

# FUKUOKA 2023



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*Karate 1 – Premier League*

**FUKUOKA 2023**

**JAPAN**

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## 1. WELCOME MESSAGE



Dear Participants,

It is a great pleasure for the Japan Karatedo Federation to host WKF Karate-1 Premier League 2023 in the beautiful city of Fukuoka, Japan and welcome Karate family from all over the world. This is the first time for the city to welcome Premier League event while 4 years passed since Japan hosted the last Premier League in Tokyo, 2019.

The city of Fukuoka is located in Kyusyu area, southern part of Japan, where variety of international sport events and conventions are frequently hosted. It is known as a center of economics and culture as well as a tourist destination where visitors fully enjoy comfortable stay, delicious foods and hospitality of local people.

The local organizing committee has been intensively working to deliver the competition safely and smoothly. Not only volunteers in the venue, but young Karateka in Fukuoka have ~~also~~ been also been involved in relevant promotion of this event. In the meantime, we are also honoured to assist the Guardian Girls Global Karate Program during the event under the initiative of the WKF.

Last but not least, we look forward to welcoming all participating athletes, coaches, referees and fans in person and we do wish for the successful event.

*SASAKAWA Takashi*  
*President*  
*Japan Karatedo Federation*

## 2. INTRODUCTION

The Karate1 - Premier League is the most important league event in the world of Karate. It comprises of a number of the most prominent Karate competitions and endeavours to bring together the best Karate athletes in the world in an open Championships of unprecedented scale and quality.

Initiated in 2011, the 2023 edition is formed by four events being held in the cities of Cairo, Rabat, Fukuoka and Dublin thus stating Karate's impact all around the world and its global scale. The city of Fukuoka hosts a Karate 1-Premier League event for the 1<sup>st</sup> time.

The Karate 1 - Premier League is an open competition where all WKF NFs members are admitted to participate.

The number of competitors is limited to 32 competitors per category.

As for the 2023 Grand Winner awards, the "Best of the Best" of the season will be proclaimed after the events in Cairo, Rabat, Fukuoka, and Dublin. Therefore, the points in the 2023 Karate 1-Premier League Cairo will also be used to rank the top competitors of the 2023 season. In order to be eligible to receive the "Grand Winners" award, competitors have to participate in at least 3 events of the 2023 season.

The Grand Winners of each individual category will receive a prize money of 5.000 EUR from the WKF.

## 3. INTRODUCTION KARATE 1 - PREMIER LEAGUE FUKUOKA 2023

The Karate 1 – Premier League Fukuoka 2023 will be held next 09 – 11 June 2023 at Fukuoka Kokusai Center.

## 4. COMPETITION INFORMATION

### 4.1 Categories

The competition categories are identical to those individuals for Senior World Championships

#### KATA

Individual Female/Male

#### KUMITE

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| Female | -50 kg, -55kg, -61 kg, -68 kg, +68kg   |
| Male   | -60 kg, -67 kg, -75 kg, -84 kg, +84 kg |

### 4.2 Prizes

For individual categories (Kumite and Kata):

- Gold Medalist: 1.000 €
- Silver Medalist: 500 €
- Third Places: 250 €

## 5. CONTACT INFORMATION

### 5.1 Organizers contact details

Japan Karatedo Federation  
1-1-20 Tatsumi Koto-ku Tokyo 135-8538 Japan  
[www.jkf.ne.jp](http://www.jkf.ne.jp)

### 5.2 Local Organising Committee contact details

Sport Manager (competition) Mr MATSUE Hajime [h-matsue@jkf.jp](mailto:h-matsue@jkf.jp)

Services Manager (services) Ms KOBINATA Aina [a-kobinata@jkf.jp](mailto:a-kobinata@jkf.jp)

### 5.3 WKF Event Supervisor contact

The WKF Event Supervisor for this Premier League event is Mr. Esteban Perez. His contact details are as follows:

Email: [esteban@wkf.net](mailto:esteban@wkf.net)

Telephone: +34 679 33 68 67

### 5.4 WKF Covid Protocol contact

Mr. Michael Wenner

Email: [mwenner@wkf.net](mailto:mwenner@wkf.net)

### 5.5 Safe Sport contact

WKF events must be safe for all athletes and participants and entirely free from any form of non-accidental violence, namely, harassment and abuse. Any such behaviour will not be tolerated.

