



EVENT BULLETIN

VERSION 5

2026



Dear Competitors, Coaches, and Officials,

On behalf of USA Karate, I am honored to invite you to the **2026 USA Open Karate Championships & Junior International Cup**. Each year, this event grows in prestige and participation—bringing together athletes, coaches, and officials from around the world to celebrate the art and sport of karate at its highest level.

This year, we are excited to welcome you to **Fort Worth, Texas**, a city that beautifully blends history, culture, and modern hospitality. With its rich traditions and world-class amenities, Fort Worth provides the perfect setting for an event that continues to evolve while honoring the spirit of karate.

The competition will begin on **April 2nd** with the **Junior International Cup**, offering divisions for athletes under 18 of all skill levels. It's an outstanding opportunity for young karateka to gain experience and test themselves on an international stage. The excitement continues from **April 3rd–6th** with the **USA Open**, featuring elite athletes, Para Karate divisions, and a level of competition that consistently inspires and elevates our sport.

Every year, the USA Open and Junior International Cup deliver unforgettable moments of athleticism, camaraderie, and cultural exchange—and **2026 will be no exception**. With world-class competition, an international training camp, and a first-rate venue, this event promises to be a highlight of the karate calendar. We look forward to welcoming you to Texas for what is sure to be another remarkable celebration of karate.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elisa Au".

Elisa Au
Board Chair and President, USA Karate

EVENT OVERVIEW

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US OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2026 USA Open Championships will once again be one of the premier karate and para-karate events in the world. Competition will be spread out between three days. With athletes from all around the world this prestigious event is one you will not want to miss.

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JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL CUP

We are proud to once again host the Junior International Cup, offering divisions for athletes under 18 at every skill level over two days. With participation open to domestic and international athletes, the event promises an exceptional level of competition.

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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/



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 -



The schedule below provides a general overview.

Please refer to www.usakarateopen.com for the most up-to-date and accurate event schedule.

MONDAY, MARCH 30

All Day

Arrival of Delegations

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

All Day

Arrival of Delegations continued

1:00 PM

5:00 PM

Credential Pick Up
TBD

3:00 PM

4:00 PM

Weigh Ins
TBD

Tentative



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

All Day		Arrival of Delegations continued	
9:00 AM	10:30 AM	Level 1 Coach Certification Course Fort Worth Convention Center Room 110 A/B	
9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Registration Credential Pick Up TBD	
9:00 AM	5:00 PM	USA Karate Referee Certification Course Fort Worth Convention Center 103 A/B	
10:30 AM	11:00 AM	Weigh - Ins Junior Athletes (12-17 years) TBD	
10:30 AM	12:00 PM	Referee Practical Fort Worth Convention Center Competition Floor Tatami 1 - 4	
11:00 AM	11:30 PM	Weigh - Ins Senior Athletes (18-34 years) TBD	
11:00 AM	12:30 PM	Level 2 Coach Certification Course KATA Fort Worth Convention Center Competition Floor Tatami 9 & 11	Level 2 Coach Certification Course KUMITE Fort Worth Convention Center Room 110 A/B Tatami 10 & 12
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Elite Kata Seminar Fort Worth Convention Center Competition Floor Tatami 9 & 11	
1:00 PM	5:00 PM	International Training Sessions Fort Worth Convention Center Tatami 4	
1:00 PM	6:00 PM	Registration Credential Pick Up TBD	

Tentative

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

2:00 PM	4:00 PM	YDP Jamboree Fort Worth Convention Center Competition Floor Tatami 2, 4, 6, 7 8
4:00 PM	4:30 PM	Weigh - Ins Junior Athletes (12-17 years) TBD
4:30 PM	5:00 PM	Weigh - Ins Senior Athletes (18-34 years) TBD
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Volunteer Briefing Fort Worth Convention Center Staging
6:00 PM	8:00 PM	MANDATORY Coach Briefing All Coaches Omni Hotel
6:00 PM	8:00 PM	MANDATORY Referee Briefing All Referees Omni Hotel

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

7:30 AM	Staging Room Opens
8:00 AM	Junior International Cup Competition Begins
	U21 Team Trials Competition Begins
10:00 AM	Registration Opens Staging

Tentative

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

1:00 PM

Registration ends for ALL USA Open divisions

4:00 PM

5:00 PM

Weigh - Ins | FINAL WEIGH-INS
TBD

7:00 PM

Draws | USA Open Elite Divisions
Staging | Registered Coaches Only

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

7:30 AM

STAGING ROOM OPENS

8:00 AM

Junior International Cup Competition Continues

USA Open Competition Begins

TBD

Draws | USA Open Elite Divisions
Staging | Registered Coaches Only

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

7:30 AM

Staging Room Opens

8:00 AM

USA Open Competition Continues

TBD

Draws | USA Open Elite Divisions
Staging | Registered Coaches Only

Tentative

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

7:30 AM

Staging Room Opens

8:00 AM

USA Open Competition Continues

MONDAY, APRIL 6

ALL DAY

Departure of Delegations

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! To view the comprehensive list of divisions, please follow the link below.

 [DIVISION LIST](#)

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. Please contact 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	ES318	18-34 Female Kumite -50kg
ES314	18-34 Male Kumite -67kg	ES319	18-34 Female Kumite -55kg
ES315	18-34 Male Kumite -75kg	ES320	18-34 Female Kumite -61kg
ES316	18-34 Male Kumite -84kg	ES321	18-34 Female Kumite -68kg
ES317	18-34 Male Kumite +84kg	ES322	18-34 Female Kumite +68kg
ES323	18-34 Male Elite Open Kumite	ES324	18-34 Female Elite Open Kumite



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

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	ETS2	18-34 Female Elite Team Kumite

PARA-KARATE COMPETITORS

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

- Blind or visually impaired*
- Wheelchair users
- Intellectual disability
- 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 offer junior and senior age divisions for both male and female athletes, with categories separated by beginner/novice and intermediate/advanced levels in para-karate kata or weapons.

Please note that kumite divisions are not available in para-karate.

Elite and Advanced athletes must provide a doctor's letter confirming the type and level of disability or impairment (visual, cognitive, and/or physical). This documentation may be submitted by email to natoffice@usankf.org.

Athletes generally need only two katas and may repeat if necessary.

All remaining requirements align with those for all other competitors.

