

2025 USA Open & Junior International Cup



Paris Hotel Las Vegas, Nevada
April 17-20, 2025



Where Olympic Journeys Begin



2025 USA Open Karate Championships & Junior International Cup



Dear Competitors, Coaches and Officials,

On behalf of USA Karate, I am pleased to invite you to the 2025 USA Open Karate Championships & Junior International Cup. This prestigious event continues to evolve, drawing together some of the world's most talented karate athletes to showcase their dedication, discipline, and extraordinary skills.

We're thrilled to return to Las Vegas for the 2025 edition, where the world-famous Paris Las Vegas Hotel and Casino will serve as our host. Known for its vibrant atmosphere, exceptional dining, shopping, and entertainment options, this venue promises an unforgettable experience both on and off the mat.

Every year, this event surpasses expectations, delivering moments of excitement and inspiration, and 2025 will be no exception. We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of top competitors from around the globe, all ready to demonstrate their best in the heart of Las Vegas.

The Junior International Cup will kick off the weekend on April 18th, featuring divisions for athletes of all skill levels under the age of 18. It's an exceptional opportunity for young talent to gain valuable experience. The excitement continues April 19th and 20th with the USA Open, providing a competitive platform that showcases the pinnacle of karate excellence.

With world-class competition, top-level seminars, and a first-rate venue, the 2025 USA Open and Junior International Cup is an experience not to be missed. We can't wait to welcome you to this incredible celebration of karate in fabulous Las Vegas!

Warm Regards,

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

Elisa Au
Board Chair and President, USA National Karate-do Federation



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Event Overview

2025 USA Open Championship

The 2025 USA Open Championships will once again be one of the premier karate and para-karate events in the world. With athletes from all around the world this prestigious event is one you will not want to miss.

2025 Junior International Cup

We are excited to offer the Junior International Cup once again. This event offers divisions for athletes of all skill levels under the age of 18. Open to both domestic and international competitors, the competition is sure to be at a very high level.

Competition Venue

Paris Hotel
3655 S. Las Vegas Blvd.
Las Vegas Nevada, 89109

Tournament Hotel

To make a reservation at the Paris Hotel please click the following link

<https://book.passkey.com/go/SPNKD5>

You may also call their reservation Center at 877/603-4389. The name of the group block is **USA National Karate-Do**



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General Schedule – TENTATIVE

The following schedule is presented in a general outline. Updated schedules will be posted at www.usakarateopen.com and should be regarded as the most accurate schedule of events.

Tuesday, April 15

All Day Arrival of Delegations

Wednesday, April 16

All Day Arrival of Delegations (Continued)

11:00am – 3:00pm Credential Pick Up Horse Shoe Hotel Convention Center

Thursday, April 17

All Day Arrival of Delegations (Continued)

9:00am – 12:00pm Registration & Credentials Pick up
Paris Hotel Convention Center

8:30am – 4:30pm USA Karate Referee/Judge Certification Course Paris Hotel
Convention Center

10:30am – 11:00am Weigh-Ins Junior Athletes 12-17 years

11:00am – 11:30am Weigh-Ins Senior Athletes 18-34 years

11:00am – 1:00pm Coaches Seminar

1:00pm – 6:00pm Registration & Credentials Pick up

2:00pm – 5:00pm Kata Coach Certification Seminar Level 1

4:00pm – 4:30pm Weigh-Ins Junior Athletes 12-17 years

4:30pm – 5:00pm Weigh-Ins Senior Athletes 18-34 years

5:00pm – 6:00pm Volunteer Briefing TBD

6:00pm – 7:00pm Mandatory Referee Briefing for All Officials TBD

6:00pm – 7:00pm Mandatory Coaches Briefing for All Coaches TBD

Friday, April 18

7:30am Staging Room Opens

8:00am Junior International Cup Competition Begins

See Competition Schedule at www.usakarateopen.com for more details

1:00pm Registration ends for USA Open Team divisions

4:00pm – 5:00pm Weigh-Ins **FINAL WEIGH-INS**

6:00pm – 7:00pm USA Open Championship International Officials Briefing

7:00pm Draws – USA Open Elite Divisions (Staging) – Registered Coaches only

Saturday, April 19

7:30am Staging Room Opens

8:00am USA Open Championships Competition Begins



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Sunday, April 20

7:30am

8:00am

Staging Rooms Opens

USA Open Championships Competition Continues

See Competition Schedule at www.usakarateopen.com for more details

Monday, April 21

All Day

Departure of Delegations



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Competitor Registration

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!

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 April 15, 2025.

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
- ES314 18-34 Male Kumite -67kg
- ES315 18-34 Male Kumite -75kg
- ES316 18-34 Male Kumite -84kg
- ES317 18-34 Male Kumite +84kg
- ES318 18-34 Female Kumite -50kg
- ES319 18-34 Female Kumite -55kg
- ES320 18-34 Female Kumite -61kg
- ES321 18-34 Female Kumite-68kg
- ES322 18-34 Female Kumite +68 kg
- ES323 18-34 Male Elite Open Kumite
- ES324 18-34 Female Elite Open Kumite
- 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
- ETS1 18-34 Female Elite Team Kumite



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Para-Karate Competitors

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

1. Blind or visually impaired*
2. Wheelchair users
3. Intellectual disability
4. 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 have male and female, junior divisions and senior age divisions. Separated by beginner/novice or intermediate/advanced divisions in para karate kata or weapons.

Kumite in para karate is not offered.