If you or someone you know has been the victim of abuse or harassment in Karate, get help and report it.

Your first point of contact for any incident at this event is the WKF Event Supervisor, whose contact information you can find detailed above.

Otherwise, any other incident can be reported via the [WKF Official Complaint Form](#) and sent to: [safekarate@wkf.net](mailto:safekarate@wkf.net)

## 6. WKF APPROVED PROTECTIONS, KARATEGIS & TATAMIS

The Karate 1-Premier League complies with the highest level of presentation. In order to guarantee the correct delivery of the event, and to ensure the suitable quality of the tournament, exclusively the following brands are WKF Approved for use in the 2023 Karate 1-Premier League Season.

### SPORT PROTECTIONS “WKF Approved”



\*Click on the logos

### CHECK THE COMPULSORY EQUIPMENT FOR THIS EVENT

Click on the image to visit the distributors by countries.



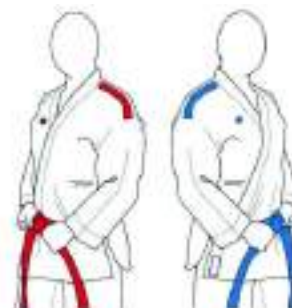
### TATAMIS “WKF Approved”



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### OFFICIAL KARATEGI KARATE 1 - PREMIER LEAGUE

Kumite and Kata karategis with the brand name embroidered on the shoulders in **RED** or **BLUE** are of mandatory use in Karate 1-Premier League tournaments.



The authorized companies to use these karategis models are:



\*Click on the logos



## 7. EVENTS SCHEDULE

**THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD UNDER THE WKF COVID PROTOCOL.**

In order to respect and properly follow the WKF Covid protocol, **the schedules below will be strictly followed.**

| THURSDAY<br>08/06/2023                       | ACTIVITY   | PLACE  |                           |                 |                          |                 |                        |   |
|--|--|--|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---|
| <b>REGISTRATION FOR PREMIER LEAGUE EVENT</b> |  |  |                           |                 |                          |                 |                        |   |
| 10:00 – 16:00 h                              | <p>Timeslots by alphabetic order of Countries will be applied to ensure a smooth onsite registration process. Such timeslot will be established once finished the online registration.</p> <p>ENTRY: 2 team representatives</p> <p>STATIONS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Waivers, Passport &amp; Accreditation Check</li> <li>2) System Check (Sportdata)</li> <li>3) Back Number &amp; Lanyard Pick Up</li> <li>4) Accreditation Pick Up</li> <li>5) Athlete Weigh-in</li> </ol>   | HQ Hotel<br>(Fukuoka Sunpalace)<br>(Palace room & Room Heian, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor) |                           |                 |                          |                 |                        |   |
| 17:00 h                                      | COACH MEETING  | HQ Hotel<br>(Palace room)  |                           |                 |                          |                 |                        |   |
| 19:00 h                                      | OFFICIAL DRAW  | HQ Hotel<br>(Palace room)  |                           |                 |                          |                 |                        |   |
| 20:00 – 21:30 h                              | REFEREES BRIEFING  | HQ Hotel<br>(Palace room)  |                           |                 |                          |                 |                        |   |
| <b>WKF COACH COURSE</b>                      |  |  |                           |                 |                          |                 |                        |   |
| 10:00 – 16:00 h                              | <p>Onsite Registration Entry: Coach</p> <p>STATIONS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Waiver, Passport &amp; Accreditation Check</li> <li>2) Sportdata Check</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;">THE COACH PROGRAM TIMETABLE</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">16:00 – 17:30 h</td> <td style="text-align: center;">ACCREDITED COACH BRIEFING</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">17:30 – 18:15 h</td> <td style="text-align: center;">KUMITE COACH EXAMINATION</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">18:15 – 19:00 h</td> <td style="text-align: center;">KATA COACH EXAMINATION</td> </tr> </table> | 16:00 – 17:30 h  | ACCREDITED COACH BRIEFING | 17:30 – 18:15 h | KUMITE COACH EXAMINATION | 18:15 – 19:00 h | KATA COACH EXAMINATION | HQ Hotel<br>(Meeting room, 4 <sup>th</sup> floor) |
| 16:00 – 17:30 h                              | ACCREDITED COACH BRIEFING  |  |                           |                 |                          |                 |                        |   |
| 17:30 – 18:15 h                              | KUMITE COACH EXAMINATION   |  |                           |                 |                          |                 |                        |   |
| 18:15 – 19:00 h                              | KATA COACH EXAMINATION   |  |                           |                 |                          |                 |                        |   |
| 19:30 h                                      | COACH EXAMINATIONS RESULTS AND DELIVERY OF THE PL ACCREDITATIONS (to those approved coaches)   |  |                           |                 |                          |                 |                        |   |