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 3 membership or higher for Athlete, Coach, and Referee members.**

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

ATHLETE Annual Membership	\$60
COACH / OFFICIAL Annual Membership	\$75

USA-NKF Patch

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

EARLY BIRD | 12/1/2025 - 1/4/2026

JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL CUP

NUMBER OF DIVISIONS	I	II	III
INDIVIDUAL	\$90	\$50	\$50

USA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

INDIVIDUAL	I	II	III	IV
NON ELITE	\$90	\$50	\$50	\$50
ELITE	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$115
TEAM	KATA		KUMITE	
NON ELITE	\$160		\$160	
ELITE	\$210		\$350	

COMPETITION FEES

PRE-REGISTRATION | 1/5 - 1/31

JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL CUP

NUMBER OF DIVISIONS	I	II	III
INDIVIDUAL	\$100	\$60	\$60

USA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

INDIVIDUAL	I	II	III	IV
NON ELITE	\$100	\$60	\$60	\$60
ELITE	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125
TEAM	KATA		KUMITE	
NON ELITE	\$160		\$160	
ELITE	\$210		\$350	

COMPETITION FEES

REGULAR REGISTRATION | 2/1 - 3/16

JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL CUP

NUMBER OF DIVISIONS	I	II	III
INDIVIDUAL	\$110	\$70	\$70

USA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

INDIVIDUAL	I	II	III	IV
NON ELITE	\$110	\$70	\$70	\$70
ELITE	\$135	\$135	\$135	\$135
TEAM	KATA		KUMITE	
NON ELITE	\$160		\$160	
ELITE	\$210		\$350	



COMPETITION FEES

LATE REGISTRATION | 3/17 - 3 AM EST

ONLINE LATE FEE	\$50
ONSITE LATE FEE	\$100
SMS PER PHONE	\$10

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™
YDP JAMBOREE
TRAIN – GROW – SHINE

Designed for motivated NON-ELITE athletes preparing for competition and looking to level up.



APRIL 1, 2026 | 2 – 4 PM



FORT WORTH CONVENTION CENTER

-  TARGETED KATA + KUMITE DRILLS
-  MOVEMENT, AGILITY, & CONDITIONING
-  MINI-MATCH ROTATIONS
-  PERFORMANCE FEEDBACK FROM COACHES

For Athletes age 7+

All divisions, from Beginner to Advanced | Non-Elite Athletes

USA Karate membership required



GIVEAWAYS

REFEREE COURSE

USA Karate will host a Referee course on Wednesday, April 1st. Attendees will review the latest USA Karate Rules of Competition.

USA KARATE REFEREE/JUDGE CERTIFICATION

USA Karate will host a Referee/Judge certification course on Wednesday, April 1st. Domestic attendees 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 usakarateopen.com.

Registration is available online and all participating Referees and Judges are required to register in advance.

USA Karate, PKF or WKF officials with Kata and Kumite A licenses, may participate in the course at no cost.

REFEREE JUDGE CERTIFICATION COVERS BOTH COURSES	\$200
COURSE AUDIT FEE NO CERTIFICATION	\$50
ONSITE COURSE REGISTRATION	\$100

Referees who choose not to participate in the certification courses, but are attending the championships, are required to register online at usakarateopen.com

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

REFEREE COURSE



* All International Officials are required to complete SafeSport Training. To complete this training visit 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.

* 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.

* In compliance with the Officials Code of Conduct, all USA Karate Officials, PKF Officials and WKF Officials, regardless of license, are prohibited from serving as a coach at USA Karate Signature events.

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.

All international delegations with 10 or more athletes will be presented with the following upon arrival:

- One (1) VIP Credential for the Head of Delegation.
- Two (2) Invited Guest Credentials.
- One (1) Coaches Credential for every 5 registered athletes.
- Additional Credentials are available upon request and approval.

International Delegations need not be the official representatives of a National Federation. However, you must register as a delegation and complete the appropriate documentation available at www.usankf.org. Please contact natoffice@usankf.org should you have questions or concerns.

An International Coach coaching a USA athlete must complete Safesport training and background screening.

Credentials will not be issued to any individual on the USA Karate Banned Member list or the US Center for SafeSport Centralized Disciplinary Database.

USA Karate reserves the right to determine what constitutes a delegation and may deny or revoke a delegation's privileges at its sole discretion.

INTERNATIONAL ATHLETE INSURANCE

All international competitors competing in either competition must provide their own accident and medical insurance. USA Karate does not provide any medical or accident insurance for international athletes. By participating in this event,

International competitors are acknowledging that they have their own medical and accident insurance.

VISA ASSISTANCE

Please visit <http://travel.state.gov/visa> for information on applying for and receiving a travel visa to the United States. USA Karate is available to assist you with official invitations, letters of introductions, etc. if needed. Please contact natoffice@usankf.org for additional information.

We couldn't host these tournaments without the help of our wonderful volunteers!!!

New this year, volunteers can sign up using tournamentinabox-use this link [VOLUNTEER SIGN UP](#)

- People who volunteer for a shift will be able to get in that day for free.
- You will receive a volunteer t-shirt along with a lunch ticket.
- You do not need to have tournament experience to volunteer. We will train you onsite.
- There will be a volunteer meeting Wednesday night where we can answer any questions you have.
- A great way to for kids to earn service hours for school. Ages 13 and up can work tables and ages 10 and up can help in staging.

We need help in the following areas:

REGISTRATION

- Wednesday-passing out credentials, guiding coaches/ athletes to credential pick-up and sign ups

EVENT SET - UP

- Tuesday & Wednesday-helping to lay mats and set up competition area

TABLE VOLUNTEERS

- Electric charting
- Getting the athletes on deck ready

SECURITY

- Helping with crowd control at ring side and at the entrance

AWARDS / MEDALS

- Handing out the medals
- Arranging athletes on podium for pictures

EVENT RUNNERS

- Taking athletes from ring to awards podium or to the exit

STAGING

- Scanning athletes when they enter staging
- Helping to line the athletes up in the correct divisions
- Taking athletes to the rings

Vendor Credentials are issued based on these criteria:

This event is following the guidelines of the US Center for SafeSport's Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP). Information on USA Karate's full Safe Sport Program can be found at safesport.usankf.org. On this page you can find the [USA-NKF Participant Safety Handbook](#) and the [USA- NKF Minor Athlete and Officials Abuse Prevention Policies](#).

In cooperation with the US Center for SafeSport there is a [MAAPP At-A-Glance Resource](#) and [How to Report a Concern](#) resource. Both are accessible from the QR code on your event credential. We ask that you take a few minutes and review this important information. Should you have any questions or concerns please let us know.

