

17. Will I be required to fight in tournaments in order to advance?

No. Even though members of Silverado Karate participate in tournaments from time to time and do extremely well, we do not specialize in tournament preparation. Participation allows us to learn from and expose ourselves to other styles. Silverado Karate is a strong style because of its multi-faceted aspects. However, the tournaments give us a testing ground on which to evaluate our techniques. Tournaments also provide opportunities to make friends and share in the martial arts experience. You cannot grow if you isolate yourself.

Tournament participation is completely voluntary. Learning to win over yourself, not others, is the ultimate goal. A win over others is only temporary. When you win over yourself, you become your own master and the rewards are permanent.