## COMPETITION PROGRAMME

### PREMIER LEAGUE 2023: ROUND ROBIN SYSTEM

| <b>FRIDAY (09/06/2023)</b> |   |
|----------------------------|---|
|                            | <b>Kata Individual – Round Robin</b>                      |
| <b>9:00</b>                | Female  |
|                            | <b>Kumite Individual – Round Robin</b>                    |
| 10:30                      | Male -60 Kg   |
| 12:00                      | Female -50 Kg   |
| 13:30                      | Male -67 Kg   |
| 15:00                      | Female -55 Kg   |
| 16:30                      | Male -75 Kg   |
|                            | <b>Kata Individual – Quarter Finals &amp; Semi Finals</b> |
| 18:15                      | Female  |
|                            | <b>Kumite– Quarter Finals</b>                             |
| 18:45                      | Male & Female -60kg / -50kg/ -67kg/ -55kg/ -75kg          |
|                            | <b>Kumite–Semi Finals</b>                                 |
| 19:35                      | Male & Female -60kg / -50kg/ -67kg/ -55kg/ -75kg          |
| <b>20:30</b>               | <b>End of the Friday’s Competition</b>                    |

| <b>SATURDAY (10/06/2023)</b> |   |
|------------------------------|---|
|                              | <b>Kata Individual – Round Robin</b>                      |
| <b>9:00</b>                  | Male  |
|                              | <b>Kumite Individual – Round Robin</b>                    |
| 10:30                        | Female -61 Kg   |
| 12:00                        | Male -84 Kg   |
| 13:30                        | Female -68 Kg   |
| 15:00                        | Male +84 Kg   |
| 16:30                        | Female +68 Kg   |
|                              | <b>Kata Individual – Quarter Finals &amp; Semi Finals</b> |
| 18:15                        | Male  |
|                              | <b>Kumite – Quarter Finals</b>                            |
| 18:45                        | Female & Male -61kg/ -84kg/ -68kg/ +84kg/ +68kg           |
|                              | <b>Kumite – Semi Finals</b>                               |
| 19:35                        | Female & Male -61kg/ -84kg/ -68kg/ +84kg/ +68kg           |
| <b>20:30</b>                 | <b>End of the Saturday’s Competition</b>                  |

## PREMIER LEAGUE 2023: MEDALS BOUTS

| <b>SUNDAY (11/06/2023)</b> |                                   |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>10:00</b>               | <b>Bronze Medals Bouts</b>        |
| <b>10:05</b>               | <b>Kata Female</b>                |
| 10:30                      | Female -50 Kg                     |
| 10:50                      | Male -60 Kg                       |
| 11:10                      | Female -55 Kg                     |
| 11:30                      | Male -67 Kg                       |
| 11:50                      | Female -61 Kg                     |
| <b>12:10</b>               | <b>Kata Male</b>                  |
| 12:30                      | Male -75 Kg                       |
| 12:50                      | Female -68 Kg                     |
| 13:10                      | Male -84 Kg                       |
| 13:30                      | Female +68 Kg                     |
| 13:50                      | Male +84 Kg                       |
| <b>14:10</b>               | <b>Lunch Break</b>                |
| <b>15:30</b>               | <b>Finals Bout</b>                |
| <b>15:35</b>               | <b>Kata Female</b>                |
| 15:50                      | Female -50 Kg                     |
| 16:00                      | Male -60 Kg                       |
| 16:10                      | Female -55 Kg                     |
| 16:20                      | Male -67 Kg                       |
| 16:30                      | Female -61 Kg                     |
| <b>16:45</b>               | <b>Guardian Girls Performance</b> |
| <b>17:00</b>               | <b>Kata Male</b>                  |
| 17:15                      | Male -75 Kg                       |
| 17:25                      | Female -68 Kg                     |
| 17:35                      | Male -84 Kg                       |
| 17:45                      | Female +68 Kg                     |
| 17:55                      | Male +84 Kg                       |
| <b>18:00</b>               | <b>Medals Award</b>               |

