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1. INTRODUCTION

This report focuses on the main activities of the World Karate Federation for the period from 1st January 2022 to the 31st December 2022.

1.1 Affiliations

A total of 200 members composes the WKF as follows:

AFFILIATIONS	
CONTINENTAL FEDERATION	NATIONAL FEDERATIONS
AKF	44
EKF	54
OKF	13
PKF	39
UFAK	50
TOTAL	200

1.2 Events

A total of 26 WKF Official Events were held in 2022:

2022 WKF OFFICIAL EVENTS		
TYPE OF EVENT	EVENT	TOTAL
World Championships	WKF Cadet, Junior & U21	1
World Games	The World Games	1
Multisport Games	Mediterranean Games	1
	Islamic Solidarity Games	1
	FISU University World Combat Sports	1
Continental Championships	AKF	1
	EKF	2
	PKF	2
	OKF	1
	UFAK	1
Karate 1	Premier League	4
	Series A	4
	Youth League	4
Other Activities	WKF Youth Camp	1
Regional Events	Commonwealth Championships	1
TOTAL		26



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2. WKF OFFICIAL CALENDAR 2022

The table below shows the 2022 WKF Official Calendar:

WKF OFFICIAL CALENDAR 2022			
DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	WEB
21-23 January	Karate 1 – Youth League	Acapulco (Mexico)	LINK
28-30 January	Karate 1 – Series A	Pamplona (Spain)	LINK
18-20 February	Karate 1 – Premier League	Fujairah (UAE)	LINK
22-26 April	Karate 1 – Premier League	Matosinhos (Portugal)	LINK
29 April - 1 March	Karate 1 – Youth League	Limassol (Cyprus)	LINK
13-15 May	Karate 1 – Premier League	Rabat (Morocco)	LINK
25-29 May	EKF Senior Championships	Gaziantep (Türkiye)	LINK
26-28 May	PKF Senior Championships	Curacao (Curacao)	LINK
5-6 June	OKF Championships	Noumea (New Caledonia)	LINK
10-12 June	Karate 1 – Series A	Cairo (Egypt)	LINK
17-19 June	EKF Cadet, Junior & U21 Championships	Prague (Czech Republic)	LINK
26-27 June	Mediterranean Games	Oran (Algeria)	LINK
27-30 June	WKF Youth Camp	Porec (Croatia)	LINK
1-3 July	Karate 1 – Youth League	Porec (Croatia)	LINK
8-9 July	The World Games	Birmingham (USA)	LINK
17-18 August	Islamic Solidarity Games	Konya (Turkey)	LINK
25-27 August	PKF Cadet, Junior & U21 Championships	Mexico DF (Mexico)	LINK
2-4 September	Karate 1 – Premier League	Baku (Azerbaijan)	LINK
6-11 September	Commonwealth Championships	Birmingham (England)	LINK
23-25 September	Karate 1 – Series A	Kocaeli (Türkiye)	LINK
27-30 September	FISU University World Combat Sports	Samsun (Türkiye)	LINK
26-30 October	WKF Cadet, Junior & U21 World Championships	Konya (Türkiye)	LINK
18-20 November	Karate 1 – Series A	Jakarta (Indonesia)	LINK
28 November – 4 December	UFAK Championships	Durban (South Africa)	LINK
9-11 December	Karate 1 – Youth League	Venice (Italy)	LINK
16-20 December	AKF Senior, Cadet, Junior, U21 & Para-Karate Championships	Tashkent (Uzbekistan)	LINK



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3. WKF CADET, JUNIOR & U21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS KONYA 2022

The WKF Cadet, Junior & U21 World Championships were held in Konya, Türkiye, from 26th to 30th October 2022.



