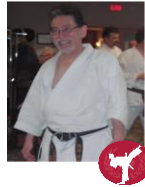


# David Tsuruoka



**Karate World Championship Events** Started in Japan 1976....last event in Hungary 1985  
Participated in Egypt, Germany,  
Spain, Taiwan, France, ....2 others

## **Canadian Nationals/NKA/ Karate Canada**

Attended 7 times

6 times national KATA champion 6 times 1<sup>st</sup>, once 2<sup>nd</sup> Participated in Karate Ontario 1970 to 1985...place first in every kata event

## **Martial Arts training:** Kendo Japan Cultural Centre Judo – Vern Fagan

Aikido Yoshinkai - Kimeda Sensei Kung-fu – Sam Wong and another woman whose name can't remember

Escrima – Malaysian Kung-fu instructor

## **Karate:**

Nishiyama Hidetaka (Shotokan) Suzuki (Wado)

Hasegawa (Shorinji Kempo) Tabata (US Shotokan)...most influenced by Tabata...broken

nose, hand...2009 – appointed President of Tsuruoka Karate Organization, in 2014 after the passing of

O'Sensei, David became Tsuruoka Sensei/CEO/TKO Chairman...

“not formally trained in Japan, however did attend many clinics and classes with my father”

Started in 1958, aged 8, at the original dojo, in the bowling alley on Queen Street

Obtained black belt at age 16 (or 18..."can't remember, knowing my dad probably 18")

In 1985 David Tsuruoka step away form the tournament circuit to focus on learning and teaching.

Head instructor/Sensei at Adelaide Club from 1985 to 1995 where I developed my unique style.

Away from my father's influence for over 10 years came back to find we had arrived at the same place in karate/martial arts through different avenues

“...is nothing truly mine..” of course not everything is already known, we are just rediscovering it and giving name to it