The detailed competition schedule will be fixed after closing the online registration in order to adequate it to the final number of athletes.

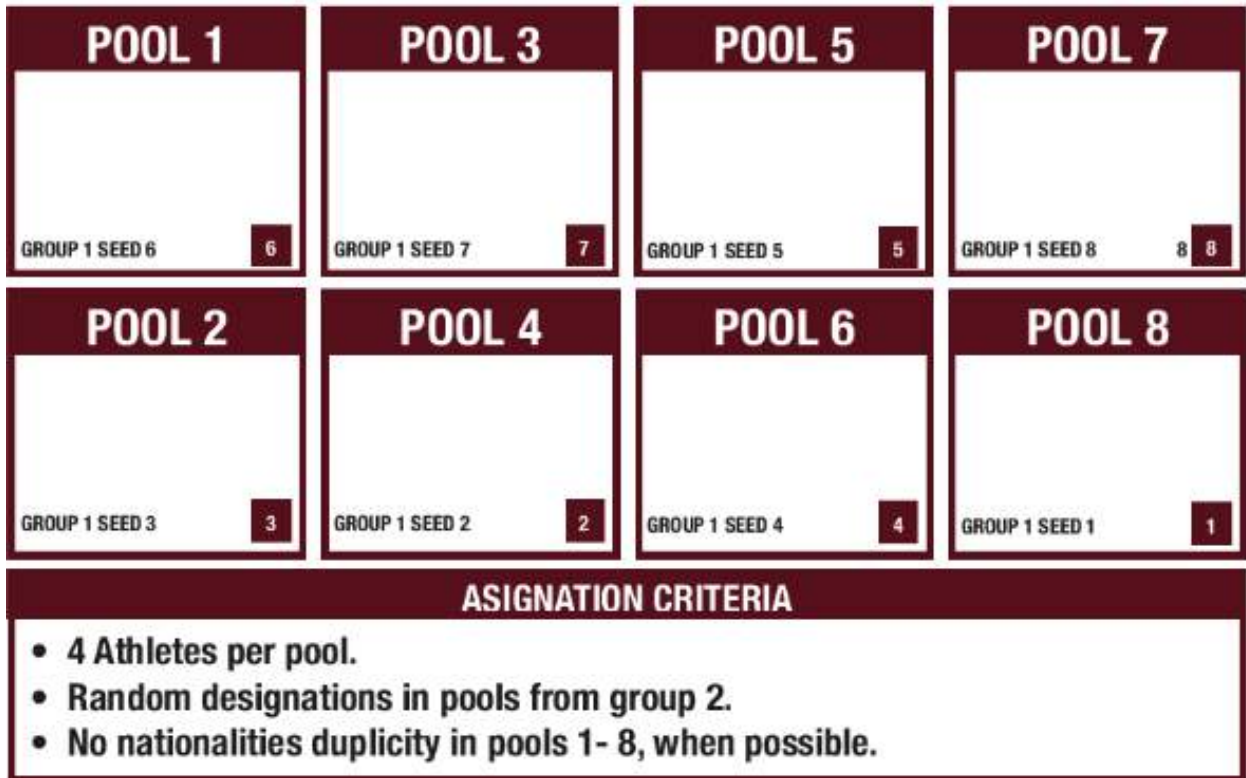
Only the categories appointed will be allowed to stay in the stadium during the authorized timetables.

Detailed information will be communicated at due time.

## 7.1 New competition System

The competition system consists of two different phases:

### Round Robin Phase



\*Pools of 3 athletes will be draw following the same assignation and order criteria that athlete's seed

The number of pools and athletes per pool depends on the number of competitors registered. This information is detailed in the [WKF World Ranking Rules](#).

