



# WKF STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

PERIOD 2024 - 2025

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# INTRODUCTION

The Strategic Plan (SP) WKF 2022 - 2025, approved by Congress in October 2021, represents an important evolution of Karate's competition structure.

It aims to increase the athletes' developmental potential, emphasizing the "sporting merit" in the form of objective and result achievement.

The SP foundation lies in the new format of the World Senior Championships (WSCh), which together with the different qualification processes and the competition systems of the events, promote the achievement of the following objectives, in order of relevance:

- 1) Encourage the athlete's progression and sports training.
- 2) Achieve results according sporting merit.
- 3) Promote the sport participation of the NFs.
- 4) Highlight the sporting interest of the Continental Championships.

On the other hand, the group of events that are part of each of the two World Senior Championships (Individual or Team), suppose the creation of a biannual "SPORT CYCLE", generating a "Karate Product" with greater interest that will attract media attention and sponsors.

This "SPORT CYCLE" will start in 2023, after the World Senior Championships (WSCh) in Budapest, with an optimized calendar of events, until the end of the next Individual World Senior Championships (WSCh) 2025, which prioritizes the athlete preparation and defines the ideal dates for the celebration of each one of the events.

# ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- In reference to the events that are part of the “SPORTS CYCLE”, specifically the Series A events and the Continental Championships (CCh), it would be convenient for all of them to have a certain balance of the competition conditions in which they are held. That’s why is recommended the use of the Video Review system, at least in the medal bouts.
- Regarding the events bidding that are part of a “SPORTS CYCLE”, the proposal is to extend the admission of candidatures, as well as NFs candidatures, to other entities, in coordination with the NFs and special conditions for the financing of the event. These candidacies should provide an extra sporting, economic, media and promotional incentive, in addition to accomplish the requirements established in the WKF Organising Rules of the event.
- The PARA-KARATE World Championships will be held during the Individual World Senior Championships (IWSCh).
- Review the current WKF official branding to standardize the global image of the events, improve the advertising possibilities and facilitate the preparation of the event.

# INDIVIDUAL WORLD SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (IWScH)

## FINAL PHASE

Qualification System	Athletes	Results
IWScH Standing	8	First classified
Continental Championships	14	3 AKF/EKF/PKF/UFAK/ 2 OKF
IWScH Qualification Phase Event	6	
Universality Places	2	
Current World Champion	1	World Champion
NF host	1	Competitor per category

Competition Phase	
Round Robin System in first round/ Quarter and Semi Finals	4 tatamis - 2 days
Medal Bouts	1 tatami - 1 day

## QUALIFICATION PHASE

Participation
1 Athlete per category not qualified NF (Refugees and disadvantage athletes)

Competition Phase	
Round Robin System / Qualification bout - Finals	6 tatamis - 3 days

## IWScH STANDING

*“The standing is defined as a specific ranking indicating the position of an athlete according to specific events within a defined period (e.g., a qualification period)”*

The events that give points for the IWScH standing are:

- Karate 1- Premier League
- Karate 1- Series A
- Continental Championships:
  - In case there are two Continental Championships (CCh) during the qualification period, only the last Continental Championship (CCh) will count for the IWScH standing.
  - In case there is only one Continental Championships (CCh) during the qualification period, points will be assigned for the IWScH Standing in this event.
  - Continental Championships must be celebrated, at least, 30 days before the IWScH Qualification Phase Event.

All these events will also count for the WKF Official Ranking

# TEAM WORLD SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (TWSCh)

## PARTICIPATION: 80 Teams / 20 per category (4)

Qualifying System	Teams	Results
EKF Continental Championships	20	5 First classified per category
AKF Continental Championships	12	3 First classified per category
PKF Continental Championships	12	3 First classified per category
UFAK Continental Championships	12	3 First classified per category
OKF Continental Championships	4	1 First classified per category
Previous World Championships	16	4 First classified per category
NF Host	4	1 team per category

## COMPETITION SYSTEM

Competition Phase	
Round Robin System in first round/ Semi Finals	4 tatamis - 2 days
Medal Bouts	1 tatami - 1 day