Vendors will be emailed a copy of the MAAPP At-A Glance, and we ask that you read through it before the event. If vendors would like a press credential, they will need to register for a press credential at www.usankf.org.

Press credentials require that the holder completes the SafeSport training and background screening. Both can be accessed through our membership site <https://usankf.sport80.com>. Click on the free club participant membership to get started.

REGISTER NOW

10' X 10'	\$1200	5% (Gross Sales)
10' X 20'	\$1500	5% (Gross Sales)
10' X 30'	\$2000	5% (Gross Sales)
10' X 40'	\$2500	5% (Gross Sales)

Eligibility for Press Credentials requires that you represent an accredited news outlet*, or alternatively...

- Register for the event through www.usankf.org
 - Must have completed NCSI Background Screen
 - Must have completed SafeSport Training
- Submit a letter naming you the exclusive press credential holder from your club owner to natoffice@usankf.org
- The cost of a press credential is \$150
- Member Clubs receive a discount – contact natoffice@usankf.org

Access to the competition floor grants USA Karate photo usage rights.

Please remember, your access to the competition floor is a privilege. Disrupting the competition or contacting officials/table volunteers will result in the immediate loss of your press credential.

Individuals listed on the USA Karate Banned Member list or the US Center for SafeSport Centralized Disciplinary Database are not eligible for Press Credentials.

Accredited news outlets include National and local newspapers, cable, and television outlets. Verification from the news outlet is required. You can contact the national office via email natoffice@usankf.org or by phone 719-477-6925 with any questions.

Both the USA Open and Junior International Cup competitions will utilize the current World Karate Federation Rules of Competition. We will make minor adjustments for non-elite divisions. These adjustments can be found on our website.



[Click here to access the rules of competition.](#)

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

For NON-Elite categories, please refer to the USA NKF Rules found at usankf.org or the following link: [USA KARATE RULES OF COMPETITION | 2026](#)

For Elite categories, please refer to this WKF link for equipment requirements:

<https://www.wkf.net/karateprotections/protections-assistance>

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Apparel as unique as YOU!

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We will have it hot off the press in just seconds.



USA KARATE | **OFFICIAL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIER**

USA Karate approved equipment licensed with the USA Karate logo is available exclusively through Century Martial Arts. You can purchase their full line of offerings at <http://www.centurymartialarts.com>. Full lines of WKF approved equipment, as well as top quality uniforms and training aids, are available through many of our great vendors. Their full line of offerings can be found by using the information below.

 <p>CENTURY WORLD LEADER IN MARTIAL ARTS SINCE 1978</p>	http://www.centurymartialarts.com
 <p>AFS OFFICIAL DISTRIBUTOR</p>	http://www.afsgear.com
 <p>Arawaza All the power you need!</p>	https://www.arawaza.com
 <p>AWMA Asian World Of Martial Arts, Inc. SINCE 1972</p>	https://www.awma.com
 <p>BMa Budomart America</p>	http://www.budomartamerica.com
 <p>PUNOK</p>	http://www.punok.com

USA KARATE | DIVISION LISTS | ELITE

A competitor must compete at the same skill and age level for all event categories in which they compete | **Elite = WKF Style/Level Divisions**

ELITE KATA

MALE ELITE KATA		FEMALE ELITE KATA	
EK264	12-13	EK265	12-13
EK266	14-15	EK267	14-15
EK268	16-17	EK269	16-17

ELITE KUMITE

MALE ELITE KUMITE			FEMALE ELITE KUMITE		
ES285	12-13	-40 kg	ES290	12-13	-42 kg
ES286	12-13	-45 kg	ES291	12-13	-47 kg
ES287	12-13	-50 kg	ES292	12-13	-52 kg
ES288	12-13	-55 kg	ES293	12-13	+52 kg
ES289	12-13	+55 kg			
ES294	14-15	-52 kg	ES299	14-15	-47 kg
ES295	14-15	-57 kg	ES300	14-15	-54 kg
ES296	14-15	-63 kg	ES301	14-15	-61 kg
ES297	14-15	-70 kg	ES302	14-15	+61 kg
ES298	14-15	+70 kg			
ES303	16-17	-55 kg	ES308	16-17	-48 kg
ES304	16-17	-61 kg	ES309	16-17	-53 kg
ES305	16-17	-68 kg	ES310	16-17	-59 kg
ES306	16-17	-76 kg	ES311	16-17	-66 kg
ES307	16-17	+76 kg	ES312	16-17	+66 kg

A COMPETITOR MUST COMPETE AT THE SAME SKILL AND AGE LEVEL FOR ALL EVENT CATEGORIES IN WHICH THEY COMPETE | **ELITE = WKF STYLE/LEVEL DIVISIONS**

ELITE KATA

MALE ELITE KATA		FEMALE ELITE KATA	
EK270	16-34	EK271	16-34
EK400	18-20	EK401	18-20

ELITE KUMITE

MALE ELITE KUMITE			FEMALE ELITE KUMITE		
ES313	18-34	-60 kg	ES318	18-34	-50 kg
ES314	18-34	-67 kg	ES319	18-34	-55 kg
ES315	18-34	-75 kg	ES320	18-34	-61 kg
ES316	18-34	-84 kg	ES321	18-34	-68 kg
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ES323	18-34	OPEN	ES324	18-34	OPEN
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

NOTE | ANYONE WHO HAS COMPETED ON A COUNTRIES NATIONAL TEAM AND/OR MEDALED AT A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL EVENT SHALL BE CONSIDERED ELITE.

