



WORLD
KARATE-DO
ALLIANCE

PARTICIPATION RULES

SETTING HIGHER STANDARDS

Different groups of people with different lived experiences are part of a diverse and caring community. WKA Embraces Diversity and Inclusion and Removes Barriers to provide Access.

WKA Executive Board



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1. In any WKA category (both kata and kumite), categories will be **merged** according to the organiser's discretion and will be merged with other styles if deemed necessary.
2. It is **mandatory** that each federation/ club brings a minimum of **ONE referee** who has at least **1 year experience as a National Referee**, according to the main Style of the federation/ club. Details and Style practised by this Referee are to be sent to WKA Referee commission on contact@wka-karate.org **3 weeks before the Championships**. Referee will be honoured to form part of the Refereeing Panels.
3. Competitors must **choose** whether to compete in **Shobu Ippon Kumite or in Shobu Sanbon Kumite** – they are **not allowed** to compete in any mixture of Ippon categories and Sanbon categories.
4. In Individual Categories, competitors must compete **ONLY** in their own **AGE, WEIGHT, KYU Grade/ Belt** categories.
5. In Veteran kata teams, all 3 competitors **must** be veterans.
6. In all **other** kata teams:
 - a. **All 3** competitors can be from the same age category (as in Veterans kata teams).
 - b. **TWO (2) competitors** can be from the same age category plus **one competitor from the next younger age category** (e.g., Junior Kata Team can be made with 2 Juniors + 1 Cadet, however, 2 Juniors and 1 mini cadet is **NOT** allowed).