



WORLD TRADITIONAL KARATE-DO FEDERATION

WTKF XXI PANAMERICAN Championship & Judges' Seminar

November 18th - 22th, 2025 Natal, Brazil





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June 19, 2025

Dear WTKF Members,

On behalf of the WTKF XXI Pan-American Championship and Tournament Organizing Committee and Confederação de Karate-dô Traditional Brasileira (CKTB) we are proud and honored to invite all WTKF Members to take part in WTKF XXI Pan-American Championship to be held from November 18th to 22nd, 2025, in the City of Natal - RN, Brazil. Confederação de Karate-dô Traditional Brasileira (CKTB) welcomes you to the event and to the City of Natal - RN, Brazil.

The event marks a special time to renew our friendships. Join us to celebrate the outstanding traditions of Budo and share the experience of meeting the top Caliber Traditional Karate competition and Judges' Seminar.

The WTKF XXI Pan-American Championship will consist of individual and team competition categories. The mandatory Judges and coaches' Seminar/Refresher course will be held on November 18th (Tuesday) and 19th (Wednesday), 2025 follow with Pan-American Championship on November 20th (Thursday) and children and intercontinental competition on November 21st (Friday) and 22nd (Saturday).

For further assistance or questions, please contact Mr. Nilton Aurimar Tibúrcio de Souza WTKF Second Vice-President at +55-84-99614-0133 or Mr. Alexsandro Jobson Machado de Souza CKTB President at +55-84-99614-0133 or by email: cktbrasileira@gmail.com

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Nilton Aurimar Tibúrcio de Souza

Mr. Alexsandro Jobson Machado de Souza

Directors of Organizing Committee



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XXI WTKF PANAMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

I - GENERAL INFORMATION

Title: WTKF XXI Panamerican Championship.

Sanctioned by: World Traditional Karate-Do Federation (WTKF)

Hosted by: Confederação de Karatê-do Tradicional Brasileira– CKTB

Championship Location: Ginásio 1 da UFRN - (Ginásio principal) – **Natal – RN**

Address: Ginásio Poliesportivo 1 - UFRN – Rua da Saúde - Lagoa Nova, Natal - RN

HQ Hotels: Holiday Inn Natal; Praitmar Natal Hotel & Convention; Praiamar Express Hotel (details on attachments)

II - PARTICIPANTS

All athletes that are selected by the respective WTKF National Federations to compete must fulfil the following requirements:

1. They must have the WTKF registered black belt (Shodan or higher). This applies to following age categories- seniors, youth, juniors and cadets.
2. The Age of competitors **MUST** meet the age requirement of their competition category.
3. They must know, fully understand and be able to compete in accordance with the WTKF competition rules.
4. They must be free of any physical or mental handicap that might cause a breach of the WTKF rules.
5. They must have his/her own international traveling insurance and personal accident insurance issued by their respective National Federations.



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6. All KUMITE, KO-GO and FUKU-GO athletes are obliged to have mouth(tooth) guards (breast-protection for women, groin protector for men are optional, but recommended safety equipment)
7. They must present Medical Release and International Health Insurance to Medical Emergencies.
8. All countries must bring two national flags.

WTKF XXI PAN-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP CHILDREN CUP & INTERNATIONAL CUP



NOVEMBER 18th-22nd, 2025

NATAL, BRAZIL

Confederação de Karate-dô Tradicional Brasileira (CKTB)
World Traditional Karate-Do Federation (WTKF)



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III – COMPETITION RULES

WTKF COMPETITION RULES

IV – CATEGORIES AND NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

Age and competition categories

| CADET (14-15 years old born in 2011 and 2010) | | |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------|
| COMPETITION CATEGORIES | Number of Athletes | Remarks |
| Men´s individual Kata | 3 athletes | |
| Women´s individual Kata | 3 athletes | |
| Men´s Fuku-go | 3 athletes | Using Ko-go Kumite |
| Women´s Fuku-go | 3 athletes | Using Ko-go Kumite |
| Men´s individual kumite | 3 athletes | Using Ko-go Kumite |
| Women´s individual kumite | 3 athletes | Using Ko-go Kumite |
| JUNIOR (16-17 years old born in 2009 and 2008) | | |
| COMPETITION CATEGORIES | Number of Athletes | Remarks |
| Men´s individual Kata | 3 athletes | |
| Women´s individual Kata | 3 athletes | |
| Men´s Fuku-go | 3 athletes | Using Ko-go Kumite |
| Women´s Fuku-go | 3 athletes | Using Ko-go Kumite |
| Men´s individual kumite | 3 athletes | Using Ko-go Kumite |
| Women´s individual kumite | 3 athletes | Using Ko-go Kumite |



