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1. WELCOME MESSAGE

1.1 Greeting from President of the World Karate Federation



The Senior World Championships are the pinnacle of our sport, the most anticipated event on our calendar, and the tournament that all the Karate family is excitedly looking forward to arriving every two years.

The wait is finally over, and our biggest event travels to Budapest (Hungary) for the event where all the Karate dreams come true. I am absolutely convinced that the greatness, values, and outstanding sporting spirit of our sport will be showcased at the tournament in Budapest.

Not only the competition will be held in a unique setting, the magnificent Papp Laszlo Budapest Sports Arena, where the Local Organizing Committee of the Hungarian Karate Federation will do a tremendous job to provide never-before-seen ideal conditions for our sport. Also, the event is posed to be a massive showcase of the popularity of our sport.

The participation records of 982 athletes from 105 countries in Dubai 2021 and 1114 karatekas from 131 countries from Madrid 2018 are most likely going to be overpassed as Budapest 2023 is the last top event before the application of the new configuration of World Championships, following its approval in the WKF World Congress in Dubai 2021.

While we count the days until history is written in Budapest, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Hungarian Karate Federation and its president Janos Meszaros for their great efforts and excellent disposition to host the best-ever Senior World Championships.

To all the participants, the best of luck; to all the organizers, our gratitude; and to all the fans of Karate, make sure to follow this memorable event on the WKF platforms. A big "OSS" to all of you.

Antonio Espinós Ortueta

President of the World Karate Federation

1.2 Greeting from President of the Hungarian Karate Federation

Dear Guests, Sport friends and Athletes,

It is a great honour for Hungary to welcome the most prestigious event of the karate world, the WKF Senior World Championships.

It makes me even more proud and satisfied that after organizing the Senior, then the Cadet, Junior and U21 European Championships within 10 years, the Hungarian Karate Federation hosts this exclusive karate tournament. Budapest is located at the heart of Hungary and Europe, and we will do our best to make your stay unique and enjoyable during the Championships. It is our intention to set a good example in terms of organization and hospitality.



The prestige of karate has increased sensibly after the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. Here in Budapest we are highly committed to fulfill these expectations. Sport has an emphasized role in Budapest, we have hosted significant tournaments in the recent years. The WKF Senior World Championships perfectly fits among these line of events.

Here I would like to take the opportunity to express my gratitude to the World Karate Federation and President Antonio Espinós for choosing Budapest from the many candidates, and I also thank the Government of Hungary for its support.

The traditions of this tournament and the high standards set by our predecessors inspire us to make this Championships truly a celebration of our beloved karate. We truly hope for a exciting tournament full of enthusiastic spectators, and we wish a lot of success, professional experience and fair fights without injuries to the participants!

Dr. János József Mészáros,

President of the Hungarian Karate Federation

2. BUDAPEST

2.1 About Budapest

Budapest is the capital of Hungary, situated in the heart of the Carpathian Basin.

With the territory of 525 km² and 1.7 million inhabitants, it is one of the largest capital cities in the region. It is often referred to as the „*Paris of the East*”; a city with wide avenues and green parks, palaces built in the Art-Nouveau style, churches painted in vibrant colours, exciting cafes, and excellent music halls.

Budapest is youthful and dynamic where modern, and tradition go hand in hand in harmony. The city is divided by the winding Danube River which is crossed by eight splendid bridges.

Budapest is one of the region’s number one and permanent host of large international events, e.g. scientific conferences (World Science Forum), cultural events (Sziget Festival) or sports events (2020 EKF Cadet, Junior & U21 European Karate Championships, 2021 LEN European Championships, 2022 FINA World Championships, Wrestling European Championships, Giro d’Italia, 2023 World Athletics Championships and in every year Formula 1 Grand Prix).

There are many baths; Budapest is traditionally the city of baths from centuries. Touristic views, green zones, parks, the downtown, restaurants, and shopping centres are in walking distances, or easily accessible by public transports.

3. HOW TO GET TO THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

3.1 By Air

Budapest is easily accessible by air via Liszt Ferenc International Airport.

It offers international connections primarily within Europe, but also to Africa, to the Middle East, to North America and to the Far East. In 2022, the airport handled 14.8 million passengers.

The airport is the headquarters and primary hub for Wizz Air and base for Ryanair. Most airlines operate daily flight to and from Budapest; it is connected directly to every European capital.

The IATA code is BUD.

3.2 By Train

Another great way to come to Budapest is by train.

There are 3 major railway stations in Budapest (Déli railway station, Keleti railway station, Nyugati railway station), all of them serving international lines.

The railway stations are situated in or close to the city centre.

Railway Stations hosts several international trains every day. The popular Railjet service is also available, and Western European cities are only a few hours travel from Budapest.

3.3 By Bus

Budapest is easily accessible by road, rail and air. In the maps below, we have indicated the most important motorways and distances to the nearest major cities.



4. VENUE

PAPP LASZLO BUDAPEST SPORT ARENA

2 Stefania, Budapest H-1143

Website: <https://www.budapestarena.hu/>

COMPETITION VENUE



NAME
Papp László Budapest Sport Arena

ADDRESS
2 Stefánia út, Budapest, H-1143

SEATING CAPACITY
12 500

DIMENSION OF THE AREA
8 000 m²




The Papp László Budapest Sports Arena is the second largest indoor sport hall in Budapest and Hungary, located next to Puskás Ferenc Stadium, at the Puskás Ferenc Stadion stop of metro line 2 and tram 1.

The capacity of the building nicknamed "pebble" is 12,500 people.

Since May 28, 2004, the Budapest Sport Arena has been named after László Papp, a three-time Hungarian Olympic champion boxer, trainer and sports manager.

The Budapest Arena can be reached in 25 minutes from the airport.

You can come by metro 2, tram1, there are several buses, trolley buses and also by car, 1160 parking spaces are available for visitors in the guarded parking lot.

For disabled guests the Arena provides access points to the Deck, from where they can access the main entrance.

