



WORLD TRADITIONAL KARATE-DO FEDERATION

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To: WTKF member federations in the American Continent.

Re: Intercontinental Open Cup.

Period: November - 22, 2025.

Natal – Rio Grande do Norte - Brazil.

Dear WTKF Members,

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

The **Intercontinental Open Cup** will consist of individual 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), Children on November 21st (Friday) and Intercontinental Competition on 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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TRADITIONAL KARATE-DÔ INTERCONTINENTAL **OPEN CUP**

I - GENERAL INFORMATION

TITLE: Intercontinental Open Cup

SANCTIONED BY: World Traditional Karate-Do Federation (WTKF)

HOSTED AND ORGANIZED BY: Confederação de Karatê-do Tradicional Brasileira– CKTB and Federação de Karatê-do Tradicional do Rio Grande do Norte - FKTRN

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

II - PARTICIPANTS

1. Participants are children and adults who practice Karate-Do and respect the competition rules(Cup) based on the WTKF Competition Rules.
2. There are no limits of participating athletes from one country/clubs.
3. In case of insufficient number of contestants for a particular category (minimum 8 athletes per category), they will be incorporated in another group of similar age and series.
4. All countries must bring two flags and their national anthem.
5. National Federation must grant each visiting participant as long as it is registered in its own insurance.
6. Kata individual competitions for ages 7 and under, 8-9 and 10-11 will be in the form of a festival, with 4 athletes per group, where every athlete will receive a medal (one first place, one second place and two third places). Other categories, only four awards. Athletes will receive medals: one first place, one second place and two third places.



III. A – CATEGORIES **(7 and younger; 8-9; 10-11; 12-13; 14-15; 16-17)**

KATA

CHILDREN

- **7 years old and younger (Born in 2018 and later)**

Festival, with 4 athletes per group, where every athlete will receive a medal (one first place, one second place and two third places. Free choice kata (athlete chooses the kata) HEIAN 1-5, only one kata is required for eliminatories and final. Kata performed in pairs, flag system.

CATEGORIES

9th to 6th kyu (boys);

9th to 6th kyu (girls);

5th kyu and higher (boys);

5th kyu and higher (girls).

- **8 - 9 years old (Born in 2017 and 2016)**

Festival, with 4 athletes per group, where every athlete will receive a medal (one first place, one second place and two third places. Free choice kata (athlete chooses the kata), HEIAN 1-5 only one kata is required for eliminatories and final. Kata performed in pairs, flag system.

- **CATEGORIES**

9th to 6th kyu (boys);

9th to 6th kyu (girls);

5th kyu and higher (boys);

5th kyu and higher (girls).

- **10 - 11 years years old (Born in 2015 and 2014)**

Festival, with 4 athletes per group, where every athlete will receive a medal (one first place, one second place and two third places. Free choice kata (athlete



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Kata performed in pairs, flag system.

- **CATEGORIES**

9th to 6th kyu (boys);

9th to 6th kyu (girls);

5th kyu and higher (boys);

5th kyu and higher (girls).

- **12 - 13 years old (Born in 2013 and 2012)**

- **Eliminatories** – Kata performed in pairs, flag system. (Judges choose the kata - Kata inferior to the least ranked – [lower belt]), HEIAN 1-5.

- **Final** (4 athletes remaining) - point system. Free kata (Heian or other). If there is a tie, hantei: both athletes perform the same kata chosen by the referee (1-5 heian).

- **CATEGORIES**

9th to 6th kyu (boys);

9th to 6th kyu (girls);

5th kyu and higher (boys);

5th kyu and higher (girls).

CADET (14 - 15 years old - Born in 2011, 2010)

- **Eliminatories** – Kata performed in pairs, flag system. (Judges choose the kata - Kata inferior to the least ranked – [lower belt]), HEIAN 1-5.

- **Final** (4 athletes remaining) - point system. Free kata (Heian or other). If there is a tie, hantei: both athletes perform the same kata chosen by the referee (1-5 heian).

- **CATEGORIES**

9th to 6th kyu (boys);

9th to 6th kyu (girls);

5th kyu to 1st kyu (boys)

5th kyu to 1st kyu (girls).

