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## **BJJ AUSTRALASIA ASIA-PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS: Results**

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This years competition was a big jump up from last year. There was a much larger spectator crowd and sixty more competitors over last year. The base is really building with some of the white belt divisions having over forty competitors. And what a great day.

A few organisational 'tweaks' allowed the day to run more smoothly than ever before with the comp winding up by 5pm. For any who have been to other

tournaments, you will understand what an amazing achievement this is! I have seen tournaments with less competitors and more mats, not finish until late in the evening. And we have a few more ideas that we hope to put in place to make next years run even better still.

There were always the few small fires to put out on the day (all behind the scenes) and these were mostly due to the odd competitor ticking off the incorrect box on their entry form and ending up in the wrong division; as well as a few very late entries that arrived on the day of the comp itself. But apart from those few hiccups, everything went perfectly.

Rigan Machado commented that it was the best-run tournament he has ever seen. And he's seen a few – so that's high praise. He also commented that the atmosphere was the friendliest he has ever seen and feels that this is the direction more people have to take if they want their schools (and the sport of BJJ) to grow.

Once again, we made best use of the day by making presentations of new belts to the three newest Will-Machado Black Belts: Steve Perceval, Tony Morris and David Hart – all great competitors and very knowledgeable BJJ coaches. For myself personally, this was the highlight of the day; the crowd, all BJJ-savvy fully appreciated the importance of the presentation – it was absolutely fantastic!

As Steve Perceval was one of the three to receive his black belt – in true BJJ tradition, he passed his old (well-worn) brown belt on to long-time student – Richard Sargeant!

The next day, Rigan Machado taught seminars at Dominance MMA in Richmond. The mat was packed for both the advanced and beginners seminars. Rigan brought out a few techniques and ideas from his 'private stash' and left everyone buzzing with excitement. No doubt there will be some surprised people when these competitors return to their respective schools this week!

An awe-inspiring talk was presented to the school-owners at Café Grace in Richmond by Frank Monea on the Sunday; laying the foundation for greater growth and prosperity in the year to come. I have already had tremendously positive feedback from several of the school-owners on how they felt that talk alone was more than worth the effort and expense of making the trip to Melbourne. Frank came down and had a meeting with me this morning and brought with him some ideas for the continued growth and development of BJJ Australasia as an organization. I anticipate some serious growth and some very positive changes for many of the schools over this coming year.

I know everyone had a great time – and thanks so much to all those people who have taken the time to provide me with feedback on the event. Best wishes all,  
Till next time,  
John Will



Photos are currently being uploaded and will be sorted and categorised in the next few days:

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## **New Black Belts awarded:**