For our Elite and Advance competitors, in order to participate we will need a doctor's letter verifying the type of disability/impairment (visual, cognitive and/or physical) and at what level. This can be emailed to our office at natoffice@usankf.org.

Typically the athletes need only two katas, and may repeat if needed.

All other criteria are the same as all athletes.



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Membership Fees for Domestic Athletes

To be eligible to compete you must be a member in good standing. Membership can be done at usankf.sport80.com
Athletes must have a level 3 membership or higher to register.

Athlete Annual Membership	\$60
Coach or Official Annual Membership	\$75
USA-NKF Patch – REQUIRED	Sold by Century Martial Arts
Patches can be purchased at https://centurymartialarts.com/collections/usa-karate-wkf-approved	

Competition Fees

New Early Bird Pricing!!!

December 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Junior International Cup

- First Division \$90
- Second to Fourth Divisions \$50

USA Open Championships

- First Division \$90
- Second to Fourth Divisions \$50
- Non Elite Team Divisions \$160/Team
- Elite Divisions \$115

Pre Registration

January 1, 2025 – January 31, 2025

Junior International Cup

- First Division \$100
- Second to Fourth Divisions \$60

USA Open Championships

- First Division \$100
- Second to Fourth Divisions \$60
- Non Elite Team Divisions \$160/Team



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- Elite Divisions \$125

Regular Registration

February 1, 2025 – April 2, 2025

Junior International Cup

- First Division \$110
- Second to Fourth Divisions \$70

USA Open Championships

- First Division \$110
- Second to Fourth Divisions \$70
- Elite Divisions \$135
- Non Elite Team Divisions \$160/Team
- Elite Team Kata \$210
- Elite Team Kumite \$350

Late Online Registration Fee (Starts April 2, 2025 3:00am EST)

- Online Late Registration \$50

On Site Registration

- On Site Late Registration \$100

Other Fees

- SMS per phone \$10

Spectator Fees

Online Ticket Sales (end April 15, 2025) 4 years and under are free

- One Day Pass - \$20
- 3 Day Pass - \$50

On Site Ticket Sales

- One Day Pass - \$25
- 3 Day Pass - \$55



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USA Karate Coaches Credential (Domestic Coaches)

The coaching credential is your access pass to everything at the event. Each coach will need one to have access to the competition floor. Each coach must be a current member of USA Karate and have met the conditions of membership (SafeSport Training & NCSI Background Check) **PRIOR** to registration. Payment for the Coaching Credential is also required prior to the competition.

International Coaches coaching a domestic minor athlete must follow the guidelines as a USA Coach including SafeSport training and background screening.

USA KARATE IS COMMITTED TO THE SAFE SPORT PROGRAM. THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE FOR THE SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF THE ATHLETES, COACHES AND OFFICIALS TAKING PART IN THE COMPETITION. THERE WILL BE ZERO TOLERANCE FOR NOT MEETING THE SAFE SPORT CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP.

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

Background Screen

To be completed every 2 years. National Center for Safety Initiatives (NCSI) is our vendor and will recheck each applicant annually. The cost of the background screening is approximately \$30 depending on your state.

To complete the background screen, you will simply need to do the following:

1. Go to the membership platform usankf.sport80.com and log in to your account
2. Select the Background Screening
3. The system will display your status



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4. Please note it can take between 3 and 10 days for a screening to be completed
5. If lapsed, you be able to renew your screening
6. If this is your first background screening, click on +add background screening

Online SafeSport™ Training

SafeSport™ training must be completed every year for participants 18 years of age and older.

To complete the free SafeSport™ Training, you will simply need to do the following:

- 1) Go to the membership platform usankf.sport80.com and log in to your account
- 2) Select the US Center for SafeSport Training
- 3) The system will display your status
- 4) If lapsed or missing, you will be able to access core training

Coaching Credential Registration: \$175 (late fee starts April 2, 2025 at 3:00am EST)

Registration after April 2, 2025 will have \$50 late fee

Online Registration will close April 15, 2025

Onsite Registration will have a \$100 onsite fee.



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April 17, 2025 - Coaching Seminars

11am-1pm – The Optimum Performance Program in Sports (TOPPS)
USA Karate Coaches' Mental Skill Development Program Intro

- Taught by Dr. Bradley Donohue from UNLV & Coach Hiroshi Allen
- Cost is free to all registered coaches
- Introduction to the benefits of mental skill in karate competition

2pm-5pm – Karate Coach Certification Level 1

- Taught by USA Head Coach Javier Mantilla
- Cost is \$75.00
- Open to all registered coaches
- Course will have lecture and application portions. Participants are not required to participate in the application process. Karate gi is required for those participating in the application portion

Go to www.usankf.org for more information and to register



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International Delegations

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.



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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.



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Volunteers

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

To sign up please click the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D45A9AD2EA0FD0-53239763-2025>

- 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 Thursday 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
 - Thursday-passing out credentials, guiding coaches/ athletes to credential pick-up and sign ups
- Set-Up
 - Thursday-helping to lay mats and set up competition area
- Table help
 - Electric charting
 - Getting the athletes on deck ready
- Security
 - Helping with crowd control at ring side and at the entrance
- Awards Table
 - Handing out the medals
 - Arranging athletes on podium for pictures
- 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



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Vendor Credentials

The criteria for obtaining Vendor Credentials are as follows:

Vendors will need to register using the following link

https://www.tournamentinabox.com/index.php?ff_name=GroupRegistration_CP&option=com_breezingforms&ff_param_tournamentid=478

Championship Booth Displays

- 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

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 thru it before the event. If vendors are wanting a press credential, they will need to register for a press credential in tournamentinabox.com.

