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## Karate Olympic hopeful ... super karate girl

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Karate & Fitness USA Team Member Amaliya Nalitkina, age 13, of Lafayette and soon to be a freshman at Campolindo High School returns home with the Bronze Medal in Kumite (sparring) at the AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) National Karate Championships which was held in Greenville, South Carolina June 29 - July 3. Amaliya, only a Brown Belt in Karate entered the Black Belt Division with no national level competition experience and no advanced competition experience, fought hard and represented well to earn her a spot in the top three kumite karate competitors in the country. She has also qualified to represent the AAU / USA Karate Team which will go to the 9th WUKF (World Union Karate-Do Federation) World Karate Championships to be held in CLUJ-NAPOCA, Romania this coming September.

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in this year's Summer Olympics.

This is even more exciting with the Summer Olympics coming to Japan and the Sport of Karate will be featured



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