Black belts (boys)

Black belts (girls)



JUNIOR (16-17 years old - Born in 2009, 2008)

- **Eliminatories** – Kata performed in pairs, flag system. (Judges choose the kata - Kata inferior to the least ranked – [lowerbelt]), HEIAN 1-5.
- **Final** (4 athletes remaining) - point system. Free kata (Heian or other). If there is a tie, hantei: both athletes perform the same kata chosen by the referee (1-5 heian).
- **CATEGORIES**
 - 9th to 6th kyu (boys);
 - 9th to 6th kyu (girls);
 - 5th kyu to 1st kyu (boys)
 - 5th kyu to 1st kyu (girls).
 - Black belts (boys)
 - Black belts (girls)

KUMITE

CHILDREN

- **7 years old and younger (Born in 2018 and later)**

Catches the ball off the fighting vest.
- **CATEGORIES**
 - 9th to 6th kyu (boys);
 - 9th to 6th kyu (girls);
 - 5th kyu and higher (boys);
 - 5th kyu and higher (girls).
- **8 - 9 years old (Born in 2017 and 2016)**

Catches the ball off the fighting vest.
- **CATEGORIES**
 - 9th to 6th kyu (boys);
 - 9th to 6th kyu (girls);
 - 5th kyu and higher (boys);
 - 5th kyu and higher (girls).



- **10 - 11 years years old (Born in 2015 and 2014)**

Eliminatories – Ko-go kumite.

Final Shiai kumite.

- **CATEGORIES**

9th to 6th kyu (boys);

9th to 6th kyu (girls);

5th kyu and higher (boys);

5th kyu and higher (girls).

- **12 – 13 years old (Born in 2013 and 2012)**

Eliminatories – Ko-go kumite.

Final Shiai kumite.

- **CATEGORIES**

9th to 6th kyu (boys);

9th to 6th kyu (girls);

5th kyu and higher (boys);

5th kyu and higher (girls).

CADET (14,15 years old - Born in 2011, 2010)

Eliminatories – Ko-go kumite.

Final Shiai kumite.

- **CATEGORIES**

9th to 6th kyu (boys);

9th to 6th kyu (girls);

5th kyu to 1st kyu (boys)

5th kyu to 1st kyu (girls).

Black belts (boys)

Black belts (girls)



JUNIOR (16,17 years old - Born in 2009, 2008)

- **Eliminatories** – Ko-go kumite.
- **Final** Shiai kumite
- **CATEGORIES**
 - 9th to 6th kyu (boys);
 - 9th to 6th kyu (girls);
 - 5th kyu to 1st kyu (boys)
 - 5th kyu to 1st kyu (girls).
 - Black belts (boys)
 - Black belts (girls)

III. B – CATEGORIES

KATA

(18-20; 21-44; 45-54; 55 and older years old)

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

- **CATEGORIES**
 - 9th to 6th kyu (men);
 - 9th to 6th kyu (women);
 - 5th kyu to 1st kyu. (men);
 - 5th kyu to 1st kyu. (women);
- **Eliminatories** – Kata performed in pairs, flag system. (Judges choose the kata - Kata inferior to the least ranked – [lowerbelt]), HEIAN 1-5.
- **Final** (4 athletes remaining) - point system. Free kata (Heian or other). If there is a tie, hantei: both athletes perform the same kata chosen by the referee (1-5 heian).
- **CATEGORY**
 - Black belts (men)
 - Black belts (women)
- **Eliminatories** - Kata performed in pairs, flag system. (Free choice kata).
- **Final** - (4 athletes remaining) - point system. Free choice kata (Kata different from



eliminatories). If there is a tie, hantei: both athletes perform the same kata chosen by the referee (1-5 heian).

SENIOR (age 21 – 44) - Born from 1981 to 2004)

- **CATEGORIES**

9th to 6th kyu (men);

9th to 6th kyu (women);

5th kyu to 1st kyu (men);

5th kyu to 1st kyu (women);

Eliminatories – Kata performed in pairs, flag system. (Judges choose the kata - Kata inferior to the least ranked – [lowerbelt]), HEIAN 1-5.

Final (4 athletes remaining) - point system. Free kata (Heian or other). If there is a tie, hantei: both athletes perform the same kata chosen by the referee (1-5 heian).

- **CATEGORY**

Black belts (men)

Black belts (women)

- **Eliminatories** - Kata performed in pairs, flag system. (Free choice kata).
- **Final** - (4 athletes remaining) - point system. Free choice kata (Kata different from eliminatories). If there is a tie, hantei: both athletes perform the same kata chosen by the referee (1-5 heian).

MASTER 1 (age 45 – 54) - Born from 1971 to 1980)

- **CATEGORIES**

9th to 6th kyu (men);

9th to 6th kyu (women);

5th kyu to 1st kyu (men);

5th kyu to 1st kyu (women)

- **Eliminatories** – Kata performed in pairs, flag system. (Judges choose the kata - Kata inferior to the least ranked – [lowerbelt]), HEIAN 1-5.
- **Final** (4 athletes remaining) - point system. Free kata (Heian or other). If there is a tie, hantei: both athletes perform the same kata chosen by the referee (1-5 heian).