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



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Press Credentials

The criteria for obtaining Press Credentials are as follows:

- Representative of an accredited news outlet*
- OR
- Register thru tournamentinabox.com
- Completed NCSI Background Screen
- Completed SafeSport™ Training
- Please 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 \$150.00
- Member Clubs receive a discount, contact the national office

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

*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.

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

***Access to the competition floor is a privilege. Any disruption of competition or contact with the officials or table volunteers will result in loss of press credential.



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Rules of Competition

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: [https://assets.contentstack.io/v3/assets/blteb7d012fc7ebef7f/blt_a7c79847a0f6c976/65f7a892a1e8153589d5bbce/USA Karate Rules of Competition March 4 2024 .pdf](https://assets.contentstack.io/v3/assets/blteb7d012fc7ebef7f/blt_a7c79847a0f6c976/65f7a892a1e8153589d5bbce/USA_Karate_Rules_of_Compensation_March_4_2024_.pdf)

For Elite categories, please refer to this WKF link for equipment requirements: <https://www.wkf.net/karateprotections/protections-assistance>

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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.

	http://www.centurymartialarts.com
	http://www.afsgear.com
	https://www.arawaza.com
	https://www.awma.com
	http://www.budomartamerica.com
	http://www.punok.com

USA National Karate-Do Federation

USA Open Championship Para Divisions



A competitor must compete at the same skill and age level for all event categories in which they compete

Division Skill Levels are Based Upon Years of Karate Training:

Beginner = 1 Year of Training or Less. Novice 1-2 Years of Training

Intermeditate = 2-4 Years of Training

Advanced = 4 Years of Training or More. Elite = WKF Style/level

Para Karate					
Blind Visually Impaired Divisions		Intellectually Impaired Divisions Persons with Down Syndrome		Para-Weapons	
PK200	17 & Under Female Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK220	17 & Under Female Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK250	17 & Under Female Beg/Nov
PK201	17 & Under Female Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK221	17 & Under Female Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK251	17 & Under Female Int/Adv
PK202	17 & Under Male Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK222	17 & Under Male Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK252	17 & Under Male Beg/Nov
PK203	17 & Under Male Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK223	17 & Under Male Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK253	17 & Under Male Int/Adv
PK204	18+ Female Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK224	18+ Female Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK254	18+ Female Beg/Nov
PK205	18+ Female Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK225	18+ Female Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK255	18+ Female Int/Adv
PK206	18+ Male Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK226	18+ Male Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK256	18+ Male Beg/Nov
PK207	18+ Male Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK227	18+ Male Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK257	18+ Male Int/Adv
PK208	18+ Female Elite Para-Kata	PK228	18+ Female Elite Para-Kata	PK258	Male/Female Beg/Nov Para Team Kata
PK209	18+ Male Elite Para-Kata	PK229	18+ Male Elite Para-Kata	PK259	Male/Female Int/Adv Para Team Kata
Wheelchair Divisions		Intellectually Impaired Divisions Persons without Down Syndrome		Intellectually Impaired with Autism	
PK210	17 & Under Female Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK230	17 & Under Female Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK260	17 & Under Female Beg/Nov
PK211	17 & Under Female Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK231	17 & Under Female Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK261	17 & Under Female Int/Adv
PK212	17 & Under Male Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK232	17 & Under Male Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK262	17 & Under Male Beg/Nov
PK213	17 & Under Male Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK233	17 & Under Male Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK263	17 & Under Male Int/Adv
PK214	18+ Female Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK234	18+ Female Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK264	18+ Female Beg/Nov
PK215	18+ Female Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK235	18+ Female Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK265	18+ Female Int/Adv
PK216	18+ Male Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK236	18+ Male Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK266	18+ Male Beg/Nov
PK217	18+ Male Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK237	18+ Male Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK267	18+ Male Int/Adv
PK218	18+ Female Elite Para-Kata	PK238	18+ Female Elite Para-Kata	PK268	18+ Female Elite
PK219	18+ Male Elite Para-Kata	PK239	18+ Male Elite Para-Kata	PK269	18+ Male Elite

Competitors who compete in Elite Kumite divisions may not compete in Non-Elite 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



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Kata Divisions



A competitor must compete at the same skill and age level for all event categories in which they compete

Division Skill Levels are Based Upon Years of Karate Training:

Beginner = 1 Year of Training or Less

Novice = 1-2 Years of Training

Intermeditate = 2-4 Years of Training

Advanced = 4 Years of Training or More

A competitor may compete in exactly ONE of the following divisions

K1	5 & Under Male Kata	K36	10 Male Novice Kata	K71	14 Female Beginner Kata
K2	5 & Under Female Kata	K37	10 Male Intermediate Kata	K72	14 Female Novice Kata
K3	6 Male Beginner Kata	K38	10 Male Advance Kata	K73	14 Female Intermediate Kata
K4	6 Male Novice Kata	K39	10 Female Beginner Kata	K74	14 Female Advance Kata
K5	6 Male Intermediate Kata	K40	10 Female Novice Kata	K75	15 Male Beginner Kata
K6	6 Male Advance Kata	K41	10 Female Intermediate Kata	K76	15 Male Novice Kata
K7	6 Female Beginner Kata	K42	10 Female Advance Kata	K77	15 Male Intermediate Kata
K8	6 Female Novice Kata	K43	11 Male Beginner Kata	K78	15 Male Advance Kata
K9	6 Female Intermediate Kata	K44	11 Male Novice Kata	K79	15 Female Beginner Kata
K10	6 Female Advance Kata	K45	11 Male Intermediate Kata	K80	15 Female Novice Kata
K11	7 Male Beginner Kata	K46	11 Male Advance Kata	K81	15 Female Intermediate Kata
K12	7 Male Novice Kata	K47	11 Female Beginner Kata	K82	15 Female Advance Kata
K13	7 Male Intermediate Kata	K48	11 Female Novice Kata	K83	16 Male Beginner Kata
K14	7 Male Advance Kata	K49	11 Female Intermediate Kata	K84	16 Male Novice Kata
K15	7 Female Beginner Kata	K50	11 Female Advance Kata	K85	16 Male Intermediate Kata
K16	7 Female Novice Kata	K51	12 Male Beginner Kata	K86	16 Male Advance Kata
K17	7 Female Intermediate Kata	K52	12 Male Novice Kata	K87	16 Female Beginner Kata
K18	7 Female Advance Kata	K53	12 Male Intermediate Kata	K88	16 Female Novice Kata
K19	8 Male Beginner Kata	K54	12 Male Advance Kata	K89	16 Female Intermediate Kata
K20	8 Male Novice Kata	K55	12 Female Beginner Kata	K90	16 Female Advance Kata
K21	8 Male Intermediate Kata	K56	12 Female Novice Kata	K91	17 Male Beginner Kata
K22	8 Male Advance Kata	K57	12 Female Intermediate Kata	K92	17 Male Novice Kata
K23	8 Female Beginner Kata	K58	12 Female Advance Kata	K93	17 Male Intermediate Kata
K24	8 Female Novice Kata	K59	13 Male Beginner Kata	K94	17 Male Advance Kata
K25	8 Female Intermediate Kata	K60	13 Male Novice Kata	K95	17 Female Beginner Kata
K26	8 Female Advance Kata	K61	13 Male Intermediate Kata	K96	17 Female Novice Kata
K27	9 Male Beginner Kata	K62	13 Male Advance Kata	K97	17 Female Intermeditate Kata
K28	9 Male Novice Kata	K63	13 Female Beginner Kata	K98	17 Female Advance Kata
K29	9 Male Intermediate Kata	K64	13 Female Novice Kata		
K30	9 Male Advance Kata	K65	13 Female Intermediate Kata		
K31	9 Female Beginner Kata	K66	13 Female Advance Kata		
K32	9 Female Novice Kata	K67	14 Male Beginner Kata		
K33	9 Female Intermediate Kata	K68	14 Male Novice Kata		
K34	9 Female Advance Kata	K69	14 Male Intermediate Kata		
K35	10 Male Beginner Kata	K70	14 Male Advance Kata		

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Kumite Divisions



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A competitor may compete in exactly ONE of the following divisions

S1	5 & Under Male Kumite	S40	10 Female Novice Kumite	S79	15 Female Beginner Kumite
S2	5 & Under Female Kumite	S41	10 Female Intermediate Kumite	S80	15 Female Novice Kumite
S3	6 Male Beginner Kumite	S42	10 Female Advance Kumite	S81	15 Female Intermediate Kumite
S4	6 Male Novice Kumite	S43	11 Male Beginner Kumite	S82	15 Female Advance Kumite
S5	6 Male Intermediate Kumite	S44	11 Male Novice Kumite	S83	16 Male Beginner Kumite
S6	6 Male Advance Kumite	S45	11 Male Intermediate Kumite	S84	16 Male Novice Kumite
S7	6 Female Beginner Kumite	S46	11 Male Advance Kumite	S85	16 Male Intermediate Kumite
S8	6 Female Novice Kumite	S47	11 Female Beginner Kumite	S86	16 Male Advance Kumite
S9	6 Female Intermediate Kumite	S48	11 Female Novice Kumite	S87	16 Female Beginner Kumite
S10	6 Female Advance Kumite	S49	11 Female Intermediate Kumite	S88	16 Female Novice Kumite
S11	7 Male Beginner Kumite	S50	11 Female Advance Kumite	S89	16 Female Intermediate Kumite
S12	7 Male Novice Kumite	S51	12 Male Beginner Kumite	S90	16 Female Advance Kumite
S13	7 Male Intermediate Kumite	S52	12 Male Novice Kumite	S91	17 Male Beginner Kumite
S14	7 Male Advance Kumite	S53	12 Male Intermediate Kumite	S92	17 Male Novice Kumite
S15	7 Female Beginner Kumite	S54	12 Male Advance Kumite	S93	17 Male Intermediate Kumite
S16	7 Female Novice Kumite	S55	12 Female Beginner Kumite	S94	17 Male Advance Kumite
S17	7 Female Intermediate Kumite	S56	12 Female Novice Kumite	S95	17 Female Beginner Kumite
S18	7 Female Advance Kumite	S57	12 Female Intermediate Kumite	S96	17 Female Novice Kumite
S19	8 Male Beginner Kumite	S58	12 Female Advance Kumite	S97	17 Female Intermeditate Kumite
S20	8 Male Novice Kumite	S59	13 Male Beginner Kumite	S98	17 Female Advance Kumite
S21	8 Male Intermediate Kumite	S60	13 Male Novice Kumite		
S22	8 Male Advance Kumite	S61	13 Male Intermediate Kumite		
S23	8 Female Beginner Kumite	S62	13 Male Advance Kumite		
S24	8 Female Novice Kumite	S63	13 Female Beginner Kumite		
S25	8 Female Intermediate Kumite	S64	13 Female Novice Kumite		
S26	8 Female Advance Kumite	S65	13 Female Intermediate Kumite		
S27	9 Male Beginner Kumite	S66	13 Female Advance Kumite		
S28	9 Male Novice Kumite	S67	14 Male Beginner Kumite		
S29	9 Male Intermediate Kumite	S68	14 Male Novice Kumite		
S30	9 Male Advance Kumite	S69	14 Male Intermediate Kumite		
S31	9 Female Beginner Kumite	S70	14 Male Advance Kumite		
S32	9 Female Novice Kumite	S71	14 Female Beginner Kumite		
S33	9 Female Intermediate Kumite	S72	14 Female Novice Kumite		
S34	9 Female Advance Kumite	S73	14 Female Intermediate Kumite		
S35	10 Male Beginner Kumite	S74	14 Female Advance Kumite		
S36	10 Male Novice Kumite	S75	15 Male Beginner Kumite		
S37	10 Male Intermediate Kumite	S76	15 Male Novice Kumite		
S38	10 Male Advance Kumite	S77	15 Male Intermediate Kumite		
S39	10 Female Beginner Kumite	S78	15 Male Advance Kumite		