### Elimination Phase



## 8. EVENT RANKING

Competitors can earn ranking points in every Karate 1 event according to the official WKF Ranking as can be seen in Section 2 (Points per Place) and Section 4 (Points Calculating System) of the [WKF Ranking Rules](#).

The Applicable Ranking will be the one updated on the day of the registration opening:

EVENT RANKING

## 9. ONLINE REGISTRATION & OFFICIAL ACCREDITATION

All registration in a Premier League event must be processed ONLINE.

**No registration will be accepted after the official online registration deadline and all requests will be declined.**

Onsite registrations will **NOT** be accepted.

The registration will be validated once the online payment is completed through the online payment platform.

### 9.1 Online Registration Process

The registration starts two (2) months prior to the event, on **09 April 2023** at the 12:00 h GMT +0 and close fifteen (15) days before the tournament, on **25 May 2023** at the 12:00 h GMT +0 and it is divided in the following three phases (all phases will open and close at the 12:00 h GMT +0 of the listed day);

| PHASE 1  |
|--|
| <i><u>From 09 April 2023</u> (first week for registration)</i>   |
| Registration <b><u>only by NFs for athletes classified between the positions 1 and 32 (included)</u></b> in the <a href="#">Event Ranking</a><br>No limit of athletes per NF     |
| <i><u>From 17 April 2023</u> (second week for registration)</i>  |
| Open registration <b><u>for athletes classified between the positions 1 and 32 (included)</u></b> in the <a href="#">Event Ranking</a><br>No limit of athletes per NF            |
| PHASE 2  |
| <i><u>From 25 April 2023</u> (next two weeks of registration)</i>  |
| If vacancies, open registration <b><u>for athletes ranked between positions 33 and 64 (included)</u></b> in the <a href="#">Event Ranking</a><br>No limit of athletes per NF.    |
| PHASE 3  |
| <i><u>From 10 May 2023</u> (last two weeks of registration)</i>  |
| If vacancies, open inscription <b><u>for competitors ranked between positions 65 and 100 (included)</u></b> in the <a href="#">Event Ranking</a><br>No limit of athletes per NF. |

## Non-Reported Absences

1. Any cancellation of an online registration must be **for a justified and duly accredited cause** and must be communicated in writing to the WKF ([wkf@wkf.net](mailto:wkf@wkf.net)) at least **48 hours before the first day of the competition**. **Title:** PL Absence + (event) + (WKF ID)
2. In case of an unjustified absence, the athlete will not be able to register in the following **TWO (2)** Karate 1 - Premier League events.
3. If the unjustified absence occurs at the last Karate 1 - Premier League event of the year, the athlete in question will not be eligible for the Grand Winner title either.

## Replacement List

1. You may sign up for the **Replacement List** when a category is full (32) by selecting your desire category during the normal registration process, after which payment will not be request and your entry will be listed as Replacement List – ‘Category’.
2. The Replacement list is **only** to contact you if an entry declares their absence prior to the event. It does in **NO WAY** imply or suggest that you have been registered for the event, or that you have been promised a place in the event.

## Contacting a Replacement

1. If an absence is confirmed via WKF, then, the first registered athlete will be contacted immediately **by email** with instructions to complete their payment within a strict 24 hours.
2. Failure to complete the registration **within the 24 hours** will lead to the complete removal of the entry and the next person on the replacement list will be contacted.
3. After the registration closes, you can still be put your name onto the replacement list manually by writing the WKF ([wkf@wkf.net](mailto:wkf@wkf.net)) up to 7 days before the competition. **Title:** PL Replacement List + (event) + (WKF ID)

All **competitor** registrations must be made **ONLINE**

**ATHLETES  
REGISTRATION**

All **referee** registrations must be made **ONLINE**

**REFEREE  
REGISTRATION**

All **coach** registrations must be made **ONLINE**

**COACH REGISTRATION**

Individuals and National Federations are responsible for the quality of the entered registration data.

The online registration of athletes will be openly disclosed for everyone from the beginning, allowing consultation by WKF NFs of the competitors registered in real time.