Tatami:



5. EVENT SCHEDULE

Sunday	22.10.2023	Location	
10:00 - 19:00	Registration for Delegations	HQ Hotel	Room: PANORAMA
14:30 - 16:00	Medical Commission Meeting		Room: ORION
17:00 - 18:00	Athletes Entourage Commission Meeting		Room: ORION
19:00 - 21:00	Technical Commission Meeting		Room: MERCURE
Monday	23.10.2023	Location	
09:00 - 13:00	WKF Executive Committee Meeting	HQ Hotel	Room: URANUS
09:00 - 14:00	Registration for Delegations		Room: PANORAMA
14:00 - 15:00	WKF Congress Registration		Room: FOYER - HELIA
15:00 - 19:00	WKF CONGRESS		Room: HELIA
20:00 - 21:30	Referee Briefing (for officiating and nominated referees)	HQ Hotel	Room: HELIA
Coach Programme		Location	
08:00 - 10:00	Coach Programme - Accreditation	HQ Hotel	Room: MERCURE
10:00 - 11:30	Accredited Coach Briefing		
11:30 - 12:15	Certified Kumite Coach Exam		
12:15 - 13:00	Certified Kata Coach Exam		
15:00 - 16:00	Certified Kata / Kumite Results & Accreditations		Room: PANORAMA
18:00 - 19:30	Coaches Meeting and Draw		Room: MERCURE
		Location	
11:30 - 13:00	WKF Para-Karate Classifier's Education Seminar	Hotel	DANUBIUS - ARENA HOTEL
13:00 - 14:30	Para Karate Classifiers Education Programme: Level 1		
Tuesday	24.10.2023	Location	
9:00 - 12:00	Rules & Ranking Commission Meeting I	Venue	BUDAPEST-ARENA
10:00 - 18:00	Classification Session for Para-Karate Athletes	Hotel	DANUBIUS - ARENA HOTEL
14:00 - 16:00	Rules & Ranking Commission Meeting II	Venue	BUDAPEST-ARENA
Wednesday	25.10.2023	Location	
10:00 - 12:00	Athletes Commission Meeting	Venue	BUDAPEST-ARENA
10:00 - 14:00	Classification Session for Para-Karate Athletes	Hotel	DANUBIUS - ARENA HOTEL
Thursday	26.10.2023	Location	
09:00 - 12:00	WKF Executive Committee Meeting	Venue	BUDAPEST-ARENA
10:00 - 11:00	Para-Karate Coach Meeting & Draw	Hotel	DANUBIUS - ARENA HOTEL
20:00 - 23:00	Official reception for Executive Committee members and National Federations' Presidents	Buda Castle	LOVARDA, Castle district
Friday	27.10.2023	Location	
18:00	Referees & Judges Debriefing Diplomas	Venue	BUDAPEST-ARENA
18:30	Opening Ceremony		
Sunday	29.10.2023	Location	
15:30 - 15:40	Guardian Girls Karate Demonstration	Venue	BUDAPEST - ARENA
17:40	Closing Ceremony		

6. OPENING CEREMONY

All delegations must remain in the established area for preparation of the Opening Ceremony on 27th of October, Friday

7. COMPETITION INFORMATION

7.1 Categories

INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES		
INDIVIDUAL KATA (AGE +16)	MALE INDIVIDUAL KUMITE (AGE +18)	FEMALE INDIVIDUAL KUMITE (AGE +18)
Female	-60 Kg	-50 Kg
Male	-67 Kg	-55 Kg
	-75 Kg	-61 Kg
	-84 Kg	-68 Kg
	+84 Kg	+68 Kg
TEAM CATEGORIES		
	TEAM KATA (AGE+16)	TEAM KUMITE (AGE+18)
	Female	Female
	Male	Male
Para – Karate Categories		
MALE (AGE +16)		FEMALE (AGE +16)
Wheelchair Athletes K30		Wheelchair Athletes K30
Blind/Visually Impaired K10		Blind/Visually Impaired K10
Intellectually Impaired K21		Intellectually Impaired K21
Intellectually Impaired K22		Intellectually Impaired K22

7.2 Competition Programme

The WKF World Senior Championships will take place at the [PAPP LASZLO BUDAPEST SPORT ARENA](#), located at 2 Stefania Street, Budapest, H-1143.

Monday, 23rd of October 2023

Weigh- in		
12:00 - 16:00 h	Male (-84; +84 Kg) & Female (-68; +68 Kg)	Budapest Arena

Tuesday, 24th of October 2023

Weigh- in		
10:00 – 12:00 h	Male (-75, -67 & -60 Kg)	Budapest Arena
12:30 – 14:00 h	Female (-61, -55 & -50 Kg)	Budapest Arena

Tuesday, 24th of October 2023

Kata Individual Male & Female - Eliminations & Ranking rounds	
10:00 h	Kata Individual Male
10:30 h	Kata Individual Female
Kumite Individual - Eliminations	
13:30 - 20:30 h	Male +84 kg
	Female +68 kg
	Male -84 kg
	Female -68 kg
Kumite Individual Male & Female - Repechages	

Wednesday, 25th of October 2023

Kumite Individual - Eliminations	
10:00 -- 20:30 h	Male -75 kg
	Female -61 kg
	Male -67 kg
	Female -55 kg
	Male -60 kg
	Female -50 kg
	Kumite Individual Male & Female - Repechages

Thursday, 26th of October 2023

Kata Team Male & Female - Eliminations & Ranking rounds	
10:00 h	Kata Team Male & Female
Kumite Team - Eliminations	
11:30 - 16:30	Kumite Team Male
	Kumite Team Female
Para-Karate Competition - Eliminations & Ranking rounds	
17:00 – 20:30 h	All categories

Friday, 27th of October 2023

Kumite Team - Eliminations	
09:00 - 16:00 h	Kumite Team Male
	Kumite Team Female
	Kumite Team Male & Female - Repechages
Para-Karate Competition - Bronze Medals Bouts	
16:30 – 18:00 h	All categories

18:30 h	Opening Ceremony
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Saturday, 28th of October 2023

Bronze Medals Bouts	
09:30- 09:50 h	Kata individual Female
09:50 - 10:10 h	Kumite Male +84 kg
10:10 - 10:30 h	Kumite Female +68 kg
10:30 - 10:50 h	Kumite Male -84kg
10:50 - 11:10 h	Kumite Female -68 kg
11:10 - 11:30 h	Kumite Male -75 kg