USA National Karate-do Federation

Junior International Cup

Para-Karate



A competitor must compete at the same skill and age level for all event categories in which they compete

Division Skill Levels are Based Upon Years of Karate Training:

Beginner = 1 Year of Training or Less

Novice = 1-2 Years of Training

Intermeditate = 2-4 Years of Training

Advanced = 4 Years of Training or More

PARA-KARATE			
Blind Visually Impaired Divisions		Wheelchair Divisions	
PK100	17 & Under Female Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK108	17 & Under Female Beg/Nov Para-Kata
PK101	17 & Under Female Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK109	17 & Under Female Int/Adv Para-Kata
PK102	17 & Under Male Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK110	17 & Under Male Beg/Nov Para-Kata
PK103	17 & Under Male Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK111	17 & Under Male Int/Adv Para-Kata
Intellectually Impaired Divisions		Physical Disability (Non Wheelchair bound) without Intellectual Disability Divisions	
PK104	17 & Under Female Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK112	17 & Under Female Beg/Nov Para-Kata
PK105	17 & Under Female Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK113	17 & Under Female Int/Adv Para-Kata
PK106	17 & Under Male Beg/Nov Para-Kata	PK114	17 & Under Male Beg/Nov Para-Kata
PK107	17 & Under Male Int/Adv Para-Kata	PK115	17 & Under Male Int/Adv Para-Kata

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



USA National Karate-do Federation

USA Open Championships

Kata Divisions



A competitor must compete at the same skill and age level for all event categories in which they compete

Division Skill Levels are Based Upon Years of Karate Training:

Beginner = 1 Year of Training or Less

Novice = 1-2 Years of Training

Intermeditate = 2-4 Years of Training

Advanced = 4 Years of Training or More

Elite = WKF Style/Level Divisions

Note: Anyone who has competed on a countries National Team and/or medaled at a major international event shall be considered elite

A competitor may compete in exactly ONE of the following divisions

OPEN KATA					
K200	5 & Under Male Kata	K224	10-11 Female Intermediate Kata	K248	16-17 Female Intermediate Kata
K201	5 & Under Female Kata	K225	10-11 Female Advanced Kata	K249	16-17 Female Advanced Kata
K202	6-7 Male Beginner Kata	K226	12-13 Male Beginner Kata	K250	18-34 Male Beginner Kata
K203	6-7 Male Novice Kata	K227	12-13 Male Novice Kata	K251	18-34 Male Novice Kata
K204	6-7 Male Intermediate Kata	K228	12-13 Male Intermediate Kata	K252	18-34 Male Intermediate Kata
K205	6-7 Male Advanced Kata	K229	12-13 Male Advanced Kata	K253	18-34 Male Advanced Kata
K206	6-7 Female Beginner Kata	K230	12-13 Female Beginner Kata	K254	18-34 Female Beginner Kata
K207	6-7 Female Novice Kata	K231	12-13 Female Novice Kata	K255	18-34 Female Novice Kata
K208	6-7 Female Intermediate Kata	K232	12-13 Female Intermediate Kata	K256	18-34 Female Intermediate Kata
K209	6-7 Female Advance Kata	K233	12-13 Female Advanced Kata	K257	18-34 Female Advanced Kata
K210	8-9 Male Beginner Kata	K234	14-15 Male Beginner Kata	K258	35-44 Male Beg/Nov Kata
K211	8-9 Male Novice Kata	K235	14-15 Male Novice Kata	K259	35-44 Male Int/Adv Kata
K212	8-9 Male Intermediate Kata	K236	14-15 Male Intermediate Kata	K260	35-44 Female Beg/Nov Kata
K213	8-9 Male Advanced Kata	K237	14-15 Male Advanced Kata	K261	35-44 Female Int/Adv Kata
K214	8-9 Female Beginner Kata	K238	14-15 Female Beginner Kata	K262	45-54 Male Beg/Nov Kata
K215	8-9 Female Novice Kata	K239	14-15 Female Novice Kata	K263	45-54 Male Int/Adv Kata
K216	8-9 Female Intermediate Kata	K240	14-15 Female Intermediate Kata	K264	45-54 Female Beg/Nov Kata
K217	8-9 Female Advanced Kata	K241	14-15 Female Advanced Kata	K265	45-54 Female Int/Adv Kata
K218	10-11 Male Beginner Kata	K242	16-17 Male Beginner Kata	K266	55+ Male Beg/Nov Kata
K219	10-11 Male Novice Kata	K243	16-17 Male Novice Kata	K267	55+ Male Int/Adv Kata
K220	10-11 Male Intermediate Kata	K244	16-17 Male Intermediate Kata	K268	55+ Female Beg/Nov Kata
K221	10-11 Male Advanced Kata	K245	16-17 Male Advanced Kata	K269	55+ Female Int/Adv Kata
K222	10-11 Female Beginner Kata	K246	16-17 Female Beginner Kata		
K223	10-11 Female Novice Kata	K247	16-17 Female Novice Kata		

