



# ***2026 USA Open Karate Championships & Junior International Cup***



## **Competitor Registration**

### **Online Registration**

Using our convenient online registration is the fastest, easiest, and best way to register for this event. Visit [www.usakarateopen.com](http://www.usakarateopen.com) to register today!

Domestic Competitors must be current members and for those who will be 18 years or older at the conclusion of the championships will also be required to complete SafeSport training to be eligible to register.

Online registration will close on March 30, 2026.

### **International Competitors**

All international competitors must register using the online registration system at [www.usakarateopen.com](http://www.usakarateopen.com). Please contact [natoffice@usankf.org](mailto:natoffice@usankf.org) if you have any questions.

### **Prize Money will be awarded for the following adult elite divisions:**

ES313 18-34 Male Kumite -60kg  
ES314 18-34 Male Kumite -67kg  
ES315 18-34 Male Kumite -75kg  
ES316 18-34 Male Kumite -84kg  
ES317 18-34 Male Kumite +84kg  
ES318 18-34 Female Kumite -50kg  
ES319 18-34 Female Kumite -55kg  
ES320 18-34 Female Kumite -61kg  
ES321 18-34 Female Kumite-68kg  
ES322 18-34 Female Kumite +68 kg  
ES323 18-34 Male Elite Open Kumite  
ES324 18-34 Female Elite Open Kumite  
EK270 16-34 Male Elite Kata  
EK271 16-34 Female Elite Kata  
ETK1 16+ Male Elite Team Kata  
ETK2 16+ Female Elite Team Kata  
ETS1 18-34 Male Elite Team Kumite  
ETS1 18-34 Female Elite Team Kumite



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## **Para-Karate Competitors**

In the USA Open we have 4 divisions of Para-Karate:

1. Blind or visually impaired\*
2. Wheelchair users
3. Intellectual disability
4. Non wheelchair user with physical disability with no cognitive impairment.

\*Please note - athletes in the blind/visually impaired category are required to perform with blindfolds, which are checked prior to competing.

We have male and female, junior divisions and senior age divisions. Separated by beginner/novice or intermediate/advanced divisions in para karate kata or weapons.

Kumite in para karate is not offered.

For our Elite and Advance competitors, in order to participate we will need a doctor's letter verifying the type of disability/impairment (visual, cognitive and/or physical) and at what level. This can be emailed to our office at [natoffice@usankf.org](mailto:natoffice@usankf.org).

Typically the athletes need only two katas, and may repeat if needed.

All other criteria are the same as all athletes.