Finals	
12:15 - 12:27 h	Kata individual Female
12:27 - 12:39 h	Kumite Male +84 kg
12:39 - 12:51 h	Medals award
12:51 - 13:03 h	Kumite Female +68 kg
13:03 - 13:15 h	Kumite Male -84 kg
13:15 - 13:27 h	Medals award
13:27 - 13:39 h	Kumite Female -68 kg
13:39 - 13:51 h	Kumite Male -75 kg
13:51 - 14:03 h	Medals award
14:03 - 14:27 h	Para-Karate Competition – Male & Female - People with Intellectually Disabilities (K-21)
14:27 - 14:39 h	Medals award

Bronze Medals Bouts	
15:15 – 15:35 h	Kata individual Male
15:35 – 15:55 h	Kumite Female -61 kg
15:55 – 16:315 h	Kumite Male -67 kg
16:15 – 16:35 h	Kumite Female -55 kg
16:35 – 16:55 h	Kumite Male -60 kg
16:55 – 17:15 h	Kumite Female -50 kg
Finals	
18:00 – 18:12 h	Kata individual Male
18:12 – 18:24 h	Kumite Female -61 kg
18:24 – 18:36 h	Medals award
18:36 – 18:48 h	Kumite Male -67 kg
18:48 – 19:00 h	Kumite Female -55 Kg
19:00 – 19:12 h	Medals award
19:12 – 19:24 h	Kumite Male -60 kg
19:24 – 19:36 h	Kumite Female -50 kg
19:36 – 19:48 h	Medals award
19:48 – 20:12 h	Para-Karate Competition - Male & Female - People with Intellectually Disabilities (K-22)
20:12 – 20:36 h	Medals award



Sunday, 29th of October 2023

Bronze Medals Bouts	
09:30 – 10:00 h	Kata Team Male
10:00 – 11:00 h	Kumite Team Female
11:00 – 11:30 h	Kata Team Female
11:30 – 12:50 h	Kumite Team Male
Finals	
12:50 – 13:14 h	Para-Karate Competition - Male & Female – Blind/Visual Impairment (K-10)
13:14 – 13:36 h	Medals award

Finals	
14:30 – 14:45 h	Kata team Male
14:45 – 15:15 h	Kumite Team Female
15:15 – 15:30 h	Medals award

15:30 – 15:40 h	Guardian Girls Karate Demonstration
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15:40 – 15:55 h	Kata Team Female
15:55 – 16:40 h	Kumite Team Male
16:40 – 16:55 h	Medals award
16:55 – 17:20 h	Para-Karate Competition - Male & Female – Wheelchair (K-30)
17:20 – 17:35 h	Medals award

17:40 h	Closing Ceremony
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*** Provisional Competition Program. Subject to possible modifications

The competition will be carried out category by category, with access to the warm-up and competition area limited to one category only.

Note: In the bouts for bronze medals and finals, male coaches are required to wear a dark suite, shirt and tie while female coaches may choose to wear a dress, pantsuit or a combination of jacket and skirt in dark colours.

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8. ATHLETES REGISTRATION

8.1 Online Registration

The online registration will open on July 24th, 2023, and will close on October 2nd, 2023.

ATHLETES REGISTRATION

8.1.1 Specific information for PARA-KARATE

The online registration will open on July 24th, 2023, and will close on October 2nd, 2023.

PARA-KARATE
REGISTRATION

All athletes registered shall be first places on the waiting list.

During the registration procedure upload all essential Para Karate athlete's medical documentation to the Sports ID Para-Karate athlete's profile (these uploaded documents do not need to be sent by email to the HQ).

Only those athletes having their documents uploaded until the end of registration and having an eligible impairment ([see the list of eligible impairments](#)) may be moved from the "waiting list" to the actual list of registered athletes for the event.

The Head of Para-Karate classification can ask for supplemental medical documentation to prove the underlying health condition of the athlete.

The mandatory forms can be found in the following links:

For all athletes:

- [Athlete Evaluation Consent Form](#)
- WKF - [Therapeutic Use Exemption \(TUE\) Application Form](#) (only in case the athlete uses WADA prohibited medication)

For Visually Impaired Athletes:

[K10 Medical Diagnostic Form](#)

For Wheelchair Athletes:

[K30 Medical Diagnostic Form](#)

For Intellectually Impaired Athletes:

[K21 and K22 Medical Diagnostic Form](#)

[K21 and K22 Eligibility Guidance Notes](#)

[K22 AAI Screening](#) (athletes classified before 2023)

To be considered eligible to compete as an athlete with an intellectual impairment (K21 and K22), athletes must fulfil the full eligibility criteria as defined by VIRTUS.

We suggest you contact your national representative of the VIRTUS (INAS) <https://www.virtus.sport/member> or your National Paralympic Committee at least 12 weeks before the event. However, should you require any assistance, or there is no VIRTUS representative in your country, please contact the Para-karate Commission Chairwoman at augustovicova.dusana@gmail.com to be able to solve any incidents in time for the EKF Championships.

**All documents MUST be attached in English for ALL registered athletes.
All MDFs must be completed by a registered Medical Doctor, M.D.**

Selected athletes must attend the classification session. The list of selected athletes will be uploaded to Sportdata system one day before the classification session.

Please see the [Para-Karate registration checklist](#) before the completion of the registration of the Para Karate athletes.

Para-Karate athletes per category

Every nation has the opportunity to register three (3) Para-Athletes per sport class. In total, 24 athletes can be called by each nation.

Classification Session

Classification in Para-Karate K10 and K30 sport classes consists in an extra point compensation depending on the influence of the particular impairment when performing the Kata. Detailed information can be found in the Para-Karate regulations: <https://www.wkf.net/sport-parakarate>.

Please, check the Para-karate Classification rules to ensure that the athlete presents at least one of the mentioned eligible impairments which have to be proven by the MDF.

New registered Para-Karate athletes must present themselves for a mandatory onsite Classification Session performed by qualified personnel before the championships according to the schedule.

A timetable of classification and the list of athletes who have to attend the classification session will be published after the online registration.