# WKF STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PROPOSAL

## Individual World Senior Championships (IWSCh)

# 1.1 Individual World Senior Championships (IWSCh): New Qualification System

## QUALIFYING SYSTEM BY ORDER

Order	Qualifying System	Athletes	Results
1	Reigning World Champion	1	World Champion
2	Continental Championships	14	3 AKF/EKF/PKF/UFAK/ 2 OKF
3	IWSCh Standing	8	First classified
4	NF Host	1	Competitor per category
5	IWSCh Qualification Phase Event	6	First classified
6	Universality Places	2	Continental distribution ratio criteria

## QUALIFICATION PERIOD

The qualification period will start after the Last IWSCh and will last until the IWSCh Qualification Phase:

Example WKF Calendar for one sporting year :

SPORTING YEAR											
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
	1-7 Premier League	1-7 Premier League	1-7 Premier League		1-7 Premier League			1-7 Premier League	1 - 15 Junior World Championships	15 - 30 Team World Championships	
15-22 Series A	15-22 Series A	15-22 Series A			15-22 Series A				15 - 30 IWSCh Qualification Phase Event	OR Individual World Senior Championships	

# 1.2 Individual World Senior Championships (IWSCh): Sport Conditions

## Modalities and Categories

KATA	KUMITE
Male	Male (5 categories)
Female	Female (5 categories)

**WSCh:** World Senior Championships

**IWSCh:** Individual World Senior Championships

### 1.2.1 IWSCh Qualification Phase Event

(Celebrated between 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> September IWSCh year)

#### Participation

Participation
1 Athlete per category not qualified NF (Refugees and disadvantage athletes)

#### Competition System

Total: 3 Competitions Days

Competition Phase	
Round Robin System / Qualification bout - Finals	6 tatamis - 3 days

### 1.2.2 IWSCh Final Phase

(Celebrated between 15<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October IWSCh year)

#### Participation

32 Classified Athletes per category  
(1 per NF)

Order	Qualification System	Athletes	Results
1	Current World Champion	1	World Champion
2	Continental Championships	14	3 AKF/EKF/PKF/UFAK/ 2 OKF
3	IWSCh Standing	8	First classified
4	NF Host	1	Competitor per category
5	IWSCh Qualification Phase Event	6	First Classified
6	Universality Places	2	Continental distribution ratio criteria

#### Competition System

Total: 4 Competitions Days

Competition Phase	
PARA-KARATE World Championships	4 tatamis - Half day
Round Robin System / Quarter and Semi Finals	4 tatamis - 2 days
Medal Bouts	1 tatami – 1 day



# 1.3 IWSCh: Final Phase Quota Allocation & Substitution Criteria

- Allocation Criteria Order:

1. Reigning World Champion
2. Continental Championships
3. IWSCh Standing
4. NF Host
5. IWSCh Qualification Phase Event
6. Universality Places

- Substitution Criteria: Following the event result of each allocation criteria:

For World Championships and Continental Championships, the order of substitution is following the event result. For example:

- First Qualified: Gold Medallist
- Second Qualified: Silver Medallist
- Third Qualified: Bronze Medallist who lost against the gold medallist
- Fourth Qualified: Bronze Medallist who lost against the silver medallist
- Fifth Qualified: Fifth position who lost against the gold medallist
- Sixth Qualified: Fifth position who lost against the silver medallist
- Seventh Qualified: Seventh position who lost against the gold medallist
- Eighth Qualified: Seventh position who lost against the silver medallist
- Nineth Qualified: Nineth position who lost against the gold medallist
- Tenth Qualified: Nineth position who lost against the silver medallist
- .....

In case an allocation criterium is not possible to accomplish, the place will be allocated to the best classified athlete in the IWSCh Standing, not qualified by any other criteria, only if there isn't other qualified athlete from the same country.