3.1 Participation

The table below shows the participation at the WKF Cadet, Junior & U21 World Championships:

Number of Countries Participating	98	Number of Athletes Participating	1779
AKF	25	AKF	381
EKF	48	EKF	1003
OKF	3	OKF	27
PKF	15	PKF	239
UFAK	12	UFAK	129

The table below shows the participation distribution:

Number of Individual Category Participants	1713	Number of Team Participants	43
AKF	359	AKF	12
EKF	978	EKF	19
OKF	27	OKF	0
PKF	227	PKF	6
UFAK	122	UFAK	6



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3.2 Medal Table

The following table shows the medals per nation in the WKF Cadet, Junior & U21 World Championships Konya 2022:

NATION - MEDAL				
RANK	NATION	1 ST PLACE	2 ND PLACE	3 RD PLACE
1	JAPAN, JPN	10		3
2	TÜRKIYE, TUR	4	5	3
3	EGYPT, EGY	4	2	6
4	ALGERIA, ALG	3		
5	KAZAKHSTAN, KAZ	2	1	1
6	AZERBAIJAN, AZE	2		2
7	JORDAN, JOR	1	3	3
8	GERMANY, GER	1	3	
9	SAUDI ARABIA, KSA	1	2	
9	VIETNAM, VIE	1	2	
11	FRANCE, FRA	1	1	8
12	ITALY, ITA	1		6
13	MONTENEGRO, MNE	1		2
14	CROATIA, CRO	1		1
15	GREECE, GRE	1		
15	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, IRI	1		
17	MOROCCO, MAR		3	5
18	SPAIN, ESP		2	5
19	INDONESIA, INA		2	1
20	NORTH MACEDONIA, MKD		2	
21	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, BIH		1	3
22	HUNGARY, HUN		1	1
22	TUNISIA, TUN		1	1
22	NETHERLANDS, NED		1	1
25	CZECH REPUBLIC, CZE		1	
25	ESTONIA, EST		1	
25	POLAND, POL		1	
28	UKRAINE, UKR			5
29	SLOVAKIA, SVK			2
30	SLOVENIA, SLO			1
30	EL SALVADOR, ESA			1
30	ENGLAND, ENG			1
30	SCOTLAND, SCO			1
30	ARGENTINA, ARG			1
30	THAILAND, THA			1
30	AUSTRALIA, AUS			1
30	LIBYA, LBA			1
30	ROUMANIA, ROU			1
30	CANADA, CAN			1
30	PHILIPPINES, PHI			1
TOTAL		35	35	70



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3.3 Streaming

The finals of the WKF Cadet, Junior & U21 World Championships were streamed on the WKF YouTube official channel:

[SATURDAY FINALS](#)

[SUNDAY FINALS](#)

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4. THE WORLD GAMES BIRMINGHAM 2022

The World Games were held in Birmingham, United States of America, from 8th to 9th July 2022.



4.1 Participation

The table below shows the participation at the World Games:

Number of Countries Participating	43
AKF	7
EKF	23
OKF	2
PKF	7
UFAK	4

Number of Athletes Participating	94
AKF	12
EKF	45
OKF	2
PKF	24
UFAK	11



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4.2 Medal Table

The following table shows the medals per nation in The World Games 2022:

NATION - MEDAL				
RANK	NATION	1 ST PLACE	2 ND PLACE	3 RD PLACE
1	SPAIN, ESP	2	2	
2	EGYPT, EGY	2	1	1
3	UKRAINE, UKR	2	1	
4	JAPAN, JPN	1	1	1
5	BRAZIL, BRA	1	1	
6	ITALY, ITA	1		1
7	ALGERIA, ALG	1		
7	KAZAKHSTAN, KAZ	1		
7	PHILIPPINES, PHI	1		
10	AUSTRIA, AUT		1	
10	CROATIA, CRO		1	
10	HUNGARY, HUN		1	
10	MOROCCO, MAR		1	
10	PERU, PER		1	
10	VENEZUELA, VEN		1	
16	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, USA			3
17	FRANCE, FRA			1
17	GREECE, GRE			1
17	HONG KONG, CHINA, HKG			1
17	SLOVAKIA, SVK			1
17	TUNISIA, TUN			1
17	UZBEKISTAN, UZB			1
TOTAL		12	12	12



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5. KARATE 1

Karate 1 is the main series of competitions organised by the WKF.

