

2023
National Championships
&
US Team Trials



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July 13 – July 16
Richmond, VA

Greater Richmond Convention Center
Richmond, VA

Updated June 1, 2023



Member, United States
Olympic & Paralympic Committee

Dear Competitors, Officials, Coaches and Friends,

On behalf of USA Karate, we would like to invite you to join us at the 2023 USA National Karate Championships & US Team Trials, which is being held in Richmond, VA.

This exciting event features competition for all ages and skill levels and selects the members of our Junior and Senior National Teams. This year's competition will be hosted at The Greater Richmond Convention Center. This fantastic venue will play host to four days of exciting competition. Our Headquarters Hotel will be The Marriott Downtown.

Each year, the National Championships continues to grow and cement its reputation as the premier domestic karate event in the United States, and this year's event is looking to be no exception. We hope you will be able to join us in Richmond for this exciting event, where we will all celebrate our sport and watch the top karate talent in the United States as they demonstrate their immense discipline and skill.

Very best regards,

Elisa Au
Board Chair
USA-NKF

Michael Cain
CEO
USA-NKF

Dear members,

As you likely know, USA Karate recently updated our uniform guidelines to reflect the new international norm requiring elite athletes to have both red and blue embroidered uniforms for competition.

This change in our requirements was made to ensure compliance with a new rule from the World Karate Federation, our international governing body, making red and blue uniforms mandatory in all WKF competitions effective January 1, 2023. Likewise, the Pan American Karate Federation, our continental federation, has followed suit and these uniforms are now mandatory in both Junior and Senior Pan American Championships.

Since international events no longer allow all-white uniforms, and our domestic elite competitions are in essence qualifiers for international events, the purpose of our rule change was to follow our international federation's guidelines, but also aimed to save athletes the trouble of having to purchase white, red, and blue uniforms were they to qualify for an international event.

However, having listened to feedback from our community and our members, USA Karate will delay implementation of the uniform guidelines for 2023. White, red, or blue will be acceptable for elite athletes at our domestic events for the remainder of this year.

In recognition of our international obligations, beginning at the 2024 U.S. Open in Las Vegas, elite athletes will need to have red and blue uniforms.

While we understand that purchasing two uniforms can be more expensive than one, many of our vendors are offering specials on the red and blue uniforms that are budget conscious. For example, Punok offers the red and blue kumite uniform set starting at \$189. Additionally, we are working with various vendors to provide need-based scholarship funds for elite-level athletes who may struggle to purchase all the required equipment. We want to continue to make karate equitable but must balance the evolution of the required equipment that makes WKF karate different from other alternatives out there. We should also point out that USANKF receives no financial benefit from or the implementation of this rule.

All that said, we hope this delay in implementation is welcome news and evidence that constructive feedback will be heard, and solutions will be found. Should you have any additional questions, please contact natoffice@usankf.org.



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USA National Karate-do Federation National Championships & Team Trials General Schedule – List of Events



Monday, July 10, 2023

Arrival of Delegations

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

12:00pm-5:00pm

Registration & Credential Desk Open

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

8:30am-12:00pm

Registration & Credential Desk Open

8:30am-4:00pm

Referee Education & Certification

9:00am-9:30am

*Junior Elite Athlete Weigh-In (ages 12-17)

9:30am-10:00am

*Senior Elite Athlete Weigh-In (ages 18-34)

10:30am-5:00pm

Board of Directors Meeting

1:00pm-5:00pm

Registration & Credential Desk Open

2:00pm-3:30pm

Dan Certification (by appointment with Technical Committee)

2:00pm-2:30pm

*Junior Athlete Weigh-In (ages 12-17)

2:30pm-3:00pm

*Senior Athlete Weigh-In (ages 18-34)

4:00pm-5:50pm

USOPC Training for Officials, Committee members, & National Coaching Staff

5:00pm-6:00pm

Volunteer Meeting

6:00pm-7:00pm

Referee Briefing – **Mandatory for All Officials**

6:00pm-7:00pm

Coach Briefing / Elite Kata Draws – **Mandatory for All Coaches**

7:00pm-8:00pm

Karate General Assembly

Thursday, July 13, 2023

8:00am

Competition Begins

Elite Kata (Jr. & Sr. Team Trials) Divisions

Elite Team Kata (Sr. Team Trials) Divisions

Non Elite Kata Divisions

Long & Short Weapons Divisions

Team Kata Divisions (Male, Female, Family, & Mixed Gender)

Style Specific Kata Divisions (Shotokan, Shito-ryu, Goju-ryu, Wado-ryu)

Masters Caucus

11:00am-12:00pm

***Final Junior Elite Athlete Weigh-In**

12:00pm-12:30pm

*Sr. Elite Athlete Weigh-In

12:30pm-1:00pm

Draws Elite Divisions (Staging)

5:00pm-5:30pm

Friday, July 14, 2023

8:00am

Competition Continues

12-20 Elite Kumite (Jr. Team Trial) Divisions

Non-Elite Kata Divisions

Para-Karate Divisions

Long & Short Weapons Divisions

12:30pm-1:00pm

***Final Senior Athlete Weigh-In**

5:00pm-5:30pm

Draws for Elite Divisions (Staging)

Saturday, July 15, 2023

8:00am

Competition Continues

Non-Elite Kumite Divisions

18-34 Elite Kumite (Sr. Team Trials) Divisions

Elite Para Kata Divisions

All Team Kumite Divisions

Sunday, July 16, 2023

8:00am

Competition Continues

Junior Non-Elite Kumite

11:00am-12:00pm

Athlete Town Hall

12:00pm-1:00pm

Jr National Team Meeting

Senior Elite Division & 12-13 Elite Division Finals - TBD

***Elite Athletes must bring their current passport & credentials to weigh in.**



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Thursday July 13, 2023

The following divisions need to be in the competition venue and prepared to be called to Staging. This does not mean you will be called to staging at this time, this is only a general estimate for your convenience.

All Shito-Ryu Kata Divisions	SK300-SK301
All Shotokan Kata Divisions	SK302-SK303
All Goju-Ryu Kata Divisions	SK304-SK305
All Wado-Ryu Kata Divisions	SK306-SK307

All 12 Year old Kata Divisions	K350-K357
All 13 Year old Kata Divisions	K358-K365
All 14 Year old Kata Divisions	K366-K373
All 15 Year Old Kata Divisions	K374-K381
All 16 Year Old Kata Divisions	K382-K389
All 17 Year Old Kata Divisions	K390-K397

All 12-13 Years Elite Kata	EK500 & EK501
All 14-15 Years Elite Kata	EK502 & EK503
All 16-17 Years Elite Kata	EK504 & EK505
All 18-20 Years Elite Kata	EK506 & EK507
All 16-34 Years Old Elite Kata	EK600 & EK601

All 18-20 Years Elite Team Kata	ETK502 & ETK503
All 14-17 Years Elite Team Kata	ETK500 & ETK501
All 18-34 Years Elite Team Kata	ETK600 & ETK601

All 12-13 Years Kobudo	WB310-WB315 & WS310-WS315
All 14-15 Years Kobudo	WB316-WB321 & WS316-WS321
All 16-17 Kobudo Divisions	WB322-WB327 & WS322-WS327
All 18-34 Years Kobudo	WB328-WB333 & WS328-WS333
All 35 Years and Up Kobudo	WB334-WB335 & WS334-WS335

All Team Kata Divisions	TK300-TK319
All Mixed Team Kata Divisions	TK320-TK329
All Family Team Kata Divisions	TK330-TK331



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The following divisions need to be in the competition venue and prepared to be called to Staging. This does not mean you will be called to staging at this time, this is only a general estimate for your convenience.

All 5 Year Old and Under Kata Divisions	K300 & K301
All 6 Year Old Kata Divisions	K302-K309
All 7 Year Old Kata Divisions	K310-K317
All 8 Year Old Kata Divisions	K318-K325
All 9 Year Old Kata Divisions	K326-K333
All 10 Year old Kata Divisions	K334-K341
All 11 Year old Kata Divisions	K342-K349

12-13 Year Old Male Elite Kumite	ES500-ES504
12-13 Year Old Female Elite Kumite	ES505-ES508
14-15 Year Old Male Elite Kumite	ES509-ES513
14-15 Year Old Female Elite Kumite	ES514-ES516
16-17 Year Old Male Elite Kumite	ES517-ES521
16-17 Years Old Female Elite Kumite	ES522-ES525
18-20 Year Old Male Elite Kumite	ES526-ES530
18-20 Year Old Female Elite Kumite	ES531-ES535

All Para-Karate Divisions	PK300-PK349
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All 9 and Under Kobudo	WB300-WB303 & WS300-WS303
All 10-11 Years Kobudo	WB304-WB309 & WS304-WS309
All ages Iaido Divisions	IS300-IS302

All 18-34 Years Old Kata Divisions	K398-K403
All 35 and Up Kata Divisions	K404-K415
All 18-34 Years Old Advanced Kata	K416 & K417



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Saturday July 15, 2023

The following divisions need to be in the competition venue and prepared to be called to Staging. This does not mean you will be called to staging at this time, this is only a general estimate for your convenience.

