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## 1. WELCOME MESSAGE

#### 1.1 Greeting from the Head of EKF

It is with great anticipation that we look forward to the upcoming EKF Cadet, Junior & U21 Championships, which will be held in Bielsko-Biała, Poland, from February 7 to 9, 2025. This event will bring together the best young karate athletes from across Europe, showcasing the next generation of talent in our sport.



As one of the most important competitions in the EKF calendar, these championships are an opportunity to celebrate the future of karate.

Each year, the level of skill and dedication demonstrated by these young athletes continues to rise, and we are confident that this edition will once again raise the bar for excellence.

Poland, a powerhouse in European karate, is the perfect setting for such an event. Bielsko-Biała, in particular, is a city with a rich karate tradition. It is home to the Polish Open, one of the most respected karate tournaments in Europe, and was the venue for the karate competition at the recent European Games, which it hosted with great success. The city has a proven track record of delivering top-tier karate events, and we are excited to return to this dynamic setting for what promises to be an outstanding championship.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Polish Karate Union and its president, Paweł Połtorzecki, for their hard work and dedication in organising this event. I am confident that this event will not only inspire the athletes competing but also contribute to the growth of karate throughout Europe. Best of luck to all the participants and organisers and a big "Oss" to all of you Karate fans.

Antonio Espinós President



#### 1.2 Greeting from the Head of the host NF

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to the 52nd European Karate Championships for Cadets, Juniors, and U21, which will take place in Bielsko-Biała from February 7-9, 2025. The event is organized by the Polish Karate Union – the Polish Sports Federation. As the president of this organization and a member of the organizing committee, I assure you that we will do our utmost to ensure that these championships are perfectly organized, allowing young athletes, their coaches, and karate enthusiasts to fully focus on noble sports



competition. Bielsko-Biała is a city of 180,000 people located at the foothills of the Beskids. We aim to provide everyone with the best conditions for training, competition, efficient transportation, and opportunities to explore the area and learn about the rich cultural heritage of this region.

Hundreds of people – organizers, volunteers, local authorities, Polish organizations supporting sports (the Polish Olympic Committee and the Ministry of Sport and Tourism), and athletes – are working together to ensure that these Championships remain in your memory for a long time.

Last year, the Pod Dębowcem Hall hosted karate competitions as part of the European Games, and every year one of the largest karate tournaments in Europe – the Polish Open – is held here. In Bielsko-Biała, we will witness the future of karate. It is both an obligation and an honor for us to provide everyone with excellent conditions in every possible aspect.

We are supported by people dedicated to the development of karate, professionals in various fields – from transportation, IT, medical and police services to specialists ensuring healthy food and entertainment for everyone.

Safety, efficient organization, fair play, and the spirit of karate – we keep all these in mind down to the last detail. We want you to take home the best memories from Bielsko-Biała on your karate journey.

We wish you success and invite you to Poland, while also thanking the EKF authorities for entrusting us with this opportunity, and the authorities of Polish sports, the region, and the city for their support.

Paweł Połtorzecki President of the Polish Karate Union



## 1.3 Greeting from the Mayor of the city of Bielsko-Biała

#### Dear Sir/Madam,

Bielsko-Biała is not only a thriving economic hub and

a regional center of culture but also an important spot on the sports map of Poland. Suffice it to say that in our city, there are over one hundred registered sports clubs, where about five thousand athletes train.

Among the disciplines that enjoy great popularity in Bielsko-Biała, martial arts play a leading role. It is not insignificant that the Polish Karate Union is headquartered in our city.

The capital of Podbeskidzie has repeatedly hosted international tournaments and karate competitions. Clearly, we have proven ourselves as a great host for such events, as organizers continually choose to return



to Bielsko-Biała. For us, this is, of course, a source of pride and immense satisfaction.

Ahead of us are the European Karate Championships for Juniors, Cadets, and Under-21 competitors. I am convinced that these championships will be a sporting and organizational success. I also hope that the competition between young athletes will be watched by large crowds of fans.

I am already looking forward to welcoming young athletes from all over Europe to our city, and I assure you that together with the organizers of the Championships, we will do everything in our power to ensure they feel at home and have perfect conditions for competition.

I don't think it's an exaggeration to say that for three days—from February 7 to 9, 2025—Bielsko-Biała will become the capital of European karate. Therefore, I warmly invite all karate enthusiasts to participate in this unique event. It will truly be a celebration of this discipline.

Mayor of Bielsko-Biała Jarosław Klimaszewski



## 2. INTRODUCTION EKF CADET, JUNIOR & U21 CHAMPIONSHIPS

The EKF Cadet, Junior & U21 Championships Bielsko–Biała 2025 will be held next 7-9 February, Bielsko–Biała.

## 3. CITY / COUNTRY INFORMATION

## 3.1 About City

Bielsko-Biała, located in the southern part of Poland, is a vibrant city that combines historical charm with modern amenities, making it an ideal destination for sports enthusiasts and tourists alike. Nestled at the foothills of the Beskid Mountains, Bielsko-Biała offers a unique blend of cultural heritage and natural beauty.

