

British Karate Federation
4 Nations Championships
2017



Jordan Thomas
WKF World Champion 2016



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Ponds Forge International Arena
Sheffield, England

Entries Close 12 May

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to Sheffield:

The British Karate Federation are delighted to announce that UK Sport and the British Olympic Association have asked for a meeting with the BKF in early 2017 to discuss participation in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Given we are a new Olympic sport and the fact they had extreme budgetary demands from established sports, following the success of Team GB in Rio, this decision is all the more remarkable. It shows the Olympic fraternity in Britain believe in British Karate and its' ability to develop as a true Olympic sport.

We have fantastic young athletes who are prepared to make huge personal and financial sacrifices over these next few years in the hope they can realise their dreams and represent Great Britain and N. Ireland in Tokyo 2020 and we, at the BKF, will do everything in our power to help them realise those dreams.

Our 2017-2020 mission is to position ourselves for Tokyo with Team GB, have Karate represented at the Tokyo 2020 Games, and medal.

We have also received the exciting news that Karate will be in the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina 2018. Another great achievement for the WKF.

www.olympic.org/news/three-new-sports-to-join-buenos-aires-2018-yog-programme

In early 2017 the BKF will meet with the WKF and representatives of the Commonwealth Games Federation, at their London HQ, to apply for recognition as a Commonwealth sport.

This is the first step in making an application to become a Commonwealth sport and participate in future Commonwealth Games. We learned many lessons on our Olympic journey, all of which will be called upon on as we form new relationships and convince the decision makers that Karate deserves to be part of the CGF Games.

Finally I would like to offer congratulations to Jordan Thomas of England, who became the WKF Kumite World champion in Linz in October. A magnificent performance from Jordan and indeed the English coaching staff, led by Willie Thomas. This result has given all our competitors the belief that they can achieve, and that competing and medalling at Tokyo 2020 is now a reality.

Terry Connell
President: British Karate Federation



Saturday 27th May

KATA - INDIVIDUAL

Category	Code	Category	Code
Girls Kata 7-9 yrs	KA01	Boys Kata 7-9 yrs	KA04
Girls Kata 10-11 yrs	KA02	Boys Kata 10 yrs	KA05
Girls Kata 12-13 yrs	KA03	Boys Kata 11 yrs	KA06
		Boys Kata 12 yrs	KA07
		Boys Kata 13 years	KA08

KATA - PARA INDIVIDUAL

Category	Code	Category	Code
Para Kata Able Bodied - all ages	KA09	Para Kata Wheelchair - all ages	KA10

KATA - PAIRS & TEAMS

Category	Code	Category	Code
Girls Pairs Team Kata 7-10 yrs	KAT1	Boys Pairs Team Kata 7-10 yrs	KAT3
Girls Pairs Team Kata 11-13 yrs	KAT2	Boys Pairs Team Kata 11-13 yrs	KAT4

KUMITE - INDIVIDUAL

Category	Code	Category	Code
Girls Kumite 7-9 yrs	KU01	Boys Kumite 7-8 yrs	KU06
Girls Kumite 10-11yrs -35Kg	KU02	Boys Kumite 9 yrs	KU07
Girls Kumite 10-11yrs +35Kg	KU03	Boys Kumite 10 yrs -35Kg	KU08
Girls Kumite 12 yrs	KU04	Boys Kumite 10 yrs +35Kg	KU09
Girls Kumite 13yrs	KU05	Boys Kumite 11 yrs -35Kg	KU10
		Boys Kumite 11 yrs +35Kg	KU11
		Boys Kumite 12 yrs -45Kg	KU12
		Boys Kumite 12 yrs +45Kg	KU13
		Boys Kumite 13 yrs -50Kg	KU14
		Boys Kumite 13 yrs +50Kg	KU15

KUMITE - PAIR TEAMS

Category	Code	Category	Code
Girls Pair Team Kumite 7-9 yrs	KT01	Boys Pair Team Kumite 7-9 yrs	KT04
Girls Pair Team Kumite 10-11yrs	KT02	Boys Pair Team Kumite 10-11yrs	KT05
Girls Pair Team Kumite 12-13yrs	KT03	Boys Pair Team Kumite 12-13yrs	KT06

Sunday 28th May

KATA			
Category	Code	Category	Code
Female Cadet Kata 14-15yrs	KA11	Male Cadet Kata 14-15yrs	KA16
Female Junior Kata 16-17yrs	KA12	Male Junior Kata 16-17yrs	KA17
Female U21 Kata	KA13	Male U21 Kata	KA18
Female Senior Kata	KA14	Male Senior Kata	KA19
Female Veteran All Grades 35yrs +	KA15	Male Veteran All Grades 35yrs +	KA20
Female Team Kata (3) 14yrs+	KAT5	Male Team Kata (3) 14yrs+	KAT6

