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KARATE GRAND PRIX CROATIA

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WELCOME





Darko Šimunec

President of the organizing committee of Grand Prix Croatia

Dear karate friends, Welcome to the 34th Karate Grand Prix Croatia. Tournament that is recognized across Europe and beyond, will once again bring together athletes and national teams from Central and Eastern Europe. As in previous years, the event will serve as one of the strongest competitive tests and key preparation opportunities for athletes ahead of the upcoming European Championships.

After successfully relocating the tournament from Samobor to Rijeka last year and ensuring high-quality conditions for the continued growth of this prestigious event, it is now time to elevate our organization even further. This year, we are placing a special focus on enhancing the overall athlete experience. We expect a large number of participants once again — from the youngest categories to senior competitors.

In previous editions, senior athletes could only compete in the prestigious Open divisions. Starting this year, they now have the opportunity to compete in all official weight categories **in addition to** the option of entering our renowned Senior Open division. A valuable prize fund will once again await the winners of the men's and women's Open categories.

I look forward to welcoming you again to the beautiful city of Rijeka.

Until then, I wish you successful preparations and the best of luck at the tournament.



Miroljub Berak

Head of the organizing team

Dear karate friends, It is a great honor and pleasure to invite you to join us once again at one of the largest tournaments in our region — the Karate Grand Prix Croatia, proudly returning to the city of Rijeka. Together with an experienced organizing team that has been running major international events for many years, we are fully committed to delivering the best edition of this tournament so far. We are investing additional effort and resources to ensure that every part of the athlete experience is improved — from the competition flow to the atmosphere inside the sports hall, which will be carefully prepared and visually elevated for this year's event. We look forward to welcoming you to our city and sharing another unforgettable karate weekend with you. See you soon at the 34th Karate Grand Prix Croatia!

GENERAL INFORMATION





- **Date:** January 16th - 18th, 2026.
- **Event organizing committee:** GRAND PRIX CROATIA TEAM
- **Contact:** grandprixcroatia@gmail.com
- **Location:** Sporthall Zamet, Trg Riječkih Olimpijaca 1, 51000 Rijeka
- A modern sports hall opened in 2009 in the western part of the city of Rijeka. Since its opening, the hall hosted various major sports events, and in karate sports it is known as the home of Karate Croatia Open and also known for hosting the Balkan Championship for the cadet, junior and U21 categories in 2021 & 2025.

TOURNAMENT PROGRAM

- This year, we are expanding the tournament program. In addition to the existing Senior Open divisions, we are introducing official weight categories for senior men and women in kumite. Below, you will find the day-by-day tournament schedule:
- **Friday, January 16th**
Arrival and official registration - 17:00 - 21:00h
- **Saturday, January 17th**
Kumite cadets, juniors, U21, Seniors
- **Sunday, January 18th**
Kata all categories & Kumite U8, U10, U12, U14



REGISTRATION



ONLINE REGISTRATION

- All participants must register through *Sportdata online platform*.
- The online registration is mandatory. No on-site entry will be accepted. The registration starts on November 1st 2025 and closes on January 10th 2026 at 12:00 hrs GMT +0.
- In case you have any questions regarding your online registration, please contact directly the Sportdata's software via the following email address office@sportdata.org
- Registration is mandatory for:
 1. Athletes
 2. Coaches
- Athletes are allowed to compete in their own age category and the next older age category. It is not permitted to register an athlete in two categories within the same age group.
- ATTENTION!
Registering an athlete in two individual categories within the same age group will result in:
 - the athlete being required to undergo weigh-in,
 - removal from one of the two categories, and
 - full entry fees being charged for both registrations.



ENTRY FEE & PAYMENT

- Please be aware that this year competition will have two phases of registrations. In each phase of registration it will be possible to register all of the competitors, coaches and officials but entry fee will be determined by the phase of registration.
 - 50€ - One entry in categories: cadets, juniors, U21, seniors, seniors open & veterans
 - 40€ - One entry in categories: U8, U10, U12, U14
 - 60€ - One entry in team category
 - 20€ - Penalty for late category change
- BANK TRANSFER DETAILS
 - Bank name: Erste&Steiermarkische Bank d.d. swift/bic: ESBCHR22
 - Iban: HR1424020061100123336
 - Name: Karate Klub Tad Rijeka
 - Address: Trg Viktora Bubnja 3, 51000 Rijeka

REGISTRATION PHASES

- Phase 1 / November 1st - December 31st
 - Entry fee amount as it is displayed
- Phase 2 / January 1st - January 10th
 - Entry fee amount is increased by 10€ for all categories

ENTRY FEE PAYINGS

- Entry fee is possible to pay in cash on site
- Entry fee is possible to pay via Bank transfer (until January 10th)
- Before making a bank transfer please contact organizers
at kktad.rijeka@gmail.com to get an invoice.

ATTENTION!

- Accreditations for registered competitors will be available for pick up after payment for them is proceeded (net banking or cash payment).
- Entry fee will be charged for all competitors that are registered after January 10th for competition (it is possible to make ONLINE changes on entry list until January 10th).
- In case of not passing the weigh-in control, competitors will have opportunity to compete in a higher weight category (if the category has not already started) with a penalty in the amount of 20€.



