

EKF Midland Regional Championships - Report

The first **EKF Midland Regional Championships** were held on Sunday 19th April 2009. The Championships were held at the Crystal Leisure Centre in Stourbridge in the West Midlands and the venue management had gone out of their way to ensure the Midlands event organiser, Paul Campbell, had everything ready and in place in their main sports hall. Not overly large but large enough for the competition areas and the tiered seating providing just enough seating for the spectators.

With over 500 competitors from 66 clubs and 60 categories to get through, the event management team did a fantastic job of ensuring the all categories were completed around 7:30pm. Six matted areas had been set up and were run continuously without any breaks ensuring the Championships continually flowed.

The Chief Referee for the day was Dale Gamble and Paul Campbell had ensured that he and his team of officials were well catered for with a constant supply of refreshments available and lunch provided. The most notable official of the day was the Mayor of Dudley, **Councillor Ray Burston**, who attended the morning session in the company of England assistant national coach Ian Cole. The Mayor was thoroughly impressed with the performances and standard of the competitors and was invited to present some of the medals to the medal winners.

The Cadet 14-15 years Kumite events went ahead with WKF face masks being worn by the competitors. A number of face masks had been secured for these Championships and were available to use by the competitors who hadn't been able to secure their own face mask in time. The medical team remarked that they were pleased with the event and that they had very few incidents to deal with.

The top club of the day was BBMA.

A full set of results can be found on the EKF Website.