All 7 and Under Kumite Divisions	S300-S317
All 8 Year old Kumite Divisions	S318-S325
All 9 Year old Kumite Divisions	S326-S333
18-34 Year old NON Elite Kumite	S398-S407
All 35 and Up Kumite Divisions	S408-S419
All Male and Female Elite-Para Kata	EPK400-EPK405
18-34 Years old Elite Male Kumite	ES600-ES602
18-34 Years old Elite Male Kumite	ES603-ES604
All 18-34 Years old Elite Female Kumite	ES605-ES609
Open Kumite Divisions	ES610 & ES611
All Team Kumite Divisions	TS300-TS331



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Sunday July 16, 2023

The following divisions need to be in the competition venue and prepared to be called to Staging. This does not mean you will be called to staging at this time, this is only a general estimate for your convenience.

All 10 Year old Kumite Divisions	S334-S341
All 11 Year old Kumite Divisions	S342-S349
All 12 Year old Kumite Divisions	S350-S357
All 13 Year old Kumite Divisions	S358-S365
All 14 Year old Kumite Divisions	S366-S373
All 15 year old Kumite Divisions	S374-S381
All 16 Year old Kumite Divisions	S382-S389
All 17 Year old Kumite Divisions	S390-S397

Finals

**Adult Elite Kata & Kumite Divisions
12-13 year old Elite Kata & Kumite Divisions**



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USA National Karate-do Federation National Championships & Team Trials Hotel Information



Host Hotel

Marriott Downtown

500 East Broad Street

Richmond, VA 23219

<https://book.passkey.com/event/50451137/owner/12987/home>

Hilton Richmond Downtown

501 East Broad Street

Richmond, VA 23219

<https://bit.ly/3VgOzE9>

Additional Hotels

Courtyard Richmond Downtown

1320 East Cary Street

Richmond, VA 23219

<https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1668538506634&key=GRP>

Residence Inn Richmond Downtown

1320 East Cary Street

Richmond, VA 23219

<https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1668539149880&key=GRP>



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Competition Venue

The competition, courses and briefings will be held at the Greater Richmond Convention Center. The Greater Richmond Convention Center is located at 403 N 3rd Street, Richmond, VA 23219. Visit their website for information on the venue at www.richmondcenter.com.

Rules of Competition

This tournament will utilize the current World Karate Federation Rules of Competition for the Elite Divisions. We will make minor adjustments for non-elite divisions and follow the USA-NKF Rules.

<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-karate/events/rules-of-competition>

Junior & Senior National Team Selection

Selection procedures can be found on the USA Karate Website at <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-karate/athlete-resources/documents-and-resources>

Membership Fees

To be eligible to compete you must be a member in good standing. Athlete, Coach and Official Members are eligible to compete.

Membership platform is at usankf.sport80.com

Athlete Annual Membership	\$60
Coach or Official Annual Membership	\$75
USA-NKF Patch or Flag Patch – REQUIRED	\$10



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Event Fees

Competition fees

First Division	\$100
Second thru Fourth Divisions	\$60 / division
Each Division after Fourth	\$70 / division
Elite (Team Trial Divisions)	\$125 / division
Team Non-Elite Divisions	\$160 per team
Team Elite Divisions	\$200 per team

LATE REGISTRATION FEES

Online registrations completed after June 29, 2023	\$50
On-site registration Fee	\$100

SMS TEXT MESSAGES

SMS Text Messaging Alerts per number	\$10
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SPECTATOR PASSES

Spectator tickets can be purchased on the registration site

www.tournamentinabox.com

Purchased online

One Day Pass	\$20
Event Pass (Thursday-Sunday)	\$50

Purchased on-site

One Day Pass	\$25
Event Pass (Thursday-Sunday)	\$60



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Competitor Registration

Athletes compete at their age as of the 1st day of competition – July 13, 2023

Online Registration

Using our convenient online registration is the fastest, easiest and best way to register for this event. Visit usakaratenationals.com to register.

Late fees will begin on June 29, 2023, at 11:59 PM Mountain Time Zone and online registration will close on July 11, 2023, at 11:59 PM Mountain Time Zone.

Volunteers

USA Karate Tournaments would not be a success without the help of our wonderful volunteers. USA Karate could use your help in the following areas charting/table help, staging, security, set up/take down, runners, registration, and awards. Our veteran volunteers will teach you everything you need to know, no karate experience required. An optional volunteer briefing will be held Wednesday night. Volunteers will receive free entry for the day that you volunteer, t-shirt and meal ticket. Email any questions to Sara at splackett@usankf.org

Sign up using our sign up genius

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D45A9AD2EA0FD0-20231>

USA Karate Referee/Judge Certification Course

USA Karate will host a Referee/Judge Certification Course Wednesday, July 12 that will issue certifications up to Kumite Referee A & Kata Judge A. You must be a current member in good standing. Referee licenses are available to Official and Coach members. Your registration fee will cover both Kata and Kumite course, and every official is encouraged to work to attain both licenses.

Kumite & Kata Referee/Judge Certification Course Fee: \$200

Referee/Judge Certification Course Registration is available online only!

USA Karate Officials who have attained the Karate Referee standard (Kumite Referee A & Kata Judge A) may participate in the course at no charge. USA



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Karate Officials who have a Kumite Referee A are entitled to a 50% discount. Please contact natoffice@usankf.org for more details.

Referees not participating in the certification course, but attending the championships are required to register online at usakaratenationals.com. Registration is now open.

****Please note all officials will be required to hold a current USANKF official or coach membership – Safe Sport compliance is a condition of membership per our bylaws this requires completed NCSI Background Check, SafeSport™ Training and review of the Participant Safety Handbook. Information available at safesport.usankf.org. SafeSport™ Training and Background Screens can be completed from your membership profile on [our Sport:80 membership platform](#). Background Screens have been taking longer than previous years and could take up to 10 days.**

Athlete Town Hall

Message from the USANKF Athlete Representatives and Athlete Advisory Council

As part of our continued effort to improve communications within USANKF, the Athlete representatives and Athlete Advisory Council would like to invite you to the Athlete Town Hall Meeting.

This Athlete Town hall is open to all athlete members and their parents. Here is an agenda of what we would like to cover:

- Introduction and message from the USANKF Board Chair
- Information to-date on NKF, PKF and WKF events for 2023-24
- Information on current Athlete support
- Feedback from participants: What would you like to see improved regarding athlete support?
- Feedback from participants: What suggestions do you have for improved communication around USA Karate sanctioned events (ex. USA Open, Nationals, official team trips)?



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We anticipate that there will be a lot of enthusiastic conversation, and we encourage a respectful discussion by all. The event will be moderated so that we may hear from as many participants as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your Board member athlete reps.

Sincerely,

USANKF Athlete Representatives and Athlete Advisory Council

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Live Streaming

USA Karate has partnered with BallerTV to provide Live Streams of the National Championships and Team Trials.



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USA Karate Coaches Floor Access Pass Credential

Credential Fee: \$125 – Online only

To obtain a Coaches Floor Access Pass Credential, you must register in advance, online by visiting the USA Karate National Championships page at usakaratenationals.com. You must be a current USANKF official or coach member – Safe Sport compliance is a condition of membership per our bylaws this requires completed NCSI Background Check and SafeSport™ Training and review of the Participant Safety Handbook. There will be no way to register for the Coaches Floor Access Pass Credential on-site. The Safe Sport compliance must be completed and verified by USA Karate in advance of the competition. SafeSport™ Training and Background Screens can be completed from your membership profile on [our Sport:80 membership platform](#). Background Screens have been taking longer than previous years and could take up to 10 days.

Late fees will begin on June 29, 2023 at 11:59 PM Mountain Time Zone

Online registration will close on July 11, 2023 at 11:59 PM Mountain Time Zone

NO EXCEPTIONS!

Press Credentials

The criteria for obtaining a Press Credential to access the competition floor is as follows:

You must either be:

- Representative of an accredited news agency

OR

- Approved by a registered club with over 5 competitors

USA Karate Safe Sport program requires all credential holders (including some accredited media*) to complete the following:



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- NCSI Background Check – allow at least 10 days for the background check to be processed
- U.S. Center for SafeSport™ Training
- SafeSport™ Training and Background Screens can be completed from your profile on [our Sport:80 membership platform](#). Background Screens have been taking longer than previous years and could take up to 10 days.

