



WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

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Chengdu 2025 World Games

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Quota places are allocated by name (nominal qualification).

The rule that a country can only have one competitor per category prevails throughout the qualification process.

First qualification

3 Places per category: Gold, silver, and bronze medallist of the preceding World Senior Championships (Budapest 2023) are qualified. The bronze medallist that will obtain the quota for this qualification step is determined as the one with the highest World ranking as of one day after the World Senior Championships.

Substitution: Second best bronze winner from World Championships, and thereafter highest World Ranking as per 31st March 2025.

Second qualification

3 Places per category: Three first positions in the WKF Ranking as per 31st March 2025, unless the country already has a qualified athlete, in which case the qualified athlete is the next person following the World Ranking as per 31st March 2025.

Substitution: Athlete with the next place in World ranking as per 31st March 2025.

Third qualification

1 place per category: The person from the host country with the highest World Ranking as per 31st March 2025 is qualified for one place per category.

Substitution: The next available person in World Ranking as per 31st March 2025 from host country, and if not available any next person in World ranking as per 31st March 2025 regardless of country.

Explanatory note:

- a) *Should a person from the host country have already qualified through the First or Second qualification, there will be no additional person from the host country be qualified in addition to this athlete, respecting the rule that a country can have only one competitor per category. In other words, the priority for qualification of a host country athlete will follow the sequence of qualification steps, as follows:*
 1. *World Championships results (according to First qualification step)*
 2. *World Ranking results as per 31st March 2025*
- b) *Should a person from the host country qualify through the First or Second qualification steps, this position will be considered as a host country place and substitution of another athlete not from the host country will take place, according to each of these respective steps (e.g. An athlete will be qualified for the First*



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qualification step through allocation of the second best bronze winner of the World Championships, and only thereafter the athlete with the highest World Ranking as per 31st March 2025).

Fourth qualification

1 place per category: The remaining total of 12 places are distributed by continental federation in the following sequence based on their World Ranking as per 31st March 2025:

Pick 1: OKF 2 athletes 1 male and 1 female
Pick 2: UFAK 2 athletes 1 male and 1 female
Pick 3: PKF 2 athletes 1 male and 1 female
Pick 4: AKF 1 athlete 1 male or 1 female
Pick 5: EKF 1 athlete 1 male or 1 female *)
Pick 6: UFAK 2 athletes 1 male and 1 female **)
Pick 7: PKF 2 athletes 1 male and 1 female ***)

*) If pick 4 is male the pick 5 must be female and vice versa

**) Cannot be from the same countries as pick 2

***) Cannot be from the same countries as pick 3

Substitution: Next person in World Ranking as per 31st March 2025 by continental federation, with the caveat to difference of country as described above - and if not available, any next person in the World Ranking as per 31st March 2025.

Key milestones/ timeline

Date	Milestone
31 st March 2025	End of qualification period * Including athletes from the People's Republic of China
	Applicable WKF Ranking
3 rd April 2025	WKF to communicate to NFs their allocated quota places
10 th April 2025	NFs to confirm their allocated places
11 th April 2025	WKF to reallocate any unused quota places
30 th April 2025	Entries (long-list) deadline * Including athletes from the People's Republic of China
1 st June 2025	WKF to publish final list of qualified athletes
30 th June 2025	Entries (short-list) deadline
6 th August 2025 (23:59h China Standard Time)	Late Athlete replacements deadline