#### **Historical Background**

Bielsko-Biała is the result of the merging of two towns: Bielsko and Biała, which occurred in 1951. Bielsko has a rich history dating back to the 13th century, while Biała developed as an independent settlement during the Austrian rule. This combination has created a city rich in diverse architectural styles and cultural influences.

#### **Main Attractions**

- <u>Bielsko-Biała Museum and Castle</u> Housed in the historic Castle of the Sułkowski Dukes, the museum provides a fascinating look into the region's history and culture. The castle itself is a prominent landmark and a must-visit for history buffs.
- <u>Old Town (Stare Miasto)</u> The charming Old Town area features cobbled streets, historic buildings, and lively squares. Key sights include the Market Square (Rynek) and the Cathedral of St. Nicholas.
- <u>Weaver's Houses (Dom Tkacza)</u> These traditional houses showcase the city's rich textile history. The museum here offers insights into the lives of 18th and 19th-century weavers.
- <u>Szyndzielnia and Klimczok</u> These nearby mountain peaks are perfect for outdoor activities such as hiking and skiing. The modern gondola lift to Szyndzielnia provides easy access to beautiful trails and panoramic views.
- <u>Bielsko-Biała Art Gallery BWA</u> This contemporary art gallery features works by Polish and international artists. It is a great place to explore modern art and enjoy various exhibitions and cultural events.

Whether you're interested in history, outdoor activities, or simply relaxing in a beautiful setting, Bielsko-Biała has something to offer every visitor. Its rich cultural heritage, scenic landscapes, and friendly atmosphere make it a must-visit destination in Poland.



## 4. HOW TO GET TO Bielsko-Biała

#### 4.1 By Airplane

- **Katowice Airport (KTW)** The nearest major airport to Bielsko-Biała is Katowice Airport, approximately 90 kilometers away. It offers numerous international and domestic flights. From the airport, you can take a direct bus or a train to Bielsko-Biała, or rent a car for a convenient drive.
- **Kraków Airport (KRK)** Another nearby airport is John Paul II Kraków-Balice International Airport, located about 100 kilometers from Bielsko-Biała. It serves many international destinations and is well-connected by bus and train services to Bielsko-Biała.
- **Ostrava Airport (OSR)** Located in the Czech Republic, approximately 130 kilometers from Bielsko-Biała, Ostrava Airport is another option. You can take a bus or train to the Polish border and then continue to Bielsko-Biała.

## 4.2 Train and bus

- **Bielsko-Biała City** is well-connected by train to major Polish cities. Direct trains run from cities such as Warsaw, Kraków, Katowice. The main train station, Bielsko-Biała Główna, is centrally located and provides easy access to the city.
- **International Trains** For travelers coming from neighboring countries, there are international train connections from cities like Vienna, Prague, Ostrava and Berlin to major Polish cities, where you can transfer to a direct train to Bielsko-Biała. Ticket can be found on the following link: <u>https://pkp.pl/en/</u>
- **International Bus Services** Several international bus companies operate routes to Poland. You can find direct or connecting bus services from various European cities to Bielsko-Biała or nearby major cities like Katowice and Kraków, from where you can take a local bus or train. Ticket can be found on the following link: <u>https://global.flixbus.com/</u>

## 4.3 Practical Information

#### Language

The official language of is Polish. Englis is widely spoken, especially among younger people and in major tourist areas, hotels, and restaurants.

#### Currency

The official currency of Poland is the Polish Zloty, abbreviated as PLN.



#### **Financial Services and Banking Hours**

Bielsko-Biała hosts branches of major Polish banks such as PKO Bank Polski, Bank Pekao, mBank, Santander Bank Polska, and ING Bank Śląski. These banks offer a range of financial services. Banks generally operate Monday to Friday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Saturday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (some branches may be closed). All banks are closed on Sunday, and national holidays.

#### Taxes

VAT (23 %) is collected in the entire country for all services and products. Tax free shopping is available to international guests only at licensed stores. A passport is required when shopping tax free.

#### Location

Poland is located in the Cente region of Europe, borders on the west side with Germany, Czech Republic to the southwest, on the south side – Slovakia, east side – Ukraine, northeast – Belarus, north - Lithuania and Russia (Kaliningrad Oblast). It also has a coastline along the Baltic Sea to the north.

#### Electricity

220 V plug type C

#### Weather

Bielsko - Biała has a diverse climate with distinct seasons. During the the Championship

temperature is between -5°C to 3°C.

#### Time Zone

The Poland Standard Time Zone is Central European Time (CET), which is UTC+1.

Important Phone Numbers 112 Emergency Response Centre.



