



**QUALIFICATION AND
COMPETITION SYSTEM
KARATE WORLD CUP 2024
-NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS-**

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1. INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL OUTLINE

1.1 Introduction

This document outlines the format of the Karate World Cup for national teams. A total of 80 national teams can qualify with limitation per Continental Federation. The Karate World Cup Competition System is composed by the Group Phase (Round-robin, R-r), followed by Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and medal matches. In each category there will be awarded 1 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze medal.

This document is issued to summarize the format of the competition event, and do not supersede or replace the WKF Competition and Ranking Rules.

1.2 Competition Days

Phases	Days	Tatamis
Group Phase, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals	2 days	4 tatamis
Medal matches	1 day	1 tatami

1.3 Participation

Teams		
Last Team World Championships *)	16	4 First qualified x 4 Categories
NF Host	4	1 Team x 4 Categories

*) To be revised after the World Cup 2024 as the World Cup name will replace the World Team Championships name.

Continental Federation	Teams	Continental Championships
EKF	20	5 First qualified x 4 Categories (gold, silver, 2 bronze and 5 th that lost to gold)
AKF	12	3 First qualified x 4 Categories (gold, silver and bronze that lost to gold)
PKF	12	3 First qualified x 4 Categories (gold, silver and bronze that lost to gold)
UFAK	12	3 First qualified x 4 Categories (gold, silver and bronze that lost to gold)
OKF	4	1 First qualified x 4 Categories (gold only)

Previous Team World Championships *)	16	4 First qualified x 4 Categories
NF Host	4	1 Team x 4 Categories
TOTAL	80	

*) To be revised after the World Cup 2024 as the World Cup name will replace the World Team Championships name.

Continental Championships must be celebrated at least 30 days before the Karate World Cup. Failing to celebrate the Continental Championships within this time limit, the results of the previous Continental Championships will apply.

1.4 Team Modalities, Category, & Composition

	Team Kata	Team Kumite
Male	4 Competitors per team (3 + 1 sub)	7-8 Competitors per team (5 + 2 compulsory subs. + max. 1 optional sub.)
Female	4 Competitors per team (3 + 1 sub)	4-5 Competitors per team (3 + 1 compulsory sub. + max. 1 optional sub)

In kumite the men's team must consist of minimum 7, and maximum 8, Competitors.

In kumite the women's' team must consist of minimum 4 , and maximum 5, Competitors.

2. QUOTA ALLOCATION AND SUBSTITUTIONS

2.1 Criteria, Selection Order & Substitutions

Allocation Criteria Order		Selection Order		Subsequent Allocation and Substitutions	
1	Last Team World Championships *)		1	Gold Medalist	Continue the line of Event results of the last Team World Championships according to Section 2.2
			2	Silver medalist	
			3	Bronze medalist who lost against the gold medalist *)	
			4	Bronze medalist who lost against the silver medalist *)	
	Continental Championships (CCh)	EKF	5	Gold Medalist	Continue the Line of Event Results of the last Continental Championships according to Section 2.2
			6	Silver Medalist	
			7	Bronze Medalist who lost against the gold medalist	
			8	Bronze Medalist who lost against the silver medalist	
			9	5th Place Medalist who lost against the Gold Medalist	
		1 AKF, 1 PKF, 1 UFAK	12	3 Gold Medalist (AKF-PKF-UFAK)	
			15	3 Silver Medalist (AKF-PKF-UFAK)	
			18	3 Bronze Medalist who lost against the gold medalist (AKF-PKF-UFAK)	
OKF	19	1 Gold Medalist			
3	Host	20	1 NF Team per modality/Category	If any Host NF team is already qualified by Team World- or Continental Championships, then follow the Line of Event Results as per Section 2.2	

*) To be revised after the World Cup 2024 as the World Cup replaces the World Team Championship and will only use one bronze medal per category.

2.2 Subsequent Allocation and Substitutions: Line of Event Results

The substitution of an allocation criteria in **section 2.1** follows the line of the event results in accordance with the following order:

- Second Qualified: Silver Medalist
- Third Qualified: Bronze Medalist who lost against the gold medalist
- Fourth Qualified: Bronze Medalist who lost against the silver medalist
- Fifth Qualified: Fifth position *) who lost against the gold medalist
- Sixth Qualified: Fifth position *) who lost against the silver medalist
- Seventh Qualified: Seventh *) position who lost against the gold medalist
- Eighth Qualified: Seventh position *) who lost against the silver medalist
- Nineth Qualified: Nineth position *) who lost against the gold medalist
- Tenth Qualified: Nineth position *) who lost against the silver medalist

Once the line of the repechage is completed following the above order of allocation of substitution, the order will follow the same criteria above allocating places to the highest positions obtained in the line of the gold and silver medalist sequentially, allocating one place each at the time.