David Hart

Tony Morris

Steve Perceval

## **Brown Belts awarded:**

Richard Sargeant

Nathan Frost

# Competition Results:

## Male White Belt

### Superlightweight

1st Nicholas Kee

2nd Travis Cook

3rd Chris Gaal

### Lightweight

1st Nicholas Konovalov

2nd Robert Sabaruddin

3rd Mervyn Elly

### Middleweight

1st Travis Meyer

2nd Stefan Sutton

3rd Shane Wundenberg

### Light-heavyweight

1st Shaher Khan

2nd Shannon Wood

3rd Astein Grant

### Heavyweight

1st Josh Fraraccio

2nd Jesse Venables

3rd Travis Faure

### Superheavyweight

1st Joeseph Ryan

2nd Michael McIvor

3rd Nick Brewer

## Female White Belt

### Superlightweight

1st Lydia Green

2nd Gabrielle Flugge

3rd Stephanie Barker

### Lightweight

1st Kristie Lazaric

2nd Adela Sukul

3rd Jennie Toms

### Open White Belt

1st Adela Sukul

2nd Ludia Green

3rd Selena Colavitti

## Female Blue Belt

### Lightweight

1st Sarah Linehan  
Open Blue Belt

1st Lynne Barr

2nd Sarah Linehan

## Male Blue Belt

### Superlightweight

1st Kian Pham

2nd Tom Kardas

### Lightweight

1st Albert Lim

2nd Matt Vellacott

3rd Aaron Jones

### Middleweight

1st Talgat Ilyason

2nd Eliot Silman

3rd Lee Ting

### Light-heavyweight

1st Mark Brown

2nd James Lane

3rd Shane Gregory

### Heavyweight

1st Mark Engelman

2nd Lindsay Sheehan

3rd Rory Cubitt

### Superheavyweight

1st Aaron Gardiner

2nd Martin Christensen

3rd Gerard Sgro

## Male Purple Belt

### Lightweight

1st Nathan Frost

2nd Jamie Murray

3rd Damian Smith

### Middleweight

1st Lachlan Giles

2nd Matthew Cugola

3rd Nicholas Brew

### Light-heavyweight

1st Byron Silvastin

2nd Leonard Kent

3rd Daryn Daniel

### Heavyweight

1st Priscus Fogagnolo

2nd Richard Sargeant

3rd Malcolm Wilbow

### Superheavyweight

1st Bernie Florence

2nd John Brown

3rd Trent Rice

## Open Brown Belt

### Lightweight

1st David Hart

2nd Jamie Morrison

### Open:

1st David Hart

2nd Darko Zaric

3rd Shayne Cox

## Open Black Belt

1st Cameron Rowe

2nd Douglas Meijer

3rd Michael Johnson

## Junior Division

### Under 20 kg: Alleycat

1st Ailsa Murray

2nd Will Murray

3rd Emily Macfarlane

4th Brooke Rochow

### 20-28 kg: Bobcat

1st Jake Farnsworth

2nd Quinton Cugola

3rd Tyzac Mcewan-Walsh

4th Alex Murray

### 28-36 kg: Cheetah

1st Daniel Rivet

2nd Rhys Cooper

### 36-44 kg: Panther

1st Joseph Mole

2nd Hollie Rochow

3rd Bruno Kevric

4th Joshua Goode

### 44-52 kg: Tiger

1st Deniz Ramadan

2nd Jack Williams

### Over 52 Kgs: Lions

1st Jim Crute

2nd Tom Donoghue

## Teen Division:

**Under 55 kgs:**

1st Adam Assuncao

2nd Samantha Hinde

3rd Ryan Ford

**Over 55 kgs:**

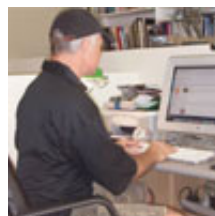
1st Mladen Manigoda

2nd Ara Aroutiounian

3rd Harrison Devries

**Special Winners:****Fastest Finish:** Bruno Kevric – Armbar: 10 seconds**Adult Encouragement:** Male Competitor: Gabrielle Flugge**Junior Encouragement:** Deren Ramadan**Encouragement: Female Competitor:** Nick Midgley[« go backup to content »](#)

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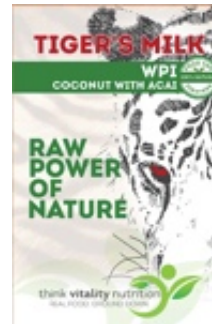
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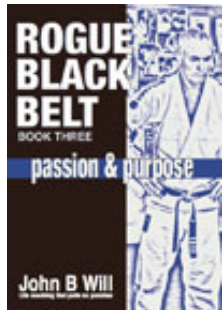
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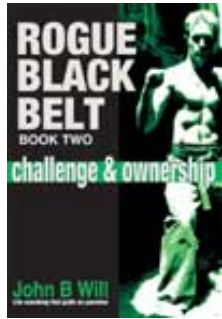
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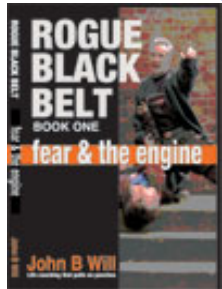
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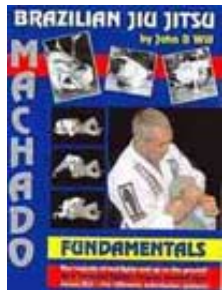
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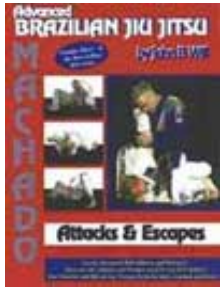
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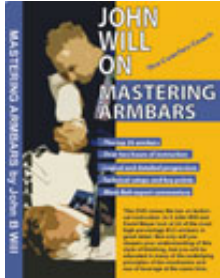
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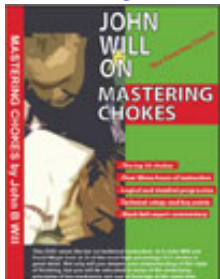
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