*National and local newspapers, cable and television outlets will be excluded.

If you are a representative of an accredited news agency please contact the national office for information on completing the background check and SafeSport™ Training. You can contact the national office via email natoffice@usankf.org or by phone 719-309-6028.

***By being granted access to the competition floor USA Karate has the right to access your photos for use.

You can apply for a press credential at
<https://usakarate.wufoo.com/forms/z1wew96j0jzhx0y/>



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United States of America National Team Selection

Each year USA Karate selects the Junior and Senior National Teams that will officially represent the USA in international competition. Members of the USA Karate are recognized as the official representatives of the United States, no other organization has the ability to enter international competitions like the WKF World Championship, World Games, World University Games, the PKF Continental Championships, Pan American Games, and the Olympic Games.

Athletes who compete in Junior Team Trial divisions are trying out for a place on the 2023 USA Junior National Karate Team. These are also called Junior Elite Divisions because they represent the highest level of competition the US has to offer. The Junior National Teams works off of a team pool that is selected at the National Championships & Jr. Team Trials. The top 4 places are in the team pool for the Jr. Age Divisions 12-13, 14-15, 16-17, and 18-20 years of age. The Jr. Pan American Karate Federation (PKF) Championships allow 2 athletes in each of the categories of those age divisions. The Jr. PKF Championship is scheduled for August 22-27, 2023 in Santiago, Chile.

Senior Athletes are competing for a spot in the 2nd stage of the team selection process to be held early in 2024. The 2nd Stage will select the top 4 places that make up the Sr. National Team for the pool. Like the juniors, The Sr. PKF Championships allow 2 athletes in each of the categories of those age divisions. The Sr. WKF World Championships allow 1 athlete in each of the categories.

The PKF Championships is held annually for both Juniors and Seniors.
The WKF World Championships are every other year.

Junior National Team Selection based on the National Championships & Team Trial

- A. The top 4 athletes in each Jr. Elite Division at the National Championships will qualify for the Junior National Team Pool.
- B. These athletes are determined by the current method of single elimination and repechage.
- C. Both winners of the bronze medal matches would qualify for the team pool. The Bronze Medalist will compete against each other to deter the true (Super) third place position on the US Team which will be the 1st Alternate.
- D. Athletes for international competition are selected from the team pool. If for any reason the number 1 or 2 seats cannot attend the international event the next



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highest seed will then have an opportunity to attend.

All athletes competing in a Junior Elite Division must be in that age division on the first day of competition for the event in which they are attempting to qualify. Athletes must bring their US passport when picking up their competitor pass (passport must be current and be valid for at least 6 months after the start of the first international event following the selection). If you do not provide proof of US citizenship with a valid passport you will not be allowed to compete in the Elite Divisions. Athletes are only allowed to compete for one country regardless of citizenship.

Non-US Citizens or US Citizens that are members of another countries national team seeking high-level competition are encouraged to compete in our advanced divisions.

If your birthday is between the Jr. Pan American Championships and the Jr. World Championships you can compete in both age categories. You must register for the second division ON SITE.

On Sunday of the National Championships there will be a Jr. Team meeting to discuss any updates on the Jr. Pan American Championships

Senior National Team Selection

- I. Purpose
 - a. Select the best athlete to represent the USA in international competitions
 - b. Separate the formal US Team Trials from the National Championships
 - c. Select the US Team positions by using an international standard used by the IOC/PASO and not based on single elimination.
 - d. Select the Official USA Senior National Team at the start of the calendar year and be eligible for events in that calendar year.
- II. National Championships as a Qualifier
 - a. To be eligible to compete in the Elite Division (Team Trial Division) at the National Championships an athlete must be 18 years of age or older for kumite and 16 years of age or older for kata on December 31st of year of the National Championship.
 - b. Athletes must bring their US passport when picking up their competitor pass (passport must be current and be valid for at least 6 months after the start of the first international event following the selection). If you do not provide proof of US citizenship with a valid passport you will not be allowed to compete in the Elite Divisions.



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- c. Athletes are only allowed to compete for one country regardless of citizenship.
- d. Non-US Citizens or US Citizens that are members of another countries national team seeking high-level competition are encouraged to compete in our advanced divisions.
- e. The top 6 athletes from the elite individual kumite and kata divisions and the top 6 teams from the elite team kata divisions from the National Championships would qualify for the US Team Trials.
- f. The top 6 athletes/teams would be determined by the current method of single elimination and repechage. All athletes in medal rounds would be qualified for the US Team Trials. (1 gold, 1 silver, 2 bronze, 2 losing athletes from the bronze medal matches).
- g. This would eliminate the need for a match to determine the “true” (Super) third place. Both winners of the bronze medal matches would be equal and qualify for the US Team Trials.

III. Protection of Seniority and Current Pool

- a. The current seat 1 and 2 athletes/teams would be prequalified for the trials each year and not required to compete at the National Championships if they have a conflicting international event or medically verified injury recognized and approved by the USA National Karate-do Federation (USA-NKF). If they do not have a USA-NKF approved exemption based on a conflicting international event or injury, they would be required to compete in the National Championships.
- b. If the seat 1 or 2 athletes are unable to compete at the National Championships due to a USA-NKF approved conflicting international event or medically verified injury, or they fail to finish in the top 6, the top 6 from the Nationals are qualified along with the seat 1 or 2 athletes and the US Trials will run up to a maximum of 8.
- c. This allows the current US Team members to compete at international events such as the Pan Am Games, World University Championships, Olympic Festival, and others events that often conflict with the National Championships.

IV. Format of the US Team Trials

- a. The US Team Trials would have a maximum number of 8 athletes/teams per category selected from the National Championships and previous year team.
- b. The format would run as Pool Play.
- c. This is the current format used by PASO for the Pan Am Games and by the EOC for the European Games.



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- d. This method allows for the greatest likelihood of selecting the best athlete/team by allowing more matches and removing single elimination.
- e. For those divisions not large enough to run Pool Play (4 or smaller), Double Elimination or best 2 out of 3 formats would be used.
- f. The top 1-4 athletes/teams would be determined and placed in the US Team Pool according to ranking as currently done.

The team would be selected early in the calendar year and be eligible for events in that calendar year.

All athletes competing in a Senior Elite Division must bring their USA passport when picking up their competitor pass (passport must be current and be valid for at least 6 months after the start of the international event. If you do not provide proof of US citizenship you will not be allowed to compete in the Elite Divisions. Athletes are only allowed to compete for one country regardless of citizenship.

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Protective Equipment

The following protective equipment is required for all Non- Elite Kumite competitors:

- USA Karate or WKF approved red & blue Gloves/Mitts
- USA Karate or WKF approved Shin and Instep Protectors - either red/blue, or white
- Mouth Guard
- Groin Protector (All Male competitors)
- WKF Approved Chest Protector for Females in age 14+ Advanced Kumite Divisions all other female divisions are optional
- Helmet/headgear (optional) Effective January 1, 2024, competitors 13 years old and under must wear a USA Karate approved helmet. Facemasks and chest protectors are permitted but are not required.
- WKF approved Body Armor (optional)

The following protective equipment is required for all Elite Kumite competitors:

- WKF approved red & blue Gloves/Mitts.
- WKF approved red & blue Shin and Instep Protectors.
- Mouth Guard
- Groin Protector (All Male competitors).
- WKF Approved Chest Protector (All Female competitors)
- WKF approved Body Armor
- Head gear (optional)

Gi's

- For Elite Kata & Kumite competitors the WKF Red & Blue embroidered gi or plain white gi are allowed.
- Non Elite competitors may only wear traditional cut unmarked white karate uniforms without stripping or piping.



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Official Equipment Supplier

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/>

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USA Karate Official Kata List

Begginner/Novice Kata List

Fukui Kata/Fukyu Kata
Fukyugata Ichi
Fukyugata Ni
Gekisai (Gekisai Dai) Ichi
Gekisai (Gekisai Dai) Ni
Heian Godan
Heian Nidan
Heian Sandan
Heian Shodan
Heian Yondan
Kihon kata
Pinan Godan
Pinan Nidan
Pinan Sandan
Pinan Shodan
Pinan Yondan
Taikyoku
Ten no Kata

Intermediate Kata List

All Beginner/Novice Kata
Ananko
Aoyagi
Bassai
Bassai Dai
Bassai Sho
Chinte
Garyu
Ishimine Bassai
Itosu Rohai Nidan
Itosu Rohai Sandan
Itosu Rohai Shodan
Jiin
Jion
Jitte
Juroku
Kanku Dai
Kousoukun Dai
Kushanku
Matsukaze
Matsumura Rohai
Meikyo
Myojo
Naifanchin Nidan
Naifanchin Sandan
Naifanchin Shodan
Naihanchi
Nijushiho
Niseishi
Pachu
Passai ¹
Rohai
Saifa
Sanchin
Sanseiru
Sanseru
Seichin
Seienchin (Seiyunchin)
Seipai
Seiryu
Shinpa
Shinsei
Shisochin
Tekki Nidan
Tekki Sandan
Tekki Shodan
Tensho
Wankan

*** NOTES ***

Names of some kata are duplicated due to the variations customary in spelling in Romanization.