Competitors who compete in Elite Kata divisions may not compete in Non-Elite Kata Divisions

Competitors who medal in any division must advance to the next skill level the following year

Competitors who intentionally misrepresent their skill level may be subject to disciplinary action



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USA National Karate-do Federation

USA Open Championships

Kumite Divisions



Note: Anyone who has competed on a countries National Team and/or medaled at a major international event shall be considered elite

A competitor may compete in exactly ONE of the following divisions

A competitor must compete at the same skill and age level for all event categories in which they compete

Division Skill Levels are Based Upon Years of Karate Training:

Beginner = 1 Year of Training or Less

Novice = 1-2 Years of Training

Intermeditate = 2-4 Years of Training

Advanced = 4 Years of Training or More

Elite = WKF Style/Level Divisions

OPEN KUMITE

S200	5 & Under Male Kumite	S228	12-13 Male Intermediate Kumite	S256	16-17 Female Intermediate Kumite -55
S201	5 & Under Female Kumite	S229	12-13 Male Advanced Kumite -45	S257	16-17 Female Intermediate Kumite +55
S202	6-7 Male Beginner Kumite	S230	12-13 Male Advanced Kumite +45	S258	16-17 Female Advanced Kumite -55
S203	6-7 Male Novice Kumite	S231	12-13 Female Beginner Kumite	S259	16-17 Female Advanced Kumite +55
S204	6-7 Male Intermediate Kumite	S232	12-13 Female Novice Kumite	S260	18-34 Male Beginner Kumite
S205	6-7 Male Advanced Kumite	S233	12-13 Female Intermediate Kumite	S261	18-34 Male Novice Kumite
S206	6-7 Female Beginner Kumite	S234	12-13 Female Advanced Kumite -45	S262	18-34 Male Intermediate Kumite -75
S207	6-7 Female Novice Kumite	S235	12-13 Female Advanced Kumite +45	S263	18-34 Male Intermediate Kumite +75
S208	6-7 Female Intermediate Kumite	S236	14-15 Male Beginner Kumite	S264	18-34 Male Advanced Kumite -75
S209	6-7 Female Advance Kumite	S237	14-15 Male Novice Kumite	S265	18-34 Male Advanced Kumite +75
S210	8-9 Male Beginner Kumite	S238	14-15 Male Intermediate Kumite -60	S266	18-34 Female Beginner Kumite
S211	8-9 Male Novice Kumite	S239	14-15 Male Intermediate Kumite +60	S267	18-34 Female Novice Kumite
S212	8-9 Male Intermediate Kumite	S240	14-15 Male Advanced Kumite -60	S268	18-34 Female Intermediate Kumite -65
S213	8-9 Male Advanced Kumite	S241	14-15 Male Advanced Kumite +60	S269	18-34 Female Intermediate Kumite +65
S214	8-9 Female Beginner Kumite	S242	14-15 Female Beginner Kumite	S270	18-34 Female Advanced Kumite -65
S215	8-9 Female Novice Kumite	S243	14-15 Female Novice Kumite	S271	18-34 Female Advanced Kumite +65
S216	8-9 Female Intermediate Kumite	S244	14-15 Female Intermediate Kumite -50	S272	35-44 Male Beg/Nov Kumite
S217	8-9 Female Advanced Kumite	S245	14-15 Female Intermediate Kumite +50	S273	35-44 Male Int/Adv Kumite
S218	10-11 Male Beginner Kumite	S246	14-15 Female Advanced Kumite -50	S274	35-44 Female Beg/Nov Kumite
S219	10-11 Male Novice Kumite	S247	14-15 Female Advanced Kumite +50	S275	35-44 Female Int/Adv Kumite
S220	10-11 Male Intermediate Kumite	S248	16-17 Male Beginner Kumite	S276	45-54 Male Beg/Nov Kumite
S221	10-11 Male Advanced Kumite	S249	16-17 Male Novice Kumite	S277	45-54 Male Int/Adv Kumite
S222	10-11 Female Beginner Kumite	S250	16-17 Male Intermediate Kumite -65	S278	45-54 Female Beg/Nov Kumite
S223	10-11 Female Novice Kumite	S251	16-17 Male Intermediate Kumite +65	S279	45-54 Female Int/Adv Kumite
S224	10-11 Female Intermediate Kumite	S252	16-17 Male Advanced Kumite -65	S280	55+ Male Beg/Nov Kumite
S225	10-11 Female Advanced Kumite	S253	16-17 Male Advanced Kumite +65	S281	55+ Male Int/Adv Kumite
S226	12-13 Male Beginner Kumite	S254	16-17 Female Beginner Kumite	S282	55+ Female Beg/Nov Kumite
S227	12-13 Male Novice Kumite	S255	16-17 Female Novice Kumite	S283	55+ Female Int/Adv Kumite

Competitors who compete in Elite Kumite divisions may not compete in Non-Elite 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



