

# Method Karate to WINS BIG at the National and International Level!



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Daphne Todas



Hugo Todas



Sensei Michael Todas



**Mount Bethel, PA –** Method Karate, a local dojo specializing in traditional Japanese Shotokan Karate and Youth Ninja classes, is proud to announce its growing presence on both national and international competition stages. In just five years since opening its doors, Method Karate has built an impressive track record, earning recognition and accolades across local, regional, national, and international karate tournaments.

Method Karate sent a talented team to two prestigious events:

## AAU Karate Nationals – June 30, 2025 – Fort Lauderdale, FL

Six dedicated students, accompanied by Sensei Todas, represented Method Karate at the AAU Karate National Championships. These athletes competed in a variety of categories including kobudo (weapons), kata (forms), and kumite (sparring). Competing team members earned the following:

- **Ingrid Fredhiem**, age 9  
Gold Kumite – 2025 NATIONAL CHAMPION
- **Levi Lance**, age 9 (former 2024 National Champion)  
Silver in Kobudo  
Bronze Ultimate Team Kumite
- **Payton Shanley**, age 13  
Bronze Kumite  
Bronze Ultimate Team Kumite
- **Kiley Smith**, age 15  
Gold Long Kobudo – 2025 AAU NATIONAL CHAMPION  
Gold Short Kobudo – 2025 AAU NATIONAL CHAMPION  
Bronze Kata
- **Daphne Todas**, age 14 (Now a 6x National Champion)  
Gold Long Kobudo – 2025 AAU NATIONAL CHAMPION  
Gold Short Kobudo – 2025 AAU NATIONAL CHAMPION
- **Hugo Todas**, age 10  
Gold Long Kobudo – 2025 AAU NATIONAL CHAMPION  
Gold Short Kobudo – 2025 AAU NATIONAL CHAMPION  
Gold Kata, Bronze Kumite – 2025 AAU NATIONAL CHAMPION  
Bronze Kumite
- **Sensei Michael Todas**, age 49  
Gold Kumite – 2025 AAU NATIONAL CHAMPION  
Gold 36+ Team Kumite – 2025 AAU NATIONAL CHAMPION

## WUKF World Championships – July 9–13, 2025 – Malmö, Sweden

Three Method Karate students—Kiley Smith, Daphne Todas, and Jasmine Xiao—were selected for the **AAU USA National Karate Team** after medaling at the 2024 AAU Nationals and/or the 2025 WUKF North American Open. These two represented AAU USA Karate on the world stage and earned:

- **Daphne Todas** (Now a 5x WUKF World Champion)  
Gold Short Kobudo - WUKF WORLD CHAMPION  
Gold Long Kobudo - WUKF WORLD CHAMPION  
6th Team Kumite (Cadet A 16-17)  
8th Kumite
- **Kiley Smith**  
4th Short Kobudo  
7th Long Kobudo  
9th Shotokan Mandatory Kata

This event drew 1700+ elite karateka from around the country and the globe. 146 AAU National Team athletes went to Malmö to compete at the 2025 WUKF World Union Karate Championships. Team AAU USA ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> on gold medals with 64, and ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in total medals with 181.

Additionally, Sensei Todas served as one of the Assistant Coaches for Team USA at this event. This honor highlights not only his leadership and experience but also the growing influence of Method Karate on the international stage.

Let's wish all the Method Karate competitors a big congratulations for representing our country, community, dojo and families with skill, spirit, and pride!

For more information about Method Karate, visit [methodkarate.com](http://methodkarate.com).