Attendance to the Classification Session is obligatory for all new athletes, athletes with sport class status review listed in the classification session timetable, without a participation in such event it is not possible to take part in the championships.

Following documents have to be provided at the classification session:

1. Accreditation of the athlete
2. Passport of the athlete
3. Original MDFs, TUE (if necessary), Consent Form as provided prior with the registration.
4. Original diagnostic Report as described in the MDF for Intellectual Impairments as provided with the registration.

Following equipment must be checked at the classification session:

- FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED ATHLETES (K10) - IBSA standardized Blindfolds (Goalfix Eclipse total blackout eyeshades, TRANSITION PERIOD 1.1.2023 – 31.12.2023)
- FOR INTELLECTUALLY IMPAIRED ATHLETES (K21 and K22) – sport glasses (if needed)
- FOR WHEELCHAIR USERS (K30): Competition wheelchair
Leg straps (if needed)
White shoes and socks for competition.

9. REFEREES

9.1 Referee Course Programme

REFEREE COURSE WKF BUDAPEST 2023						
WEDNESDAY 18/10/2023	THURSDAY 19/10/2023	FRIDAY 20/10/2023	SATURDAY 21/10/2023	SUNDAY 22/10/2023	MONDAY 23/10/2023	FRIDAY 27/10/2023
09.00 - 10.30 Referee Commission Meeting HQ - Room URANUS	09.00 - 10.30 Kumite Lecture HQ - Room HELIA	09.00 - Kumite Practical Examination Group 2 HQ - Room HELIA	09.00 - Kumite Practical Examination Group 4 HQ - Room HELIA	09.00 - Kata Video Practical Examination Group 2 HQ - Room HELIA		
10.30 - 11.30 RC EB Meeting HQ - Room URANUS	BREAK 11.00 - 12.00 Theory Examination HQ - Room HELIA		11.00 - 11.30 2nd Kata Payment & Registration HQ - Room PANORAMA		10.00 - 11.30 Examination results HQ - Room HELIA	
	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH		
13.00 - 19.00 Kata&Kumite Course Payment HQ - Room MARS	13.00 - Kumite Practical Examination Group 1 HQ - Room HELIA	13.00 - Kumite Practical Examination Group 3 HQ - Room HELIA	13.00 - 14.00 Kata Lecture BREAK 14.15 - 15.00 Theory Examination HQ - Room HELIA	13.00 - RC Admin. HQ - Room MARS	15.00 - 16.00 License Renewal HQ - Room ORION	
13.15 - 19.00 Kata&Kumite Course Registration HQ - Room PANORAMA			16.00 - Kata Education with Instructors Group 1 HQ - Room HELIA		17.30 - 18.30 TM & AJ Meeting URANUS 20.00 - 21.30 Referees Briefing * HQ - Room HELIA	
						18.00 - Referees Judges Debriefing Diplomas SPORT HALL ARENA

*only for officiating and nominated referees

9.2 Registration - Referee Course Programme

The Referee Course registration opens on June 26th, 2023

The Referee Course registration closes on September 11th, 2023

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

- WKF Kumite Referee Course – Budapest 2023:

**KUMITE REFEREE
COURSE REGISTRATION**

- WKF Kata Referee Course – Budapest 2023:

**KATA REFEREE
COURSE REGISTRATION**

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

9.3 Registration – Referees officiating in the Championships

The minimum level required for referees to register and officiate at this

WKF World Senior Championships in Budapest is **“Kata and/or Kumite Judge-B”**.

The registration of qualified referees officiating in the World Championships 2023 in Budapest opens on June 26th, 2023.

The registration of qualified referees officiating in the World Championships 2023 in Budapest closes on September 11th, 2023.

**OFFICIATING REFEREES
REGISTRATION**

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

10. COACHES

10.1 Registration – Coach Programme

The minimum level required for coaches to take part in this World Senior Championship is:

“WKF Certified Kumite/Kata Coach” certification

Only coaches in possession of the “WKF Accredited Coach” level have access to the “WKF Certified Kumite/Kata Coach Exam”.

The “WKF Coach Course” will take place:

DATE	HOUR	ACTIVITY	PLACE
MONDAY 23 rd October	8:00 – 10:00	Coach Programme Accreditation	HQ Hotel / Room Mercure
	10:00 – 11:30	Accredited Coach Briefing	
	11:30 – 12:15	Kumite Coach Exam	
	12:15 – 13:00	Kata Coach Exam	
	15:00 – 16:00	Certified Kata/Kumite Results and Accreditation delivery	HQ Hotel / Room Panorama

The online registration to take part in the “Accredited Briefing & Kata/Kumite Coach Exam” will open on July 31st, 2023, and will close on October 2nd, 2023.

[COACH COURSE REGISTRATION](#)

All payments must be made through Sportdata platform via PayPal.

No other methods of payment will be accepted.

Registrations and payments onsite will not be accepted.

10.2 Specific information for PARA-KARATE Coaches and personal assistants

The minimum WKF Coach certification to performer as Para-Karate Coach is the WKF Certified Kata Coach (level 2 of the WKF Coach Programme).

Maximum of three coaches can be registered for Para-Karate per Nation.

Every Para-Karate athlete can be accompanied by a personal assistant during their performance in the field of play.

Coaches and assistants accompanying Para-Karate athletes MUST register together with their delegation at the onsite registration session only.

All athletes must use the same sportswear and equipment for classification as they use during competitions.

Concerning athletes with visual impairments, no extra testing will be performed during the classification session. Nevertheless, the athletes have to show up to the classification with the documents and equipment mentioned above. Extra points will be given based on the Medical Diagnostic Form.

Additionally, there will be a [WKF Para Karate Classifiers Education Programme](#) that will take place on:

DATE	HOUR	ACTIVITY	PLACE
MONDAY 23 rd October	11:30 – 13:00	WKF Para-Karate Classifier's Education Seminar	Danibus Arena Hotel
	13:00 – 14:30	Para Karate Classifiers Education Programme: Level 1	

The online registration for these activities will be the following:

WKF Para-Karate Classifier's Education Seminar: from October 2nd to October 9th.

Para Karate Classifiers Education Programme Level 1: from September 7th to October 2nd.