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COMBINED COMPETITION CADET (14-15 years old; born in 2011, 2010)

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JUNIOR (16-17 years old born in 2009 and 2008)

| COMPETITION CATEGORIES | Number of Team and Athletes per Team | Remarks |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Men's synchronized Kata | 1 Team (3 athletes) | |
| Women's synchronized Kata | 1 Team (3 athletes) | |
| Men's En-bu | 1 Team (2 athletes) | |
| Mixed En-bu | 1 Team (2 athletes) | |

YOUTH

(18-19-20 years old born in 2007, 2006, 2005)

| COMPETITION CATEGORIES | Number of Team and Athletes per Team | Remarks |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Men's individual Kata | 3 athletes | |
| Women's individual Kata | 3 athletes | |
| Men's individual kumite | 3 athletes | Using Jiyu Kumite |
| Women's individual kumite | 3 athletes | Using Jiyu Kumite |
| Men's Fuku-go | 3 athletes | Using Jiyu Kumite |
| Women's Fuku-go | 3 athletes | Using Jiyu Kumite |



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| SENIOR (age 21 + ; born in 2004 and before) | | |
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| COMPETITION CATEGORIES | Number of athletes | Remarks |
| Men's individual Kata | 3 athletes | |
| Women's individual Kata | 3 athletes | |
| Men's individual Kumite | 3 athletes | Using Jiyu Kumite |
| Women's individual Kumite | 3 athletes | Using Jiyu Kumite |
| Men's Fuku-go | 3 athletes | Using Jiyu Kumite |
| Women's Fuku-go | 3 athletes | Using Jiyu Kumite |

| COMBINED COMPETITION YOUTH (18-19-20 years old born in 2007, 2006, 2005) + SENIOR (age 21 + ; born in 2004 and Earlier) | | |
|--|---|-------------------|
| COMPETITION CATEGORIES | Number of Team and Athletes per Team | Remarks |
| Men's synchronized Kata | 1 Team (3 athletes) | |
| Women's synchronized Kata | 1 Team (3 athletes) | |
| Men's En-bu | 1 Team (2 athletes) | |
| Mixed En-bu | 1 Team (2 athletes) | |
| Women's Team Kumite | 1 Team (3 athletes + 1) | Using Jiyu Kumite |
| Men's Team Kumite | 1 Team (3 athletes + 1) | Using Jiyu Kumite |



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V - REGISTRATIONS

A. Applications:

All applications and registration will be done with on line system. The registration and payment deadline is October 21, 2025. No registration will be accepted after the deadline. All registration MUST be done online (login and password will be sent) and all payment MUST be paid at IBAN: BR8000000000036980000494402C1 - Agência Vinculada: (linked bank branch) 3698 JAGUARI-RN (RN) Conta Vinculada (linked bank account): 49.440-2

The registration portal will be sent together with the login and the password for every participant country

B. Participation Fees:

Athletes: The fees depend on the date of registration. Register by the deadline date of October 21, 2025, the fee will be US\$ 90 per person.

Register early prior to September 21, 2025 and you pay US\$ 70 per person.

All registration MUST be done on line (the login and password will be sent by email to every participant country) and be paid by PayPal at IBAN: BR8000000000036980000494402C1 - Agência Vinculada: (linked bank branch) 3698 JAGUARI-RN (RN) Conta Vinculada (linked bank account): 49.440-2

Coaches: All team coaches must be registered during the Judges and coaches' seminar otherwise they are not allowed to coach or complain during championship. The fee for each coach is US\$ 50 American dollars per coach. All coaches must attend both days of the judges and coaches' seminar to be able to coach during the championship.

Judges: All Judges must attend both days of the Judges and coaches' Refresher Course to be able to officiate during the championship. The fee for each judge to attend the refresher course is US\$ 60 American dollars per judge. Host will provide lunch for registered judges during the two days of Refresher Course. The deadline for Judges Refresher Course registration is October 21, 2025.

Photographer: All photographer must register with the tournament organizing committee prior to championship to be able to take photo during championship. The fee for each photographer registration is US\$ 50 American dollars per photographer.