# 1.3 IWSCh: Final Phase Quota Allocation & Substitution Criteria

## 1.3.1 Reigning World Champion

Allocation
By Last World Senior Championship result
Gold Medallist in the last World Championship per category

Substitution
If the gold medallist declines to participate the substitution criteria is:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>First:</u> Silver Medallist</li><li>• <u>Second:</u> Bronze Medallist who lost against the Gold Medallist</li><li>• <u>Third:</u> Bronze Medallist who lost against the Silver Medallist</li><li>• <u>Fourth:</u> Following the event result.</li></ul>

# 1.3 IWSCh: Final Phase Quota Allocation & Substitution Criteria

## 1.3.2 Continental Championships

Allocation
By Last Continental Championships prior to the IWSCh Qualification phase
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>For AKF, EKF, PKF &amp; UFAK:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gold Medallist</li><li>• Silver Medallist</li><li>• Bronze Medallist who lost against the Gold Medallist</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>For OKF:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gold Medallist</li><li>• Silver Medallist</li></ul>

**Continental Championships must be celebrated, at least, 30 days before the IWSCh Qualification Phase Event.**

**In case there is no athlete in the Continental Championships or all the athletes from the Continental Championships decline to participate, the place will be replaced by the best classified athlete in the IWSCh Standing per category, without considering the continental place, not qualified by any other criteria, only if there isn't other qualified athlete from the same country.**

Substitution
In case of:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The athlete is already qualified to the IWSCh final phase by other criteria (World Championships).</li><li>• There is another athlete from the same NF already qualified to the IWSCh by other criteria (World Championships)</li><li>• The athlete declines to participate in the IWSCh final phase.</li></ul>
The substitution criteria is:
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>For AKF, EKF, PKF &amp; UFAK:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>First:</u> Bronze Medallist who lost against the Silver Medallist</li><li>• <u>Second:</u> Following the event result.</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>For OKF:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>First:</u> Bronze Medallist who lost against the Gold Medallist</li><li>• <u>Second:</u> Bronze Medallist who lost against the Silver Medallist</li><li>• <u>Third:</u> Following the event result.</li></ul>

# 1.3 IWSCh: Final Phase Quota Allocation & Substitution Criteria

## 1.3.3 IWSCh Standing

### IWSCh Standing Definition

*“The standing is defined as a specific ranking indicating the position of an athlete according to specific events within a defined period (e.g., a qualification period)”*

The events that are going to give points for the IWSCh standing are:

- Karate 1- Premier League
- Karate 1- Series A
- Continental Championships (CCh):
  - In case there are two Continental Championships (CCh) during the qualification period, only the last Continental Championship (CCh) will count for the IWSCh standing.
  - In case there is only one Continental Championships (CCh) during the qualification period, points will be assigned for the IWSCh Standing in this event.

#### Allocation

By position in the IWSCh Standing

Best 8 classified athletes in the IWSCh Standing per category, not qualified by World Senior Championships or Continental Championships , only if there isn't other qualified athlete from the same country.

#### Substitution

In case of:

- The athlete declines to participate in the IWSCh final phase.

The substitution criteria is:

- Next best classified athlete in the IWSCh Standing, not qualified by World Senior Championships or Continental Championships , only if there isn't other qualified athlete from the same country.

# 1.3 IWSCh: Final Phase Quota Allocation & Substitution Criteria

## 1.3.4 NF Host

### Allocation

Best classified NF athlete in the IWSCh Standing per category.

In case there aren't athletes in the IWSCh Standing, the best classified NF athlete in the World Ranking will take the place.

In case there aren't athletes in the IWSCh Standing or World Ranking, the NF can choose the athlete, from its own NF, who will take the place.

### Substitution

If the athlete declines to participate the substitution criteria is:

- Next classified NF host athlete in the IWSCh Standing per category.

If the host athlete qualifies by World Senior Championships or Continental Championships, this place is substituted by the event competition line.

If the host athlete qualifies by IWSCh Standing, this place is substituted by the next best classified athlete in the IWSCh Standing, not qualified by World Senior Championships or Continental Championships, only if there isn't other qualified athlete from the same country.