**PARA-KARATE CLASSIFIER'S
EDUCATION SEMINAR
REGISTRATION**

**PARA-KARATE CLASSIFIER'S
EDUCATION PROGRAMME
LEVEL 1 REGISTRATION**

10.3 Registration – Coaches officiating in competition

The online registration for coaches intending to participate in the World Senior Championships in Budapest 2023, will open on July 24th, 2023, and will close on October 2nd, 2023.

**COACH
OFFICIAL REGISTRATION**

11. MEDIA AND PRESS

11.1 Media Accreditation

Media professionals can register to request press accreditations until October 9th, 2023 through the online registration form which can be found [HERE](#).

Press accreditation can only be given to professional journalists working for a media and having proof of their credentials. The media passes may be collected at the accreditation desk at the venue or at the Headquarters hotel during the Registration Day.

11.2 Media Access

Access to media work areas is restricted to credentialed journalists and photographers covering the event. Accredited journalists will only have access to the designated Media areas (Press Tribune, Mixed Zone).

11.3 TV Production

The WKF owns all the rights pertaining to TV issues of the World Championships.

The World Senior Championships will be broadcast on a number of TV and media platforms. The competition will be available to a worldwide viewing audience through a high-quality TV production which will be provided to TV networks around the world following the agreements of the WKF with these networks.

Due to these agreements **VIDEO RECORDING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.**

No credentialed media may take **video footage** (including digital) without prior written consent from the WKF. Only TV rights holders will be allowed to film and record footage of the competition. The WKF reserves the right to revoke credentials for unprofessional behaviour or conduct.

12. MANDATORY DOCUMENTS

At the onsite registration, all participants (Coach, Athletes, Referees, Officials) must submit a printed and signed Waiver of Liability form.

There are 3 types, one is for the Club/Team Representative, while the other 2 are for all other participants (Older than 18 and younger than 18 years old). You can find the links below.

Waiver of Liability Form:

- i. NF/Team Representative Waiver & Team List ([link](#))
- ii. Individual +18 Form ([link](#))
- iii. Individual - 18 Form (Parental Consent) ([link](#))

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

13. ANTI DOPING EDUCATION

As a participant in karate, it is your responsibility to follow the WKF Anti-Doping Rules. Click the [here](#) to take an Anti-Doping Education & Learning Course and learn more about your responsibilities and visit our website. 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

14. WKF APPROVED PROTECTIONS, KARATEGIS & TATAMIS

The World Senior Championships complies with the highest level of presentation. In order to guarantee the correct delivery of the event, and to ensure the suitable quality of the tournament, exclusively the following brands are WKF Approved for use in the 2023 World Senior Championships.

SPORT PROTECTIONS “WKF Approved”



*Click on the logos

CHECK COMPULSORY PROTECTIONS FOR THIS COMPETITION

DISTRIBUTORS ASSISTANCE “WKF Approved”

Click on the image to visit the distributors by countries.



OFFICIAL KARATEGI WORLD SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

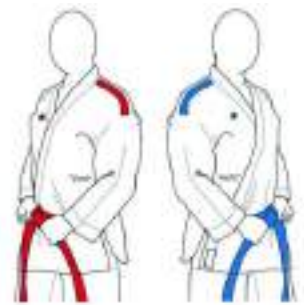
Kumite and Kata karategis with the brand name embroidered on the shoulders in **RED** or **BLUE** are of mandatory use in World Senior Championships tournaments.

The incumbent Senior World Champions must wear karategis with the brand name embroidered in **GOLD** on the shoulders in instead of the red or blue embroidered.

According to the point 2.2 of the;

- [WKF Kumite Competitions Rules](#)
- [WKF Kata Competition Rules](#)

The authorized companies to use these karategis models are:



<u>ADIDAS</u>	<u>ARAWAZA</u>	<u>BESTSPORT</u>	<u>BUDO-NORD</u>
<u>DAEDO</u>	<u>HAYASHI</u>	<u>PUNOK</u>	<u>SHUREIDO</u>
<u>SMAI</u>	<u>TOKAIDO</u>	<u>WACOKU</u>	<u>WESING</u>
<u>BLITZ</u>	<u>FIGHT ART</u>	<u>FUJIMAE</u>	<u>HAYATE</u>
<u>HIROTA</u>	<u>IPON</u>	<u>ITAKI</u>	<u>KAITEN</u>
<u>KAMIKAZE</u>	<u>KIHON</u>	<u>KO</u>	<u>KWON</u>
<u>MIZUNO</u>	<u>MOOTO</u>	<u>MUVON</u>	<u>NAGASHI</u>
<u>SFJAM NORIS</u>	<u>TOKYODO</u>		

*Click on the buttons

TATAMIS “WKF Approved”



*Click on the logos

15. BACK NUMBERS

The use of back numbers **is compulsory in all categories and modalities** for all the competitors participating in the 26th World Karate Senior Championships.

The LOC will provide all the delegations with sewing kits so the back numbers are effectively sewed to the karategis by the competitors themselves or delegation’s staff members.

Please note that the back numbers must be perfectly sewed to the Karate jackets. Failing to correctly sew the back numbers may result in the disqualification of the competitor.



16. ACCOMMODATION

16.1 Headquarter Hotel

DANUBIUS HOTEL HÉLIA ****



What makes the Helia so special? That's a matter of perspective. This is a wellness hotel with a wide range of fitness and spa services for guests in need of some pampering. However, it's also a fully equipped conference hotel with all the facilities to host top quality professional events. The wellness and conference hotel is located in Budapest's dynamic 13th district, on the bank of the Danube. The city centre is just 15 minutes away, while the nearby Margaret Island offers a host of recreational activities – from cycling, tennis and swimming to relaxing walks in beautiful parkland.

Whether you'd like to unwind after work – or get away from work altogether – our wellness centre is the perfect spot. It has an adventure pool, swimming pool, sauna and a two-storey fitness club with stunning panoramic views. The hotel's thermal bath is fed by natural thermal water from Margaret Island's springs.

Guests arriving by car can keep their vehicles safe in the hotel's own car park, and travel into the centre by trolleybus or bus.