## 5 ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSFERS

#### 5.1 HQ Hotel

## HQ HOTEL QUBUS

Welcome to the modern Qubus Hotel Bielsko-Biała - ideal for business travelers and for families with children. Thanks to its excellent location in the city centre, right next to the Sfera Gallery, guests can enjoy a wide range of entertainment and service, including a fitness centre, cinema, bowling alley and billiard club. At Qubus Hotel Bielsko-Biała we offer accommodation in comfortable, air-conditioned rooms equipped with modern RTV equipment and free Internet access. We also care about the palate of our hotel's guests in Bielsko-Biała. In the elegant 4Elements Restaurant we serve delicious dishes of Polish and European cuisine and breakfast consisting of the highest quality products. Smoking is non-smoking in the hotel.







### **5.2 Official Hotels**

#### HOTEL VIENNA \*\*\*\*

The hotel has 113 rooms. All rooms and halls are within easy reach of high-speed Wi-Fi. The offer is complemented by the Wellness Office and experienced and friendly service.







HOTEL MAGNUS \*\*\*\*

Magnus Resort is a hotel complex located in Bystra - a picturesque town situated between the two pearls of the Silesian Beskids, i.e. Szczyrk and Bielsko-Biała. From the west and north it is surrounded by the slopes of the Silesian Beskids: Magura (1093 m), Klimczok (1119 m), Szyndzielnia (1031 m), Kołowrót (798 m), Kozia Góra (686 m) and Równia (607 m) nmp). Thanks to its favorable microclimate, mountain air and lush forests, it has gained the status of a health resort and recreation area. It has very good conditions for recreation and tourism, both in summer and winter. The nearest tourist attractions in the area are the cableway to Szyndzielnia, thoroughly modernized at the turn of 2016-2017, the third longest cave in Poland in Trzy Kopce and the "Enduro Trails – Bielsko-Biała" complex, a network of one-way bicycle routes loved by mountain bikers ... and many, many more. Especially for our guests, we have prepared a "Mini guide to attractions in the region", which is also available at the hotel reception.



We have prepared rooms for our guests that provide comfort, as well as equipped with all necessary amenities, enabling a comfortable rest during the holidays. Our hotel, meeting the requirements of a 3 stars hotel, provides in the basic range:bathroom,TV,fridge,Wi-Fi,kettle,,hair dryer. In our rooms you can also find many other amenities designed to entertain our guests during their stay at the Jawor hotel. Prepared options Our offer includes many options tailored to the needs of guests with diverse requirements. These are rooms: single, double rooms in the Comfort and Deluxe types, triple rooms in the Comfort and Deluxe types, apartments.











#### HOTEL IBIS \*\*\*

A design, economical hotel, open to creative minds ibis Styles Bielsko-Biała is a stylish hotel located at the foot of the Beskid Mountains. The excellent location guarantees easy access and comfortable travel around the region. The ibis Styles hotel in Bielsko-Biała has 133 comfortable rooms. The Magura hotel restaurant serves a buffet breakfast. Guests have access to free Wi-Fi throughout the facility. The rooms are equipped with TV, a comfortable place to work and a telephone.







## HOTEL SZYNDZIELNIA \*\*\*

Hotel Szyndzielnia /Hotel Szyndzielnia ECO Our hotel complex is located in the beautiful, recreational district of Bielsko-Biała at the foot of the mountains -Debowiec and Szyndzielnia, away from the bustle of the city and at the same time not far from its center. The complex is located just 1400 m from the Szyndzielnia cable car station and 800 m from the ski lift Dębowiec and is a great base for mountaineers for hiking and cvclists.

The location of the hotel complex allows for comfortable access from Katowice, Cieszyn, Krakow and Żywiec. The hotel complex offers a diverse standard of rooms and accompanying services. For guests who decide on more spacious rooms and free access to some attractions and services, the hotel will have a great choice of the hotel. For guests who appreciate not only comfort but also a reasonable price – Hotel Szyndzielnia Eco was created. The complex has a total of nearly 200 beds in rooms for 1, 2, 3 people and two external 70 meter apartments with a view of the Silesian and Small Beskids.

In addition, at the hotel there is a service point and parking for motorhomes – additionally paid services.

The hotel has a large, free parking lot for hotel guests, which can accommodate up to several hundred vehicles.Accommodation rooms, regardless of the standard, have a bathroom, LCD TV and Internet access. The restaurant Dębowa offers European dishes and a cafe serving excellent coffee and snacks.







#### **HOTEL PAPUGA**\*\*\*\*

The hotel has 60 1 and 2 rooms and studio rooms, Spa & Wellness Marrakech Wellness Centre, 5 conference rooms designed for intimate groups, as well as up to 120 people, restaurant with exquisite, Polish and international cuisine, banquet room with summer terrace (for 100 people) and VIP banquet hall (for 25 people), CafeBar with summer terraces and a pond offering delicious desserts, cakes and ice cream, PUB with exceptional musical

evenings,







#### VILLA BARBARA \*\*\*

Villa Barbara Health and Rehabilitation Center located in the picturesque Jaworze near Bielsko-Biała is a perfect place for rest.

Mountain landscape, location on the outskirts of the former spa park, its own recreational and sporting area is conducive to regeneration of forces. Villa Barbara Health and Rehabilitation Centre offers 78 cosy rooms, rehabilitation and recreation facilities, biological renewal, conference room, restaurant and cafe.