5.1 Karate 1 – Premier League

During 2022, 4 Karate 1 - Premier League Events were held:

KARATE 1 - PREMIER LEAGUE EVENTS					
DATE	CITY	PARTICIPATION		PHOTOBOOK	HIGHLIGHTS
		Athletes	Countries		
February 18-20	Fujairah (UAE)	277	49	Fujairah 2022	Link
April 22-24	Matosinhos (Portugal)	295	53	Matosinhos 2022	Link
May 13-15	Rabat (Morocco)	199	44	Rabat 2022	Link
October 1-3	Baku (Azerbaijan)	302	51	Baku 2022	Link

Due to the cancellation of the Karate 1 - Premier League event in Moscow (Russia), the World Karate Federation decided to include the Karate 1 – Premier League in Cairo (Egypt), January 2023 in the list of eligible events for the 2022 Grand Winner awards. This event is also in the list of eligible events for the 2023 Grand Winner awards.

At the end of the Karate 1 – Premier League Cairo 2023, the 2022 Grand Winners were awarded:



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5.2 Karate 1 – Series A

During 2022, 4 Karate 1 – Series A Events were held:

KARATE 1 – SERIES A EVENTS				
DATE	CITY	PARTICIPATION		FINALS
		Athletes	Countries	
January 28-30	Pamplona (Spain)	650	58	LINK
June 10-12	Cairo (Egypt)	736	63	LINK
September 23-25	Kocaeli (Türkiye)	1105	75	LINK
November 18-20	Jakarta (Indonesia)	673	65	LINK

5.3 Karate 1 – Youth League

During 2022, 4 Karate 1 - Youth League Events were held:

KARATE 1 - YOUTH LEAGUE EVENTS			
DATE	CITY	PARTICIPATION	
		Athletes	Countries
January 21-23	Acapulco (Mexico)	385	30
April 29 – May 1	Limassol (Cyprus)	1468	51
July 1-3	Porec (Croatia)	1801	52
December 9-11	Venice (Italy)	2413	58



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6. CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The table below shows the participation in the Continental Championships during 2022:

CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022					
DATE	ACTIVITY	CITY	PARTICIPATION		WEB
			Countries	Athletes	
25-29 May	EKF Senior Championships	Gaziantep (Türkiye)	45	455	LINK
26-28 May	PKF Senior Championships	Curaçao (Curaçao)	26	292	LINK
4-5 Jun	OKF Championships	Noumea (New Caledonia)	6	185	LINK
17-19 Jun	EKF Cadet, Junior & U21 Championships	Prague (Czech Republic)	47	1060	LINK
25-27 Aug	PKF Cadet, Junior & U21 Championships	Mexico DF (Mexico)	22	785	LINK
28 Nov - 4 Dec	UFAK Cadet, Junior & Senior Championships	Durban (South Africa)	27	325	LINK
16-20 Dec	AKF Senior and Cadet, Junior & U21 Championships	Tashkent (Uzbekistan)	28	751	LINK



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7. PARA-KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

7.1 EKF PARA-KARATE Championships – Gaziantep 2022

The table below shows the participation of PARA-KARATE athletes at EKF PARA-KARATE Championships held in Gaziantep, Türkiye:

Number of Countries Participating	16	Number of Individual Participants	50
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The following table shows the medals per nation in the EKF PARA-KARATE Championships:

NATION - MEDAL				
RANK	NATION	1 ST PLACE	2 ND PLACE	3 RD PLACE
1	SPAIN, ESP	3	3	2
2	AZERBAIJAN, AZE	2	1	
3	HUNGARY, HUN	1		2
4	CROATIA, CRO	1		
4	ROMANIA, ROU	1		
6	ITALY, ITA		2	
7	GERMANY, GER		1	1
7	TÜRKIYE, TUR		1	1
9	FRANCE, FRA			4
10	GEORGIA, GEO			1
10	ESTONIA, EST			1
10	PORTUGAL, POR			1
10	CZECH REPUBLIC, CZE			1
10	SLOVENIA, SLO			1
TOTAL		8	8	15

7.2 PKF PARA-KARATE Championships – Curaçao 2022

The table below shows the participation of PARA-KARATE athletes at PKF PARA-KARATE Championships held in Curaçao, Curaçao:

Number of Countries Participating	6	Number of Individual Participants	14
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The following table shows the medals per nation in the PKF PARA-KARATE Championships:

NATION - MEDAL				
RANK	NATION	1 ST PLACE	2 ND PLACE	3 RD PLACE
1	UNITED STATES, USA	1	1	2
1	CHILE, CHI	1	1	2
3	CANADA, CAN	1	1	
3	MEXICO, MEX	1	1	
5	BRAZIL, BRA	1		
5	ARGENTINA, ARG	1		
TOTAL		6	4	4