Address: H-1133 Budapest, Kárpát u. 62-64.

The PAPP LÁSZLÓ BUDAPEST ARENA is 4km away.



16.2 Official Hotels

RADISSON BLU BÉKE HOTEL****



Looking for a hotel located in Budapest's downtown area, in the city's cultural heartland, close to the theatres and concert halls on the Pest Broadway, in a hotel that's elegant, stylish.

The former Hotel Britannia has welcomed visitors to Budapest for more than a century. The hotel building boasts a unique mix of contemporary and traditional styles, and the fine cuisine of The Globe Restaurant, as well as Café Zsolnay's allergy-free pastries and speciality teas and coffees, mean that the hotel has remained a favourite with the public.

Radisson Blu Béke Hotel is an ideal choice for everyone who wants to explore the rich cultural life of the capital. The theatres, museums, restaurants and cafés located nearby guarantee that those interested in high-end entertainment will not be bored for a moment.

The hotel is located near the Nyugati Railway Station, just a few steps from Andrásy Avenue, and easily accessible by car or public transport. There's a bus and tram stop directly in front of the hotel.

Address: H-1067 Budapest, Teréz krt. 63.

The PAPP LÁSZLÓ BUDAPEST Arena is 3.5km away.

DANUBIUS HOTEL ARENA***



The Danubius Hotel Arena is neighbouring the Papp László Budapest Sportaréna, the former SYMA convention centre and the newly built Puskás Ferenc Stadium. The hotel is close to the Puskás Ferenc Stadion metro station, so every point of the city can be reached within a few minutes.

There are parking facilities in front of the hotel both for cars and buses. You can choose from numerous recently refurbished rooms, make use of impressive fitness and conference facilities and plunge into the on-site pool. Guests can enjoy free coffee and a croissant in the morning.

The newly renovated Oregano restaurant offers you delicious Hungarian and international cuisine. Helpful and friendly staff is always ready to provide you any information you may need.

Address: H-1148 Budapest, Ifjúság útja 1-3.

The PAPP LÁSZLÓ BUDAPEST ARENA is 180 meters away.



HOTEL HUNGÁRIA CITY CENTER****



"A huge welcome in the heart of Budapest"

Welcome to Hungary's largest hotel!

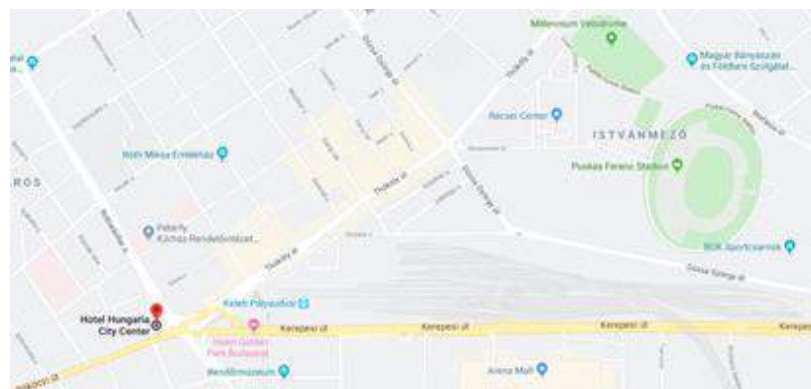
The Hotel Hungaria City Center – with an illustrious history stretching beyond 100 years – is renowned for the high standard of its services and its excellent location.

The hotel is an ideal base both for tourists and business visitors, with Budapest's main attractions within easy reach on the M2 and M4 metro lines or by bus from just outside the hotel, and Keleti train station just a few minutes' walk away.

With large and flexible meeting rooms, it is a popular conference venue, and regularly hosts events for up to several hundred guests.

Address: H-1074 Budapest, Rákóczi út 90.

The PAPP LÁSZLÓ BUDAPEST ARENA is 2km away.



HILTON BUDAPEST HOTEL *****



The Hilton Budapest is one of the Hungarian capital's most iconic hotels. Staying here is a matchless and unforgettable experience. It's no coincidence that the guest book is filled with the signatures of heads of state, international film stars and celebrities.

In the heart of the Buda Castle District, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the splendid hotel offers its guests breath taking panoramic views of the Danube both from their rooms and from their tables in the stylish LÁNG Bistro & Grill.

The building of the Hilton Budapest, a member of the famous Hilton chain of hotels, is a unique feat of architectural bravado: a modern hotel interior melded with elements of the 13th-century Dominican monastery that once stood here.

The historic Dominican Courtyard is a popular venue for open-air events, concerts, receptions and weddings.

The magic continues as you step outside the hotel. With its cobbled streets in the shadow of Buda Castle, Matthias Church and the Fisherman's Bastion, this is an area of Budapest that will steal your heart forever...

Address: H-1014 Budapest, Hess András tér 1-3

The PAPP LÁSZLÓ BUDAPEST Arena is 5km away.

INTERCITYHOTEL BUDAPEST***



The IntercityHotel Budapest welcomes its guests in the stylish design of Matteo Thun in the city centre, right next to the Keleti train station. Puskas Aréna (multi-purpose stadium) and the Liszt Ferenc Budapest Airport are in the immediate vicinity. In this prime location and with all major transportation links at your doorstep, you are well accommodated in the middle of Budapest's action.

312 comfortable and stylishly furnished rooms guarantee a relaxing and pleasant stay in Budapest. The rooms are all equipped with free high-speed WLAN, coffee and tea facilities, SAT TV, air conditioning, soundproofing, desk, safe and refrigerator.

The restaurant is open daily with a rich breakfast buffet with the best quality and variety. There is also a wide selection of international, regional and seasonal dishes for lunch and dinner. Or you can visit BistroLounge & bar to relax with delicious cold and hot snacks.

Address: H-1087, Budapest Baross tér 7-8.

The PAPP LÁSZLÓ BUDAPEST ARENA is 2 km away.



LION'S GARDEN****



The hotel is located in the middle of the diplomatic quarter at the outskirts of greater Budapest's busy downtown, near to the numerous attractions of Budapest. Our garage is available up to 25 cars for an extra charge.