COMPETITORS WHO COMPETE IN ELITE KATA DIVISIONS MAY NOT COMPETE IN NON-ELITE KATA DIVISIONS COMPETITORS WHO COMPETE IN ELITE KUMITE DIVISIONS MAY NOT COMETE IN NON-ELTE KUMITE DIVISIONS COMPETITORS WHO MEDAL IN ANY DIVISIONS MUST ADVANCE TO THE NEXT SKILL LEVEL THE FOLLOWING YEAR COMPETITORS WHO INTENTIONALLY MISREPRESENT THEIR SKILL LEVEL MAY BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

A COMPETITOR MAY COMPETE IN EXACTLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS

MALE KATA		FEMALE KATA	
K1	5 & Under	K2	5 & Under
K3	6 – Beginner	K7	6 – Beginner
K4	6 – Novice	K8	6 – Novice
K5	6 – Intermediate	K9	6 – Intermediate
K6	6 – Advance	K10	6 – Advance
K11	7 – Beginner	K15	7 – Beginner
K12	7 – Novice	K16	7 – Novice
K13	7 – Intermediate	K17	7 – Intermediate
K14	7 – Advance	K18	7 – Advance
K19	8– Beginner	K23	8– Beginner
K20	8 – Novice	K24	8 – Novice
K21	8 – Intermediate	K25	8 – Intermediate
K22	8 – Advance	K26	8 – Advance
K27	9– Beginner	K31	9– Beginner
K28	9 – Novice	K32	9 – Novice
K29	9 – Intermediate	K33	9 – Intermediate
K30	9 – Advance	K34	9 – Advance

DIVISION SKILL LEVELS ARE BASED UPON YEARS OF KARATE TRAINING

BEGINNER	1 YEAR OF TRAINING OR LESS	INTERMEDIATE	2-4 YEARS OF TRAINING
NOVICE	1-2 YEARS OF TRAINING	ADVANCED	4 YEARS OF TRAINING OR MORE

A COMPETITOR MAY COMPETE IN EXACTLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS

MALE KATA		FEMALE KATA	
K35	10 - Beginner	K39	10 - Beginner
K36	10 - Novice	K40	10 - Novice
K37	10 - Intermediate	K41	10 - Intermediate
K38	10 - Advance	K42	10 - Advance
K43	11 - Beginner	K47	11 - Beginner
K44	11 - Novice	K48	11 - Novice
K45	11 - Intermediate	K49	11 - Intermediate
K46	11 - Advance	K50	11 - Advance
K51	12 - Beginner	K55	12 - Beginner
K52	12 - Novice	K56	12 - Novice
K53	12- Intermediate	K57	12- Intermediate
K54	12 - Advance	K58	12 - Advance
K59	13 - Beginner	K63	13 - Beginner
K60	13 - Novice	K64	13 - Novice
K61	13 - Intermediate	K65	13 - Intermediate
K62	13 - Advance	K66	13 - Advance

DIVISION SKILL LEVELS ARE BASED UPON YEARS OF KARATE TRAINING

BEGINNER	1 YEAR OF TRAINING OR LESS	INTERMEDIATE	2-4 YEARS OF TRAINING
NOVICE	1-2 YEARS OF TRAINING	ADVANCED	4 YEARS OF TRAINING OR MORE

A COMPETITOR MAY COMPETE IN EXACTLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS

MALE KATA		FEMALE KATA	
K67	14 - Beginner	K71	14 - Beginner
K68	14 - Novice	K72	14 - Novice
K69	14 - Intermediate	K73	14 - Intermediate
K70	14 - Advance	K74	14 - Advance
K75	15 - Beginner	K79	15 - Beginner
K76	15 - Novice	K80	15 - Novice
K77	15 - Intermediate	K81	15 - Intermediate
K78	15 - Advance	K82	15 - Advance
K83	16 - Beginner	K87	16 - Beginner
K84	16 - Novice	K88	16 - Novice
K85	16 - Intermediate	K89	16 - Intermediate
K86	16 - Advance	K90	16 - Advance
K91	17 - Beginner	K95	17 - Beginner
K92	17 - Novice	K96	17 - Novice
K93	17 - Intermediate	K97	17 - Intermediate
K94	17 - Advance	K98	17 - Advance

DIVISION SKILL LEVELS ARE BASED UPON YEARS OF KARATE TRAINING

BEGINNER	1 YEAR OF TRAINING OR LESS	INTERMEDIATE	2-4 YEARS OF TRAINING
NOVICE	1-2 YEARS OF TRAINING	ADVANCED	4 YEARS OF TRAINING OR MORE

A COMPETITOR MAY COMPETE IN EXACTLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS

MALE KUMITE		FEMALE KUMITE	
S1	5 & Under	S2	5 & Under
S3	6 - Beginner	S7	6 - Beginner
S4	6 - Novice	S8	6 - Novice
S5	6 - Intermediate	S9	6 - Intermediate
S6	6 - Advance	S10	6 - Advance
S11	7 - Beginner	S15	7 - Beginner
S12	7 - Novice	S16	7 - Novice
S13	7 - Intermediate	S17	7 - Intermediate
S14	7 - Advance	S18	7 - Advance
S19	8- Beginner	S23	8- Beginner
S20	8 - Novice	S24	8 - Novice
S21	8 - Intermediate	S25	8 - Intermediate
S22	8 - Advance	S26	8 - Advance
S27	9- Beginner	S31	9- Beginner
S28	9 - Novice	S32	9 - Novice
S29	9 - Intermediate	S33	9 - Intermediate
S30	9 - Advance	S34	9 - Advance

DIVISION SKILL LEVELS ARE BASED UPON YEARS OF KARATE TRAINING

BEGINNER	1 YEAR OF TRAINING OR LESS	INTERMEDIATE	2-4 YEARS OF TRAINING
NOVICE	1-2 YEARS OF TRAINING	ADVANCED	4 YEARS OF TRAINING OR MORE

A COMPETITOR MAY COMPETE IN EXACTLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS

MALE KUMITE		FEMALE KUMITE	
S35	10 - Beginner	S39	10 - Beginner
S36	10 - Novice	S40	10 - Novice
S37	10 - Intermediate	S41	10 - Intermediate
S38	10 - Advance	S42	10 - Advance
S43	11 - Beginner	S47	11 - Beginner
S44	11 - Novice	S48	11 - Novice
S45	11 - Intermediate	S49	11 - Intermediate
S46	11 - Advance	S50	11 - Advance
S51	12 - Beginner	S55	12 - Beginner
S52	12 - Novice	S56	12 - Novice
S53	12- Intermediate	S57	12- Intermediate
S54	12 - Advance	S58	12 - Advance
S59	13 - Beginner	S63	13 - Beginner
S60	13 - Novice	S64	13 - Novice
S61	13 - Intermediate	S65	13 - Intermediate
S62	13 - Advance	S66	13 - Advance

DIVISION SKILL LEVELS ARE BASED UPON YEARS OF KARATE TRAINING

BEGINNER	1 YEAR OF TRAINING OR LESS	INTERMEDIATE	2-4 YEARS OF TRAINING
NOVICE	1-2 YEARS OF TRAINING	ADVANCED	4 YEARS OF TRAINING OR MORE

