

Bob Poynton (7th Dan)-KUGB

Bob Poynton started training in 1965 at the age of 15 at the Liverpool Karate Club.

In 1968 he gained his 1st Dan and left the Customs and Excise to become a full-time assistant instructor to Sensei Andy Sherry.

He was first selected for the KUGB National Squad in 1968 to compete in the IAKF European Championships in Austria.

In the 18 years between 1968 and 1985, he represented England and Great Britain as a member of both the KUGB and All-Styles teams, achieving countless victories in National and International events.

He started to take an active part in the administration of the KUGB in 1974 and was appointed Affiliations Officer in 1974, a position he has held ever since.

He played an active part in the EKGB whilst a member as Chairman of the Technical Committee, Instructor Programme Co-ordinator and Executive Committee member.

He was awarded his 7th Dan in 2004 by Sensei Sherry.

He has been the co-ordinator of the English Traditional Karate Body since its formation in 2000 and is currently a member of the Whole Sports Plan Implementation Board which is facilitating the unification and modernisation of Karate in England.