



# WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

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of International Sports Federations (GAISF) and  
the International World Games Association (IWGA)

## NEW COMPETITION PROPOSAL FOR UNDER 21 YEARS AGE

WKF has recently approved the changes regarding categories and ages for the World and consequently for the Continental Championships.

Such changes somehow affect, at Kumite category, the competitors between 18 and 21 ages. As soon as these changes become effective, people over 18 years old will directly enter the Senior category.

It is predictable that, they sometimes find some difficulties in their countries to get the necessary results to be able to take part in Continental and World Championships, and this would mean that young top competitors would not be able to participate at highest international level.

In order to offset these negative aspects, the following proposal is presented:

### UNDER 21 WORLD CUP

**Date:** At the same time as the World Junior & Cadet Championships.

**Categories:** 1. Male Individual Kumite  
2. Female Individual Kumite

**Age:** Between 18 and 21 years old

#### **Weight categories:**

1. Male Individual Kumite: 3 weight categories that could be as follows:

1.a: -68 Kg.  
1.b: -78 Kg.                      1 competitor per country and weight category  
1.c: +78 Kg.

2. Female Individual Kumite: 3 weight categories that could be as follows:

2.a: -53 Kg.  
2.b: -60 kg.                      1 competitor per country and weight category  
2.b: +60 Kg.

Neither Kata category nor Team Kumite categories are considered as a priority to keep in line with the WKF proposal to IOC and also to make possible the participation of National Federations with little economical resources.

**EXCLUSIONS:** The following will not be eligible for participation:  
Competitors who have already taken part in any World Senior Championships.