**Any issue regarding the online registration have to be notified to the software provider and to the WKF, latest five days before the first day of competition, in order to allow taking them in consideration without altering the smooth running of the process.**

Fifteen days before the start of the event the online registration will close.

### **Technical Support for Online Registration**

In case of any questions concerning the online registration please directly contact the Sportdata software team via the email address; [karate1@sportdata.org](mailto:karate1@sportdata.org)

## **9.2 Entry Fee**

The entry fee is € 100 per each individual entry.

## **9.3 Payment**

All payments must be processed through the ONLINE PAYMENT PLATFORM. Onsite payments will NOT be accepted.



## 9.4 Official Accreditation

The official accreditation will take place on Thursday, 08/06/2023, from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. at the HQ Hotel (Palara Room & Room Heian, Fukuoka Sunpalace 2<sup>nd</sup> floor).

If changes are required during the official registration session, because of incorrect or missing registration data, a fee of € 20 is charged for each change.

At registration, accreditation cards will be issued with the participants main data, a photograph and information about registered categories. The accreditation card must be worn at all times during the event.

Only members of national federations recognized by WKF are admitted participating, as per Premier League Organising Rules 2022 ([PL OR Point 6 Registration](#)).

**All participants must submit an official document (passport or other valid ID card) for the WKF identification and validation at the accreditation session.**

**The accreditation of any competitor must be done by the athlete or the athlete's coach, in person bringing the athlete passport or other valid ID at the accreditation session.**

**The competitor who has not collected, either personally or through his/her coach the accreditation during the official registration, will not be included in the draw.**

**The weighing will be carried out immediately after receiving the accreditation, those athletes who will not attend the weighing will not be included in the draw.**

## 10. MANDATORY DOCUMENTS

### MANDATORY DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE OFFICIAL ACCREDITATION

At the onsite registration, all participants (Coach, Athletes, Referees, Officials) must submit a printed and signed Waiver of Liability form.

There are 3 types, one is for the Club/Team Representative, while the other 2 are for all other participants (Over 18 years old and under 18 years old). Find the links below.

#### **Waiver of Liability Forms:**

- i. NF/Team Representative Waiver ([link](#))
- ii. Individual +18 Form ([link](#))
- iii. Individual - 18 Form (Parental Consent) ([link](#))

• The NF/Team Representative takes full responsibility for the validity of all signatures and information provided.

## 11. ANTI DOPING EDUCATION

As a participant in karate, it is your responsibility to follow the WKF Anti-Doping Rules. Click the [here](#) to take an Anti-Doping Education & Learning Course and learn more about your responsibilities and visit our [website](#). For a few hours, you help keep karate a clean sport.



### Course Recommendations

International-level Athletes Education  
High Performance Coach Education  
Medical Professionals Education  
Parents of Elite Athletes Education

## 12. BACK NUMBERS

The back number to be used in Karate 1 – Premier League events 2023 will be the same as those already provided for Karate 1 – Premier League events 2022.

**The use of back numbers is compulsory for all categories and modalities in Karate 1 – Premier League events.**

**New back numbers will only be delivered at the accreditation season to those athletes who have not participated in any Karate 1-Premier League events in 2022 and 2023.**

In case of lost or breakage, please contact to:

Iván Delfino

WKF Marketing Manager

Email: [idelfino@wkf.net](mailto:idelfino@wkf.net)

All competitors are required to carry properly sewn on the back of their karategi's jacket the back number.

**If the back number is not properly sewn, it can be a reason for disqualification.**

## 13. WKF COACH PROGRAMME

According to the WKF Coach Educational Programme, **the minimum certification required to take part in Karate 1 – Premier League events is the “Kumite or Kata certification” (level 2).** To obtain such certification, coaches must pass the corresponding **Kumite or Kata examination.**

The Kumite or Kata coach licence can be obtained or;

- through the [WKF E-learning platform for Coaches](#)
- Or by attending to one of the Programmes for Coaches that the WKF held in official events.

A WKF Programme for Coaches will be held in all Karate 1 - Premier League events 2023.