Sayonara Party: TO BE DEFINED.



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VI - JUDGES

1. Selection of Judges will be made during the WTKF Judges Refresher Course held right before the Pan-American Championship on **November 18th (Tuesday) and 19th (Wednesday) November, 2025.**
2. The attendance for judges to both days of refresher course is mandatory. The fee for each judge to attend the refresher course is **US\$60** American dollars per judge.
3. Judges participating in this event have to be Qualified Judges (Class A,B,C) with their perspective national federation and also have participated fully in both days of the Judges Refresher Course held prior to Championship in 2025 and have taken the test at the end of the refresher course.
4. All Judges must bring their own HAKAMA (black) whistle and clean KARATE GI including navy blue KARATE GI top.

VII - ACCOMODATION AND TRANSPORT

Schedule: Please see attached event schedule for scheduled time, place and event.

Hotel: Please see attached list of hotels for recommended hotels and rates. AN ATTACHMENT WITH DETAILS ON HOTEL PRICES WILL BE PROVIDED SOON. A FULL PACKAGE.

Transportation: The Tournament Organizing Committee will provide transportation for the judges from the **HQ Hotel** and back to hotel on the days of the competitions only. **Transportation will be only for the judges. Participants, coaches, parents, family members and non-participants MUST find their own transportation to the arena.**

All national Teams are responsible for their own transportation from/to the airport, to/from HOTEL and to the competition gym.



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VIII - VISA

All attendees should check to see if a VISA is required to enter Brazil. If a VISA is required then the attendees are responsible to obtaining the proper VISA. In case an invitation is needed to obtain such a VISA, please contact the Host (cktbrasileira@gmail.com).

IX – ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT

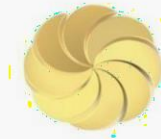
All national federations MUST bring two (2) national flags and their national anthem of their perspective countries to this Championship.

X – CONTACT INFORMATION

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Thanks you in advance for your cooperation! We are looking forward to have a great event and championship together.

Welcome to Natal- RN - BRASIL.



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RULES AND REGULATION FOR INTERNATIONAL OFFICIATING PROCEDURE DURING CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Chief Judge may select an Assistant Chief Judge *Note: The chief judge will make the final decision.*
- The Chief Judge will select tournament judges from pool of judges based on the ability, performance, class and participation in the judges' seminar.
- The Chief Judge selects Medical Judges from pool of Medical Judges based on Medical Committee guideline.
- Kan-sa should check the operation of court clerks prior to start of competition.
- Shu-Shin should check the operation of courts as related to corner judges and all forms needed for each event.
- The court judges have decision-making authority over their respective matches. The decisions of the court judges are final unless there has been an operational violation or a protest.
- In the case where court judges are unable to render a decision or in the case where a competition controversy is of a technical nature, the decision of the Chief Judge must be final.
- If, after a competition match, a violation of rules is discovered and confirmed by the Chief Judge, the decisions of the competition shall be voided and all records of that competition match shall be expunged, unless the violation can be corrected.
- In the case where a question arises or a controversy exists that is not covered by the competition rules, the decision of the Chief Judge shall be final.
- At the completion of the championship, no protest in any shape or form will be granted. The decisions and records of the championship will be final and cannot be altered or changed in any shape or form.



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RULES AND REGULATION FOR ATHLETES AND COACHES DURING CHAMPIONSHIP

GENERAL:

Martial art has a long history of using “Shi-ai” (testing each other) as a guide for future development and not for the purpose of winning only. Therefore, all karate athletes should keep in mind the highest ideals of Traditional Karate during competition.

PROCEDURE FOR A PROTEST:

1. All protests must go through a competitor's coach to the chief judge (in the case of Kata, Enbu and Ki-tei) or to the respective court's Kan-sa (in the case of Kumite and Ko-Go). The protest can be only on the basis of operational violation of the competition rules.
2. Competitors or coaches are not allowed to protest any technical, scoring and/or medical decisions as long as those decisions are based on competition rules.
3. The coach's protest must be reported prior to either competitor leaving the court during the contested match.
4. The coach's protest explanation shall not exceed five (5) minutes.
5. Once a decision has been reached on a specific protest, that decision shall be final. No further protest or appeals shall be tolerated. In the case where a coach or athlete persists in contesting the final decision, the Kan-sa shall have the authority to eject that coach or athlete from the competition area.
6. Any disrespect toward officials and judges by competitors or coaches during or after a match will not be tolerated and may serve as a cause for disqualification from the competition. It may also serve as a cause for ejection from the competition area.
7. If a protest has merit, then court judges should call a meeting and correct the violation. If a violation cannot be correct, then the result is void and the match must be repeated.
8. In the case where court judges are unable to render a decision or in the case where a competition controversy is of a technical nature, the decision of the Chief Judge shall be final.



