



Karate



COMPETITION MANUAL

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GUIDING BODIES

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EVENTS

Age as of Date: 12/31/2027

Entry Deadline: 2/28/2027

KUMITE:

Men's & Women's Individual Kumite events will be offered from 3rd **Kyu Belt and upwards**, including **Black Belt** in the following weight and age categories:

Men; 18+, 30+, 40+, 50+ & 60+

-60 kg
-67 kg
-75 kg
-84 kg
+84 kg

Women; 18+, 30+ & 50+

-50 kg
-55 kg
-61 kg
-68 kg
+68 kg

Men's & Women's Team Kumite events; 18+ only.

Men: 5 competitors + 2 optional back-up team members; minimum of 5 to start, minimum of 3 for subsequent rounds



Women: 3 competitors + 1 optional back-up team member; minimum of 3 to start, minimum of 2 for subsequent rounds

KATA:

All categories for **Men's & Women's Individual Kata** will be offered from 3rd **Kyu Belt** and upwards, including **Black Belt** in the following age categories:

Men; 18+, 35+ & 55+

Women; 18+, 35+ & 55+

Men's & Women's Team Kata event; 18+, 35+, 55+

3 competitors in a team + 1 optional back-up team member

Active-duty competitors from police and fire agencies may combine to form a team regardless of agency size **WITHIN THEIR COUNTRY OF EMPLOYMENT**. Retired competitors may combine to form a team in any manner they wish including across country lines with other eligible competitors regardless of police or fire agency.

EQUIPMENT

The following equipment is required for Individual and Team Kata categories:

- White, WKF-approved, karate-gi without stripes, piping, or personal embroidery, other than those specifically allowed by the WKF rules. Karate-gi with red/blue embroidery on the shoulders are permitted but not required for this event.
- WKF-approved red and blue belts

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- WKF-approved red and blue belts
- WKF-approved red and blue gloves/mitts
- Mouth Guard/Gum Shield
- WKF-approved body protector (male or female design as applicable)
- WKF-approved red and blue shin and foot protectors



- WKF-approved groin guards for male competitors

Please refer to the 2024 World Karate Federation Competition Rules for the full equipment requirements, official Kata list, scoring system, warnings and penalties, and criteria for evaluation/decision.

- **Kata:**

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International rules will be followed unless specified in WPFG Karate Guidelines

- **Kumite:**

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SCHEDULING

A minimum of two days should be scheduled for Karate.

WEIGH-IN PROCEDURES

The weighing-in of the competitors shall not take place more than 24 hours prior to competition for the specific weight category. The competitor shall always use the weight made at the time of weigh-ins.

The weigh-ins shall be conducted in a private room. The room will be available to the officials' 15 minutes before the start of the weigh-in.

A **MANDATORY** weigh-in will be conducted the day prior to the start of the competition. Each athlete **SHALL** attend this weigh-in. It is the responsibility of the athlete to make sure that they are in attendance for this weigh-in to provide fair competition for all athletes in this event. If you do not attend the scheduled weigh-in, you will be **DISQUALIFIED FROM THE EVENT**.

NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE!

An accurate accredited scale shall be used. Two chairs and a table shall be provided for the officials to record the body weights. Scales will also be available at the Registration Centre, or the official scales are available the whole day for unofficial weight control.

BRACKETING



1. 1 to 5 competitors in a category: Round Robin, finals from results. 6 or more competitors in a category: group play with draw; Double Elimination finals
2. Competitor will be listed by last name per weight category for first Round Robin matches.
3. If two competitors from the same agency are listed together in the first round, they will be matched with another competitor if possible.
4. As a last resort, in the case of an odd number of competitors in a weight category, a bye will be awarded to the top seeded competitor or if none entered, by the draw of a card.

Qualifications:

1. All competitors in Karate shall possess an identification card, certificate or diploma authorized by a credentialed school or instructor.
2. All competitors, whether amateur or professional, will be allowed to compete.

DISPUTES:

Disputes will be handled by judges and Karate Coordinator. If the dispute cannot be resolved, competitors may protest the disputed decision to WPFGF who will make the final decision.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION / INTERVENTION

The WPFGF may impose Disciplinary Action on any person or persons under the auspices of the WPFG and may take immediate action known as Intervention, for violations of WPFG Rules, for reasons of safety or security or for inappropriate or unprofessional conduct not in the best interest of the WPFG.

Allegations of Misconduct/Incidents that do not require immediate Intervention will follow the "APPEALS AND PROTESTS" section of the GENERAL RULE Book or may be independently brought by the WPFGF.

AWARDING OF MEDALS TO ATHLETES

During the medal presentation, only athletes are allowed to participate in this ceremony. Each athlete and **SHALL** present their Athlete's Credential. If the athlete does not present their Athlete's Credential, they **SHALL NOT** receive a medal. This is a mandatory requirement to receive a medal.



Technical Support Personnel and children are not allowed on the podium with the teams during the medal presentation.

The sport coordinator SHALL have in their possession a copy of the CSE Report with all of the new weight classes after all competitors have weighed in. This will determine and verify which event the athlete was entered into.