In several instances a kata may be known under a different name from style (Ryu-ha) to style

In some instances an identical name may, in fact, be a different kata from style to style.

¹ Tomari Passai is an advanced kata

USA National Karate-do Federation National Championships and Team Trials Division Lists



JUNIOR ELITE (NATIONAL TEAM TRIAL) DIVISIONS

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JR CADET, CADET, JUNIOR & UNDER 21 ELITE KUMITE

A competitor may compete in exactly ONE of the following divisions

ES500	12-13 Male Elite Kumite -40 Kg	ES514	14-15 Female Elite Kumite -47 Kg	ES528	18-20 Male Elite Kumite -60 Kg
ES501	12-13 Male Elite Kumite -45 Kg	ES515	14-15 Female Elite Kumite -54 Kg	ES529	18-20 Male Elite Kumite -67 Kg
ES502	12-13 Male Elite Kumite -50 Kg	ES516	14-15 Female Elite Kumite -61 Kg	ES530	18-20 Male Elite Kumite -75 Kg
ES503	12-13 Male Elite Kumite -55 Kg	ES517	14-15 Female Elite Kumite +61 Kg	ES531	18-20 Male Elite Kumite -84 Kg
ES504	12-13 Male Elite Kumite +55 Kg			ES532	18-20 Male Elite Kumite +84 Kg
		ES518	16-17 Male Elite Kumite -55 Kg		
ES505	12-13 Female Elite Kumite -42 Kg	ES519	16-17 Male Elite Kumite -61 Kg	ES533	18-20 Female Elite Kumite -50 Kg
ES506	12-13 Female Elite Kumite -47 Kg	ES520	16-17 Male Elite Kumite -68 Kg	ES534	18-20 Female Elite Kumite -55 Kg
ES507	12-13 Female Elite Kumite -52 Kg	ES521	16-17 Male Elite Kumite -76 Kg	ES535	18-20 Female Elite Kumite -61 Kg
ES508	12-13 Female Elite Kumite +52Kg	ES522	16-17 Male Elite Kumite +76 Kg	ES536	18-20 Female Elite Kumite -68 Kg
				ES537	18-20 Female Elite Kumite +68 Kg
ES509	14-15 Male Elite Kumite -52 Kg	ES523	16-17 Female Elite Kumite -48 Kg		
ES510	14-15 Male Elite Kumite -57 Kg	ES524	16-17 Female Elite Kumite -53 Kg		
ES511	14-15 Male Elite Kumite -63 Kg	ES525	16-17 Female Elite Kumite -59 Kg		
ES512	14-15 Male Elite Kumite -70 Kg	ES526	16-17 Female Elite Kumite -66 Kg		
ES513	14-15 Male Elite Kumite +70 Kg	ES527	16-17 Female Elite Kumite +66 Kg		

JR CADET, CADET, JUNIOR & UNDER 21 ELITE KATA

A competitor may compete in exactly ONE of the following divisions

EK500	12-13 Male Elite Kata	EK504	16-17 Male Elite Kata	EK506	18-20 Male Elite Kata
EK501	12-13 Female Elite Kata	EK505	16-17 Female Elite Kata	EK507	18-20 Female Elite Kata
EK502	14-15 Male Elite Kata				
EK503	14-15 Female Elite Kata				

ELITE TEAM KATA

Medaling in these categories does NOT guarantee participation at any international event. Final decisions regarding Team Kata participation will be made by the USA Karate National Team Committee

Competitors in these categories must be prepared to demonstrate Bunkai in appropriate rounds as perscribed by WKF/USA Karate Rules of Competition

ETK500	14-17 Male Elite Team Kata		ETK502	18-20 Male Elite Team Kata
ETK501	14-17 Female Elite Team Kata		ETK503	18-20 Female Elite Team Kata

USA National Karate-do Federation

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Division Lists

NON ELITE KATA

A competitor may compete in exactly ONE of the following divisions

K300	5 & Under Female Beg/Nov Kata	K344	11 Female Intermediate Kata	K388	16 Male Intermediate Kata
K301	5 & Under Male Beg/Nov Kata	K345	11 Female Advanced Kata	K389	16 Male Advanced Kata
K302	6 Female Beginner Kata	K346	11 Male Beginner Kata	K390	17 Female Beginner Kata
K303	6 Female Novice Kata	K347	11 Male Novice Kata	K391	17 Female Novice Kata
K304	6 Female Intermediate Kata	K348	11 Male Intermediate Kata	K392	17 Female Intermediate Kata
K305	6 Female Advanced Kata	K349	11 Male Advanced Kata	K393	17 Female Advanced Kata
K306	6 Male Beginner Kata	K350	12 Female Beginner Kata	K394	17 Male Beginner Kata
K307	6 Male Novice Kata	K351	12 Female Novice Kata	K395	17 Male Novice Kata
K308	6 Male Intermediate Kata	K352	12 Female Intermediate Kata	K396	17 Male Intermediate Kata
K309	6 Male Advanced Kata	K353	12 Female Advanced Kata	K397	17 Male Advanced Kata
K310	7 Female Beginner Kata	K354	12 Male Beginner Kata	K398	18-34 Female Beginner Kata
K311	7 Female Novice Kata	K355	12 Male Novice Kata	K399	18-34 Female Novice Kata
K312	7 Female Intermediate Kata	K356	12 Male Intermediate Kata	K400	18-34 Female Intermediate Kata
K313	7 Female Advanced Kata	K357	12 Male Advanced Kata	K401	18-34 Male Beginner Kata
K314	7 Male Beginner Kata	K358	13 Female Beginner Kata	K402	18-34 Male Novice Kata
K315	7 Male Novice Kata	K359	13 Female Novice Kata	K403	18-34 Male Intermediate Kata
K316	7 Male Intermediate Kata	K360	13 Female Intermediate Kata	K404	35 & Over Female Beg/Nov Kata
K317	7 Male Advanced Kata	K361	13 Female Advanced Kata	K405	35 & Over Female Int/Adv Kata
K318	8 Female Beginner Kata	K362	13 Male Beginner Kata	K406	45 & Over Female Beg/Nov Kata
K319	8 Female Novice Kata	K363	13 Male Novice Kata	K407	45 & Over Female Int/Adv Kata
K320	8 Female Intermediate Kata	K364	13 Male Intermediate Kata	K408	55 & Over Female Beg/Nov Kata
K321	8 Female Advanced Kata	K365	13 Male Advanced Kata	K409	55 & Over Female Int/Adv Kata
K322	8 Male Beginner Kata	K366	14 Female Beginner Kata	K410	35 & Over Male Beg/Nov Kata
K323	8 Male Novice Kata	K367	14 Female Novice Kata	K411	35 & Over Male Int/Adv Kata
K324	8 Male Intermediate Kata	K368	14 Female Intermediate Kata	K412	45 & Over Male Beg/Nov Kata
K325	8 Male Advanced Kata	K369	14 Female Advanced Kata	K413	45 & Over Male Int/Adv Kata
K326	9 Female Beginner Kata	K370	14 Male Beginner Kata	K414	55 & Over Male Beg/Nov Kata
K327	9 Female Novice Kata	K371	14 Male Novice Kata	K415	55 & Over Male Int/Adv Kata
K328	9 Female Intermediate Kata	K372	14 Male Intermediate Kata	K416	Female 18-34 Advanced Kata*
K329	9 Female Advanced Kata	K373	14 Male Advanced Kata	K417	Male 18-34 Advanced Kata*
K330	9 Male Beginner Kata	K374	15 Female Beginner Kata	*These divisions are to both US Citizens & Non-US Citizens. Competitors in these divisions may not compete in Senior (Adult) Elite/Team Trial Kata	
K331	9 Male Novice Kata	K375	15 Female Novice Kata		
K332	9 Male Intermediate Kata	K376	15 Female Intermediate Kata		
K333	9 Male Advanced Kata	K377	15 Female Advanced Kata		
K334	10 Female Beginner Kata	K378	15 Male Beginner Kata		
K335	10 Female Novice Kata	K379	15 Male Novice Kata		
K336	10 Female Intermediate Kata	K380	15 Male Intermediate Kata		
K337	10 Female Advanced Kata	K381	15 Male Advanced Kata		
K338	10 Male Beginner Kata	K382	16 Female Beginner Kata		
K339	10 Male Novice Kata	K383	16 Female Novice Kata		
K340	10 Male Intermediate Kata	K384	16 Female Intermediate Kata		
K341	10 Male Advanced Kata	K385	16 Female Advanced Kata		
K342	11 Female Beginner Kata	K386	16 Male Beginner Kata		
K343	11 Female Novice Kata	K387	16 Male Novice Kata		

