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ANNEX IV – COMPETITION CATEGORIES

WKF COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Event	World Senior Championships	Age	Karate 1 PL / SA	Age	World Cadet, Junior & U21 Champ.	Age	Karate 1 YL	Age
	Senior: 16 categories		Senior: 14 categories		Under 21: 12 categories		Under 14: 10 categories	
Kumite Categories, ind.	Male +18		Male +18		Male 18/19/20		Male 12/13	
	- 60 kg		- 60 kg		- 60 kg		- 40 kg	
	- 67 kg		- 67 kg		- 67 kg		- 45 kg	
	- 75 kg		- 75 kg		- 75 kg		- 50 kg	
	- 84 kg		- 84 kg		- 84 kg		- 55 kg	
	+ 84 kg		+ 84 kg		+ 84 kg		+ 55 kg	
	Female +18		Female +18		Female 18/19/20		Female 12/13	
	- 50 kg		- 50 kg		- 50 kg		- 42 kg	
	- 55 kg		- 55 kg		- 55 kg		- 47 kg	
	- 61 kg		- 61 kg		- 61 kg		- 52 kg	
	- 68 kg		- 68 kg		- 68 kg		+ 52 kg	
	+ 68 kg		+ 68 kg		+ 68 kg			
Kata Categories, ind.	Male +16		Male +16		Male 18/19/20		Male 12/13	
	Female +16		Female +16		Female 18/19/20		Female 12/13	
Kumite Categories, team	Male +18							
	Female +18							
Kata Categories, team	Male +16		Male +16					
	Female +16		Female +16					



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			Junior: 13 categories	16/17	Junior: 11 categories	16/17
Kumite Categories, ind.			Male - 55 kg - 61 kg - 68 kg - 76 kg + 76 kg Female 16/17 - 48 kg - 53 kg - 59 kg - 66 kg + 66 kg		Male - 55 kg - 61 kg - 68 kg - 76 kg + 76 kg Female 16/17 - 48 kg - 53 kg - 59 kg - 66 kg + 66 kg	
Kata Categories, ind.			Male 16/17 Female 16/17		Male 16/17 Female 16/17	
Kata Categories, team			Male 14-17 Female 14-17			
			Cadet: 10 categories		Cadet: 10 categories	
Kumite Categories, ind.			Male 14/15 - 52 kg - 57 kg - 63 kg - 70 kg + 70 kg Female 14/15 - 47 kg - 54 kg - 61 kg + 61 kg		Male 14/15 - 52 kg - 57 kg - 63 kg - 70 kg + 70 kg Female 14/15 - 47 kg - 54 kg - 61 kg + 61 kg	
Kata Categories, ind.			Male 14/15 Female 14/15		Male 14/15 Female 14/15	
Duration of event	6 days	3 days	5 days		3 days	



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Participants per NF	1 competitor per category	N/A - individual competition	1 competitor per category	N/A - individual competition
Draw - Seeding	Four finalists of the previous championships. (The competitors in the case of individual events and the National Federations in the case of the team events)	For individual categories: the eight registered athletes occupying the eight first positions of the WKF Ranking on the first day of the online registration	Four finalists of the previous championships. (The competitors in the case of individual events and the National Federations in the case of the team events)	Fully random, no seeding
Competition Areas	4 tatamis in line for eliminations and 1 elevated central tatami for the medal bouts and finals	4 tatamis in line for eliminations and 1 tatami for the medal bouts and finals	6 tatamis	6 tatamis for eliminations, and 1 tatami for the medal bouts and finals
Age of competitors	1. Allocation to age category is determined by the age of the competitor at the first day of the championships. 2. Specific competition categories may apply at (Youth) Olympic Games and multisport events			