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USA Open Championships

Elite Kumite and Kata Divisions



A competitor must compete at the same skill and age level for all event categories in which they compete

Division Skill Levels are Based Upon Years of Karate Training:

Beginner = 1 Year of Training or Less

Novice = 1-2 Years of Training

Intermeditate = 2-4 Years of Training

Advanced = 4 Years of Training or More

Elite = WKF Style/Level Divisions

Note: Anyone who has competed on a countries National Team and/or medaled at a major international event shall be considered elite

ELITE KUMITE			
ES285	12-13 Male Elite Kumite -40		ES311 16-17 Female Elite -66kg Kumite
ES286	12-13 Male Elite Kumite -45		ES312 16-17 Female Elite +66kg Kumite
ES287	12-13 Male Elite Kumite -50		ES313 18-34 Male Elite -60kg Kumite
ES288	12-13 Male Elite Kumite -55		ES314 18-34 Male Elite -67kg Kumite
ES289	12-13 Male Elite Kumite +55		ES315 18-34 Male Elite -75kg Kumite
ES290	12-13 Female Elite Kumite -42		ES316 18-34 Male Elite -84kg Kumite
ES291	12-13 Female Elite Kumite -47		ES317 18-34 Male Elite +84kg Kumite
ES292	12-13 Female Elite Kumite -52		ES318 18-34 Female Elite -50kg Kumite
ES293	12-13 Female Elite Kumite +52		ES319 18-34 Female Elite -55kg Kumite
ES294	14-15 Male Elite -52kg Kumite		ES320 18-34 Female Elite -61kg Kumite
ES295	14-15 Male Elite -57kg Kumite		ES321 18-34 Female Elite -68kg Kumite
ES296	14-15 Male Elite -63kg Kumite		ES322 18-34 Female Elite +68kg Kumite
ES297	14-15 Male Elite -70kg Kumite		ES323 18-34 Male Elite Open Kumite
ES298	14-15 Male Elite +70kg Kumite		ES324 18-34 Female Elite Open Kumite
ES299	14-15 Female Elite -47kg Kumite		
ES300	14-15 Female Elite -54kg Kumite		ES400 18-20 Male Elite -60kg Kumite
ES301	14-15 Female Elite -61kg Kumite		ES401 18-20 Male Elite -67kg Kumite
ES302	14-15 Female Elite +61kg Kumite		ES402 18-20 Male Elite -75kg Kumite
ES303	16-17 Male Elite -55kg Kumite		ES403 18-20 Male Elite -84kg Kumite
ES304	16-17 Male Elite -61kg Kumite		ES404 18-20 Male Elie +84kg Kumite
ES305	16-17 Male Elite -68kg Kumite		ES405 18-20 Female Elite -50kg Kumite
ES306	16-17 Male Elite -76kg Kumite		ES406 18-20 Female Elite -55kg Kumite
ES307	16-17 Male Elite +76kg Kumite		ES407 18-20 Female Elite -61kg Kumite
ES308	16-17 Female Elite -48kg Kumite		ES408 18-20 Female Elite -68kg Kumite
ES309	16-17 Female Elite -53kg Kumite		ES409 18-20 Female Elite +68 Kumite
ES310	16-17 Female Elite -59kg Kumite		
ELITE KATA			
EK264	12-13 Male Elite Kata		EK265 12-13 Female Kata
EK266	14-15 Male Elite Kata		EK270 16-34 Male Elite Kata
EK267	14-15 Female Elite Kata		EK271 16-34 Female Elite Kata
EK268	16-17 Male Elite Kata		EK400 18-20 Male Elite Kata
EK269	16-17 Female Elite Kata		EK401 18-20 Female Elite Kata



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USA Open Championships

Elite Kumite and Kata Divisions



Competitors who compete in Elite Kata divisions may not compete in Non-Elite Kata Divisions
Competitors who compete in Elite Kumite divisions may not compete in Non-Elite 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



USA National Karate-do Federation

USA Open Championships

Team Divisions



Note: Anyone who has competed on a countries National Team and/or medaled at a major international event shall be considered elite

A competitor may compete in exactly ONE of the following divisions **All**
competitors must meet the required age and rank for that specific division

A competitor must compete at the same skill and age level for all event catagories in which they compete

Division Skill Levels are Based Upon Years of Karate Training:

Beginner = 1 Year of Training or Less

Novice = 1-2 Years of Training

Intermeditate = 2-4 Years of Training

Advanced = 4 Years of Training or More

Elite = WKF Style/Level Divisions

TEAM KATA					
				ELITE TEAM KATA	
TK1	7 & Under Team Kata Beg/Nov	TK8	12-13 Team Kata Int/Adv	ETK1	16+ Male Elite Team Kata
TK2	7 & Under Team Kata Int/Adv	TK9	14-17 Team Kata Beg/Nov	ETK2	16+ Female Elite Team Kata
TK3	8-9 Team Kata Beg/Nov	TK10	14-17 Team Kata Int/Adv	ETK3	14-17 Male Elite Team Kata
TK4	8-9 Team Kata Int/Adv	TK11	18-34 Team Kata Beg/Nov	ETK4	14-17 Female Elite Team Kata
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	These divisions are for WKF Sttyle Team Kata	
TK7	12-13 Team Kata Beg/Nov	TK14	35 + Team Kata Int/Adv	Athletes may compete in only 1 Team Kata division	

All Team Kata Divisions **except** ETK1-ETK4 are mixed gender. Teams may be made up of males and/or females. ETK1 - ETK4 will be run using WKF rules including performance of bunkai in the medal rounds