The restaurant is modern, cozy, 90 seats available. It offers international cuisine. Daily business lunch (12:00-14:00); opening hours 12:00-15:00 & 18:00-21:45

Breakfast: delicious cold & warm buffet breakfast; fresh vegetables & seasonal fruits & salad variations; homemade fresh products; gluten and lactose free; vegetarian; served Monday to Friday: 06:30-10:00, Saturday & Sunday: 07:00-10:30.

Address: H-1146 Budapest, Cházár András u. 4.

The PAPP LÁSZLÓ BUDAPEST Arena is 1.2km away.



TERMAL HOTEL MARGITSZIGET****, GRAND HOTEL MARGARET ISLAND****



" Flair, Charm, Health & Tradition"

Grand Margaret Island is situated on beautiful Margaret Island, The elegant fin-de-siècle architecture of the hotel and the panoramic view overlooking the Danube and the mature trees of Margaret Island will simply take your breath away. The hotel is an ideal base both for tourists and business visitors. The main attractions of Budapest can be easily reached via local transport and also on foot, as Margitsziget already worth to visit with its beautiful parks, National Swimming Stadium, tower.

The hotel has 164 rooms, furnished in the classic style, but with today's standard of comfort and modern amenities, command stunning views of the park's lush greenery, the water tower of Margaret Island, or the majestically flowing Danube River. The aristocratic charm of our freshly renovated rooms and suites invoke the captivating atmosphere of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

International dishes, flavours of home cooking, traditional meals and healthy food can all be found on our buffet tables and menus.

" Health Temple and City Hotel Surrounded by Greenery"

Termal Margitsziget is situated on beautiful Margaret Island, the quiet leisure paradise in the heart of thermal baths Budapest and a stone's throw away from the bustling life of the Hungarian capital. The hotel is an ideal base both for tourists and business visitors. The main attractions of Budapest can be easily reached via local transport and also on foot, as Margitsziget already worth to visit with its beautiful parks, National Swimming Stadium, tower.

The hotel has 281 rooms. The rooms command stunning views of the island park's lush greenery, the water tower, or the majestically flowing Danube River. The premium rooms will meet even the most exacting of requirements.

International dishes, flavours of home cooking, traditional meals and healthy food can all be found on our buffet tables and menus.

Address: H-1007, Budapest Margitsziget

The PAPP LÁSZLÓ BUDAPEST ARENA is 5 km away.



NOVOTEL BUDAPEST CENTRUM****



The hotel was opened in 1911, offering accommodation in a 6-story building designed in the Art Nouveau style. It offers 227 en-suite rooms and has free shuttle bus service, 24-hour reception and dry cleaning service available on site. Climate control, flat-screen television and a cupboard are included in every guestroom at Novotel Budapest Centrum hotel. Bathrooms with a shower, a hairdryer and a spa bathtub are provided in the rooms. Wireless internet is available in the entire hotel for free.

Start your morning with a buffet breakfast, served in the bar. The small restaurant serves a variety of delicious dishes. The attractive hotel features the 24-hour bar with a range of tea and coffee drinks. Dining options also include New York Cafe, set within 5 minutes' walk from the property.

Address: H-1088 Budapest, Rákóczi út 43-45.

The PAPP LÁSZLÓ BUDAPEST Arena is 2,6 km away.

IBIS STYLES BUDAPEST CENTER HOTEL ***



Ibis Styles Budapest Center is located in the heart of Hungary's capital in a beautiful historical building. It is a perfect location with the most comfortable access to both the financial and historical parts of the city.

130 inspiring design rooms provide double rooms (including family and connecting rooms), twin rooms, disabled rooms, all come with shower or bathtub, LCD TVs with satellite channels, free WIFI access, hairdryer and telephone. The hotel is 100% smoke free.

Ibis Styles Budapest Center is situated in the city center with public transport, metro station is just 50 metres from the hotel. Sport Arena, Keleti Railway station, or downtown area are within walking distance, free WIFI, parking in covered garage for daily fee.

All you can eat buffet breakfast, unlimited WIFI access and many more extras that don't cost extra. Breakfast starts in Metro Snack Bar at 06.30 providing a reach buffet of cold and hot dishes, later until the night hours it offers soups, salads and small dishes for tired city walkers and late check in guests. Enjoy our daily offer snack selection

Address: H-1074 Budapest, Rákóczi út 58.

The PAPP LÁSZLÓ BUDAPEST Arena is 2,4 km away.

GREEN HOTEL BUDAPEST ***



The hotel is located next to the „Stadionok” subway, close the Papp László Budapest Sport Arena or the BOK Sports and Conference Center. Our rooms are spacious, so they offer a real relaxation for individual guests as well as groups. The sights, the restaurants, and the business area of Budapest can be reached easily, with the Metro line No. 2 (red line).

Next to the reception is located our restaurant, which wait for our guest with hot buffet breakfast between 7 and 10 am. During the lunchtime a buffet lunch is at our guests service, and the dinner could be chosen a' la carte.

For the guest coming by car the hotel insures a closed parking area at a surcharge.

Address: H-1148 Budapest, Kerepesi út 34.

The PAPP LÁSZLÓ BUDAPEST Arena is 0,8 km away.

HOTEL VERITAS***



Hotel Veritas is located near a busy junction from where every part of budapest (city centre, museums, exhibition centre, thermal bath, airport) can be easily reached by car or public transport. Just 5 minutes walk the Papp László Budapest Sport Arena and the BOK Sports and Conference Center. Eastern railwaystation only one stop by subway (from Stadionok station), airport 20 km (30 minutes).

Our hotel has 49 rooms and 5 apartments all equipped with air-conditioning, wifi, tv, mini-bar, telephone, safe and hairdryer. The hotel has a car park and a garage where your car can be safely parked during your stay.

Address: H-1144 Budapest, Mogyoródi út 8.

The PAPP LÁSZLÓ BUDAPEST Arena is 0,9 km away.

