

USA KARATE™ PRESENTS

U21 TEAM TRIALS 2026

**EVENT
BULLETIN**

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026

**FORT WORTH CONVENTION CENTER
FORT WORTH, TEXAS**

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U21 TEAM TRIALS

The 2026 USA U21 Team Trials are heading to **FORT WORTH, TEXAS!** Join USA Karate on **THURSDAY, April 2, 2026**, at the **Fort Worth Convention Center** — an iconic downtown venue known for hosting major national and international sporting events—as the country’s top U21 athletes compete for selection to the **USA U21 Team**.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Open to All USA Karate members in the specified age range.

AGE

Athletes must be at least 18 years old and no older than **20** by **May 22, 2026**.

DOCUMENTATION

Athletes will be required to present a valid U.S. Passport at pass pick-up.

WHAT'S AT STAKE?

The top 2 athletes from each category will earn the honor of representing Team USA at the prestigious **Pan American Championships** in **RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL**, taking place **MAY 28 TO MAY 31, 2026**.

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO COMPETE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL AND TAKE ONE STEP CLOSER TO INTERNATIONAL GLORY. DON'T MISS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF THIS INCREDIBLE EVENT!



FORT WORTH CONVENTION CENTER



1201 Houston Street | Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Information on the venue and the surrounding Fort Worth area can be found on their website.



www.fortworth.com/convention-center/

Contact Us



TOURNAMENT HOTELS

To reserve your stay at one of our partner hotels, please use the **Team Travel Source** link below.



AC Hotel by Marriott Fort Worth Downtown



Embassy Suites Fort Worth Downtown



Aloft Hotel Downtown Fort Worth



Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton Fort Worth Downtown



Autograph Collection The Sinclair



Hilton Fort Worth



Courtyard Fort Worth Downtown/Blackstone



Sandman Signature Fort Worth Downtown

Sheraton Suites Fort Worth Downtown Hotel



- TEAM TRAVEL SOURCE -

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Using our convenient online registration is the fastest, easiest, and best way to register for this event. Visit www.usakarateopen.com to register today!
Competitors & Coaches must be current Level 4 members with current SafeSport training to register for the event.

ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE ON MARCH 30, 2026

ELITE KATA

	MALE ELITE KATA		FEMALE ELITE KATA	
	EK400	18-20	EK401	18-20

ELITE KUMITE

MALE ELITE KUMITE			FEMALE ELITE KUMITE		
ES400	18-20	-60 kg	ES405	18-20	-50 kg
ES401	18-20	-67 kg	ES406	18-20	-55 kg
ES402	18-20	-75 kg	ES407	18-20	-61 kg
ES403	18-20	-84 kg	ES408	18-20	-68 kg
ES404	18-20	+84 kg	ES409	18-20	+68 kg



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FORT WORTH CONVENTION CENTER ARENA

THURSDAY | APRIL 2, 2026

SCHEDULE

CREDENTIALS

TUE	3/31	1 PM	5 PM
WED	4/1	9 AM - 6 PM CLOSED FROM 12 PM - 1 PM	

ATHLETES MUST SHOW A VALID PASSPORT TO PICK UP CREDENTIALS

WEIGH-INS

TUES	3/31	3 PM	4 PM
WED	4/1	11 AM	11:30 AM
		4:30 PM	5 PM
THU	4/2	8 AM	8:30 AM

ATHLETES THAT DO NOT MAKE WEIGHT BY THURSDAY MORNING WILL BE SCRATCHED.

COMPETITION

THU	4/2	7:30 AM	STAGING OPENS
		8 AM	U21 TEAM TRIALS COMPETITION BEGINS

MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR DOMESTIC ATHLETES

To be eligible to compete, you are required to hold a current and valid USA Karate membership.

This means that you need to:

- ✦ **Be a member of USA Karate:** You must have an active membership with the organization.
- ✦ **Be "in good standing":** This implies that your membership is current, and you haven't been suspended or otherwise penalized by USA Karate.
- ✦ **Eligibility for competition in this event requires a Level 4 membership or higher for Athlete, Coach, and Referee members.**

Purchase or renew membership at www.usankf.sport80.com

ATHLETE Annual Membership	\$75
COACH / OFFICIAL Annual Membership	\$85

USA-NKF Patch

REQUIRED USA Karate Patch	CENTURY MARTIAL ARTS https://centurymartialarts.com/collections/usa-karate-wkf-approved
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SPECTATOR FEES

ONLINE TICKET SALES | ENDS 3/30

	1 DAY PASS	4 DAY PASS
ONLINE	\$25	\$70

* 4 years and under are free

ONSITE TICKET SALES

	1 DAY PASS	4 DAY PASS
ONSITE	\$30	\$90

* 4 years and under are free



USA KARATE COACHES CREDENTIAL **DOMESTIC COACHES**

The Coaching Credential serves as your official access pass for all event areas. Each coach must hold a valid credential to access the competition floor.

To obtain a credential, all coaches must:

- Be current members of USA Karate
- Have completed SafeSport Training and an NCSI Background Check prior to registration
- Submit payment for the Coaching Credential before the event

International coaches who are coaching a domestic minor athlete are required to meet the same standards as USA Coaches, including completion of SafeSport training and a background screen.

COMMITMENT TO ATHLETE SAFETY

USA Karate is fully committed to the U.S. Center for SafeSport Program. These requirements exist to ensure the safety and protection of all athletes, coaches, and officials participating in our events. There will be zero tolerance for individuals who fail to meet SafeSport conditions of membership. Credentials will not be issued to anyone listed on the USA Karate Banned Member List or the U.S. Center for SafeSport Centralized Disciplinary Database.

BACKGROUND SCREENING

Background screening must be completed every two (2) years. USA Karate's background check vendor is the National Center for Safety Initiatives (NCSI), which conducts annual rechecks.

Cost: Approximately \$30 (varies by state)

To complete or renew your background screening:

- Log in to your USA Karate membership account at <https://usankf.sport80.com>
- Select "Background Screening"
- Follow the prompts to complete or renew your screening

Processing Time: Please allow 3–10 business days for completion. If your screening has expired, the system will prompt you to renew. For first-time applicants, click "+ Add Background Screening."

USA KARATE COACHES CREDENTIAL **DOMESTIC COACHES**

ONLINE SAFESPORT TRAINING

SafeSport Training must be completed annually for all participants 18 years and older.

To complete your SafeSport Training:

- Log in to your USA Karate membership account at <https://usankf.sport80.com>
- Select “U.S. Center for SafeSport Training”
- Follow the prompts to complete or renew your course

The system will display your current status. If training has expired, you will be able to access the Core Training module.

COACHING CREDENTIAL REGISTRATION

Registration Fee: \$175

Late Registration: Begins March 17, 2026, at 3:00 a.m. EST (+\$50 late fee)

Online Registration Closes: March 30, 2026

Onsite Registration: Available with an additional \$100 onsite fee

FINAL NOTES

Compliance with all SafeSport and background screening requirements is mandatory. Coaches who fail to meet these standards will not be granted floor access or credentials.

Thank you for upholding the highest standards of safety, professionalism, and integrity as we continue to build a culture of excellence within USA Karate.



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