#### APARTHOTEL VENTUS ROSA

Aparthotel Ventus Rosa is located close to the 17thcentury Market Square in the centre of Bielsko-Biała. We offer our guests stylish and cozy apartments equipped with LCD TV and free wireless and wired Internet access. Each apartment has an LCD TV with satellite channels, a desk and a wardrobe, a private bathroom with a hairdryer and free toiletries. All apartments are equipped with a kitchenette with fridge, stove, electric kettle and toaster. We also offer the possibility of using a hotel safe, printer and xera. The hotel staff can help you with booking tickets and organizing city tours. In our facility there is also a Festival of Tastes. ApartHotel is 20 metres from the city brewery. The castle of the Dukes of Sułkowski is located 180 metres from the property, which houses the Bielsko-Biała Museum. The Bielsko-Biała Główny Train Station is 1 km away.







HOTEL GRĘPIELNIA \*\*\*

Grępielnia offers approx. 90 beds in 43 comfortable, spacious and modern rooms. The decor in Grepielnia is a combination of tradition and modernity. We provide our guests with: 4 x Standard single room, 3 x Lux Apartment, 16 x Twin room, 20 x Comfort double room. Each of the rooms is equipped with a comfortable bed and a desk with work space, wardrobe, LCD TV, air conditioning and mineral water for each person. All rooms have wireless internet, which guests can use free of charge. The bathrooms have shower cabins, hotel towels, a set of cosmetics and a hair dryer. We have prepared a large, free car park for all guests and the possibility of using the Fitness Club for free. The room price also includes breakfast in the form of a Swedish buffet, WiFi and VAT. Helpful and smiling Staff Reception is available 24 hours a day.





#### HOTEL SAHARA \*\*\*\*

Hotel Sahara located near the center of Bielsko-Biała, at the same time is a cozy and secluded base for all kinds of attractions and recreation, which is offered by the picturesque part of the Silesian Voivodeship, which are the Beskidy Mountains. Check-in from the hour. 15.00, check-out to h. 12.00. Our facility has twenty modern, fully equipped rooms that will completely meet the needs of guests. The hotel also has a restaurant area, which serves a delicious buffet breakfast and the restaurant. Breakfast is served from Monday to Friday from time to Friday. 6.30 to 10.00 and Saturday, Sunday in the hours 7.00 to 10.00. The SPA zone, which is located in our hotel, is equipped with a hot tub, sauna, atlas for strength exercises and a relaxation center, with the possibility of using massages and treatments. The hotel has a playground for children, a beautiful garden Outside the property is a large, 24-hour parking.





## 5.3 Hotel Prices

Prices are given in EURO per person and per night. Breakfast and VAT included					
	Distance to the Venue	SGL/DSU	TWN	TRPL	AVAILABILITY
HQ HOTEL QUBUS ****	6,5 km	145€ 160€	95€	х	SOLD OUT
HOTEL VIENNA ****	3,8 km	135€	90€	70€	90% BOOKED
HOTEL MAGNUS	10,8 km	140€	90€	75€	FREE
HOTEL JAWOR ****	10 km	140€	90€	х	FREE
HOTEL IBIS ***	4,3 km	130€	85€	65€	90% BOOKED
HOTEL SZYNDZIELNIA ***	0,3 km	130€	85€	70€	SOLD OUT
HOTEL PAPUGA ****	5,6 km	165€	95€	75€	SOLD OUT
VILLA BARBARA +++	7,7 km	120€	90€	65€	FREE
APARTHOTEL VENTUS ROSA *****	6,6 km	x	95€	х	FREE
HOTEL GRĘPIELNIA +++	6,4 km	130€	85€	×	FREE
HOTEL SAHARA ****	1,5 km	160€	95€	85€	SOLD OUT
HOTEL NA BŁONIACH +++	6,0 km	130€	85€	65€	FREE

#### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

\*Service charge and VAT are included.

\*Room rate is per night and per person.

\*All official hotel prices include scheduled transportation to the venue and back during the championships.

\*Check in time: 15:00; Check out time: 12:00.

\*There is possibility to pre-order dinner prices vary depending on hotels.

#### **BOOKING & PAYMENT CONDITIONS**

• The number of available rooms are limited and a first come first serve basis will be followed.

• The provided prices are applicable for reservations made till 31 October 2024. For reservations made between 31 October 2024 and 15 January 2025, there will be a 20% surcharge. Please note that 15 January 2025 marks the final day for booking.



#### • You will receive an invoice for the total amount of your booking.

• The booking is confirmed when the payment is completed according to invoice details

(The invoice will include the latest payment due date).

- All reservations with missing payment will be cancelled without further notice.
- Bank transfer fees are at your charge and will be added to invoice.
- Credit cards are not accepted.

#### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

- Cancellation is not accepted after your booking is confirmed.
- Payment is non refundable.

