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World JKA History in the making.

Sensei Michael Kliment with Senseis' Shane Dorfman and Clem dos Santos made World JKA History by being the first men's team kumite side outside Japan to win the coveted World JKA Championship in Athens, Greece in July 1996.

They beat a star studded Japan (which included style senior - Kawasaki, WKF U65kg World Champion - Itoh and Legendary JKA World Champion - Yamaguchi) in the semi-finals and went on to beat the reigning WKF All-Styles team World Champions, Germany, in the final.

They did not defend their World Title in 1998 successfully, losing to the eventual champions, Iran.

In Cardiff, Wales in 2000. Sensei Michael Kliment with Sensei Shane Dorfman and Tyrone Theodorides went on to win the World Title by completely dominating the division from start to finish. They beat Switzerland in the final. Senseis' Michael and Shane were totally in command and were never beaten at all.

After this tournament it was then known as the KWF World Championships.