BLIND VISUALLY IMPAIRED DIVISIONS

MALE PARA-KARATE		FEMALE PARA-KARATE	
PK102	17 & Under Beginner Novice	PK100	17 & Under Beginner Novice
PK103	17 & Under Intermediate Advance	PK101	17 & Under Intermediate Advance

INTELLECTUALLY IMPAIRED DIVISIONS

PK106	17 & Under Beginner Novice	PK104	17 & Under Beginner Novice
PK107	17 & Under Intermediate Advance	PK105	17 & Under Intermediate Advance

WHEELCHAIR DIVISIONS

PK110	17 & Under Beginner Novice	PK108	17 & Under Beginner Novice
PK111	17 & Under Intermediate Advance	PK109	17 & Under Intermediate Advance

PHYSICAL DISABILITY (NON-WHEELCHAIR BOUND)

WITHOUT INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY DIVISIONS

PK114	17 & Under Beginner Novice	PK112	17 & Under Beginner Novice
PK115	17 & Under Intermediate Advance	PK113	17 & Under Intermediate Advance

DIVISION SKILL LEVELS ARE BASED UPON YEARS OF KARATE TRAINING

BEGINNER	1 YEAR OF TRAINING OR LESS	INTERMEDIATE	2-4 YEARS OF TRAINING
NOVICE	1-2 YEARS OF TRAINING	ADVANCED	4 YEARS OF TRAINING OR MORE

JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL CUP

A COMPETITOR MAY COMPETE IN EXACTLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS

MALE KATA		FEMALE KATA	
K200	5 & Under	K201	5 & Under
K202	6 7 - Beginner	K206	6 7 - Beginner
K203	6 7- Novice	K207	6 7- Novice
K204	6 7- Intermediate	K208	6 7- Intermediate
K205	6 7- Advance	K209	6 7- Advance
K210	8 9 - Beginner	K214	8 9 - Beginner
K211	8 9- Novice	K215	8 9- Novice
K212	8 9- Intermediate	K216	8 9- Intermediate
K213	8 9- Advance	K217	8 9- Advance
K218	10 11 - Beginner	K222	10 11 - Beginner
K219	10 11- Novice	K223	10 11- Novice
K220	10 11- Intermediate	K224	10 11- Intermediate
K221	10 11- Advance	K225	10 11- Advance
K226	12 13 - Beginner	K230	12 13 - Beginner
K227	12 13- Novice	K231	12 13- Novice
K228	12 13- Intermediate	K232	12 13- Intermediate
K229	12 13- Advance	K233	12 13- Advance

DIVISION SKILL LEVELS ARE BASED UPON YEARS OF KARATE TRAINING

BEGINNER	1 YEAR OF TRAINING OR LESS	INTERMEDIATE	2-4 YEARS OF TRAINING
NOVICE	1-2 YEARS OF TRAINING	ADVANCED	4 YEARS OF TRAINING OR MORE

A COMPETITOR MAY COMPETE IN EXACTLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS

MALE KATA		FEMALE KATA	
K234	14 15 - Beginner	K238	14 15 - Beginner
K235	14 15- Novice	K239	14 15- Novice
K236	14 15- Intermediate	K240	14 15- Intermediate
K237	14 15- Advance	K241	14 15- Advance
K242	16 17 - Beginner	K246	16 17 - Beginner
K243	16 17- Novice	K247	16 17- Novice
K244	16 17- Intermediate	K248	16 17- Intermediate
K245	16 17- Advance	K249	16 17- Advance
K250	18 34 - Beginner	K254	18 34 - Beginner
K251	18 34- Novice	K255	18 34- Novice
K252	18 34- Intermediate	K256	18 34- Intermediate
K253	18 34- Advance	K257	18 34- Advance
K258	35 44 - Beginner Novice	K260	35 44 - Beginner Novice
K259	35 44- Intermediate Advance	K261	35 44- Intermediate Advance
K262	45 54 - Beginner Novice	K264	45 54 - Beginner Novice
K263	45 54- Intermediate Advance	K265	45 54- Intermediate Advance
K266	55+ - Beginner Novice	K268	55+ - Beginner Novice
K267	55+ - Intermediate Advance	K269	55+ - Intermediate Advance

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BEGINNER	1 YEAR OF TRAINING OR LESS	INTERMEDIATE	2-4 YEARS OF TRAINING
NOVICE	1-2 YEARS OF TRAINING	ADVANCED	4 YEARS OF TRAINING OR MORE

A COMPETITOR MAY COMPETE IN EXACTLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS

MALE KUMITE		FEMALE KUMITE	
S200	5 & Under	S201	5 & Under
S202	6 7 - Beginner	S206	6 7 - Beginner
S203	6 7- Novice	S207	6 7- Novice
S204	6 7- Intermediate	S208	6 7- Intermediate
S205	6 7- Advance	209	6 7- Advance
S210	8 9 - Beginner	S214	8 9 - Beginner
S211	8 9- Novice	S215	8 9- Novice
S212	8 9- Intermediate	S216	8 9- Intermediate
S213	8 9- Advance	S217	8 9- Advance
S218	10 11 - Beginner	S222	10 11 - Beginner
S219	10 11- Novice	S223	10 11- Novice
S220	10 11- Intermediate	S224	10 11- Intermediate
S221	10 11- Advance	S225	10 11- Advance
S226	12 13 - Beginner	S230	12 13 - Beginner
S227	12 13- Novice	S231	12 13- Novice
S228	12 13- Intermediate	S232	12 13- Intermediate
S229	12 13- Advance	S233	12 13- Advance

DIVISION SKILL LEVELS ARE BASED UPON YEARS OF KARATE TRAINING

BEGINNER	1 YEAR OF TRAINING OR LESS	INTERMEDIATE	2-4 YEARS OF TRAINING
NOVICE	1-2 YEARS OF TRAINING	ADVANCED	4 YEARS OF TRAINING OR MORE

DIVISION LISTS | OPEN KUMITE

A COMPETITOR MAY COMPETE IN EXACTLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS

MALE KUMITE		FEMALE KUMITE	
S234	14 15 - Beginner	S238	14 15 - Beginner
S235	14 15- Novice	S239	14 15- Novice
S236	14 15- Intermediate	S240	14 15- Intermediate
S237	14 15- Advance	S241	14 15- Advance
S242	16 17 - Beginner	S246	16 17 - Beginner
S243	16 17- Novice	S247	16 17- Novice
S244	16 17- Intermediate	S248	16 17- Intermediate
S245	16 17- Advance	S249	16 17- Advance
S250	18 34 - Beginner	S254	18 34 - Beginner
S251	18 34- Novice	S255	18 34- Novice
S252	18 34- Intermediate	S256	18 34- Intermediate
S253	18 34- Advance	S257	18 34- Advance
S258	35 44 - Beginner Novice	S260	35 44 - Beginner Novice
S259	35 44- Intermediate Advance	S261	35 44- Intermediate Advance
S262	45 54 - Beginner Novice	S264	45 54 - Beginner Novice
S263	45 54- Intermediate Advance	S265	45 54- Intermediate Advance
S266	55+ - Beginner Novice	S268	55+ - Beginner Novice
S267	55+ - Intermediate Advance	S269	55+ - Intermediate Advance

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REGISTRATION

Where can I find my membership number? In order to confirm your account, you will need a USA Karate Membership Account.