7.3 AKF PARA-KARATE Championships – Tashkent 2022

The table below shows the participation of PARA-KARATE athletes at AKF PARA-KARATE Championships held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan:

Number of Countries Participating	4	Number of Individual Participants	12
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The following table shows the medals per nation in the AKF PARA-KARATE Championships:

NATION - MEDAL				
RANK	NATION	1 ST PLACE	2 ND PLACE	3 RD PLACE
1	SAUDI ARABIA, KAS	2		1
2	KAZAKHSTAN, KAZ	2		
3	UZBEKISTAN, UZB	1	1	3
4	INDIA		1	
TOTAL		5	2	4





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8. MEDITERRANEAN GAMES – ORAN 2022

The 2022 Mediterranean Games were held in Oran, Algeria. Karate competition took place from 26th to 27th June 2022.

8.1 Participation

The table below shows the participation at the Mediterranean Games - Oran 2022:

Number of Countries Participating	19	Number of Individual Participants	126
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8.2 Medal Table

The following table shows the medals per nation in the Mediterranean Games - Oran 2022:

NATION - MEDAL				
RANK	NATION	1 ST PLACE	2 ND PLACE	3 RD PLACE
1	ALGERIA, ALG	4	2	
2	EGYPT, EGY	2	3	2
3	GREECE, GRE	2		
4	TURKIYE, TUR	1		4
5	CROATIA, CRO	1		1
6	ITALY, ITA		2	3
7	TUNISIA, TUN		1	1
8	MONTENEGRO, MNE		1	
8	SERBIA, SRB		1	
10	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, BIH			3
10	MOROCCO, MAR			3
12	CYPRUS, CYP			1
12	SPAIN, ESP			1
12	FRANCE, FRA			1
TOTAL		10	10	20

More information in the Mediterranean Games - Oran 2022 [website](#).



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9. ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY GAMES – KONYA 2022

The 2022 Islamic Solidarity Games were held in Konya, Türkiye. Karate competition took place from 17th to 18th August 2022.

9.1 Participation

The table below shows the participation at the Islamic Solidarity Games – Konya 2022:

Number of Countries Participating	30	Number of Individual Participants	226
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9.2 Medal Table

The following table shows the medals per nation in the Islamic Solidarity Games - Konya 2022:

NATION – MEDAL				
RANK	NATION	1 ST PLACE	2 ND PLACE	3 RD PLACE
1	TURKIYE, TUR	4	2	4
2	MOROCCO, MAR	3	1	4
3	UZBEKISTAN, UZB	2		1
	KAZAKHSTAN, KAZ	2		1
5	AZERBAIJAN, AZE	1	2	3
6	SAUDI ARABIA, KSA	1		2
	JORDANIA, JOR	1		2
8	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, IRI		5	3
9	ALEGERIA, ALG		2	4
10	KUWAIT, KUW		2	
11	INDONESIA, INA			2
	TUNISIA, TUN			2
	TOTAL	14	14	28

More information in the Islamic Solidarity Games - Konya 2022 [website](#).



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10. REFEREE COURSES

10.1 For Candidates with WKF Qualification – Konya 2022

REFEREE COURSE PARTICIPATION	KONYA 2022
Kata Course	79
Kumite Course	162
TOTAL	241

10.2 For candidates with no WKF Qualification – Fujairah 2022

Since 2017 an annual WKF Referee Course at a Premier League event is celebrated for Candidates with no WKF qualification. The table below includes the number of participants:

REFEREE COURSE PARTICIPATION	FUJAIRAH 2022
Kata Course	87
Kumite Course	117
TOTAL	204

10.3 Referees and Judges per Continental Federation

The following table includes the number of referees and judges per continental federation:

CONTINENTAL FEDERATION	REFEREES AND JUDGES	MALE	FEMALE
AKF	292	264	28
EKF	226	203	23
UFAK	130	112	18
PKF	92	79	13
OKF	27	19	8
TOTAL	767	677	90





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11. WKF COACHES COURSES & EXAMINATION

The following table include the number of coaches who obtained certification in the different courses organized along 2022:

WKF CERTIFIED COACHES ON SITE				
EVENT	COACH PROGRAMME	ACCREDITED COACH	KUMITE	KATA
YL	Acapulco 2022	18	/	/
SA	Pamplona 2022	33	/	/
PL	Fujairah 2022	11	9	/
PL	Matosinhos 2022	9	13	4
YL	Limassol 2022	59	/	/
PL	Rabat 2022	/	1	2
SA	Cairo 2022	21	/	/
YL	Porec 2022	95	20	2
PL	Baku 2022	8	5	3
SA	Kocaeli 2022	28	/	/
WCH	Konya 2022	104	108	40
SA	Jakarta 2022	42	/	/
YL	Venice 2022	116	/	/
TOTAL		544	156	51

The table below shows the number of coaches who obtained coach certifications in the online e-learning courses during 2022:

WKF CERTIFIED COACHES ONLINE			
COACH PROGRAMME	ACCREDITED COACH	KUMITE	KATA
E-Learning	285	115	46
TOTAL	285	115	46





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12. TV BROADCASTING & COMMUNICATION

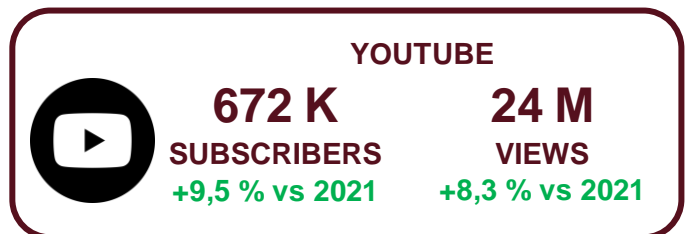
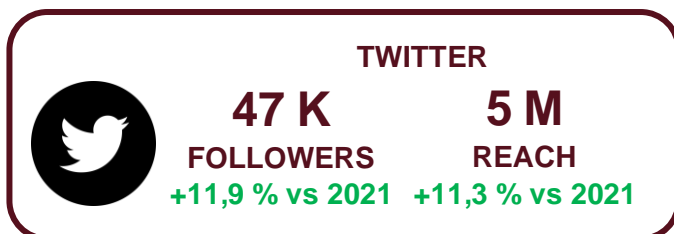
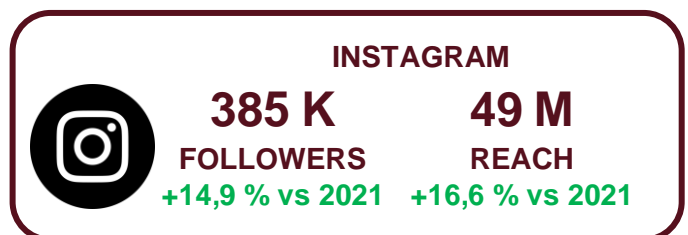
12.1 TV Broadcasting

The following graphics show the WKF TV Broadcasting statics in 2022:



12.2 Social Media Channels

The following graphics show the WKF official channel statics in 2022:





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13. WKF OFFICIAL PARTNERS

During 2022, the WKF official partners structure was composed of:



13.1 WKF Official Sponsors

The sponsors for the WKF Official events:



13.2 “WKF Approved” Brands

13.2.1 Sport Protections

Brands with “WKF Approved” protections:



13.2.2 Karate-gis

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Brands with “WKF Approved” Karate-gis:



13.2.3 Tatamis

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Brands with “WKF Approved” Tatamis:



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14. GUARDIAN GIRLS GLOBAL KARATE PROJECT

In October 2022, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Koyamada International Foundation (KIF) and World Karate Federation (WKF) have partnered to create a worldwide social program that aims to promote gender equality and the women empowerment to defend themselves from all forms of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) through Karate training.

The Guardian Girls Global Karate project was officially unveiled in Los Angeles (United States), on October 7th , 2022.



From Left to Right: WKF General Secretary Toshihisa Nagura, KIF Global co-founders Shin Koyamada and Nia Lyte, UNFPA Chief Strategic Partnership Mariarosa Cutillo, WKF President Antonio Espinós, Los Angeles City Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez, and the Consul General of Japan in Los Angeles Kenko Sone

More information in the Guardian Girls Global Karate Project [microsite](#).