# 1.3 IWSCh: Final Phase Quota Allocation & Substitution Criteria

## 1.3.5 IWSCh Qualification Phase Event

### IWSCh Qualification Phase Event Competition System

- The IWSCh Qualification phase Event will be in Round Robin format with 6, 8, 12 or 24 pools of minimum 3 and maximum 6 athletes depending the number of participants.
- 12 athletes will compete in the 6 qualification bouts.
- The winners of these 6 qualification bouts will qualify to the Final Phase.

PARTICIPATION	NUMBER OF POOLS	QUALIFICATIONS BOUT PARTICIPANTS
120 – 73 Athletes	24	First classified of each pool will compete in a one bout elimination round. The winners of these bouts will compete in the qualification bout.
72 – 36 Athletes	12	First classified of each pool.
35 – 31 Athletes	8	First classified of each pool and 4 best seconds with at least one win.
30 – 18 Athletes	6	First and second classified of each pool.

### Allocation

First 6 classified athletes in the IWSCh Qualification phase per category.

### Substitution

If any athlete declines to participate the substitution criteria is:

- **First:** Athlete who lost the final bout of the Qualification Phase.
- **Second:** The athlete with more points during the qualification bout.

# 1.3 IWSCh: Final Phase Quota Allocation & Substitution Criteria

## 1.3.6 Universality Places

Allocation
By continent, in inversely proportional application with respect to Continental Championships participation
Allocation of places to Continental Federations, considering participation in the Continental Championships.
Places distribution criteria considering the N° Participating Countries in Continental Championships / N° Affiliated Countries in Continental Federations proportionality ratio.
For this ratio, the last Continental Championships prior to the Qualification Phase will be used.
Allocation of these Continental Federations places to the athletes with the most points in the IWSCh Standing, with independence of the continent and category.

Substitution
In case of:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The athlete declines to participate in the IWSCh final phase.</li> </ul>
The substitution criteria is:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next best classified athlete, from the same Continental Federation in the IWSCh Standing, not qualified by any other criteria, only if there isn't other qualified athlete from the same country.</li> <li>In case no athlete from the Continental Federation participates or there aren't enough athletes from the continental federation in the IWSCh Standing to cover the quota, the place will be taken by the next Continental Federation by distribution ratio.</li> </ul>

### Example:

Continental Federation	N° Affiliated Countries	N° Participating Countries CCh	Participation / Ratio	Places
EKF	53	47	88,67% - 0,271	3
PKF	39	23	58,97% - 0,407	5
OKF	11	6	54,54% - 0,440	5
AKF	44	23	52,27% - 0,434	5
UFAK	50	23	46,00% - 0,522	6
<b>12 categories x 2 athletes</b>				<b>24</b>

**Example considering the number of countries affiliated by Continental Federation in 2021 and the participation in the last Continental Championships**



# WKF STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PROPOSAL

## Team World Senior Championships (TWSCh)



## 2.1 Team World Senior Championships (TWSCh): Sport Conditions

Celebrated between 1st – 15th October TWSCh year

### 4 Modalities/Categories

KATA	KUMITE
Male (4 Athletes per team) (3 + 1)	Male (7 Athletes per team) (5 + 3)
Female (4 Athletes per team) (3 + 1)	Female (5 Athletes per team) (3 + 2)

### Participation

80 teams ( 20 per Modality/Category)

	Teams	
NF Host	4	1 Team x 4 Categories
Last TWSCh	16	4 First classified x 4 Categories

Continental Federation	Teams	Continental Championships
EKF	20	5 First classified x 4 Categories
AKF	12	3 First classified x 4 Categories
PKF	12	3 First classified x 4 Categories
UFAK	12	3 First classified x 4 Categories
OKF	4	1 First classified x 4 Categories

### Competition System

Total: 3 Competitions Days

	Competition Phase
Round Robin System in first round (Maximum 5 teams per pool) /Quarter and Semi Finals	4 tatamis - 2 days
Medal bouts	1 tatami - 1 day

**Continental Championships must be celebrated, at least, 30 days before the Team World Senior Championships.**

**WSCh:** World Senior Championships

**TWSCh:** Team World Senior Championships

## 2.2 Team World Senior Championships (TWSCh): Quota Allocation & Substitution Criteria

- Allocation Criteria order:

1. Last Team World Senior Championships
2. Continental Championships
3. NF Host

- Substitution Criteria: The order of substitution is following the event result. For example:.