5.4 Transport Services

Transfer fee from the follwoing airports: <b>KTW</b> (Katowice), <b>KRK</b> (Krakow) and <b>OSR</b> (Ostrava, Czech Republic)					
Coach (max. 57 people)         35 EUR         min. 21 people / 735 EUR					
Bus (max. 23 people)	60 EUR	min. 9 people / 540 EUR			
Bus (max. 8 people)	75 EUR	min. 4 people / 350 EUR			
Car (max. 3 people)	150 EUR	min. 1 person / 150 EUR			

\*Transfer fee is only for one way.

Please send "TRANSFER REQUEST FORM" to TTM STUDIO -

<u>eurokarate2025@gmail.com</u>, official travel Agency of the Cadet, Junior & U21 Championships 2025 Bielsko-Biała (Poland), for airport transfer reservation as soon as possible.



Reservation, payment and cancellation.

We highly advise you to secure your accommodation through the official travel agency, **TTM STUDIO** to ensure your convenience and the seamless operation of your arrangements. If your reservation has been made through a different travel agency or directly with the hotel, unfortunately **TTM STUDIO** cannot provide any support for your booking.

## Please send "ACCOMMODATION REQUEST FORM" to TTM STUDIO -

<u>eurokarate2025@gmail.com</u>, official travel Agency of the Cadet, Junior & U21 Championships 2025 Bielsko-Biała (Poland), for hotel reservation as soon as possible.

# Please note that 15 January 2025 is the final date for the hotel and airport transfer reservation.

Transfer is provided between official hotels and the venue free of charge in case using

the services of the official travel agency: **TTM STUDIO**.

\*Individual transfer can be arranged on request at an additional cost.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION FROM TRAVEL AGENCY

Contact person from travel agency: Marek Kamiński

E-mail: <u>eurokarate2025@gmail.com</u>

Tel: +48 679 552 120



## **Transfer Request Form**

## 1. Details for invoice:

Name of the Federation:	Coun	try:	Address:	
Name of Contact Person:		Phone:	E-mail:	
VAT (Tax number) and other details (if needed):				

## 2. Transfers booking form

Arrival information		
Arrival date:	Arrival place:	
Arrival time:	Flight number:	Total number of person:
Other:		

Departure information		
Departure date:	Departure place:	
Departure time:	Flight number:	Total number of person:
Other:	•	

Travel Agency: TTMSTUDIO Marek Kamiński, 43-300 Bielsko-Biała, Broniewskiego 10/28 SWIFT CODE (BIC): INGBPLPW IBAN: PL 03 1050 1070 1000 0098 1065 9889

For more information please contact us: <u>eurokarate2025@gmail.com</u> .



## **Accommodation Request Form**

## 1. Details for invoice:

Name of Federation:		Country:	
Address:	Phone:	E-mail:	
Name of Contact Person:	Position in national fee	deration / delegation:	
VAT (Tax number) and other details (if needed):			

## 2. Hotel booking form:

Hotel	Check-in	Check-out`	No. of people	Type of rooms
Example	06.09.2016	11.10.2016	30	10 x twin , 1 x triple, 7 x single room

• You will receive an invoice for the total amount of your booking.

• The booking is confirmed when the payment is completed according to invoice details. (The invoice will include the latest payment due date).

• All reservations with missing payment will be cancelled without further notice.

• Cancellation is not accepted after your booking is confirmed.

• Payment is non refundable.

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For more information please contact us: <a href="mailto:eurokarate2025@gmail.com">eurokarate2025@gmail.com</a>



#### 5.5 Meals at the Venue

We are pleased to announce that during the Championships, a catering zone will be available in the hall, offering a wide range of hot meals, snacks, and both cold and hot beverages at affordable prices. Whether you're looking for a quick bite or a satisfying meal, we've got something for everyone. Don't miss out on the delicious options that will keep you energized throughout the event!

## 6 REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

#### MANDATORY DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE OFFICIAL ACCREDITATION

On registration day all participants must submit the following document printed:

- I) Waiver of Liability Form (Only 1 of the following per person)
  - a. NF/Team Representative & Team List
  - b. Individual +18 years old
  - c. Individual 18 years old (Parental Consent required)

• The NF/Team Representative takes full responsibility for the validity of all signatures and information provided.

## 7 ANTI-DOPING

As a participant in karate, it is your responsibility to follow the WKF Anti-Doping Rules. Click the <u>here</u> to take an Anti-Doping Education & Learning Course and learn more about your responsibilities and visit our <u>website</u>. For a few hours, you help keep karate a clean sport.



#### **Course Recommendations**

International-level Athletes Education High Performance Coach Education Medical Professionals Education Parents of Elite Athletes Education



## 8 **REGISTRATION**

#### 8.1 Online registration for all athletes and coaches

Online registration can be made from the 14<sup>h</sup> October 2024 until 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 under the following link:

ATHLETES & COACHES REGISTRATION

#### 8.2 Onsite Registration & Accreditations

Registration will be arranged in Szyndzielnia Hotel on Thursday, 06<sup>th</sup> February from 09:00 to 15:00 hours (room 13/14)

#### 8.3 Press

Press accreditation can only be given to professional journalists working for a media and having proof of their credentials.