16.3 Hotel Rates

Prices in EURO (€) per person and night. VAT included.					
No.	HOTEL NAME	STAR RATING	Meal	Single	Double
1	DANUBIUS HOTEL HÉLIA	4	38	210	110
2	Ensana Grand Hotel Margitsziget	4	38	200	110
3	Ensana Thermal Hotel Margitsziget	4	38	200	110
4	RADISSON BLU BÉKE	4+	38	210	115
5	DANUBIUS HOTEL ARÉNA	4+	38	215	118
6	DANUBIUS HOTEL HUNGÁRIA	3+	38	180	95
7	HILTON BUDAPEST	5	50	260	140
8	INTER CITY	4	33	155	85
9	LIONS GARDEN	4	33	155	85
10	NOVOTEL CENTRUM	4	33*	150	80
11	Ibis Style	3	20*	110	60
12	Green	3	0	55	35
13	Veritas	3	23*	92	51

Prices include breakfast, * 3 course meal

During the competition days lunch can be served in Hotel Arena next to the Sport Hall

16.4 Reservation, payment and cancellation in official hotels through the LOC

16.4.1 Reservation in official hotels

Rates per person and night / Vat included

- Minimum stay 5 nights
- It will be considered as a reservation if the 1st payment has been done.
- Confirmation subject to availability at the booking request.
- Reservations on request. To ensure the best possible accommodation for all athletes of a nation, please make your reservations as soon as possible
- Reservations through the LOC must be made by the online booking tool; karate.neteyes.hu

PROCESS OF THE RESERVATION:

1. Send an e-mail to; accommodation@karatebudapest2023.hu
2. Budatours Agency will generate a specific password for every federation who is going to participate.
3. Log in to the system karate.neteyes.hu and start the accommodation and transfer registration.
4. After that you'll receive a proforma invoice from the total amount to start your transactions

16.4.2 Payment

- 50% in order to confirm the reservation, max until 30th april 2023.
- 50% before the 31st of august 2023
- It is very important do payments in dates fixed in order to confirm your reservation
- 15% surcharge for booking after the expiry date.

16.4.3 Cancellation

- 1st deposit non refundable deposits
- Cancellations after 31st of August, 100% of penalties
- 10% surcharge for booking after the expiry date.

For any question, please contact with the Official Travel Agency:

accomodation@karatebudapest2023.hu

niki@budatours.hu +36208048021

16.5 Airport transfer rates

CATEGORY	TRANSFER PRICE VAT INCLUDED
VIP Car	127,00 €
Sedan	110,00 €
VIP Minivan (6-7 pax)	180,00 €
Minivan (9 pax)	230,00 €
Minibus (18-20 pax)	340,00 €
Coach (48-50 pax)	390,00 €

Contact: transfer@karatebudapest2023.hu

16.6 Official Travel Agency

Budatours DMC fully manage the accommodation of the Hungarian Karate Federation.

Budatours Ltd. - Destination Management Company

Website: www.budatours.hu

accomodation@karatebudapest2023.hu

info@budatours.hu

H-1061 Budapest, Andrásy út 2.
Budapest Bank Zrt. (1138 Budapest, Váci út 193.)
Bank account Number: HU93-10100833-40703500-01004307

17. LUNCH SERVICE AT THE VENUE

The Hungarian Karate Federation will provide lunch service at the Venue for the National Federations. The price is 25 euros per person and day. The menu includes first and second course, dessert, and water. The lunch tickets will be handed out during the registration.

18. TICKETS

Ticketing for competition will be available on the below website starting from 01/05/2023 <https://karatebudapest2023.hu/>

19. VISA

Please check the following website below for latest valid visa and entry regulations

[Consular services of Hungary](#)

It is strongly recommended that you contact the Hungarian Embassy accredited to your country for updated information and confirmation prior to your trip.

Competition General issues and Additional Information
Hungary Karate Federation

info@karatebudapest2023.hu
mksz@karate.hu

20. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

20.1 Opening Hours (Shop/Pharmacies)

Shops in Hungary are open on weekdays from 7⁰⁰ -20⁰⁰ generally, on Saturday from 8⁰⁰-19⁰⁰, and usually closed on Sundays. There are shops open 24/7 every day of the year. Pharmacies are generally closed in the weekend, but there are pharmacies open 24/7 throughout the city. Restaurants are open every day, and they close around midnight in the weekends. Banking hours are 8⁰⁰-16⁰⁰.

Monday, October 23rd is Hungary's national holiday, opening hours may change on this day, in some cases larger shopping centers may be closed.



20.2 Currency

The Hungarian Forint (HUF) is the currency of Hungary.

In most shops, restaurants, bars, pharmacies you can use MasterCard or VISA, but it is recommended to have some cash in your pockets while exploring the city.

1 EUR ≈ 400 HUF, 1 USD ≈ 365 HUF, 1 CHF ≈ 390 HUF, 1 GBP ≈ 440 HUF

20.3 Electricity

Electricity in **Hungary** is **230V**, with a frequency of **50hz**.

No adapters are needed for regular use.

20.4 Language

The official language of Hungary is **Hungarian**. It is not similar to any other spoken languages in the European Union. Hungarian people generally do not speak any other languages, **young people mostly speak basic English. Organizers will also speak English.**

20.5 Time

Hungary is in the Central European Time Zone (CET, GMT +1).

20.6 Weather

In recent years, autumn in Hungary has been mild, but rain and storms can reach the country in mid-October. Also prepare for cold and rainy weather. The temperature can reach +15°C, but it can also drop below +8°C.

20.7 Insurance

In compliance with WKF Rules, it is obligatory for all the participants and members of the participating delegations have their own medical and personal trip insurance.

The Hungarian Karate Federation and the World Karate Federation as well as the Organizing Committee assume no liability or responsibility for the lack of insurance from participants and members of the delegations.

The head of the delegations must sign the enclosed terms of responsibility and return it by October 1st, 2023, the latest.

20.8 Transport in the city

The primary forms of public transport are the Budapest metro, underground, bus, tram, trolleybus, bicycle, scooter, taxis, and boats. <https://bkk.hu/en/>

20.9 Important Phone Numbers

To call Hungary from abroad you must dial the international code [00], followed by the Hungarian country code 36.

General emergency: 112

Police: 107

Firefighters: 105

Ambulance: 104

21. CONTACT DETAILS

Accommodation accomodation@karatebudapest2023.hu

Catering in the venue catering@karatebudapest2023.hu

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