Visit the new membership system usankf.sport80.com.

Can I confirm my registration?

Yes. You can confirm your registration online by going to the event in www.tournamentinabox.com and selecting “confirm registrations” on the main page. You simply search using your membership number and confirm your registration. If you have registered online, you will receive an “order confirmation” via email in addition to being taken to a confirmation screen at the conclusion of the registration process. If you do not receive the confirmation email, please check your spam or junk folder.

Do competitors need to take SafeSport® Training?

All domestic athletes who will be 18 years of age or older before the end of the competition will be required to complete the annual SafeSport Training to be eligible to register for the competition.

What if I confirm my registration and it is incorrect?

If the registration appears to be incorrect online, simply check the box next to the athlete’s name and select EDIT. You can then go in and make changes to your registration. Don’t forget to CHECKOUT if you made any changes affecting your balance, otherwise your registration will be marked as incomplete.

What if I make a mistake during registration, do I have to pay a change fee?

Yes, a late/change fee will be charged, unless the mistake is a minor clerical error or is the result of a mistake by the USA Karate Staff.

Can someone else pick up my competitor pass for me?

Yes. However, it is strongly recommended whoever picks up the athlete pass review it carefully for mistakes. If the pass is accepted and is later found to be incorrect, a late/change fee will be assessed to make corrections.

REGISTRATION CONTINUED

What are the skill levels and how do I know which skill level I should compete in?

The skill levels are to help keep the competition a level playing field for all competitors. Here is a description of the skill levels:

- Beginner – 8th kyu and under/Less than 1 year of training
- Novice – 7th kyu-5th kyu/1-2 years of training
- Intermediate – 4th kyu-2nd kyu/2-4 years of training
- Advanced – 1st kyu and higher/4 years or more of training
- Elite – US Team Trial Divisions/Recommended rank of 1st Dan or higher and 5+ years of training
- All brown belts must compete in intermediate or higher divisions
- All black belts must compete in advanced or higher divisions
- Athletes who participate in a beginner, novice, or intermediate division must compete in that skill level for all divisions
- An athlete who participates in an elite division may compete in an advanced division in another category (Exp: Athletes may compete in Elite Kumite and Advanced Kata, but may not compete in Elite Kumite and Advanced Kumite)
- Athletes who compete in Elite Kata may not compete in any other Kata division
- The ultimate placement of athletes in the correct skill level is the responsibility of both the athlete and their coach/instructor. We rely on the integrity of all of our participants to ensure for the safest and most fair competition. Should an athlete be found to purposefully misrepresent their skill level for the purpose of competitive advantage, appropriate actions may be taken against both the athlete and the coach/instructor

If I have been training for 2 years but have a brown belt, do I have to compete as an intermediate?

Yes.

What are Elite Divisions?

Elite Divisions are for the highest level of competition. These divisions are for those Advanced athletes seeking WKF level experience. Generally, if an athlete is a current or former member of their country's National Team or has earned a medal in a large international competition, they would be considered Elite. However, the Elite Divisions are not limited to National Team members or international medalists, so any Advanced athlete may register for Elite Divisions.

REGISTRATION CONTINUED

Can I compete in Elite and Advanced Divisions?

Yes, Elite is a separate skill level division available to Advanced competitors, therefore competitors may compete in Advanced or Elite per event category (Kata or Kumite). For example, an athlete may compete in Elite Kata and Advanced Kumite or Elite Kumite and Advanced Kata, but CANNOT compete in both Advanced Kata and Elite Kata.

How can I be a volunteer?

We need volunteers to help with many aspects of the event. Please register in advance online at <http://www.usakarateopen.com> and attend a volunteer course held onsite.

Where do I check in as a volunteer?

Volunteers will need to check-in at the Volunteer Check-in Table in the Registration area. Volunteers will pick up the volunteer T-shirt, a credential, and get additional information about the tournament.

What if I just want to watch the tournament?

Spectator tickets are on sale at the event for \$25 a day or \$55 for a 3 day pass. Children 4 and under are free. Purchase your tickets online at www.usakarateopen.com and save, \$20 a day or \$50 for a 3 day pass. Tickets can be picked up onsite.

SCHEDULE

Is the schedule of events posted somewhere?

A schedule will be posted online prior to the tournament and at various locations onsite. The schedules are tentative and subject to change.

Does everyone need to be at the tournament at 8:00am?

No, the USA Karate Staff is committed to providing a basic time structure for events and stage times. You can also sign up for our text messaging service. This service will send you a text message when your child is called to Staging, sent to a ring and completed competition. For more information about this service, sign up online during the registration process or ask in Registration onsite.

EQUIPMENT

Are USA NKF patches mandatory?

Yes. USA NKF patches are required for this event for all USA athletes participating in this event. Patches can be bought at Century Martial Arts.

What equipment do I need for Kumite?

The following links will help to know what is required

- NON-ELITE DIVISIONS – please refer to the USA NKF Rules found at usankf.org
 ⇨ [USA KARATE RULES OF COMPETITION | 2026](#)
- ELITE DIVISIONS – please refer to the WKF link for equipment requirements
 ⇨ [WKF KARATE PROTECTIONS / PROTECTIONS-ASSISTANCE](#)

Where can I buy USA NKF approved equipment?

Equipment can be purchased in advance online from Century Martial Arts.

⇨ [CENTURY MARTIAL ARTS](#)

Will USA NKF approved equipment be on sale at the tournament?

Yes. Vendor booths will be onsite for equipment purchases; however, it is suggested you purchase in advance to ensure you have equipment for the tournament.

What color uniform (gi) can I wear?

Non-Elite competitors may only wear traditional cut unmarked white karate uniforms without striping or piping. Elite competitors will need the gi with red/blue piping.