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NON ELITE KUMITE

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S300	5 & Under Female Beg/Nov Kumite	S343	11 Female Novice Kumite	S386	16 Male Beginner Kumite	S404	18-34 Female Adv Kumite* -65Kg
S301	5 & Under Male Beg/Nov Kumite	S344	11 Female Intermediate Kumite	S387	16 Male Novice Kumite	S405	18-34 Female Adv Kumite* +65Kg
S302	6 Female Beginner Kumite	S345	11 Female Advanced Kumite	S388	16 Male Intermediate Kumite	S406	18-34 Male Adv Kumite* -75Kg
S303	6 Female Novice Kumite	S346	11 Male Beginner Kumite	S389	16 Male Advanced Kumite	S407	18-34 Male Adv Kumite* +75Kg
S304	6 Female Intermediate Kumite	S347	11 Male Novice Kumite	S390	17 Female Beginner Kumite	S408	35+ Female Beginner Kumite
S305	6 Female Advanced Kumite	S348	11 Male Intermediate Kumite	S391	17 Female Novice Kumite	S409	35+ Female Novice Kumite
S306	6 Male Beginner Kumite	S349	11 Male Advanced Kumite	S392	17 Female Intermediate Kumite	S410	35+ Female Intermediate Kumite
S307	6 Male Novice Kumite	S350	12 Female Beginner Kumite	S393	17 Female Advanced Kumite	S411	35+ Female Advanced Kumite
S308	6 Male Intermediate Kumite	S351	12 Female Novice Kumite	S394	17 Male Beginner Kumite	S412	35+ Male Beginner Kumite
S309	6 Male Advanced Kumite	S352	12 Female Intermediate Kumite	S395	17 Male Novice Kumite	S413	35+ Male Novice Kumite
S310	7 Female Beginner Kumite	S353	12 Female Advanced Kumite	S396	17 Male Intermediate Kumite	S414	35+ Male Intermediate Kumite
S311	7 Female Novice Kumite	S354	12 Male Beginner Kumite	S397	17 Male Advanced Kumite	S415	35+ Male Advanced Kumite
S312	7 Female Intermediate Kumite	S355	12 Male Novice Kumite	S398	18-34 Female Beginner Kumite	S416	45+ Male Advanced Kumite
S313	7 Female Advanced Kumite	S356	12 Male Intermediate Kumite	S399	18-34 Female Novice Kumite	S417	55+ Male Advanced Kumite
S314	7 Male Beginner Kumite	S357	12 Male Advanced Kumite	S400	18-34 Female Intermediate Kumite	S418	45+ Female Advanced Kumite
S315	7 Male Novice Kumite	S358	13 Female Beginner Kumite	S401	18-34 Male Beginner Kumite	S419	55+ Female Advanced Kumite
S316	7 Male Intermediate Kumite	S359	13 Female Novice Kumite	S402	18-34 Male Novice Kumite		
S317	7 Male Advanced Kumite	S360	13 Female Intermediate Kumite	S403	18-34 Male Intermediate Kumite		
S318	8 Female Beginner Kumite	S361	13 Female Advanced Kumite	*These divisions are open to both US Citizens & Non-US Citizens. Competitors in these divisions may not compete in Senior (Adult) Elite/Team Trial Kumite			
S319	8 Female Novice Kumite	S362	13 Male Beginner Kumite				
S320	8 Female Intermediate Kumite	S363	13 Male Novice Kumite				
S321	8 Female Advanced Kumite	S364	13 Male Intermediate Kumite				
S322	8 Male Beginner Kumite	S365	13 Male Advanced Kumite				
S323	8 Male Novice Kumite	S366	14 Female Beginner Kumite	ES610	18-34 Male Open Kumite**	ES611	18-34 Female Open Kumite**
S324	8 Male Intermediate Kumite	S367	14 Female Novice Kumite				
S325	8 Male Advanced Kumite	S368	14 Female Intermediate Kumite	**These divisions are open to both US Citizens & Non-US Citizens. Advance Competitors may also compete in the open weight division			
S326	9 Female Beginner Kumite	S369	14 Female Advanced Kumite				
S327	9 Female Novice Kumite	S370	14 Male Beginner Kumite				
S328	9 Female Intermediate Kumite	S371	14 Male Novice Kumite				
S329	9 Female Advanced Kumite	S372	14 Male Intermediate Kumite				
S330	9 Male Beginner Kumite	S373	14 Male Advanced Kumite				
S331	9 Male Novice Kumite	S374	15 Female Beginner Kumite				
S332	9 Male Intermediate Kumite	S375	15 Female Novice Kumite				
S333	9 Male Advanced Kumite	S376	15 Female Intermediate Kumite				
S334	10 Female Beginner Kumite	S377	15 Female Advanced Kumite				
S335	10 Female Novice Kumite	S378	15 Male Beginner Kumite				
S336	10 Female Intermediate Kumite	S379	15 Male Novice Kumite				
S337	10 Female Advanced Kumite	S380	15 Male Intermediate Kumite				
S338	10 Male Beginner Kumite	S381	15 Male Advanced Kumite				
S339	10 Male Novice Kumite	S382	16 Female Beginner Kumite				
S340	10 Male Intermediate Kumite	S383	16 Female Novice Kumite				
S341	10 Male Advanced Kumite	S384	16 Female Intermediate Kumite				
S342	11 Female Beginner Kumite	S385	16 Female Advanced Kumite				

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A Competitor may compete in ONE of the following divisions

LONG WEAPONS - KOBUDO

WB300	9 & Under Female Beg/Nov Bo	WB313	12-13 Male Beg/Nov Bo	WB325	16-17 Male Beg/Nov Bo
WB301	9 & Under Female Int/Adv Bo	WB314	12-13 Male Int Bo	WB326	16-17 Male Int Bo
WB302	9 & Under Male Beg/Nov Bo	WB315	12-13 Male Adv Bo	WB327	16-17 Male Adv Bo
WB303	9 & Under Male Int/Adv Bo	WB316	14-15 Female Beg/Nov Bo	WB328	18-34 Female Beg/Nov Bo
WB304	10-11 Female Beg/Nov Bo	WB317	14-15 Female Int Bo	WB329	18-34 Female Int Bo
WB305	10-11 Female Int Bo	WB318	14-15 Female Adv Bo	WB330	18-34 Female Adv Bo
WB306	10-11 Female Adv Bo	WB319	14-15 Male Beg/Nov Bo	WB331	18-34 Male Beg/Nov Bo
WB307	10-11 Male Beg/Nov Bo	WB320	14-15 Male Int Bo	WB332	18-34 Male Int Bo
WB308	10-11 Male Int Bo	WB321	14-15 Male Adv Bo	WB333	18-34 Male Adv Bo
WB309	10-11 Male Adv Bo	WB322	16-17 Female Beg/Nov Bo	WB334	35+ Female Bo
WB310	12-13 Female Beg/Nov Bo	WB323	16-17 Female Int Bo	WB335	35+ Male Bo
WB311	12-13 Female Int Bo	WB324	16-17 Female Adv Bo		
WB312	12-13 Female Adv Bo				

SHORT WEAPONS - KOBUDO

	(Sai, Tonfa, Kama & Nunchaku)	WS313	12-13 Male Beg/Nov Short Weapons	WS325	16-17 Male Beg/Nov Short Weapons
WS300	9 & Under Female Beg/Nov Short Weapons	WS314	12-13 Male Int Short Weapons	WS326	16-17 Male Int Short Weapons
WS301	9 & Under Female Int/Adv Short Weapons	WS315	12-13 Male Adv Short Weapons	WS327	16-17 Male Adv Short Weapons
WS302	9 & Under Male Beg/Nov Short Weapons	WS316	14-15 Female Beg/Nov Short Weapons	WS328	Female 18-34 Beg/Nov Short Weapons
WS303	9 & Under Male Int/Adv Short Weapons	WS317	14-15 Female Int Short Weapons	WS329	Female 18-34 Int Short Weapons
WS304	10-11 Female Beg/Nov Short Weapons	WS318	14-15 Female Adv Short Weapons	WS330	Female 18-34 Adv Short Weapons
WS305	10-11 Female Int Short Weapons	WS319	14-15 Male Beg/Nov Short Weapons	WS331	Male 18-34 Beg/Nov Short Weapons
WS306	10-11 Female Adv Short Weapons	WS320	14-15 Male Int Short Weapons	WS332	Male 18-34 Int Short Weapons
WS307	10-11 Male Beg/Nov Short Weapons	WS321	14-15 Male Adv Short Weapons	WS333	Male 18-34 Adv Short Weapons
WS308	10-11 Male Int Short Weapons	WS322	16-17 Female Beg/Nov Short Weapons	WS334	35+ Female Short Weapons
WS309	10-11 Male Adv Short Weapons	WS323	16-17 Female Int Short Weapons	WS335	35+ Male Short Weapons
WS310	12-13 Female Beg/Nov Short Weapons	WS324	16-17 Female Adv Short Weapons		
WS311	12-13 Female Int Short Weapons				
WS312	12-13 Female Adv Short Weapons				

