



## 2024 USA Open Karate Championships & Junior International Cup



### Referee Course

USA Karate will host a Referee course on Thursday, March 28, 2024. Attendees will review the latest USA Karate Rules of Competition.

### USA Karate Referee/Judge Certification

Domestic attendees registering to take the Referee exams will be issued certifications up to USA Karate Kumite National Referee A and Kata National Judge A. More information, including schedules, will be available at [www.usankf.org](http://www.usankf.org).

Registration will be available online. *All candidate Referees and Judges testing for higher licenses are required to register online in advance at [www.usankf.org](http://www.usankf.org).* Course fees are as follows:

**Referee/Judge Certification Fee (Covers both Courses): \$200**  
**Course Audit Fee (no Certification): \$50**

USA Karate, PKF, or WKF officials with Kata and Kumite A licenses, may participate in the course at no cost. It is highly encouraged for these officials to attend the *Lecture of Kata and Kumite rules of competition for USA Karate AA and International Officials* segment of the Referee Course.

*Referees who are not participating in the certification courses but are attending the championships are also required to register online at [www.usankf.org](http://www.usankf.org).*

**PLEASE NOTE: All domestic Officials must be current members of USA Karate and must have met the conditions of membership (SafeSport Training & NCSI Background Screen).**

**All International Officials are required to complete SafeSport™ Training. To complete this training, visit [usankf.sport80.com](http://usankf.sport80.com) and create an account. From that account, you can click on the US Center for SafeSport Training. Training is valid for one year.**



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### Referee Course Schedule Thursday, March 28, 2024

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Sign-in, Submit karate referee passports
9:00 AM – 10:45 AM	Lecture (Kata and Kumite Rules of Competition for testing candidates only)
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Kata & Kumite written exams (for testing candidates)
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	Kumite gestures and flag signal exercises
12:30 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch Break
1:00 PM – 1:45 PM	Kata Video evaluations (for Kata testing candidates)
1:45 PM – 2:15 PM	Kumite practice matches (for Kumite testing candidates)
2:15 PM – 3:00 PM	Kumite practical exam (for Kumite testing candidates)
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Lecture of Kata and Kumite Rules of Competition review for USA Karate AA and International officials
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Kata and Kumite examination results
<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>BRIEFING (MANDATORY FOR ALL OFFICIALS)</b>

*\*Note: Schedule times above may be subject to adjustment.*

#### **Important:**

Ongoing evaluation will continue throughout the championship; all candidates will receive the certification at the end of the championship.

USA Karate Referee A license and PKF/WKF officials are exempt from taking the written test to renew their license but must participate in the lecture of the rules of competition.

**\*USA Karate will not allow any official to officiate if they are not in compliance with regulations and/or are not up-to-date with their membership, SafeSport™ Training, and background screen.**

**\*International Officials will be required to complete SafeSport™ Training - <https://usankf.sport80.com>**

**\*All officials with USA Karate National Kata Judge A or Kumite Referee A, PKF, and WKF certifications may not serve as a coach at the USA Karate Signature Events.**