In case there is no team in the Continental Championships or all the teams from the Continental Championships declines to participate, the place will be replaced following the competition line of the event result in the last Team World Championships.[Name of the event will in subsequent revisions of this document be changed to World Cup]

**) It should be noted that the term “position” **does not** refer to the “place” obtained as defined in the World Ranking Rules.*

2.3 Kata replacement system in case of the two bronze medals come from the group of the gold medal winner

Ranking Round Pool 1	Ranking Round Pool 2	Final			
#1 in Pool 1	#1 in Pool 2	#1 in Pool 1	#1 in Pool 2	Gold	#1 in Pool 1
#2 in Pool 1	#2 in Pool 2			Silver	#1 in Pool 2
#3 in Pool 1	#3 in Pool 2	Bronze finals			
#4 in Pool 1	#4 in Pool 2	#2 in Pool 1	#3 in Pool 2	Bronze	#2 in Pool 1
#5 in Pool 1	#5 in Pool 2	#2 in Pool 2	#3 in Pool 1	Bronze	#3 in Pool 1
#6 in Pool 1	#6 in Pool 2	Replacement list			
#7 in Pool 1	#7 in Pool 2				#2 in Pool 2
#8 in Pool 1	#8 in Pool 2				#3 in Pool 2
					#4 in Pool 1
					#4 in Pool 2
					#5 in Pool 1
					#5 in Pool 2
					#6 in Pool 1
					#6 in Pool 2
					#7 in Pool 1
					#7 in Pool 2
					#8 in Pool 1
					#8 in Pool 2

2.4 Kata replacement system in case of the two bronze medals come from the group of the silver medal winner

Ranking Round Pool 1	Ranking Round Pool 2	Final			
#1 in Pool 1	#1 in Pool 2	#1 in Pool 1	#1 in Pool 2	Gold	#1 in Pool 1
#2 in Pool 1	#2 in Pool 2			Silver	#1 in Pool 2
#3 in Pool 1	#3 in Pool 2	Bronze finals			
#4 in Pool 1	#4 in Pool 2	#2 in Pool 1	#3 in Pool 2	Bronze	#2 in Pool 2
#5 in Pool 1	#5 in Pool 2	#2 in Pool 2	#3 in Pool 1	Bronze	#3 in Pool 2
#6 in Pool 1	#6 in Pool 2	Replacement list			
#7 in Pool 1	#7 in Pool 2				#2 in Pool 1
#8 in Pool 1	#8 in Pool 2				#3 in Pool 1
					#4 in Pool 1
					#4 in Pool 2
					#5 in Pool 1
					#5 in Pool 2
					#6 in Pool 1
					#6 in Pool 2
					#7 in Pool 1
					#7 in Pool 2
					#8 in Pool 1
					#8 in Pool 2

3. THE COMPETITION SYSTEM

3.1 The Draw

A draw will define the Groups' composition. The gold, silver, bronze medallists as well as the team that lost to the bronze medallists from the previous edition of the Karate World Cup will be seeded 1, 2, 3, 4, respectively, and assigned to a predetermined group as can be seen in **Table 1**. The rest of the teams will be randomly seeded from 5 to 20 and randomly assigned to groups.

Table 1: Seeding by Groups

Seeding by Groups		
Group	Seed Number	Allocation
Group A	3	Bronze Medalist Previous Team World Championships (1 st bronze) *)
Group B	2	Silver Medalist Previous Team World Championships *)
Group C	4	Fourth Position in Previous Team World Championships (2 nd Bronze) *)
Group D	1	Gold Medalist Previous Team World Championships*)
Random	5 – 20	Random

Table 1: The Top 4 seeded athletes and the predetermined group

*) To be revised after the World Cup 2024 as the World Cup will only use one bronze medal per category.

4. GROUP PHASE (R-r)

4.1 Team & Group Composition

There will be a total of 20 teams divided into 4 groups resulting in 5 teams per group.

Table 2: Team Composition

Team Composition				
Modality	Category	Team (per match)	Back-up substitutes	Total
Kata	Female	3	1	4
	Male	3	1	4
Kumite	Female	3	1-2	4-5
	Male	5	2-3	7-8

Table 2: The team composition showing the total number of Competitors that can make up the team and its reserves.

4.2 Kumite Specifications

4.2.1 Bout Order

A match is defined as one team vs another where a certain number of bouts are performed to determine the match winner. It is mandatory to perform 5 bouts in Male Kumite and 3 bouts in Female Kumite of each match in the Group Phase to resolve ties, except in the Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Medal matches.

Note that in round-robin all bouts must be fought even if a team has secured victory by number of bouts won. This to maximize total number of scored points as a potential differentiator in winning the group.