IAIDO/SWORD

A competitor may compete in exactly ONE of the following divisions

IS300	Iaido/Sword Nov Division	IS301	Iaido/Sword Int Division	IS302	Iaido/Sword Adv Division
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SENIOR ELITE DIVISIONS

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SENIOR ELITE KATA

A competitor may compete in exactly ONE of the following divisions

EK600	16-34 Male Elite Kata		EK601	16-34 Female Elite Kata
Blind Visually Impaired Divisions			Wheelchair Divisions	
EPK400	16+ Female Elite Para-Kata		EPK402	16+ Female Para-Kata
EPK401	16+ Male Elite Para-Kata		EPK403	16+ Male Para-Kata
Intellectually Impaired Divisions with Downs Syndrome			Intellectually Impaired Divisions without Downs Syndrome	
EPK404	16+ Female Elite Para-Kata		EPK406	16+ Female Elite Para-Kata
EPK405	16+ Male Elite Para-Kata		EPK407	16+ Male Elite Para-Kata

ELITE TEAM KATA

Competitors in these categories must be prepared to demonstrate Bunkai in appropriate rounds as perscribed by WKF/USA Karate Rules of Competition

ETK600	16-34 Male Elite Team Kata		ETK601	16-34 Female Elite Team Kata

SENIOR ELITE KILO KUMITE

A competitor may compete in exactly ONE of the following divisions

ES600	18-34 Male Elite Kumite -60 Kg		ES605	18-34 Female Elite Kumite -50 Kg
ES601	18-34 Male Elite Kumite -67 Kg		ES606	18-34 Female Elite Kumite -55 Kg
ES602	18-34 Male Elite Kumite -75 Kg		ES607	18-34 Female Elite Kumite -61Kg
ES603	18-34 Male Elite Kumite -84 Kg		ES608	18-34 Female Elite Kumite -68Kg
ES604	18-34 Male Elite Kumite +84 Kg		ES609	18-34 Female Elite Kumite +68Kg

SENIOR KUIIMTE

A competitor may compete in exactly ONE of the following divisions

*These divisions are open to both US Citizens & Non-US Citizens. Advance and Elite competitors ages 18-34 may compete in Open Kumite

ES610	18-34 Male Open Kumite		ES611	18-34 Female Open Kumite
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STYLE SPECIFIC KATA				
A competitor may compete in exactly ONE of the following divisions				
Shito-Ryu Kata			Goju-Ryu Kata	
SK300	16-34 Female Adv Shito-Ryu Kata		SK304	16-34 Female Adv Goju-Ryu Kata
SK301	16-34 Male Adv Shito-Ryu Kata		SK305	16-34 Male Adv Goju-Ryu Kata
Shotokan Kata			Wado-Ryu Kata	
SK302	16-34 Female Adv Shotokan Kata		SK306	16-34 Female Adv Wado-Ryu Kata
SK303	16-34 Male Adv Shotokan Kata		SK307	16-34 Male Adv Wado-Ryu Kata

PARA-KARATE

Blind Visually Impaired Divisions		Wheelchair Divisions		Para-Weapons	
PK300	17 & Under Female Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK316	17 & Under Female Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK332	17 & Under Female Beg/Nov
PK301	17 & Under Female Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK317	17 & Under Female Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK333	17 & Under Female Int/Adv
PK302	17 & Under Male Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK318	17 & Under Male Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK334	17 & Under Male Beg/Nov
PK303	17 & Under Male Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK319	17 & Under Male Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK335	17 & Under Male Int/Adv
PK304	18+ Female Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK320	18+ Female Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK336	18+ Female Beg/Nov
PK305	18+ Female Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK321	18+ Female Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK337	18+ Female Int/Adv
PK306	18+ Male Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK322	18+ Male Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK338	18+ Male Beg/Nov
PK307	18+ Male Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK323	18+ Male Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK339	18+ Male Int/Adv
Intellectually Impaired Divisions with Downs Syndrome		Intellectually Impaired Divisions without Downs Syndrome		Physical Disability (Non Wheelchair bound) without Intellectual Disability Divisions	
PK308	17 & Under Female Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK324	17 & Under Female Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK340	17 & Under Female Beg/Nov Para-Kata
PK309	17 & Under Female Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK325	17 & Under Female Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK341	17 & Under Female Int/Adv Para-Kata
PK310	17 & Under Male Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK326	17 & Under Male Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK342	17 & Under Male Beg/Nov Para-Kata
PK311	17 & Under Male Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK327	17 & Under Male Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK343	17 & Under Male Int/Adv Para-Kata
PK312	18+ Female Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK328	18+ Female Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK344	18+ Female Beg/Nov Para-Kata
PK313	18+ Female Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK329	18+ Female Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK345	18+ Female Int/Adv Para-Kata
PK314	18+ Male Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK330	18+ Male Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK346	18+ Male Beg/Nov Para-Kata
PK315	18+ Male Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK331	18+ Male Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK347	18+ Male Int/Adv Para-Kata
PARA TEAM KATA		*Elite Para Kata Divisions EPK400-EPK407 are listed on the Senior Elite Division Sheet			
PK348	Male/Female Beg/Nov				
PK349	Male/Female Int/Adv				

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TEAM KUMITE

A competitor may compete in exactly ONE of the following divisions

**3 athletes per team with 1 alternate*

TS300	7 & Under Beg/Nov Female Team Kumite	TS311	10-11 Int/Adv Male Team Kumite	TS322	16-17 Beg/Nov Male Team Kumite
TS301	7 & Under Int/Adv Female Team Kumite	TS312	12-13 Beg/Nov Female Team Kumite	TS323	16-17 Int/Adv Male Team Kumite
TS302	7 & Under Beg/Nov Male Team Kumite	TS313	12-13 Int/Adv Female Team Kumite	TS324	18-34 Beg/Nov Female Team Kumite
TS303	7 & Under Int/Adv Male Team Kumite	TS314	12-13 Beg/Nov Male Team Kumite	TS325	18-34 Int/Adv Female Team Kumite
TS304	8-9 Beg/Nov Female Team Kumite	TS315	12-13 Int/Adv Male Team Kumite	TS326	18-34 Beg/Nov Male Team Kumite
TS305	8-9 Int/Adv Female Team Kumite	TS316	14-15 Beg/Nov Female Team Kumite	TS327	18-34 Int/Adv Male Team Kumite
TS306	8-9 Beg/Nov Male Team Kumite	TS317	14-15 Int/Adv Female Team Kumite	TS328	35+ Beg/Nov Female Team Kumite
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TS308	10-11 Beg/Nov Female Team Kumite	TS319	14-15 Int/Adv Male Team Kumite	TS330	35+ Beg/Nov Male Team Kumite
TS309	10-11 Int/Adv Female Team Kumite	TS320	16-17 Beg/Nov Female Team Kumite	TS331	35+ Int/Adv Male Team Kumite
TS310	10-11 Beg/Nov Male Team Kumite	TS321	16-17 Int/Adv Female Team Kumite		

TEAM KATA

if you are interested in participating in Team Kata on the Senior or Junior National Teams.