TEAM KUMITE					
				ELITE TEAM KUMITE	
TS1	7 & Under Male Beg/Nov	TS17	14-15 Male Beg/Nov	ETS1	18-34 Male Team Kumite Elite
TS2	7 & Under Male Int/Adv	TS18	14-15 Male Int/Adv	ETS2	18-34 Female Team Kumite Elite
TS3	7 & Under Female Beg/Nov	TS19	14-15 Female Beg/Nov		
TS4	7 & Under Female Int/Adv	TS20	14-15 Female Int/Adv		
TS5	8-9 Male Beg/Nov	TS21	16-17 Male Beg/Nov	TS25-TS28 are for NON-ELITE competitors only	
TS6	8-9 Male Int/Adv	TS22	16-17 Male Int/Adv		
TS7	8-9 Female Beg/Nov	TS23	16-17 Female Beg/Nov	ETS1 & ETS2 are WKF Style/Level Team Kumite Divisions. These divisions should be entered by the highest level competitors.	
TS8	8-9 Female Int/Adv	TS24	16-17 Femlae Int/Adv		
TS9	10-11 Male Beg/Nov	TS25	18-34 Male Beg/Nov		
TS10	10-11 Male Int/Adv	TS26	18-34 Male Int/Adv		
TS11	10-11 Female Beg/Nov	TS27	18-34 Female Beg/Nov		
TS12	10-11 Female Int/Adv	TS28	18-34 Female Int/Adv		
TS13	12-13 Male Beg/Nov	TS29	35+ Male Beg/Nov		
TS14	12-13 Male Int/Adv	TS30	35+ Male Int/Adv		
TS15	12-13 Female Beg/Nov	TS31	35+ Female Beg/Nov		
TS16	12-13 Female Int/Adv	TS32	35+ Female Int/Adv		



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Team Divisions





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Frequently Asked Questions

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.*
- 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*





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- *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*
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- 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.*
 - 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



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- 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 to Kumite? *The following links will help to know what is required*
For NON-Elite categories, please refer to the USA NKF Rules found at usankf.org or the following
link: https://assets.contentstack.io/v3/assets/blteb7d012fc7ebef7f/blta7c79847a0f6c976/65f7a892a1e8153589d5bbce/USA_Karate_Rules_of_Competition_March_4_2024.pdf
For elite divisions, please refer to this WKF link for equipment requirements: <https://www.wkf.net/karateprotections/protections-assistance>
- Where can I buy USA NKF approved equipment? *Equipment can be purchased in advance online from Century Martial Arts at <http://www.centurymartialarts.com>*
- 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.*

Kata Competition

- Will I have to do my Kata at the same time as my opponent? *At the Junior International Cup, YES. All Kata will be simultaneous execution (same time).*

At the USA Open the following will be used:

- *All Beginner and Novice Divisions will perform Kata simultaneously.*



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- *All Intermediate Division for UNDER 18 will perform Kata simultaneously.*
- *All Advanced Division UNDER 14 will perform Kata simultaneously.*
- *All Advanced Divisions 14 and OLDER will perform Kata individually.*
- *All Adult Intermediate Divisions will perform Kata individually.*
- *Can I repeat Kata? It depends. All Beginner, Novice and Intermediate Divisions may repeat Kata in all rounds. All Advanced NON-ELITE/ NON-WKF Divisions can repeat Kata UNTIL the final round. In the FINAL ROUND, Advanced non-elite/non-WKF 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

- *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 to Kumite? The following links will help to know what is required*
For NON-Elite categories, please refer to the USA NKF Rules found at usankf.org or the following
link: https://assets.contentstack.io/v3/assets/blteb7d012fc7ebef7f/blta7c79847a0f6c976/65f7a892a1e8153589d5bbce/USA_Karate_Rules_of_Competition_March_4_2024.pdf
For elite divisions, please refer to this WKF link for equipment requirements: <https://www.wkf.net/karateprotections/protections-assistance>
- *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.*



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- 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***



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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.*



USA OPEN KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS ELITE TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

TEAM NAME: _____

PRICE: **\$210 KATA** **\$350 KUMITE**

SEX: Male Female

CATEGORY: *All USA Open Team Events are Adult Elite (Advanced) Level*

- ETS1 Male Team Kumite (*7 athletes maximum*)
- ETS2 Female Team Kumite (*4 athletes maximum*)
- ETK1 Male Team Kata (*3 athletes*)
- ETK2 Female Team Kata (*3 athletes*)

NAME	USA-NKF MEMBERSHIP or PASSPORT NUMBER	AGE / DATE OR BIRTH
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CLUB/DOJO NAME: _____ **COUNTRY:** _____

Sensei's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

(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 Caesars Entertainment, Paris Las Vegas Hotel & Casino, Bally's, City of Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada, 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.
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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.

1.	_____	_____	_____
	Signature of Contestant	Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date
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USA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS NON-ELITE TEAM KATA & TEAM KUMITE REGISTRATION FORM

TEAM NAME: _____

CATEGORY: _____

Price: \$160 per team ***ALL TEAM MEMBERS MUST MEET THE AGE REQUIREMENTS**

Category: All Non-Elite Team Kata Divisions are mixed gender. Teams may be made up of males and/or females. (3 athletes maximum)

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

Category: All Non-Elite Kumite Teams must meet the required age & rank for that specific division. (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 Int/Adv
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 Int/Adv
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 Int/Adv
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 Int/Adv
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 Int/Adv
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