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9. If, after a competition match, a violation of rules is discovered and confirmed by the Chief Judge, the decisions of the competition shall become void and all records of that competition match shall be expunged, unless the violation can be corrected.
10. In the case where a question arises or a controversy exists that is not covered by the competition rules, the decision of the Chief Judge shall be final.
11. At the completion of the championship, no protest in any shape or form will be granted. The decisions and records of the championship will be final and cannot be altered or changed in any shape or form.

AGREEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I have read the WTKF Rules and Regulations for *Athletes and Coaches during Championship*. I understand and will fully abide by all the rules and regulations set forth.

Athlete Name: _____
(Please print)

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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| XXI PANAMERICAN TRADITIONAL KARATE-DO FEDERATION (WTKF) PANAMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2025 - NATAL, BRASIL | | | | | | |
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| Event | Activities | Day | Date | Start | End | Location |
| Arrival | Officials, Judges, Athletes | Sunday | 16-Nov | All Day | | Holiday Inn Natal; Praimar Natal Hotel & Convention; Praiamar Express Hotel |
| | | Monday | 17-Nov | | | |
| Check In | Mandatory Check in of Coaches, Athletes and Judges | Monday | 17-Nov | 12:00 PM | 8:00 PM | |
| | | Tuesday | 18-Nov | 8:00 AM | 9:00 AM | |
| Judges course | Mandatory for all Championship Judges and Coaches - Day 1 | Tuesday | 18-Nov | 9:00 AM | 12:00 PM | Ginásio 1 da UFRN - (Ginásio principal) – Natal – RN |
| | Lunch Break | | | 12:00 PM | 1:00 PM | |
| | Mandatory for all Championship Judges - Day 1 | | | 1:00 PM | 3:00 PM | |
| BOD Meeting | Board of Director Meeting | Wednesday | 19-Nov | 5:00 PM | 6:30 PM | Holiday Inn Natal |
| GA Meeting | General Assembly represented by all Countries | | | 7:00 PM | 9:00 PM | |
| Welcome Dinner | Board of Director and Representative of all countries and invited guests | Wednesday | 19-Nov | 9:00 PM | | Holiday Inn Natal |
| Judges course | Mandatory for all Championship Judges - Day 2 | Wednesday | 19-Nov | 9:00 AM | 12:00 PM | Ginásio 1 da UFRN - (Ginásio principal) – Natal – RN |
| | Lunch Break | | | 12:00 PM | 1:00 PM | |
| | Mandatory for all Championship Judges - Day 2 | | | 1:00 PM | 3:00 PM | |
| | Judges Qualification Test | | | 3:00 PM | 3:30 PM | |
| Certificate | Awarding Participation Certificate | | | 3:00 PM | 4:00 PM | |
| Dan Exam | Dan Examination | | | 4:00 PM | 6:00 PM | |
| PANAMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP | Opening Ceremony | Thursday | 20-Nov | 8:30 AM | 9:15 AM | Ginásio 1 da UFRN - (Ginásio principal) – Natal – RN |
| | Championship | | | 9:30 AM | 8:00 PM | |
| | MEDAL PRESENTATION | | | 12:00 PM | 8:00 PM | |
| CHILDREN FOR PEACE CUP | Children Cup | Friday | 21-Nov | 8:30 AM | 2:00 PM | Ginásio 1 da UFRN - (Ginásio principal) – Natal – RN |
| | MEDAL PRESENTATION | | | 10:00 AM | 2:00 PM | |
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| Intercontinental Open Cup | Intercontinental Cup | Saturday | 22-Nov | 8:30 AM | 8:00 PM | Ginásio 1 da UFRN - (Ginásio principal) – Natal – RN |
| | MEDAL PRESENTATION | | | 9:00 AM | 8:00 PM | |
| PARTY | Sayonara Party | Saturday | 22-Nov | 10:00 PM | | To be defined |