CADET KUMITE 14-15 YEARS			
Category	Code	Category	Code
Female Cadet Kumite 14-15yrs -47Kg	KU16	Male Cadet Kumite 14-15yrs -55Kg	KU19
Female Cadet Kumite 14-15yrs -54Kg	KU17	Male Cadet Kumite 14-15yrs -65kg	KU20
Female Cadet Kumite 14-15yrs +54Kg	KU18	Male Cadet Kumite 14-15yrs +65Kg	KU21

JUNIOR KUMITE 16-17 YEARS			
Category	Code	Category	Code
Female Junior Kumite 16-17yrs -50Kg	KU22	Male Junior Kumite 16-17yrs -55Kg	KU25
Female Junior Kumite 16-17yrs -56Kg	KU23	Male Junior Kumite 16-17yrs -65Kg	KU26
Female Junior Kumite 16-17yrs +56Kg	KU24	Male Junior Kumite 16-17yrs +75Kg	KU27

UNDER 21 KUMITE			
Category	Code	Category	Code
Female Kumite U21 – Open Weight	KU28	Male Kumite U21 -67g	KU29
		Male Kumite U21 -75Kg	KU30
		Male Kumite U21 +75Kg	KU31

KUMITE SENIORS			
Category	Code	Category	Code
Female Senior Kumite 18yrs+ -55Kg	KU32	Male Senior Kumite 18yrs+ -67g	KU35
Female Senior Kumite 18yrs+ -61Kg	KU33	Male Senior Kumite 18yrs+ -75Kg	KU36
Female Senior Kumite 18yrs+ +61Kg	KU34	Male Senior Kumite 18yrs+ +75Kg	KU37

VETERAN OPEN KUMITE			
Category	Code	Category	Code
Female Veteran 35yrs +	KU38	Male Veteran 35yrs +	KU39

KUMITE – TEAMS (3) – CADET, JUNIOR, SENIOR			
Category	Code	Category	Code
Female Cadet Team	KT07	Male Cadet Team	KT10
Female Junior Team	KT08	Male Junior Team	KT11
Female Senior Team	KT09	Male Senior Team	KT12

IMPORTANT NOTES

Photography and Recording

The BKF plan to engage a photographer who will take action/podium shots of the competitors. Photographs will be taken at the event for promotional purposes, however should anyone have a concern please contact the event organiser prior to the event.

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR COACHES:

Only NGB accredited coaches are permitted in the tatami area.

Following a BKF Refereeing Commission meeting it was decided that anyone wishing to coach at the tatami during a BKF event would have to have NGB accreditation to prove they were aware of the required rules, responsibilities and expected conduct. **Without this accreditation a coach pass will not be issued by the event organiser.** All coaches must register via Sportdata.

Coach: Dress code:

Coaches must be in association tracksuits and clearly display their coaching ID badge. Inappropriate dress, as deemed by the chief referee, will be refused access to the competition area. Only coaches adhering to the correct dress code and in possession of a coaching pass will be allowed on the competition area.

Coach: Medical

We record every injury that gives us the slightest concern, however symptoms often occur after the incident and we would ask that the coach or representative informs the medical team of any concerns he or she has at that time of the incident, or anytime after, no matter how trivial it may seem.

We fully intend to have Repechage for CADETS, JUNIORS and SENIORS Individual Kumite and Kata.

However the chief referee has the authority to withdraw repechage if the time frame becomes critical. *Competitors can only compete in their own categories and cannot move up to compete in another category. In the unlikely event of low category entries the organisers reserve the right to amalgamate categories.*

Insurance: It is the responsibility of each individual, or parent / guardian of a competitor if under 18 years of age, to have their own insurance cover for the event. Please advise your competitors accordingly regarding insurance cover. It is the responsibility of the clubs/coaches to ensure that all competitors are aware of this and have been advised of adequate cover. Association/club parental consent to compete is also required. This is the responsibility of the association.

Health and Safety issues have been discussed and we try to plan for every eventuality. However this is a busy tournament and due care and attention is required in all areas. Would all coaches/parents ensure their children are properly chaperoned. Karate matches are performed in bare feet, please ensure proper footwear is used in the arena and surrounding areas, especially approaching the mats.

Disclaimer: Karate is a martial art and contact sport. People can and do get injured and we cannot accept responsibility for any such injury, loss or accident arising from your participation in our training, competitions or associated activities and ask that you are aware, agree and accept this by entering or giving permission to enter this event. We should also be notified, in writing, of any medical condition that may have relevance to their participation in karate.