ON SITE REGISTRATION AND WEIGH IN

- Competitor registration will be possible on **each competition day** at the registration center located in Zamet Hall.
- On-Site Registration Procedure:
 - Payment of the registration fee or presentation of proof of payment via bank transfer
 - Confirmation of the participation of registered competitors
 - Collection of coach accreditations
- On-site participation confirmation will be possible up to 2 hours before the start of each competitor's performance.

WEIGH IN

There will be no mandatory weigh-in for competitors at the 34th Grand Prix Croatia. However, weigh-ins may still occur in the event of a coach's protest:

- In the case of a protest, the competitor will be weighed while wearing their gi, with a weight tolerance of 1 kg.

TOURNAMENT RULES

- All tournament details and regulations can be found in a separate document titled *Karate Grand Prix Croatia 2026 – Tournament Rules*, which will be published on the event page on Sportdata.

TOURNAMENT AWARDS

- Medals and Trophies for the winners in all tournament categories
- Senior Open categories (male & female) – Prize money
 - 1st place 1000e, 2nd place 500e, 3rd place 250e



COMPETITION



KATA KATEGORIES

Name of the Age Category	Age	A Category and Team
U8 - MALE U8 - FEMALE	5,6,7	Repetition of kata allowed.
U10 - MALE U10 - FEMALE	8,9	At least 2 different kata must be performed before repeating; no consecutive repetitions of the same kata.
U12 - MALE U12 - FEMALE	10,11	At least 3 different kata must be performed before repeating; no consecutive repetitions of the same kata.
U14 -MALE U14 - FEMALE	12,13	WKF rules - At least 4 different kata must be performed before repeating; no consecutive repetitions of the same kata.
CADETS MALE CADETS FEMALE	14,15	WKF rules - At least 5 different kata must be performed before repeating; no consecutive repetitions of the same kata.
JUNIORS MALE JUNIORS FEMALE	16,17	
U21 MALE U21 FEMALE	18-20	
SENIORS MALE SENIORS FEMALE	16+	
VETERANS MALE VETERANS FEMALE	35+	
VETERANS MALE	50+	



Competitors in A Categories and Teams select katas from the WKF Kata List. They are classified into age categories based on their age on the day of the competition. An additional performance in the next older age group is allowed. Example: A competitor or team aged 10 or 11 can participate in the U14 category.

In categories with four or fewer competitors, the organizer, in agreement with the competition supervisor, may merge categories or apply a 'round robin' system. Judges record the number of wins and flags (Hantei). If there is an equal number of wins, the total number of flags across all performances determines

the winner. If the tie persists, a decisive performance is conducted. There is one third-place award unless the third and fourth positions are tied, in which case two third-place awards are given without additional performances.

The competition area is 8x8 meters. If possible, a one-meter safety zone should be added. The judging panel consists of 3 or 5 judges.

All WKF categories will be judged using the WKF point system. The U14 categories and veteran categories will be judged using flag system.

KUMITE KATEGORIES

Name of the Age Category	Age	Weight Categories	Match Duration
U8 - MALE U8 - FEMALE	6,7	-24, -28, -32, -36, +36	1 min
U10 - MALE U10 - FEMALE	8,9	-27, -31, -35, -39, -43, +43	
U12 - MALE U12 - FEMALE	10,11	-34, -39, -44, -49, -54, +54	1,5 min
U14 - MALE U14 - FEMALE	12,13	-40, -45, -50, -55, -60, -65, +65 -37, -42, -47, -52, -57, +57	
CADETS MALE CADETS FEMALE	14,15	-52, -57, -63, -70, +70 -47, -54, -61, +61	2 min
JUNIORS MALE JUNIORS FEMALE	16,17	-55, -61, -68, -76, +76 -48, -53, -59, -66, +66	
U21 MALE U21 FEMALE	18-20	-60, -67, -75, -84, +84 -50, -55, -61, -68, +68	3 min
SENIORS MALE SENIORS FEMALE	18+		

Competitors are classified into age categories based on their age on the day of the competition. An additional performance in the next older age group is allowed in all categories except seniors. Example: A competitor aged 10 or 11 can compete in the U14 category. However, a 16-year-old junior cannot compete in U21 or senior categories, while a 17-year-old junior can compete in both U21 and seniors. Competitors aged 5 or younger cannot participate in kumite.

In categories with four or fewer competitors, the organizer, in agreement with the competition supervisor, may merge categories or use a round-robin system. In round robin, judges record the number of wins and points. If wins are tied, the competitor with the higher total points across all matches wins. If still tied, a decisive match or matches are held. There is one third-place award unless the third and fourth positions are tied.

Weigh-ins are not mandatory but may be conducted upon request by the competition supervisor or coach for an individual competitor. Competitors weigh in barefoot, wearing a gi and shirt, with an allowance of up to 700 grams for males and 1000 grams for females. The tolerance applies to both the upper and lower weight limits.

The competition area for all age groups is 8x8 meters. If possible, a one-meter safety zone should be added. Matches are judged by 3 or 5 judges.