4.2.2 Victory Points per Match – Kumite

The teams will receive the following number of points per match:

- 3 victory points in the case of victory.
- 1 victory point in the case of tie.
- 0 victory points in case of loss.

Victory points are points scored for obtaining victories in the round-robin group phase of the competition.

4.2.3 Results & Tiebreaking – Kumite

When the Group Phase concludes, the two teams with the highest number of victory points, qualify to the Quarter-Finals.

In the case of a tie between three or more teams, the two best classified teams will be defined following the next criteria in order of precedence:

- 1) The winner of the match between the teams.
- 2) The highest number of bouts won in the group.
- 3) Highest number of all point scored in all matches.
- 4) Lowest number of all points against in all matches.
- 5) Highest number of all Ippon scored in all matches.
- 6) Lowest number of all Ippon against in all matches.
- 7) Highest number of all Waza-ari scored in all matches.
- 8) Lowest number of all Waza-ari against in all matches.
- 9) An additional bout between 1 athlete from each team allowing Hantei.

For each pair of teams compared, the criteria must be considered from the beginning of the list.

4.2.4 Video Review Cards - Kumite

A Coach may only use one Video Card per bout.

Men:

- Teams will have three VR cards per match in the Group.
- Teams will have three VR cards per match in the Quarter-finals.
- Teams will have three VR cards for the Semi-Finals.
- Teams will have three VR cards for the Medal-Bouts.

Women:

- Teams will have two VR cards per match in the Group Phase.
- Teams will have two VR cards per match in the Quarter-finals.
- Teams will have two VR cards for the Semi-Finals.
- Teams will have two VR cards for the Medal-Bouts.

4.3 Kata Specifications

4.3.1 Victory Points per Match – Kata

The teams will receive the following number of points per match:

- 3 victory points in the case of victory.
- 0 victory points in case of loss

Victory points are points scored for obtaining victories in the round-robin group phase of the competition.

4.3.2 Results and Tiebreaking – Kata

When the Group Phase concludes, the two teams with the highest number of victory points, qualify to the Quarter-Finals.

In the case of a tie between three or two or more teams, the two best classified teams will be defined following the next criteria in order of precedence:

- 1) The winner of the match between the teams in tie.
- 2) Sum of all votes for win received in all matches from all 7 judges.
- 3) Extra match performing a new kata.

For each pair of teams compared, the criteria must be considered from the beginning of the list.

5. ELIMINATION PHASE

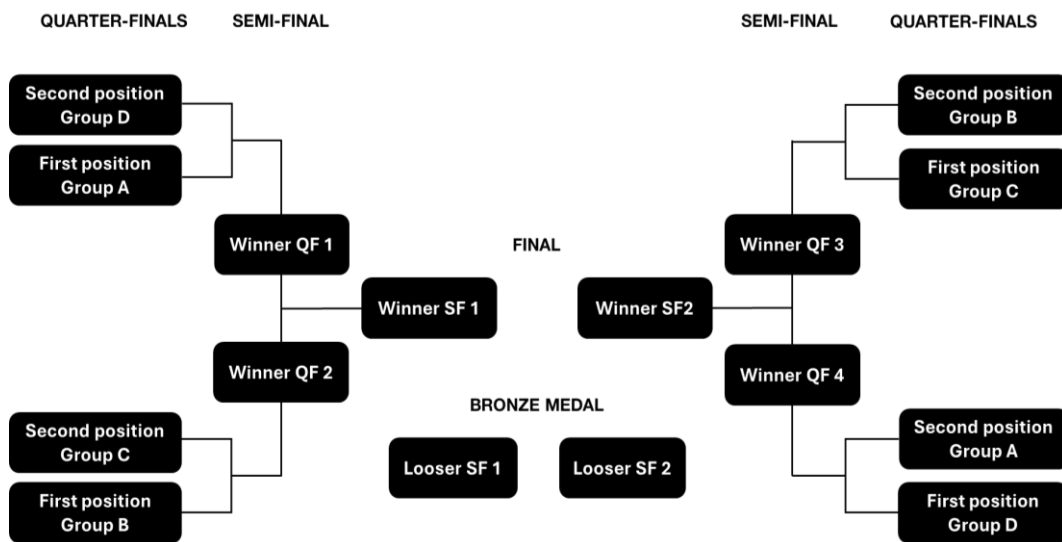
5.1 Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Medal Matches

After the Group Phase, the two first classified teams in each group qualify to the Quarter-Finals where the bout winners head to the Semi-Finals and the losers of the Semi-Finals head to the bronze medal match, and the winners to the Final.

The winner of the final receives the gold medal while the loser receives a silver medal. The winner of the bronze match will take bronze while the losing team is not awarded a medal.

In the medal matches, Bunkai is performed.

5.2 Brackets



Bracket 1: The flow from the Group Phase to semi-finals and the finals with 1 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze.