- First Qualified: Gold Medallist
- Second Qualified: Silver Medallist
- Third Qualified: Bronze Medallist who lost against the gold medallist
- Fourth Qualified: Bronze Medallist who lost against the silver medallist
- Fifth Qualified: Fifth position who lost against the gold medallist
- Sixth Qualified: Fifth position who lost against the silver medallist
- Seventh Qualified: Seventh position who lost against the gold medallist
- Eighth Qualified: Seventh position who lost against the silver medallist
- Nineth Qualified: Nineth position who lost against the gold medallist
- Tenth Qualified: Nineth position who lost against the silver medallist
- .....

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 TWSCh.

## 2.2 Team World Senior Championships (TWSCh): Quota Allocation & Substitution Criteria

### 2.2.1 Last TWSCh

Allocation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gold Medallist</li><li>• Silver Medallist</li><li>• Bronze Medallist who lost against the gold medallist</li><li>• Bronze Medallist who lost against the silver medallist</li></ul>

Substitution
<p>In case of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The team declines to participate in the TWSCh.</li></ul> <p>The substitution criteria is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Following the event result.</li></ul>

## 2.2 Team World Senior Championships (TWSCh): Quota Allocation & Substitution Criteria

### 2.2.2 Continental Championships

#### EKF

##### Allocation

- Gold Medallist
- Silver Medallist
- Bronze Medallist who lost against the gold medallist
- Bronze Medallist who lost against the silver medallist
- Following the event result.

#### AKF, PKF, UFAK

##### Allocation

- Gold Medallist
- Silver Medallist
- Bronze Medallist who lost against the Gold Medallist

##### Substitution

In case of:

- The team is already qualified by other criteria.
- The team declines to participate in the TWSCh.

The substitution criteria is:

- Following the event result.

##### Substitution

In case of:

- The team is already qualified by other criteria.
- The team declines to participate in the TWSCh.

The substitution criteria is:

- First: Bronze Medallist who lost against the Continental Championship Silver Medallist.
- Second: Following the event result.

## 2.2 Team World Senior Championships (TWSCh): Quota Allocation & Substitution Criteria

### 2.2.2 Continental Championships

OKF

Allocation
• Gold Medallist

Substitution
<p>In case of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The team is already qualified by other criteria.</li><li>• The team declines to participate in the TWSCh.</li></ul> <p>The substitution criteria is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>First:</u> Silver Medallist.</li><li>• <u>Second:</u> Bronze Medallist who lost against the Continental Championship Gold Medallist</li><li>• <u>Third:</u> Bronze Medallist who lost against the Continental Championship Silver Medallist.</li><li>• <u>Fourth:</u> Following the event result.</li></ul>

### 2.2.3 NF Host

Allocation
1 NF Team per modality/category

Substitution
<p>If any NF team is already qualified by the Last TWSCh:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Following the tournament result of the TWSCh.</li></ul> <p>If any NF team is already qualified by the CCh:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Following the tournament result of the CCh.</li></ul> <p>If any NF team declines to participate the substitution criteria is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Following the tournament result of the TWSCh.</li></ul>



# WKF STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PROPOSAL

## Organising Rules

# 3.1 Organising rules

## INFRASTRUCTURE AND LOGISTIC

- **Venue:** Depending on the type of competition
  - Minimum availability 5/6 days
  - 4/6 Tatamis for each section: Warm-Up / Waiting / Competition.
- **Acommodation:** Official hotels for participants.
- **Required equipment and staff:**
  - Official WKF branding for each competition.
  - Broadcasting infrastructure: Lighting and cameras platform.
  - Press tribune.
  - Local staff.

All requirements according to WKF organising rules.



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