Teams in these categories will NOT perform Bunkai in any round

Female Divisions		Male Divisions		Mixed Gender Divisions	
TK300	9 & Under Beg/Nov Female Team Kata	TK310	9 & Under Beg/Nov Male Team Kata	TK320	9 & Under Beg/Nov Mixed Team Kata*
TK301	9 & Under Int/Adv Female Team Kata	TK311	9 & Under Int/Adv Male Team Kata	TK321	9 & Under Int/Adv Mixed Team Kata*
TK302	10-13 Beg/Nov Female Team Kata	TK312	10-13 Beg/Nov Male Team Kata	TK322	10-13 Beg/Nov Mixed Team Kata*
TK303	10-13 Int/Adv Female Team Kata	TK313	10-13 Int/Adv Male Team Kata	TK323	10-13 Int/Adv Mixed Team Kata*
TK304	14-17 Beg/Nov Female Team Kata	TK314	14-17 Beg/Nov Male Team Kata	TK324	14-17 Beg/Nov Mixed Team Kata*
TK305	14-17 Int/Adv Female Team Kata	TK315	14-17 Int/Adv Male Team Kata	TK325	14-17 Int/Adv Mixed Team Kata*
TK306	18-34 Beg/Nov Female Team Kata	TK316	18-34 Beg/Nov Male Team Kata	TK326	18-34 Beg/Nov Mixed Team Kata*
TK307	18-34 Int/Adv Female Team Kata	TK317	18-34 Int/Adv Male Team Kata	TK327	18-34 Int/Adv Mixed Team Kata*
TK308	35+ Beg/Nov Female Team Kata	TK318	35+ Beg/Nov Male Team Kata	TK328	35+ Beg/Nov Mixed Team Kata*
TK309	35+ Int/Adv Female Team Kata	TK319	35+ Int/Adv Male Team Kata	TK329	35+ Int/Adv Mixed Team Kata*
Family Divisions				*These divisions are for team kata of mixed gender of males and females. Team may be comprised of two males and one female or one male and two females. All competitors must meet the age requirements.	
TK330	Beg/Nov Family Team Kata**				
TK331	Int/Adv Family Team Kata**				
**These divisions are for team kata whose members are of the same immediate family. There are no gender or age requirements					

BEGINNER (Beg):=10th kyu-8th kyu/1 Year of Training & Under **NOVICE (Nov):**=7th kyu-5th kyu/1-2 Years of Training
INTERMEDIATE (Int):=4th kyu-2nd kyu/2-4 Years of Training **ADVANCED (Adv):**=1st kyu & higher/4+ Years of Training
ELITE (Elt): Recommended Minimum Rank of 1st Dan & 5+ Years of Training

A competitor must compete at the same age level in all event categories in which they compete.

Note: A competitor over 34 years of age may choose to compete in divisions restricted to 18-34 years of age, however if they do so they must compete as 18-34 in ALL event categories.



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Registration

- **Where can I find my membership number?**

All of our memberships go thru a site called sport80. www.usankf.sport80.com Log into sport80 to purchase/renew membership, access Safesport Trainings, and Background Screening. To register for the tournament or check registration log into www.tournamentinabox.com

- **I am having trouble uploading my photo, the cart won't accept it.**

This is caused by uploading too large of a photo. Today's high tech consumer cameras are often in the 8 megapixel to 15+ megapixel range, this can produce photos easily in excess of 2 megabytes. This is too large for our application to handle efficiently so you need to resize the photo to 72dpi, 200x233 resolution, or at least get the size down below 2mb. If you don't have the ability to resize an existing photo we recommend taking a new photo and turning your resolution all the way down, select the lowest megapixel setting (mp), and select the lowest quality for the photo. This will allow even the high end cameras to take a small enough photo to upload to us.

Photos must be a clear picture of the competitor or coach. A fee may be charge if we need to reprint a pass due to an unclear picture of the competitor or coach.

- **Can I confirm my registration?**

Yes. You can confirm your registration online by going to www.tournamentinabox.com and selecting "confirm registrations" on the main page. 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 filter.

- **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 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 recommend 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.

- **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. USA



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Karate is committed to giving every athlete the opportunity for success in the ring, so some changes have been made to the skill level descriptions. 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 individual Kata divisions. They may still compete in Teams and Weapons.*
- *Athletes who medal in any skill level must move up to the next higher skill level the following year (Exp: An athlete who medaled in a Novice category in 2015 must compete in the Intermediate or higher category in 2016)*
- *Athletes that medal in the Advance divisions DO NOT have to move to Elite divisions. They may remain in the Advance divisions.*
- *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, I have to compete as an intermediate?**

Yes, all brown belts must compete in intermediate or higher divisions.

- **What are Team Trial Divisions (Elite)?**

Each year the USA Karate selects the Junior and Senior National Teams that will officially represent the USA in international competition. Athletes who compete in Team Trial divisions are trying out for a place on the USA National Karate Team. These are also called Elite Divisions because they represent the highest level of competition the US has to offer.

- **If I am competing in an Elite division do I need to show proof of US Citizenship?**

Yes, all athletes competing in a Junior or Senior Elite division must bring their US passport when picking up their competitor pass (passport must be current). If you do not provide proof of US citizenship you will not be allowed to compete in the Elite Divisions. Elite divisions are used to select the US Team for international competition and US citizenship is a requirement. Non-US Citizens seeking high-level competition are encouraged to compete in our Advanced divisions.



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- **Can I compete in Elite and Advanced Divisions?**

That depends, 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.

- **If I register for Elite Kumite, do I have to register for Elite Kata?**

No, Kata and Kumite are separate events and you CAN register for Elite in one event and Advanced in the other. You CANNOT compete in Advanced and Elite in the SAME event.

- **What if I am trying out for the Jr. USA Team and my birthday puts me in one age category for the PKF and a different age category for the World Championships? For example I am 17 years old at the time of the Pan American Championships but will be 18 for the World Championships. Can I try out for both categories?**

Yes. For those people that have birthdays between the Pan American Championships and the World Championships you can compete in both age categories. You must register for the second division ON SITE. Please remember if you are doing an Elite division you must provide proof of US Citizenship.

- **What if I am 17 years old and will be 18 by the time of the North American Cup or Sr. Pan American Championships next year, can I try out for the US Senior National Team even though I am 17 now?**

You as long as you are 18 before these events. Registration must be done on-site for this.

- **What if I just want to watch the tournament?**

Spectator tickets are on sale at the event for \$25 a day or \$60 for a four-day pass. Purchase your tickets online prior to the event at the discounted fee of \$20 a day or \$50 for a four day pass by clicking [here](#). Children 4 and under get in free.

- **How can I be a volunteer?**

All volunteers are encouraged to register in advance online [here](#) and attend a volunteer course held on-site. For specific information on volunteering contact the National Volunteer Coordinator, at natoffice@usankf.org

- **Where do I check in as a volunteer?**

Volunteers will need to check-in at the Yellow 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.



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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. www.usankf.org A day schedule is posted and a more detailed time schedule will be posted closer to the start of the event.

- **Will Juniors do Kata and Kumite in the same ring or will there be a break in between?**

Kata and Kumite Divisions will typically be called to a ring separately. See the schedule of competition for your division.

- **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 Karate patches mandatory?**

Yes. USA Karate has a new shield style patch. It is available from Century Martial Arts. <https://centurymartialarts.com/collections/usa-karate-wkf-approved> The old circle style patch will still be allowed at this Nationals.

- **Are body armor required?**

Yes. In January of 2012, the WKF changed rules and is now requiring a body protector for all elite kumite divisions. USA Karate has adopted this rule and is requiring WKF approved Body Protectors.

- **Do females have to wear the Body Protector AND Chest Protector?**

Yes. Both are required for females.

- **Are shin pads required?**

Yes, USA KARATE approved shin pads are required. No cloth foot/shin pads will be allowed. All equipment will be checked at Staging prior to competition for compliance. Competitors will not be allowed to compete without approved gear.

- **What color equipment is required?**

Red and Blue USA KARATE approved hand pads are required. Red, Blue or White USA KARATE approved shin and foot pads are required. Only soft foam headgear is allowed and it must be a solid color, preferably white.

Please note, you must wear matching hand and foot gear or red/blue hand gear with white foot and shinpads. You may not wear red hand pads with blue foot and shin pads or vice versa.



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- **Is headgear allowed?**

Yes. Classic headgear with no attachments, face shield or metal bars is allowed. Headgear will be checked in Staging prior to competition for compliance. Helmet/headgear is optional now although, effective January 1, 2024, competitors 13 years old and under are required wear a USA Karate approved helmet.

- **Will USA KARATE 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.

- **Do I need both red and blue belts for competition?**

Yes, all competitors need red and blue belts for both Kata and Kumite. The Red/Blue “flip” belts are not allowed for competition.

- **Why do I have to wear all this gear?**

USA Karate is the National Governing Body for the sport of Karate and represents the International Governing Body, the World Karate Federation (WKF). As such, when the WKF makes rule changes that effect the international competitions, it is in the best interest of the US Team and its’ athletes to follow those rules so they are prepared for the international competitions. In January of 2012, the WKF changed the equipment requirements and required Body Protection for all adults and juniors in Elite Divisions.

Kata Competition

- **Can I compete in both Advanced Kata and Elite Kata (Team Trials)?**

No.

- **Can I register for 16-34 Elite Kata and 18-20 Elite Kata?**

Yes. The 18-20 Elite Kata category is the team trial division for the US Jr. Team. The 16-34 Elite Kata is the team trial division for the US Sr. Team. Please note that you will not be able to register for both online and will need to register onsite for the 18-20 Elite divisions.

