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General Information

Guiding Bodies

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World Karate Federation (WKF) rules and regulations introduced after January of the year of the World Police and Fire Games competition may not be recognised by the host and the WPFGF, for the conduct of the Karate competition, in that year

Venue

RBC Convention Centre

Entry Deadline

July 28th, 2023

Events List

Kumite

Individual kumite events will be offered for both **Kyu belt** and **Black belt**:

Men

- Age Categories:
 - 18+, 30+, 40+, 50+ & 60+



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- Weight Categories:
 - 65 kg & under
 - 70 kg & under
 - 75 kg & under
 - 80 kg & under
 - 85 kg & under
 - Over 85 kg

Women

- Age Categories:
 - 18+, 30+ & 50+
- Weight Categories:
 - 55 kg & under
 - 60 kg & under
 - Over 60 kg

Kumite Team Event

Men

- 18+ only
- 5 competitors + 2 reserves; minimum of 3 to start (Minimum 5 for initial round & 3 for subsequent round)

Women

- 18+ only
- 3 competitors + 1 reserve; minimum of 2 to start (Min 3 for initial round & 2 for subsequent rounds)

Katas

Individual katas events will be offered from **3rd Kyu belt** and upwards, including **black belt**

Men & Women

- Age Categories
 - 18+ & 35 +

Kata Team Event



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Men & Women

- Age Categories: 18+ & 35+
- 3 competitors in a team

Active competitors from police, fire and eligible first responder agencies may combine to form a team regardless of agency size **WITHIN A COUNTRY**

Retired competitors may combine to form a team in any manner they wish with other eligible competitors whether police or fire. This includes cross country lines.

Medical

A physician will be present for the competition. Basic medical supplies will be available at the venue.

Communications will also be available at the venue and preparations made in case it is necessary to summon additional emergency services.

Competitors' Medical Requirements

Prior to or during Host Registration all competitors must submit a Medical Release, signed by a licensed physician and based on a physical exam conducted within six months of competition. This release may take the form of a doctor's note stating the entrant's fitness to compete in a contact sport.

Officials

Five qualified officials will be present for each match. **(Each tatami will have qualified officials for the kata & Kumite competition)**

Equipment and Safety Requirements

The following protective equipment is compulsory:

- WKF approved mitts, one Competitor wearing red and the other wearing blue.
- Gum shield
- WKF approved body protector (respectively male and female design as applicable)
- WKF approved shin pads, one Competitor wearing red and the other wearing blue
- WKF approved foot protection, one Competitor wearing red and the other wearing blue
- WKF approved groin guards for men



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Competition Format

Bracketing

1- 5 competitors in a class/division: Round Robins, finals from results. 6 or more competitors in a class/division: group play with draw; Double Elimination Finals.

Competitors will be listed by last name per weight class for first Round Robin matches.

If two competitors from the same agency are listed together in the first round, they will be matched with another competitor if possible.

As a last resort, in the case of an odd number of competitors in a weight division, a bye will be awarded to the topseeded competitor or if none, by the draw of a card.

Scheduling

Karate has been scheduled for 2 days. See [Sport Schedule](#) for details.

Weigh-In Procedures

Weighing in of the competitors will not take place more than 24 hours prior to the competition for the specific weight category. More information will be shared on the player confirmation letters.

Awards

Medals are awarded First through Third, with dual bronze medals for third.



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Sport Rules

**WPFG follows WKF Kumite ruleset*

https://www.wkf.net/pdf/WKF_Kumite_Competition_Rules_2023.pdf

Tatami Courtesy

1. All competitors are expected to exhibit appropriate courtesy to officials, fellow competitors and spectators
2. Competitors will bow into and out of the ring prior to and after competition
3. Competitors will bow to the ring official and fellow competitor at direction of the ring official prior to and after competition

Qualifications

1. All competitors in Karate shall possess an identification card, certificate or diploma authorized by a credentialed school or instructor
2. All competitors, whether amateur or professional, will be allowed to compete.

Katas

**WPFG follows WKF Kata ruleset*

https://www.wkf.net/pdf/WKF_Kata_Competition_Rules_2023.pdf

Disputes

Disputes will be handled by judges and the Karate Coordinator. If this dispute cannot be resolved competitors may protest the disputed decision to the WPFGF will make the final decision.

Disciplinary Action / Intervention

The WPFGF may impose Disciplinary Action on any person or persons under the auspices of the WPFG and may take immediate action known as Intervention, for violations of WPFG Rules, for reasons of safety or security or for inappropriate or unprofessional conduct not in the best interest of the WPFG. Allegations of Misconduct/Incidents that do not require immediate Intervention will follow the "Appeals and Protests" section of the general rule book or may be independently brought by the WPFGF.