



Technical Regulations Karate

Yerevan, Armenia
26 – 31 October 2015

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1. EVENTS

The Karate competitions will comprise the following events:

1.1. Individual Events

Kumite MEN	Kumite WOMEN
Under 60kg	Under 50kg
60 - 67kg	50 - 55kg
67 - 75kg	55 - 61kg
75 - 84kg	61 - 68kg
Over 84kg	Over 68kg

1.2 Individual Kata

Kata Individual Men	Kata Individual WOMEN

1.3. Open Men and Women

Two (2) karatekas men and two (2) karatekas women by each country.

2. PARTICIPANTS

2.1. Age Eligibility

2.1.1. For competition category men / women: All karate Kumite competitors must be at least 18+ years old in 2015 (born in 2000 or before).

2.1.2. For individual kata .
Kata Competitors must be at least 16 years old in 2015 (born in 1999 or before).
All Karate Kata Competitors aged 16, 17 in 2015 must provide a medical certificate and the National Association should obtain parental authorization

2.1.3. For open men / women: Participants are to be 18 years of age and over (born 1997 or before).

2.2. Number of Participants

2.2.1. For competition category Men / Women:
Each National Federation or Association may enter two (2) competitors per weight class, in each gender, for a maximum of twenty (20) Seniors participants for competition category Men and Women.

2.2.2 For individual kata:
The maximum number of athletes for the individual kata is two (2) men and two (2) woman.

2.2.3. For open men / women:
Each National Association may enter two (2) competitors in each gender for a maximum of four (4) participants for competition men and women.

2.2. For competition category men / women and open men and women:
Contestants shall be the holder of green belt or higher.

- 2.4. A fine of EURO €20 is levied on each non-starting athlete with the exception of those presenting a doctor's declaration that he/she should not be allowed to start.

3. REGISTRATION

3.1. Preliminary Registration

The preliminary registrations with an indication of the probable number of athletes in each event must be submitted to the Secretariat no later than **15.06.2015**. [Not less than one (1) year before the competition.]

3.2. Final Entry

The final entries with the names of each athlete indicating event entered must be submitted to the EDSO Representative no later than **26.04.2015**. [Not less than three (3) months before the competition] Such submissions will be made via official online registration form or telefax followed by the official registration form.

3.3. Name Registration

The name Registration with the names of each athlete indicating event entered must be submitted to the EDSO Representative no later than **26.09.2015**. [Not less than one (1) month before the competitions.] Such submissions will be made via official online registration form or telefax followed by the official registration form.

3.3.1. No changes or additional entries will be accepted after **26.09.2015**.

3.3.2. Open men / women: Only athletes who are registered and the championship lists can be added or removed before the draw.

4. COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

4.1. Technical Organisation

EDSO is responsible for the technical organization of the Karate competitions.

4.2. Committees

4.2.1. Technical committee:

The technical committee will be composed of the EDSO Technical Director and members appointed by the Organizing Committee:

Francesco Faraone	EDSO Karate Technical Director
Iosif Stavrakakis	EDSO Representative
Gevorgizyan Ashot	EKF Representative
	Sports Liaison Officer
Grigor Grigoryan	Deaf Representative

4.2.2. Protest Committee:

The Championship Protest Committee shall consist of:

Iosif Stavrakakis	EDSO Representative (Chair - No VOTING RIGHT)
Francesco Faraone	EDSO Karate Technical Director
Gevorgizyan Ashot	EKF Representative
	EKF Representative

4.3. Competition Rules

4.3.1. Technical Organisation

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4.3.2. Competition Rules

The Karate competitions will be conducted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the EKF/WKF (version **2015**). In case of disagreement in the interpretation of the Rules and Regulations, the English text shall prevail. Unforeseen incidents not covered by the Rules and Regulations shall be dealt with as follows:

4.3.2.1. Cases of a general nature will be resolved in accordance with EDSO Regulations, EDSO General Technical Rules and this Karate Technical Regulations.

4.3.2.2. Technical questions related to competition rules shall be resolved according to the EKF/WKF Rules and Regulations.

Only athletes who comply with the EDSO Regulations are entitled to take part in the EDSO Karate competitions.

4.4. Competition Uniform

- The karate-gi uniform must be white and clean without stripes or piping.
- The jacket, when tightened around the waist with the belt, must be of a minimum length that covers the hips, but must not be more than three-quarters thigh length.
- Female competitors may wear a plain white T-shirt beneath the Karate jacket.
- Contestants must bring two color belts (red and blue).
- The maximum length of the jacket sleeves must be no longer than the bend of the wrist and no shorter than halfway down the forearm. Jacket sleeves may not be rolled up.
- The trousers must be long enough to cover at least two thirds of the shin and must not reach below the anklebone. Trousers legs may not be rolled up.
- Contestants must keep their hair clean and cut to a length that does not obstruct smooth bout conduct.
- HACHIMAKI (headband) will not be allowed.
- Should the Referee consider any contestant's hair too long and/or unclean, he may disbar the contestant from the bout.
- Hair slides are prohibited, as are metal hairgrips.
- Ribbons, beads and other decorations are prohibited.
- A discreet rubber band or pony tail retainer is permitted.
- Contestants must have short fingernails and must not wear metallic or other objects, which might injure their opponents.
- The use of metallic teeth braces must be approved by the Referee and the Official Doctor.
- The contestant accepts full responsibility for any injury.
- The following protective equipment is compulsory for the competitors to wear and they must be approved by EKF/WKF:
 - Competition Equipment and protectors for only W.K.F. approved logo.
 - mitts (red and blue)
 - mouthpiece
 - female chest protector
 - Body protectors for all female and men (new)
 - groin guard for male (not mandatory but if worn must be approved WKF type)
 - shin pads (red and blue)
 - foot protection (red and blue)



- All protectors for women and men shall be worn beneath the Karate-gi uniform.

