively shy bunch of kids in bright white karate Gis, still trying to figure out right from left in Kata, and bowing in both directions when they'd enter or leave the dojo—just to be sure they got it right!

Adjusting to Sempai Au's firm instructions and demand for technical detail, they showed up Mondays and Wednesdays and did all they could to get better...and get better they did. This weekend was their first Tsuruoka NL tournament where they engaged in Hachi Waza, Flag Kumite, Kata and Sumo Kumite. They stood alone under the pressure of dojo-mates, senior students and Sempai to start making their mark on the Karate world.

They soon adjusted to an environment where everyone was appreciated for their skill level, and there was mentoring and assistance from the senior karate-ka. Throughout the day sportsmanship and respect were lauded.

Looking ahead these kids saw where karate could take them, and looking back they could see how far they had already come.

Oss! Tsuruoka NL Karate Kids. Well Done!

**Riley * Claire * Grady * Michael *
Chad * Norah * Cohen**

