

USA Karate is committed to ensuring that our Para athletes have the support and resources they need for a positive tournament experience. Para Karate athletes may compete in Kata, Kobudo, and (new in 2026) Kihon (basics).

At our Nationals and USA Open / Junior International Cup, we offer a complimentary escort pass. This pass is intended for a parent or instructor of a Para athlete who does not have a coach available to accompany them on the competition floor.

How to Obtain an Escort Pass:

1. Obtain a Sport80 Membership

- Select the free “club participant” membership option.

2. Complete Required Certifications

- SafeSport Training (free; must be renewed annually)
- Background Screening (\$30; valid for two years)

3. Request Your Escort Pass

- Once all requirements are current, email: natoffice@usankf.org
- Include:
 - Your membership ID number
 - A photo for your credential

The national office will complete your event registration.

At the Event

- Pick up your credential in the registration/staging room at the head table.
- Your escort credential allows you to:
 - Be in the staging room with your athlete
 - Access the competition floor

Important:

This is not a coach’s credential. Escort pass holders:

- May not sit in the coach’s box
- Must remain ringside with their athlete