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- **CATEGORY**

Black belts

- **Eliminatories** - Kata performed in pairs, flag system. (Free choice kata).
- **Final** - (4 athletes remaining) - point system. Free choice kata (Kata different from eliminatories). If there is a tie, hantei: both athletes perform the same kata chosen by the referee (1-5 heian).

MASTER 2 (age 55 and older) - Born from 1970 and before)

- **CATEGORIES**

9th to 6th kyu (men);

9th to 6th kyu (women);

5th kyu to 1st kyu (men);

5th kyu to 1st kyu (women);

- **Eliminatories** – Kata performed in pairs, flag system. (Judges choose the kata - Kata inferior to the least ranked – [lowerbelt]), HEIAN 1-5.
- **Final** (4 athletes remaining) - point system. Free kata (Heian or other). If there is a tie, hantei: both athletes perform the same kata chosen by the referee (1-5 heian).

- **CATEGORY**

Black belts (men);

Black belts (women).

- **Eliminatories** - Kata performed in pairs, flag system. (Free choice kata).
- **Final** - (4 athletes remaining) - point system. Free choice kata (Kata different from eliminatories). If there is a tie, hantei: both athletes perform the same kata chosen by the referee (1-5 heian).

KUMITÊ

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

- **CATEGORIES**

9th to 6th kyu;

5th kyu to 1st kyu;

Black belts.



- **Eliminatories and final** – shiai kumite

SENIOR (age 21 – 44) - Born from 1981 to 2004)

- **CATEGORIES**

9th to 6th kyu;

5th kyu to 1st kyu;

Black belts.

- **Eliminatories and final** – shiai kumite

MASTER 1 (age 45 – 54) - Born from 1971 to 1980)

- **CATEGORIES**

9th to 6th kyu;

5th kyu to 1st kyu;

Black belts.

- **Eliminatories and final** – shiai kumite

MASTER 2 (age 55 and older) - Born from 1970 and before)

- **CATEGORIES**

9th to 6th kyu;

5th kyu to 1st kyu;

Black belts.

- **Eliminatories and final** – shiai kumite



IV - Competition rules:

KATA

- Kata individual competitions for ages 7 and under, 8-9 and 10-11 will be in the form of a festival, with 4 athletes per group, where every athlete will receive a medal (one first place, one second place and two third places).
- Kata individual competitions 12 years and older, only four awards: athletes will receive medals: one first place, one second place and two third places by category.
- Categories for ages 7 and under, 8-9 and 10-11, free kata choice (the athlete chooses the kata).

KUMITE

- **No contact JODAN** is allowed in ko-go and shiai kumite in categories from **0 – 17 years old** due to the laws of protection of children (under eighteen years old) in Brazil – Estatuto da criança e do adolescente (Statute-law of children and teenagers). If there is contact jodan, **hansoku** in these categories.
- 18 years old and older, WTKF rule.
- Kizami-zumi Tnudan does not score in ko-go and kumite from 0 – 17 years old.
- The other points follow WTKF rules.



V - APPLICATIONS & REGISTRATION

Registration

The detailed information of registration will be announced later.

VI - Participation Fee Athletes

The fees depend on the date of registration.

Register early prior to September 21, 2025 and you pay US\$ 50 per person. (only one fee, and athlete can participate in all competitions)

Register by the deadline date of October 21, 2025, the fee will be US\$ 60 per person. (only one fee, and athlete can participate in all competitions)

VII- COACHES

All team coaches must be registered during the Judges and coaches's 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.

VIII – 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. All Judges must bring their own HAKAMA (black), whistle and clean KARATEGI including navy blue (recommended) or white KARATEGI top.

IX - 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.

- If the country already has coaches and photographers registered in the Pan-American or Children, no fee will be charged for them in the Intercontinental Cup.



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X- ACCOMMODATION and TRANSPORTATION

All national teams are responsible for their accommodation, transport from/to the airport to hotel and to the Sport Gym.

XI - VISA

Please contact your local embassy for visa procedure.

In case you need invitation, please contact the organizing committee or CKTB

XII - CONTACT INFORMATION

For the event, all countries' teams must bring two national flags, as well as the national anthem of their representation.

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 . Update information regarding the Championships can also be found on WTKF or CKTB website.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

We are looking forward to seeing you in Natal – RN - Brazil.