- **What division should I register for if I am an adult advanced Kata competitor, but do not want to compete in Elite Team Trials for Kata?**

Competitors should register for Advanced 18-34 Kata.

- **Can I register for Elite Kata (Team Trials) and Style Specific Kata divisions?**

No. These divisions are exclusive and will run on the same day. You will need to choose which division you want to compete in.

- **What are the Style Specific Kata Divisions?**

These divisions allow competitors to compete in Kata against only competitors from their particular style of karate. The Style Specific divisions represent the 4 major styles of traditional karate in Japan, Shotokan, Shito-ryu, Goju-ryu and Wado-ryu. Style Specific Divisions are open to advance competitors ages 16-34.



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- **Will I have to do my kata at the same time as my opponent?**
 - *All Beginner and Novice Divisions will perform Kata simultaneously.*
 - *All Intermediate Division for UNDER 18 will perform Kata simultaneously.*
 - *All Advanced Division UNDER 14 will perform Kata simultaneously.*
 - *All Adult Intermediate Divisions will perform Kata individually.*
 - *All Advanced Divisions 14 and OLDER will perform Kata individually.*
- **Can I repeat Kata?**

That depends. ALL Beginner, Novice and Intermediate Divisions may repeat Kata in all rounds. All Advanced NON-Team Trial Divisions can repeat Kata UNTIL the final round. In the FINAL ROUND, Advanced NON-Team Trial competitors must perform a different Kata from previous rounds.

ALL ELITE KATA DIVISIONS will follow WKF rules and must perform a different Kata each round.

Kumite Competition

- **What equipment do I need to Kumite?**

The following protective equipment is required for all Kumite competitors:
Red/Blue USA-NKF/WKF Approved Gloves/Mitts
White/Red/Blue USA KARATE/WKF Approved Shin/Instep Protectors
Mouth Guard
Groin Protectors (All male competitors)
Elite competitors will need additional equipment.
Helmet/headgear (optional) Effective January 1, 2024, competitors 13 years old and under are required wear a USA Karate approved helmet. Facemasks and chest protectors are permitted but are not required.
- **Do I have to weigh in?**

All athletes registered for an Elite Kumite (Team Trial) Division, must weigh-in. *Weigh-ins will be held for all Elite kilo categories, including 12-13, 14-15 & 16-17 Team Trial categories. All athletes must weigh-in and can be moved to the appropriate weight division if the athlete is outside the registered weight division.*

All athletes that are required to weigh in must weigh in at the designated weigh-in time. 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.

Signs will be posted at Registration directing athletes to weigh-ins. Athletes will need their Credentials and passport to weigh-in.

Team Divisions

- **Do I have to have an all male or all female team for team kata?**



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No, we have a few different team kata events. Regular team kata, mixed gender team kata, and family team kata.

- **What division should I register my team for?** *This year teams will be divided up into a Beg/Nov division and an Int/Adv division for each age group. If you have a team made up of novice and intermediate athletes, they must compete in the higher division (Int/Adv). **Athletes must meet all age requirements for that division.***

Coaches

- **How do I update my background screening or Safesport Training?**
To update or complete the background screening or complete Safesport you would log into your membership profile in SPORT80. www.usankf.sport80.com Please note that background screening can take up to 10 days to complete.
- **Can I coach my athlete at the ring?**
Coaches Credentials can be obtained for Coach Members for a \$125 fee. Member must be in good standing and compliant with SafeSport as a condition of membership. Information on coaches credentials can be found [here](#).
- **Where do I pick up my Coaches' pass?**
Coaching passes will be available at the coaches briefing Wednesday Evening.
- **Can I get copies of the division charts?**
Charts will only be given to coaches for the elite divisions. Copies will be available at the registration computers in staging. They are also available on-line at tournamentinabox.com

Weapons (Kobudo)

- **Can I do Long Weapons and Short Weapons Divisions?**
No. These divisions are exclusive and will compete on the same day. You must choose which category to compete in.
- **What kind of weapons can I use?**
Please go to www.usankf.org and click on Officials and Coaches Resources at the top. Follow the links to the current Rules Update and look for the rules pertaining to Kata and Kobudo.

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?**
A small section of the Staging Area will be available for parents to visit and check on their



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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 [on the USA Karate Website](#) 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 time.

- **My Child lost his/her competitor’s credentials, is there a lost and found?**

Lost credentials are turned into the announcer’s table during the competition. Each morning the lost credentials are turned into ticket sales/credential pick-up at the entrance of the tournament. If the credentials are still not found a \$25.00 fee may be charged to print new credentials.



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TEAM KATA Registration Form

TEAM NAME: _____

PRICE: \$160 per Non-elite team, \$200 per Elite team **All athletes must meet the age requirements.

CATEGORY: Team Kata (3 athletes maximum)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> TK300 9 & Under Beg/Nov Female Team Kata | <input type="checkbox"/> TK310 9 & Under Beg/Nov Male Team Kata |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> TK309 35+ Int/Adv Female Team Kata | <input type="checkbox"/> TK319 35+ Int/Adv Male Team Kata |

CATEGORY: Mixed Gender Team Kata *Team may be made up of males and/or females. (3 athletes maximum)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> TK321 9 & Under Int/Adv Mixed Team Kata | <input type="checkbox"/> TK327 18-34 Int/Adv Mixed Team Kata |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> TK323 10-13 Int/Adv Mixed Team Kata | <input type="checkbox"/> TK329 35+ Int/Adv Mixed Team Kata |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> TK325 14-17 Int/Adv Mixed Team Kata | <input type="checkbox"/> PK341 Para Int/Adv Mixed Team Kata |

CATEGORY: Family Team Kata

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| <input type="checkbox"/> TK330 Beg/Nov Family Team Kata | <input type="checkbox"/> TK331 Int/Adv Family Team Kata |
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CATEGORY: Elite Team Kata

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ETK500 14-17 Elite Male Team Kata | <input type="checkbox"/> ETK503 18-20 Elite Female Team Kata |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> ETK502 18-20 Elite Male Team Kata | <input type="checkbox"/> ETK601 18-34 Elite Female Team Kata |

NAME (please print)	USA KARATE MEMBERSHIP NO.	AGE
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TEAM KATA Registration Form

CLUB/DOJO NAME: _____

INSTRUCTOR/SENSEI'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Sensei's Signature

Date

Adult & Minor Amateur Athletic Waiver and Release of Liability

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the USA National Karate-do Federation (USA Karate) competition 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 event 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 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 the 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 USA National Karate-do Federation, USA Karate, The United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee, Richmond Convention Center, Richmond Region Tourism, the City of Richmond, 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 of damages which may result from any failure or defect of such releasee.
4. (a) All entries are final; no refunds will be given. (b) I fully understand that any medical treatment given will be of a first aid treatment type only. (c) I consent that any pictures furnished by me or any and all photographs or video images taken of me in connection with the competition and related events and activities can be reproduced and used for publicity, promotion or other purpose by the USA Karate, its 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. (d) All participation in this competition and related events and activities 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 having read the above waiver and release in its entirety, understand that they have given up substantial rights by signing it and sign it voluntarily.

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| 4. _____
Athlete Name | _____
Signature of Athlete/Parent/Guardian | _____
Date |
| 5. _____
Athlete Name | _____
Signature of Athlete/Parent/Guardian | _____
Date |



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TEAM NAME: _____

PRICE: \$160 per team **All athletes must meet the age requirements.

CATEGORY: Team Kumite (4 athletes maximum)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> TS300 7 & Under Beg/Nov Female Team Kumite | <input type="checkbox"/> TS316 14-15 Beg/Nov Female Team Kumite |
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USA National Karate-do Federation National Championships & Team Trials TEAM KUMITE Registration Form

CLUB/DOJO NAME: _____

INSTRUCTOR/SENSEI'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Sensei's Signature

Date

Adult & Minor Amateur Athletic Waiver and Release of Liability

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the USA National Karate-do Federation (USA Karate) competition 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 event 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 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 the 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 USA National Karate-do Federation, USA Karate, The United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee, Richmond Convention Center, Richmond Region Tourism, the City of Richmond, 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 of damages which may result from any failure or defect of such releasee.
4. (a) All entries are final; no refunds will be given. (b) I fully understand that any medical treatment given will be of a first aid treatment type only. (c) I consent that any pictures furnished by me or any and all photographs or video images taken of me in connection with the competition and related events and activities can be reproduced and used for publicity, promotion or other purpose by the USA Karate, its 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. (d) All participation in this competition and related events and activities 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 having read the above waiver and release in its entirety, understand that they have given up substantial rights by signing it and sign it voluntarily.

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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