Media professionals can register to request press accreditations until 13/01/25 through the online registration form which can be found here:



Accredited journalists will not have access to the competition area and will be allocated in a dedicated press tribune.

Accredited photographers will have access to their allocated seats only upon presenting the accreditation cards given to them during registration. Video recording will not be allowed.

A mixed zone will be available for accredited journalists and photographers.

Should you need more information about press or media related issues, please directly contact the European Karate Federation's office: press@wkf.net



## 9 REFEREE PROGRAM

#### 9.1 Referee Course Program

Place: Sala Redutowa – Pasaż Pod Orłem.

Adress: 11 Listopada 60/62, 43-300 Bielsko-Biała

#### https://maps.app.goo.gl/2Fx7x9vGuw9yN9mE8

DAY	TIME	MEETING	ROOM
	08:00- 8:45	Referee Commission Meeting	SALA REDUTOWA
TUESDAY	09:00-12:00	Referee Course Payments & Registration for candidates	SALA REDUTOWA
4 February 2025	12:00-13:00	Lunch	
	13:00-15:00	Kumite theory / Kumite theory examination	SALA REDUTOWA
	15:00-17:00	Kata theory / Kata theory examination	SALA REDUTOWA

	09:00-12:00	Kumite - Practical examination Group 1	SALA REDUTOWA
WEDNESDAY	12:00-13:00	Lunch	
5 February 2025	13:00-16:00	Kumite - Practical examination Group 2	SALA REDUTOWA
	16:30-19:30	Kumite - Practical examination Group 3	SALA REDUTOWA

	08:30-12:00	Kata – Instruction and Practical examination	SALA REDUTOWA
	12:00-13:00	Lunch	
THURSDAY	13:00-18:00	RC Administration	SALA REDUTOWA
6 February 2025	13:00-14:00	License Renewal Written examination	SALA REDUTOWA
	18:00-19:00	Referee Course examination Results	SALA REDUTOWA
	19:30-20:30	Referees Briefing	SALA REDUTOWA
	20:30-21:00	Tatami Manager & Appeals Jury meeting	SALA REDUTOWA



#### 9.2 Referee Registration

#### **Referee Course**

The Referee Course registration will be open on Wednesday 14h October 2024.

The Referee Course registration will close on Monday 13th January 2025.

All registrations must be made **online**, within the deadlines above mentioned, through the following Sportdata links:



#### Referees attending and officiating at the EKF Championships 2025

The registration of qualified Referees for officiating in European Championships opens on Monday, 14th October 2024. The registration of qualified Referees for officiating in European Championships closes on Monday, 13th January 2025.

All registrations must be made **online**, within the deadlines above mentioned, through the following Sportdata links:

**ONLINE REGISTRATION** 

Should you have any technical difficulties when registering, please contact support@sportsid.org.

## 10 COACH PROGRAM Bielsko-Biała 2025

#### **10.1 Course for EKF Coaches**

Please find below all information of the Programme for EKF Coaches that is going to be taking place in Bielsko-Biała (Poland) on occasion of the EKF Karate Cadet, Junior & U21 Championships 2025.

The minimum level required for coaches to take part in EKF Championships is the:

"EKF Kumite/Kata Coach" certification (coach level 2)



It is possible to homologate a WKF Kumite and/or Kata Coach (coach level 2) license by the EKF, only during the online registration period, until 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025. After this date no homologations will be accepted.

To do so, you must fill in the form: "Request for the Homologation of a WKF Coach Certification by the EKF" and send it to the e-mail; <u>ekf@ekf.com.es</u>, together with the bank proof of payment of the homologation fee.

After receiving the written approval of EKF homologation, you can register to officiate as a coach at the event.

Note: The WKF Accredited Coach license (coach level 1) is not homologated by the EKF.

For those withing to obtain a EKF Coach license, successful participation in the EKF Coaches' course is required.

#### **10.2 Online Registration**

The online registration to take part in the "Accredited Briefing & Kata/Kumite Coach Exam" will open on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 12:00 (GMT +0) and will close on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 12:00 (GMT+0). The link to register in the "Accredited Briefing & Kata/Kumite Coach Exam" is:

EKF COACH COURSE

All coaches registered online for the coaches' course must reconfirm the online registration at the onsite coaches' registration to be authorised to access the course room.

#### **10.3 Onsite Registration**

The onsite registration to take part in the "Accredited Briefing & Kata/Kumite Coach Exam" will take place on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025, from 11:00 to 12:00 hrs at HOTEL SZYNDZIELNIA.

All coaches whose payment of the registration fee for the EKF Coaches Programme has been processed by bank transfer, must present the copy of the corresponding payment receipt to the EKF Treasurer at the on-site Coaches Registration for the issuance of the corresponding invoice and entry authorisation form to be presented for access to the coaches' course room.

Coaches will not be allowed to register and paid for the course outside these hours.