4.5. Draw

The drawing lots shall be conducted under control of the Technical Committee within three (3) days prior to the first competition.

4.6. Competition Plan

4.6.1. Duration of Contest

4.6.1.1. The duration of the contest shall be three (3) minutes for men and two (2) minutes for women. During Semifinals and Finals (medal rounds), the duration shall be four (4) minutes for men and three (3) minutes for women.

4.6.1.2. The timing of the bout starts when the Referee gives the signal to start, and stops each time the Referee calls "YAME".

4.6.1.3. The timekeeper shall give visual signals by a clearly audible gong, or buzzer, indicating "ten (10) seconds to go" or "time up". The "time up" signal marks the end of the bout.

4.7. Officials

4.7.1. Judges, Referee and Recorder

Judges and Referees shall be the holders of International Referee Certificate registered by the EKF/WKF.

4.7.2. The competition officials will be appointed by the Technical Committee.

4.7.3. The referee and the judges shall not be members of the same National Federations as the competitors at whose contest they are officiating and should not hold any official function, i.e. coach or manager.

4.8. Appointment

The Organizing Committee shall appoint an appropriate number of referees, judges, and necessary support personnel (timekeepers, contest sheet writers, and scoreboard keepers as well as other technical assistants). Of those support personnel must be a minimum of twenty-one (21) years of age, have a minimum of three (3) years' experience as national Referee and a good knowledge of the Refereeing Rules.

4.9. Weigh-in

Weigh-in of the contestants on the day of competition shall be completed on the previous day of the relevant competition.

During weigh-in, the male contest shall wear underpants and the female shall wear underpants and brassiere. However, weigh-in may be conducted in the nude in the case that the contestant wishes to do so. Weigh-in shall be made once, however one more weigh-in is granted within the time limit to the contestant who did not qualify the first time.

So as not to be disqualified during official weigh-in, scales, the same as the official one, shall be provided at the contestants' place of accommodation or at the arena for pre-weigh-in.

5 VENUES

5.1. Competition Venue

The Karate competitions will take place at :
Armenian Sports Committee of the Deaf
69, Eznik Koghbatci Street
Yerevan, 0002
ARMENIA

5.2. Training Venue

The training venue is the same as the competition venue.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Competition Schedule

Refer to the competition schedule on the hosting competitions website:

<http://www.edso.eu/sports/judo/index.php>.

6.2. Training Schedule

Refer to the training schedule on the hosting competitions website.
<http://www.edso.eu/sports/judo/index.php>.

6.3 Technical Meeting

6.3.1 Date and Location

The first Technical Meeting will be held at Armenian Sports Committee of the Deaf on 26th October 2015 at 18:00 to 19:00.

The second Technical Meeting will be held at Armenian Sports Committee of the Deaf on 28th October 2015 at 13:00 to 14:00.

6.3.2 Attendance

Each participating National Federation may be represented by two (2) officials, of whom at least one (1) must be deaf and, if necessary, an interpreter.

7. CONTROL AND SANCTIONS

7.1. Hearing Aids

The use of any hearing aid/amplification or external cochlear implant parts are not permitted within the restricted zone area.

7.1.1. Restricted Zone Area

The restricted zone area is in effect from the time athletes enter on the whole Karate courts hall area during the warm-up and competition period.

7.1.2. Violation and Penalty

When this rule is violated, refer to [Audiogram Regulations](#), *Article 8: VIOLATIONS and PENALTIES*.

8. PROTESTS

8.1. Procedure for lodging a protest

All sport related protests will be resolved in accordance to the EKF/WKF Rules and Regulations and will be managed by the Karate Protest Committee. Any official protest must be submitted in writing in English on the Official EDSO Protest Form. The form must be given to the EDSO Technical Director with EURO €50 within thirty (30) minutes after official posted results.

The EDSO Technical Director will decide whether the protest is sporting related or eligibility related. The Karate Protest Committee will review all sport related protests, and the EDSO Executive Committee will review all eligibility protests. The deposit of EURO €50 will be returned to the appellant only if the protest is considered valid.

8.2. Procedures for reviewing a protest

The Karate Protest Committee will meet in the Technical Director's office in Armenian Sports Committee of the Deaf at a time decided upon by the chairperson of the committee.

- The EDSO Representative will be the chairperson of the committee.
- The Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) will be responsible to book the meeting room and interpreters.
- The Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) will contact all committee members to inform them of the meeting time and location.
- The EDSO Technical Director will be responsible for liaising with the State Sports Association's Competition Manager.
- The Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) will be responsible for informing the hosting Deaf Sport Federation and the EDSO Technical Director will be responsible for informing EDSO Executive Committee about the protest and also the outcome of the protest.