If you require any further information or assistance then please contact robert.w.morton@btinternet.com

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All Competitor & Coach Registration is via Sportdata

Please note these championships are open to WKF affiliated members only

The British Karate Federation are pleased to announce that "**SportData**" is a major sponsor of BKF events. "**SportData**" allows for "on-line" registration. Many major championships around the world are now using "SportData". You will be able to see all the entries for the contest as well as the draw sheets once they have been generated. ***This is the ONLY METHOD for registration for the British Karate Federation Events.***

All entries are online only: For registration please visit: www.sportdata.org

For help on how to register online visit: http://www.sportdata.org/set-online/faq_en.php?active_menu=faq

It is the responsibility of coaches to ensure that all competitors are registered and are in the correct categories. Competitors are only allowed to compete in their own age/weight category and are not allowed to move up a category. Entries will only be accepted via your coach/association and not from individuals.

Should certain categories fail to meet an acceptable number of entries, or indeed an excess of entrants, the BKF event team reserve the right to alter/merge these categories to maintain the integrity of the competition.

Coach Registration: All coaches must register on-line via Sportdata before the closing date. Coach passes will only be issued to coaches who are NGB accredited and registered via SportData.

ENTRY FEES

Competitor		Spectator Entry Fees	
Individual Events	£25	Adults	£10
Team Events	£36	Children -16yrs / Concession	Free

Closing Date for entries is 12th May 2017.

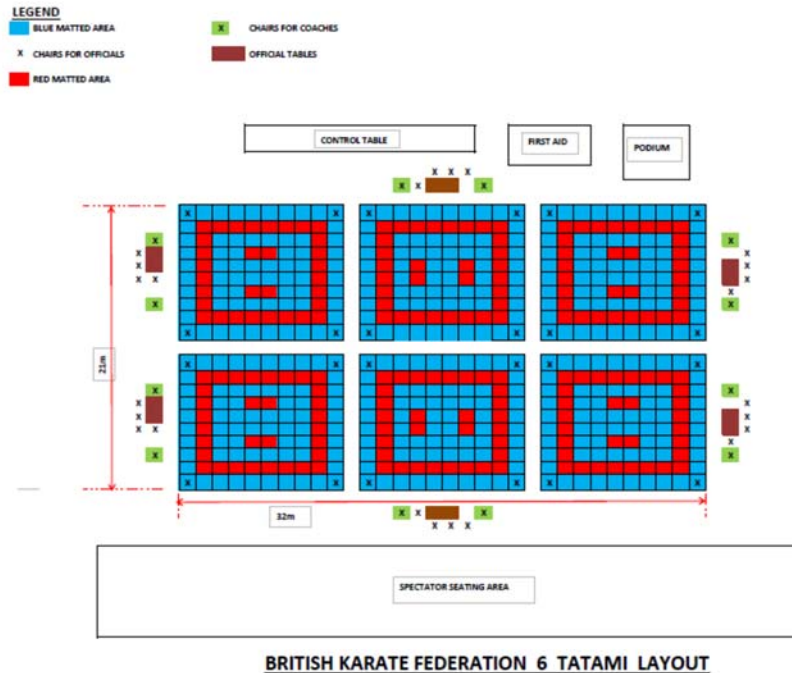
No late entries permitted. Any amendments requested to entries will be subject to an administration fee of £10 per entry.

Cheques to be made out to British Karate Federation and not to BKF.

BACS details: Barclays Bank: Sort Code: 20-33-70 Account No: 60542687

Please ensure that if paying by BACS you have an identifying reference against your payment i.e. Club/Association Name. Please also provide a receipt or confirmation of your BACS payment to the organiser.

Venue lay out and Rules of the day



The BKF would like to thank Robert McQueen for his assistance with regard to the tournament floor plan.

Both days will start at 8.45am prompt with kata. Kumite will have staggered start times through the day. A full event schedule confirming start times will be published on Sportdata a week prior to the event.

Please ensure competitors are in the arena at least 2 hours prior to category scheduled start time. Should the event run ahead of schedule category start times may be brought forward. Competitor check-in will be carried out prior to each category starting.

Kata 7 – 9 years may alternate katas (performing a minimum of 2 different katas).
Kata 10 -13 years may alternate katas (performing a minimum of 3 different katas.).

Kata 7-13 years. AKA and AO will perform their kata simultaneously i.e on an area at the same time.

Kata and Kumite for 14 years and above will be held under WKF rules. WKF rules will be strictly applied in all categories for 14 years and above **with the exception of face masks which are not compulsory, no bunkai required for team kata.**

Kumite weigh in: We will operate random weight checks. Any competitor found not to be the correct weight for the category they have entered will not be allowed to compete. We cannot move competitors to another weight category if they fail the weight checks.

Paired & Team Kumite: All members of team must be from the same association.

BKF Chief Referee: Mr Dale Gamble: REFEREES BRIEFING 8.30am

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