#### 10.4 Coaches' Course Schedule

Only those coaches who have re-confirmed their attendance onsite (see above) will be allowed to enter the course room by showing the corresponding invoice and entry authorisation.

Place: ZIAD Adres: aleja Armii Krajowej 220, 43-316 Bielsko-Biała https://maps.app.goo.gl/kKmETjjNseQBT4yv6

DATE	HOUR	ACTIVITY	PLACE
	11:00-12:00	Registration for EKF Coaches' Programme	SZYNDZIELNIA HOTEL
	13:00-14:30	Accredited Coach Briefing	
THURSDAY 06/02/2025	14:45-15:30	Kumite Coach Exam	ZIAD
	15:45-16:30	Kata Coach Exam	
	17:30-18:30	Certified Kata/Kumite Results and Accreditations delivery	

#### **10.5 Fees and payment**

We would like to remind you that the fees for the Programme for EKF Coaches are as follows:

Briefing for "Accredited Coach" level:	200 EUR
Examination for "Certified Kumite Coach":	150 EUR
Examination for "Certified Kata Coach":	150 EUR
Both Examination for "Certified Kumite Coach" and "Certified Kata Coach":	200 EUR
Homologation WKF* Level (Kumite and/or Kata ONLY):	150 EUR
*After the online registration closes on April 23rd, 2024, no homologations will be accepted.	

Payment for the Programme for EKF Coaches should be preferably made by Bank

Transfer to the bank account listed below:

Account Name: EUROPEAN KARATE FEDERATION Bank Name: CAIXABANK Bank Address: Alberto Aguilera, 26 – 28008 Madrid – SPAIN Account Number:



- IBAN: ES06 2100 3415 6122 0008 1707
- BIC/SWIFT Code for all Account Numbers: CAIXESBBXXX

VERY IMPORTANT: <u>To avoid possible incidences</u>, it is essential to indicate to your bank when you made the bank transfer the CONCEPT by which the payment is made.

During the onsite registration, all payments must be made CASH. No other methods of payment will be accepted.

#### **10.6 Registration – Coaches officiating in competition**

The registration for coaches officiating in European Championships opens open on Monday, 14/10/2024 at 12:00 (GMT +0) and will close on Monday, 13/01/2025 at 12:00 (GMT+0).



No coach can register if he/she is not in possession of the EKF Kumite and/or Kata Coach certification level.

Should you have any technical difficulties when registering, please contact support@sportdata.org.

#### **11 EVENTS SCHEDULE**

		Registration for Delegations	Szyndzielnia Hotel
	09:00-16:00	Weigh-in	Szyndzielnia Hotel
			ROOM 13/14
	08:00-10:30	Technical Commission Meeting	HQ Hotel
THURSDAY 06/02/2025	11:00-12:00	Registration EKF Coach Programme	Szyndzielnia Hotel
	11:30-12:30	Medical & Anti Doping Commission Meeting	HQ Hotel
	13:00-14:30	EKF Coach Programme - Accredited Coach Briefing	ZIAD
	14:45-15:30	EKF Coach Programme - Kumite Examination	ZIAD



15:45-16:3	0 EKF Coach Programme - Kata Examination	ZIAD
17:30-18:3	0 EKF Coach Programme - Certified Kumite/Kata results and accreditations delivery	ZIAD
19:00-20:3	0 Open Draw for Coaches (On-site) and Coach Meeting	ZIAD

FRIDAY	
09:00-11.00 Executive Committee Meetin	ng HQ Hotel

## Timeslots will be given to NF in alphabetical order. Delegations that miss their timeslot will be required to come at 14:00.

In the registration room only will be available two people in charge per country for to make the registration of each delegation, these persons will show all the Waiver documents and the original passport of all the members of their delegation. After receiving their accreditations, Kumite athletes can go to the weigh-in.

Referees and Press will make the registration in a separate desk, at the same time as their delegations.



## **12 COMPETITION INFORMATION**

## **12.1 Categories**

			Individual	Categories			
<b>U21</b> (age 18/19/20)			Junior (age 16/17)				
Individ	ual Kata	Individual Kumite		Individual Kata		Individual Kumite	
Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		-60 kg	-50 kg			-55 kg	-48 kg
		-67 kg	-55 kg			-61 kg	-53 kg
		-75 kg	-61 kg			-68 kg	-59 kg
		-84 kg	-68 kg			-76 kg	-66 kg
		+84 kg	+68 kg			+76 kg	+66 kg
		<b>det</b> 14/15)					
Individ	Individual Kata		al Kumite				
Male	Female	Male	Female				
		-52 kg	-47 kg				
		-57 kg	-54 kg				
		-63 kg	-61 kg				
		-70 kg	+61 kg				
		+70 kg					

Team C	ategories
a second s	n <b>d Junior</b> (age 14/17)
Male	Female

## 12.2 Age

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Allocation to age category is determined by the age of the athlete at the first day of the entire event. This means competitors must have the eligible age by <u>07<sup>th</sup> of February</u> <u>2025</u>.



