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WHY SANCTION YOUR EVENT WITH USA KARATE?

Sanctioning your event with USA Karate, the National Governing Body (NGB) for the sport, is not just a formality — it is a strategic decision that raises the quality, credibility, safety, and success of your tournament.

USA Karate sanctioned events represent the highest standard of competitive karate in the United States. When you sanction, you align your event with that standard.

1. CREDIBILITY THAT MATTERS

USA Karate is the official NGB recognized by the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee. Sanctioning your event allows you to:

- Use the USA Karate Sanctioned Event designation
- Associate your tournament with premier events like the USA Open and National Championships
- Gain immediate trust from athletes, coaches, parents, and referees

Promoters who sanction their events send a clear message: “This is a serious, well-run competition.”

2. INCREASED PARTICIPATION & VISIBILITY

Sanctioned events are:

- Listed on USA Karate’s official event calendar
- Promoted through USA Karate digital communications and social media
- Encouraged participation destinations for USA Karate members nationwide

This translates directly into higher registration numbers and stronger competitive fields.



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3. NATIONAL RANKING POINTS DRIVE ATTENDANCE

Athletes compete where ranking points are awarded.

USA Karate sanctioned events are part of the National Ranking System (NRS), awarding points to:

- Athletes for participation and podium finishes
- Referees for officiating

Ranking points motivate athletes to travel, register early, and return year after year — helping your event grow organically.

4. INSURANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT PROTECTION

Sanctioned events receive event insurance coverage for USA Karate members, including:

- Liability protection
- Participant injury coverage (secondary insurer)

This reduces promoter risk and provides peace of mind for venues, parents, and staff.

5. FAIR, CONSISTENT, HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIATING

USA Karate sanctioning requires:

- A qualified Chief Referee based on event level
- Current rule knowledge
- Consistent enforcement of USA Karate competition rules

The result: fair competition, fewer disputes, and greater confidence in results.



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6. ATHLETE SAFETY & SAFESPORT COMPLIANCE

USA Karate sanctioned events follow strict SafeSport and medical requirements, including:

- On-site certified medical personnel
- SafeSport training and background screening where required
- Clear reporting protocols and venue standards

This protects athletes, officials, promoters, and the long-term reputation of your event.

7. YOU'RE NOT ALONE – YOU'RE SUPPORTED

Sanctioning is a partnership. USA Karate provides:

- Clear standards and expectations
- Official event software for registration and results
- Promotion, ranking integration, and brand support

Promoters who sanction consistently build better events, stronger attendance, and long-term sustainability.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Sanctioning your event with USA Karate:

- Elevates your tournament's status and professionalism
- Attracts more athletes, referees, and spectators
- Protects participants and promoters
- Aligns your event with the future of the sport in the U.S.

Quality events build the sport. ↔ Sanctioned events lead the way.