

KARATE

# North Bondi dojo's family feat

**Robbie Patterson**

THREE fighters from North Bondi Kyokushin have been selected to represent Australia in the 11th World Open Tournament in Tokyo.

The event, also known as the "Karate Olympics" will be held in November.

Just six fighters in Australia were selected, with the North Bondi trio all putting in impressive performances at National Titles at Gymea in May.

Brothers Anthony and David Tockar placed first and fourth respectively, with Reece Henderson taking second place.

This result was especially pleasing for dojo head shihan Trevor Tockar, who not only has three of his students set to go to Japan, but both of his sons.

"This is the first time I know of that a father and two sons have all competed at the tournament," said shihan Tockar, who has competed in the titles in previous years. "I just find it a bit exciting."

The competition will be fierce, as there are no weight divisions, and there is only one champion. Competitors are not allowed any protective equipment except for a groin guard and mouth guard.



**Brothers David and Anthony Tockar, Reece Henderson and shihan Trevor Tockar, who is proud of his charges for being selected in karate's world Open Tournament.**

## BROS, DAD GO TO WORLD OPEN

Victory comes through knockout, two clean knockdowns or on a judges' decision.

"I think it is probably almost arguably the most prestigious karate tournament in the world," he said.

There will be about 180 fighters competing.

"The standard is incredible and what makes it a unique tournament is it is open to everyone.

"All the top fighters are sponsored by the Japanese and the lesser fighters get partial funding, so you have the best fighters in the world."