Can I wear the Red/Blue reversible belts

No, Competitors will need a solid red and solid blue belt.

KUMITE COMPETITION

Do I have to weigh in?

Yes, if you are doing an Elite Kumite division you must weigh-in. Weigh-ins will be held for all Elite kilo categories, including 12-13, 14-15, 16-17, & 18+. All athletes must weigh-in and can be moved to the appropriate weight division if the athlete is outside the registered weight division. Athletes must bring their credentials with them in order to weigh in.

All athletes that are required to weigh-in. Athletes must weigh-in at the designated weigh-in times. If an athlete fails to weigh-in at the designated weigh-in time, the athlete will be disqualified from competition for failure to comply with weight control regulations.

Weigh-in locations will be announced and clearly marked on-site near Registration.

Can I wear my karate gi (uniform) when I weigh in?

No, Athletes may wear one layer of sport clothing, such as compression shorts or sports bra during weigh ins. No excessive clothing or karate uniforms allowed.

What equipment do I need for Kumite?

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IF YOUR ATHLETE IS SCRATCHING FROM A DIVISION, PLEASE INFORM THE STAGING STAFF.

TEAM DIVISIONS

Do I have to have an all male or all female team for Team Kata?

No, teams can be mixed gender or all same gender.

Can my competitor move up an age division to compete in Team Kata?

All Competitors on that team must meet the age requirements.

Can my competitor move up an age division to compete in Team Kumite?

All Competitors on that team must meet the age requirements.

COACHES

Can I coach my athlete at the ring?

It depends. All USA Coaches must be current USA NKF Coach or Official Members and must purchase coaches' credentials for the event. Only credentialed Coaches will be allowed on the floor during Kumite and Elite Kata. Reminder that Safe Sport Compliance is a condition of membership for Coaches and Officials. Compliance includes SafeSport® Training, Background Screening and review of the Participant Safety handbook and Minor Athlete and Officials Abuse Prevention Policies.

Is there coach education available?

Please check the schedule of events to see if there will be a coach's course onsite at the JIC/USA Open Event. Please go to www.usakarateopen.com to register online as a coach and for the course.

Can I get a copy of my athlete's chart/bracket?

Charts will only be given to Credentialed Coaches for Elite Kata and Elite Kumite divisions. Coaches must have their Coaches' credentials to receive charts/brackets. We will not give charts/brackets for any divisions at the Junior International Cup or any non-elite divisions at the USA Open. Charts will also be available online at www.usakarateopen.com.

How old do I have to be to be a Credentialed Coach?

18 is the minimum age for credentials.

PARENTS

Can I go with my child to the ring?

No. The competition floor is closed and only for competitors, registered coaches and officials.

Can I go to the Staging Area with my child?

Yes, a small section of the Staging Area will be available for parents to visit and check on their competitors; however parents will not be allowed in the “competitor only” area of Staging. The Staging Area can be a loud and busy place in the tournament and this rule will allow the USA Karate Staff to focus on the competitors to expedite the competitor to the competition floor.

Will food or drinks be allowed in the Staging Area?

Yes. Competitors will be allowed to bring bottled drinks and snacks to the Staging Area. Common courtesy is appreciated, and the USA Karate Staff expects all competitors to keep a clean Staging Area.

How will I know when it is my child’s time to compete?

Each division is assigned a number. The division number will be printed on your child’s competitor pass that you will pick up at Registration. The Announcer will call the division number to Staging and that will signal your child needs to go to the Staging Area immediately and prepare for competition. Generally, once a division has been called to the Staging Area, the division will make it to the competition floor in under 30 minutes.

You can also sign up for our text messaging service. This service will send you a text message when your child is called to Staging, sent to a ring and completed competition. For more information about this service, sign up online during the registration process or ask in Registration onsite

When will my child compete?

A general schedule will be posted to <http://www.usakarateopen.com> prior to the tournament and posted to various locations at the tournament site, but no specific times can be given as to when a competitor will be on the competition floor. The USA Karate Staff is committed to running an efficient, fair and fun tournament for all participants, so it is the Staffs’ intention to minimize wait times. Generally, the youngest age divisions start the day, and the tournament works through ascending age divisions as the day moves on.



KARATE

USA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

ELITE TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

TEAM NAME

CLUB / DOJO NAME

FEE | KATA

\$210

COUNTRY

FEE | KUMITE

\$350

DIVISION

MALE

SENSEI'S SIGNATURE | DATE

FEMALE

ETS1 **18-34 MALE ELITE TEAM KUMITE**
(7 athletes maximum)

ETK1 **16+ MALE ELITE TEAM KATA**
(3 athletes maximum)

ETK3 **14-17 MALE ELITE TEAM KATA**
(3 athletes maximum)

ETS5 **18-34 MIXED ELITE TEAM KUMITE**
(3 athletes maximum)

ETS2 **18-34 FEMALE ELITE TEAM KUMITE**
(4 athletes maximum)

ETK2 **16+ FEMALE ELITE TEAM KATA**
(3 athletes maximum)

ETK4 **14-17 FEMALE ELITE TEAM KATA**
(3 athletes maximum)

	NAME	USANKF MEMBER NO. / PASSPORT NO.	DOB
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WAIVER MUST BE FILLED OUT AND RETURNED WITH YOUR TEAM ENTREE FORM



ADULT AND MINOR (UNDER 18) AMATEUR ATHLETIC WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the USA National Karate-do Federation athletics/sports program, and related events and activities, the undersigned:

1. Agrees that prior to participating, they know and understand the Rules of Competition, and that they (if under 18 years of age a Parent or Guardian) will inspect the facilities and equipment to be used, and if the participant and/or Parent or Guardian, believes anything is, or may be, unsafe, they will immediately advise their coach or supervisor and the USA Open Karate Championships personnel of such condition(s) and refuse to participate unless and until such condition is remedied.
2. Acknowledge and fully understand that each participant will be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from their own actions, inactions or negligence but the actions, inactions or negligence of others, the rules of play, or the condition of the premises or of any equipment used. Further, that there may be other risks not known to us or not reasonably foreseeable at this time. The undersigned assumes all the foregoing risks and accept personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, permanent disability, or death.
3. Release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue The USA National Karate-do Federation, Visit Fort Worth, Fort Worth Convention Center, Fort Worth Sports Commission, City of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas,, its officers, its affiliated clubs, approved sports organizations, their respective administrators, directors, agents, coaches and other employees, staff, official and volunteers of the organization, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessees of premises used to conduct the event, all of which are hereinafter referred to as "releasees" from any and all liability to each of the undersigned, his or her heirs and next of kin for any and all claims, demands, losses or damages on account of injury including death or damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the releasee or otherwise. The undersigned shall indemnify the releasees and hold them harmless for any losses, liability or damages which may result from any failure or defect of such release.
4. **All entries are final, no refunds will be given.** I fully understand that any medical treatment given will be of a first aid treatment type only. I consent that any pictures furnished by me or any and all photographs or video images taken of me in connection with the Tournament can be reproduced and used for publicity, promotion or other purpose by the USA-NKF, it's licensees or assigns now or in the future, and published or broadcast by any media whatsoever, and I hereby waive any and all claim for any compensation of any kind in regard thereto. All participation in any event or class in this Tournament is by permission only. The Tournament Director or his authorized agent(s) reserve the right to refuse entry to any person, school, team, or club.
5. **Statement of Health.** By my signature below I confirm that I am in sound health and there is no reason why I cannot participate in this championship and/or event.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTAND THAT THEY HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY.

SIGNATURE OF CONTESTANT	SIGNATURE OF PARENT GUARDIAN	DATE
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KARATE

USA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

NON-ELITE TEAM KATA & TEAM KUMITE REGISTRATION FORM

\$160 PER TEAM | ALL TEAM MEMBERS MUST MEET THE AGE REQUIREMENTS

TEAM NAME

ALL NON-ELITE TEAM KATA DIVISIONS ARE MIXED GENDER. TEAMS MAY BE MADE UP OF MALES AND/OR FEMALES | MAXIMUM OF 3 ATHLETES

TK1	7 & UNDER TEAM KATA BEG/NOV	TK8	12-13 TEAM KATA INT/ADV
TK2	7 & UNDER TEAM KATA INT/ADV	TK9	14-17 Team Kata Beg/Nov
TK3	8-9 TEAM KATA BEG/NOV	TK10	14-17 TEAM KATA INT/ADV
TK4	8-9 TEAM KATA INT/ADV	TK11	18-34 Team Kata Beg/Nov
TK5	10-11 TEAM KATA BEG/NOV	TK12	18-34 Team Kata INT/ADV
TK6	10-11 TEAM KATA INT/ADV	TK13	35+ Team Kata Beg/Nov
TK7	12-13 TEAM KATA BEG/NOV	TK14	35+ Team Kata INT/ADV

ALL NON-ELITE KUMITE TEAMS MUST MEET THE REQUIRED AGE & RANK FOR THAT SPECIFIC DIVISION | MAXIMUM OF 4 ATHLETES MAXIMUM

TS1	7 & Under Male Beg/Nov	TS12	10-11 Female Int/Adv	TS23	16-17 Female Beg/Nov
TS2	7 & Under Male Int/Adv	TS13	12-13 Male Beg/Nov	TS24	16-17 Female Beg/Nov
TS3	7 & Under Female Beg/Nov	TS14	12-13 Male Int/Adv	TS25	18-34 Male Beg/Nov
TS4	7 & Under Female Int/Adv	TS15	12-13 Female Beg/Nov	TS26	18-34 Male Beg/Nov
TS5	8-9 Male Beg/Nov	TS16	12-13 Female Int/Adv	TS27	18-34 Female Beg/Nov
TS6	8-9 Male Int/Adv	TS17	14-15 Male Beg/Nov	TS28	18-34 Female Beg/Nov
TS7	8-9 Female Beg/Nov	TS18	14-15 Male Int/Adv	TS29	35+ Male Beg/Nov
TS8	8-9 Female Int/Adv	TS19	14-15 Female Beg/Nov	TS30	35+ Male Beg/Nov
TS9	10-11 Male Beg/Nov	TS20	14-15 Female Int/Adv	TS31	35+ Female Beg/Nov
TS10	10-11 Male Int/Adv	TS21	16-17 Male Beg/Nov	TS32	35+ Female Beg/Nov
TS11	10-11 Female Beg/Nov	TS22	16-17 Male INT/ADV		

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WAIVER MUST BE FILLED OUT AND RETURNED WITH YOUR TEAM ENTREE FORM



**ADULT AND MINOR (UNDER 18) AMATEUR ATHLETIC
WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the USA National Karate-do Federation athletics/sports program, and related events and activities, the undersigned:

1. Agrees that prior to participating, they know and understand the Rules of Competition, and that they (if under 18 years of age a Parent or Guardian) will inspect the facilities and equipment to be used, and if the participant and/or Parent or Guardian, believes anything is, or may be, unsafe, they will immediately advise their coach or supervisor and the USA Open Karate Championships personnel of such condition(s) and refuse to participate unless and until such condition is remedied.
2. Acknowledge and fully understand that each participant will be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from their own actions, inactions or negligence but the actions, inactions or negligence of others, the rules of play, or the condition of the premises or of any equipment used. Further, that there may be other risks not known to us or not reasonably foreseeable at this time. The undersigned assumes all the foregoing risks and accept personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, permanent disability, or death.
3. Release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue The USA National Karate-do Federation, Visit Fort Worth, Fort Worth Convention Center, Fort Worth Sports Commission, City of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas,, its officers, its affiliated clubs, approved sports organizations, their respective administrators, directors, agents, coaches and other employees, staff, official and volunteers of the organization, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessees of premises used to conduct the event, all of which are hereinafter referred to as "releasees" from any and all liability to each of the undersigned, his or her heirs and next of kin for any and all claims, demands, losses or damages on account of injury including death or damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the releasee or otherwise. The undersigned shall indemnify the releasees and hold them harmless for any losses, liability or damages which may result from any failure or defect of such release.
4. **All entries are final, no refunds will be given.** I fully understand that any medical treatment given will be of a first aid treatment type only. I consent that any pictures furnished by me or any and all photographs or video images taken of me in connection with the Tournament can be reproduced and used for publicity, promotion or other purpose by the USA-NKF, it's licensees or assigns now or in the future, and published or broadcast by any media whatsoever, and I hereby waive any and all claim for any compensation of any kind in regard thereto. All participation in any event or class in this Tournament is by permission only. The Tournament Director or his authorized agent(s) reserve the right to refuse entry to any person, school, team, or club.
5. **Statement of Health.** By my signature below I confirm that I am in sound health and there is no reason why I cannot participate in this championship and/or event.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTAND THAT THEY HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY.

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