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The 2008 West Coast AAU Junior Olympics held at Damonte Ranch High School, in Reno Nevada included Karate for the first time. Karate and Taekwondo athletes competed on Saturday in the same arena and started the day's competition with the singing of the National Anthem.

The Karate Competition was directed by Del Saito. Officials doing an excellent job in assuring a safe and fair experience for all Junior Olympians were Joni Sharrah, Alan Sharrah, Thomas Westernoff, Jim Hamilton, Tony Altieri, Bill Knapp, Nick Fleishman and David Swalander,

All athletes competed in an exhibition event of Kihon Waza. Two athletes performed an impromptu set of fundamentals eliminating each other until the finalist was determined.

Kata, kobudo and kumite followed. Parents and spectators were thrilled with the outstanding performances. Even Taekwondo enthusiasts praised the fine exhibition of form from our junior athletes.

Congratulations to all and many thanks to all of our volunteers.

Results for the Days Competition are as Follows:

Division	1st	2nd	3rd
Age 12 & under Kihon Waza	Haze Mach	Miguel Gomez	Dillon Hartford
Age 13 & over Kihon Waza	Chris Wellbrock	Jaime Madsen	Quintyn Fazio
Age 7 & 8 Male/Female Kata	Nick Luckenbach	Sergio Rivera	Refugio Ponce
Age 9 & 10 Male Kata	Keaton Smith	Miguel Gomez	Josh Storey
Age 11 & 12 Male Kata	Haze Mach	Nico Yardis	Emmett Burstein

Age 12 & 13 Female Kata	Marinna Mercer	Tiana Smith	Betsy Davis
Age 14 & 15 Male Kata	Chris Wellbrook	Brandon Tokoyama	Levi Kurland
Age 14 Female Kata	Quintyn Fazio	Karen Corral	Amanda Welle
Age 16 Male Kata	Tim Cheeney	TJ Pelletier	Christian Scharnhorst
Age 18 Female Kata	Jaime Madsen		
Age 9 & 10 Male/Female Kobudo	Keaton Smith	Josh Storey	Miguel Gomez
Age 11 & 12 Male Kobudo	Haze Mach	Dillon Hartford	
Age 12 & 13 Female Kobudo	Tiana Smith	Marinna Mercer	Rachel Storey
Age 14 Female Kobudo	Quintyn Fazio	Amanda Welle	Alison Ziegeldorf
Age 14 -16 Male Kobudo	Chris Wellbrook	Tim Cheney	Christian Scharnhorst
Age 18 Female Kobudo	Jaime Madsen		
Age 7 Male Kumite	Edward Chen	Refugio Ponce	
Age 8 Male/Female Kumite	Sergio Rivera	Tristyn Olvera	Nick Luckenbach
Age 9 Male Kumite	Keaton Smith	Miguel Gomez	John Monasevitch
Age 10-12 Male Kumite	Haze Mach	Josh Storey	Emmett Burstein
Age 12 & 13 Female Kumite	Marinna Mercer	Tiana Smith	Ciara Fitting
Age 14 Female Kumite	Quintyn Fazio	Alison Ziegeldorf	Karen Corral
Age 18 Female Kumite	Jaime Madsen		
Age 14-16 Male Kumite	Chris Wellbrook	Brandon Tokoyama	Christian Scharnhorst