



WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

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Dear National Federation,

We would like you to take note of the most important information related to the Qualification Systems of Buenos Aires 2018, which is to be found in the Olympic Section of the WKF official website under the following link: <https://www.wkf.net/olympic-ba2018.php>



YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018

- **Olympic Categories (events):**

Some of the standard WKF weight categories will be merged for Olympic purposes as follows:

WKF Categories Junior	Youth Olympic Games Categories
Men	
-55 kg	-61kg
-61kg	
-68kg	-68kg
-76kg	+68kg
+76kg	

WKF Categories Junior	Youth Olympic Games Categories
Women	
-48 kg	-53kg
-53kg	
-59kg	-59kg
+59kg	+59kg

- For Karate there will be a total of 6 Olympic categories (which are called “events” in the Qualification System): 3 for men and 3 for women.



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- Olympic Quotas

Each Olympic category (event) will have a maximum of 8 athletes.

Men -61	Men -68	Men +68	Women -53	Women -59	Women +59
8	8	8	8	8	8

Each NOC's may qualify a maximum of (6) athletes, one per Olympic category (event) as follows.

	Quota per NOC*
Men	3
Women	3
Total	6

Total Quota for Karate according to the Qualification System is the following:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Universality Places	Total
Men	20	2	2	24
Women	20	2	2	24
Total	40	4	4	48

- All quotas are to be achieved during the Qualification Period **from 01.07.2017 to 31.07.2018**.
 - o The **Qualification Places** can be obtained through 3 different ways:
 - A) Olympic Standing
 - B) Qualification Tournament
 - C) Continental Representation
 - o The minimum guaranteed **Host Country Places** are 4 (2 male and 2 female).
 - o The **Universality Places** defined are 4 (2 men and 2 women) and will be allocated only once all other quotas of the qualification system have been allocated.
- In order to be eligible to participate in the Youth Olympic Games of Buenos Aires 2018, the athletes must meet the following criteria:
 - o Be born between 1st January 2001 and 29 June 2002.
 - o Participate in the Qualification Tournament (not applicable to D1 places).
 - o Be accredited by their NOC before of 24th May 2018. This is the deadline when all potential athletes must be registered in the system.
- Further detail about the different steps of the Qualification Places:

A) Olympic Standing (2 athletes per event)

- o **The top 2 highest positioned athletes by Olympic category (event)** in the Olympic Standing per 1st of June 2018 will be automatically qualified for Buenos Aires 2018. Positions 1 and 2 will be assigned to the two best ranked athletes per WKF Weight category. Should the WKF category be merged for Olympic purposes, then the best ranked athlete (1) of each WKF merged category will obtain a place.

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The Olympic Standing is based in the WKF Ranking respecting the qualification system criteria (you can find more detailed information about the Olympic Standing under WKF World Ranking Rules here: https://www.wkf.net/pdf/rules/Ranking_Regulations.pdf).

- The Olympic Standing will be updated periodically and can be found under the following link: http://setopen.sportdata.org/wkfranking/standing_yog2018.php
- Competitions counting for Olympic Standing are the following:

2017

- UFAK Junior Championships (02-04 June, Yaoundé / CAMEROON)
- PKF Junior Championships (23-26 August, B. Aires / ARGENTINA)
- WKF Youth Cup (1-2 July, Umag /CROATIA)
- WKF World Junior Championships (25-29 October, Tenerife/SPAIN)

2018

- EKF Junior Championships (2-4 February, Sochi / RUSSIA)
- AKF Junior Championships (10-13 May, Okinawa / JAPAN)
- OKF Junior Championships (18-20 May, Auckland / NEW ZEALAND)
- Youth League (26-27 May, Sofia / BULGARIA)

B) World Qualification Tournament - UMAG (2 athletes per event in each phase)

The World Qualification Tournament will take place the 29th (Phase 1) and 30th (Phase 2) of June 2018 in UMAG, Croatia. 2 athletes per event, being them **the top two (2) athletes in each category of each phase in each Olympic weight category (event)**, will be automatically qualified for Buenos Aires 2018.

C) Continental representation

This step will be used to balance the Continental representation in the Olympic Games and the allocation of quotas will be done assigning the places to the highest positioned athlete in the Olympic Standing of 1st of June 2018 across all events from a continent not yet represented. The following order will apply to assign the quotas: OKF, UFAK, PKF, AKF, EKF.

Should not all places be needed for Continental representation, unfilled quota places will be allocated to the highest positioned athletes in the Olympic Standing of 1st of June 2018.

- Confirmation of Quotas

On 2 July 2018 WKF will publish the list of all qualified athletes.