## **13 COMPETITION PROGRAMME**

#### THE SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT HALL "Hala Widowiskowa BBOSIR"

26 Karbowa street, 43-300 Bielsko-Biała, Poland

https://maps.app.goo.gl/JYqYPLLzoUg7tGFe6

## Friday, 07/02/2025

	Eliminations & Repechage (w	vithout Bronze Medal matches)
	Individual Kata Cadets	(Male & Female)
9:00 - 13:15	Individual Kata Juniors	(Male & Female)
	Individual Kata U21	(Male & Female)
	Eliminations and Repechage (	without Bronze Medal matches)
13:30 - 17:15	All Cadet Kumite categories	(Male & Female)
	Bronze Medal matche	es & Opening Ceremony
17:30 – 18:30	Bronze Medal matches of Day 1	
19:00	Opening Ceremony	

## Saturday, 08/02/2025

	Eliminations and Repechage (without Bronze Medal matches)		
9:00 - 18:15	All Junior & U21 Kumite categories	(Male & Female)	
	Bronze medal matches		
18:30 – 19:30	All categories of Day 2	(Male & female)	

## Sunday, 09/02/2025

	Gold Medal matches and Medal ceremony of all categories
09:00 - 16:00	All categories



## **14 EKF APPROVED PROTECTIONS & TATAMIS**

## SPORT PROTECTIONS "WKF Approved"



\*Click on the logos

IMPORTANT: The Sport Protections with "WKF Approved" license during the period 2020 - 2024, will be accepted until June 30th, 2025.

## KARATEGI "WKF Approved"

Kumite and Kata karategis with the brand name embroidered on the shoulders in **RED or BLUE** are of mandatory use in <u>EKF Continental Championships.</u>

The authorized companies to use these karategis models are:



IMPORTANT: The Karategis with "WKF Approved" license during the period 2020 - 2024, will be accepted until June 30th, 2025.



## DISTRIBUITORS ASSISTANCE "WKF Approved"

\*Click on the image to visit the distributors by countries.



**TATAMIS "WKF Approved"** 



\*Click on the logos



## **15 COMPETITION VENUE – Hala Widowiskowa BBOSIR**

Sports and Entertainment Hall "Hala Widowiskowa BBOSIR" its functions include entertainment, sports and exhibition. Permanent stands intended for watching sporting events has 3,000 seats.

Adress: Karbowa 26, 43-300 Bielsko-Biała

https://maps.app.goo.gl/JYqYPLLzoUg7tGFe6











**OFFICIAL TATAMI FOR THIS TOURNAMENT** 



#### **16 TICKET FOR SPECTATORS**

The ticket categories and prices are:

For one day – 35 PLN

For all days – 80 PLN

https://eurokarate2025.kupbilecik.pl/

#### **17 TRAINING FACILITIES - BOOKINGS**

Official training Thursday, February 6, 2025 at the competition venue. Free training, maximum 60 minutes for the team, on a first-come, first-served basis. Trainings from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Applications: traininghallech25@karate-polska.pl

Maximum 60 people per training hour. Applications must be submitted by January 31, 2025.

Transportation to the training area will be provided at a cost.

We provide training rooms with tatami from February 3 to 5.

200m/ 1 hour/ EUR 150/ max 50 people

110m/1 hour/100 EUR/max 30 people

You can order transport from the hotel to the training area.

In all official hotels (except Ventus Rossa) you can rent training area (without tatami) 1 hour/100 EUR

Applications: traininghallech25@karate-polska.pl

Applications must be submitted by January 31, 2025

#### **18 VISA REQUIREMENTS**

All citizens of European Union countries, are able to enter Poland visa-free using a valid ID or passport.

Detailed information see on the following link: <u>https://www.gov.pl/web/udsc/wizy</u>

For Visa support please contact; ech2025@karate-polska.pl

## **19 CONTACTS INFORMATION**

#### 19.1 Organizers contact details

POLISH KARATE UNION



Mariusz Pełka - Head of the Organization Committee

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Email: m.pelka@karate-polska.pl

Address: Al. Armii Krajowej 220/108, 43-316 Bielsko-Biała

#### **19.2 Local Organising Committee contact details**

TTM STUDIO Marek Kamiński – Organization Committee

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Email: ech2025@karate-polska.pl

Email: m.kaminski@ttmstudio.pl





## 19.3 EKF Organising Commission

Tervel Zwjatkow – Chairman

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#### **19.4 Safe Sport contact**

EKF events must be safe for all athletes and participants and entirely free from any form of non-accidental violence, namely, harassment and abuse. Any such behaviour will not be tolerated.

If you or someone you know has been the victim of abuse or harassment in Karate, get help and report it.

Your first point of contact for any incident at this event is the EKF Event Supervisor, whose contact information you can find detailed above.

Otherwise, any other incident can be reported via the <u>WKF Official Complaint Form</u> and sent to: <u>safekarate@wkf.net</u>

## 20 OMISSIONS

As regards that the specific items are not expressly foreseen in the present bulletin reference is to be made to the general rules and guidelines contained in EKF Regulations.