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

U14 and Younger:

Gi with shoulder markings matching the belt color, or a plain gi without markings.

Gloves, foot and shin protectors, mouthguard, and body protector (external)

WKF helmet is obligatory to wear for all U14 kumite categories

Only for U10 -> Shin protectors do not need to match the belt color

ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE

By registering competitors, Club confirms that all athletes have a valid medical check-up and meet the required age.

ACCOMODATION



Through our official travel agency, you can book accommodation at favorable rates in the official hotels of our event.

For all inquiries and accommodation reservations, please contact:

pnikolic@medadria.com

To secure the prices listed in this bulletin, accommodation reservations must be made no later than December 15th 2025.

Prices are stated per person / per night.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

We can organize transfer for your team from airport to hotel and from hotel to airport. For more information please contact us on

grandprixcroatia@gmail.com



HQ hotel

HOTEL ISTRA 3*

Opatija

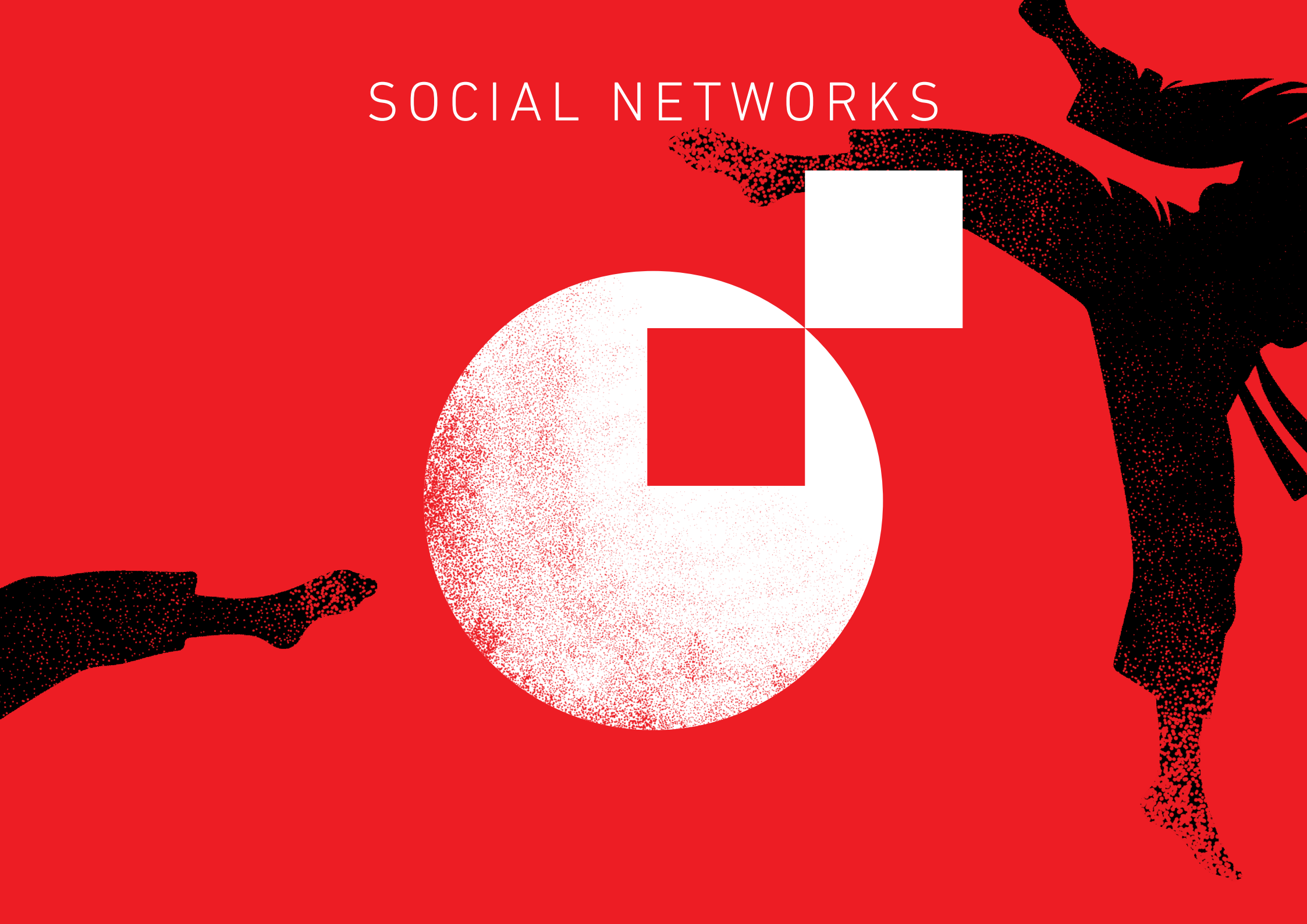
Distance to the sporthall: 12km

Prices are stated per person / per night.

- Single room / BB 60e
- Single room / HB 76e
- Double room / BB 45e
- Double room / HB 55e
 - Extra bed / BB 40e
 - Extra bed / HB 50e



SOCIAL NETWORKS



Connect with our tournament through social media

- our media team does it better than others.



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