**Submit Waiver and Accreditation check prior to course entry at the Onsite registration. Mention you are part of the coaches course.**

Only coaches in possession of the “WKF Accredited Coach” level has access to the “WKF Kumite or Kata certification”

### 13.1 WKF Programme for Coaches, Fukuoka 2023

Please find below the Coach schedule and the details for the registration process:

#### 13.1.1 Schedule

| Accredited Coach Briefing          |            |              |            |   |
|------------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|---|
| Thursday                           | 08/06/2023 | from 16:00 h | to 17:30 h | Meeting room, 4 <sup>th</sup> floor<br>HQ Hotel |
| Certified Kumite Coach Examination |            |              |            |   |
| Thursday                           | 08/06/2023 | from 17:30 h | to 18:15 h | Meeting room, 4 <sup>th</sup> floor<br>HQ Hotel |
| Certified Kata Coach Examination   |            |              |            |   |
| Thursday                           | 08/06/2023 | from 18:15 h | to 19:00 h | Meeting room, 4 <sup>th</sup> floor<br>HQ Hotel |

\*\*\* Please note that it is possible to take part in both the “Accredited Coach Briefing” and the “Certified Kata and/or Kumite Coach Exams”\*\*\*

### 13.1.2 Online Registration

Those coaches who wish to attend to the “WKF Coach Programme” in Fukuoka must be registered online with deadline **25 May 2023** through the following link;

**COACH PROGRAMME  
REGISTRATION**

Should you have any difficulties when registering, please contact [karate1@sportdata.org](mailto:karate1@sportdata.org) for technical support.

### 13.1.3 Fees

We would like to remind you that the fees for the Program for WKF Coaches are as follows:

Briefing for “Accredited Coach” level (new application or license renewal)  
**300 CHF**

Examination for “Certified Kumite Coach” (new application or license renewal)  
**250 CHF**

Examination for “Certified Kata Coach” (new application or license renewal)  
**250 CHF**

### 13.1.4 Payment

All payments must be made through Sportdata platform.

No other methods of payment will be accepted.

Registrations and payments onsite will not be accepted.

## 14. MEDIA

### 14.1 TV Production

All the events of the 2023 Karate 1 – Premier League will be produced by TV. The competition on Sunday will be available to a worldwide viewing audience through a high-quality TV production which will be provided to TV networks around the world following the agreements of the WKF with these networks.

Due to these agreements VIDEO RECORDING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.

## 14.2 YouTube Streaming

The events of the 2023 Karate 1 – Premier League (eliminations and medal bouts) will be available by streaming on [WKF Youtube Channel](#) for those countries without TV rights.

In those countries with the rights exclusives in TV channels, the medal bouts will be available only in the [listed TV channels](#).

## 14.3 Press

Press accreditation can only be given to professional journalists working for a media and having proof of their credentials.

Media professionals can register to request press accreditations through the online registration form which can be found here:

[PRESS REGISTRATION](#)

Should you need more information about press or media related issues, please contact the World Karate Federation's office: [press@wkf.net](mailto:press@wkf.net)

## 15. THE VENUE

### FUKUOKA KOKUSAI CENTER



2-2 Chikkohonmachi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka-shi, Fukuoka 812-0021 Japan

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## 16. TICKETS FOR SPECTATORS

Tickets for spectators will be sold at a ticket booth in the competition venue, near entrance lobby. LOC receives only cash in Japanese YEN (JPY).

JPY 1,500 per person / Friday 09 and Saturday 10 June 2023 / open seating

JPY 3,000 per person / Sunday 11 June 2023 / open seating

## 17. OFFICIAL HOTELS

### 17.1 Headquarter Hotel

#### FUKUOKA SUNPALACE HOTEL & HALL

<https://www.f-sunpalace.com/info/>

Address: 2-1, Chikkohonmachi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka-shi, Fukuoka 810-0021

\*The Headquarter Hotel is located next to the competition venue. Pre-competition events such as onsite accreditation, weigh-ins, referee meeting, draw, coach meeting and coach course will be held here. Due to limited number of guest room in this hotel, athletes, coaches and referees are encouraged to book Official Hotels mentioned below.

### 17.2 Official Hotels

#### HAKATA EXCEL HOTEL TOKYU

<https://www.tokyuhotels.co.jp/hakata-e/index.html>

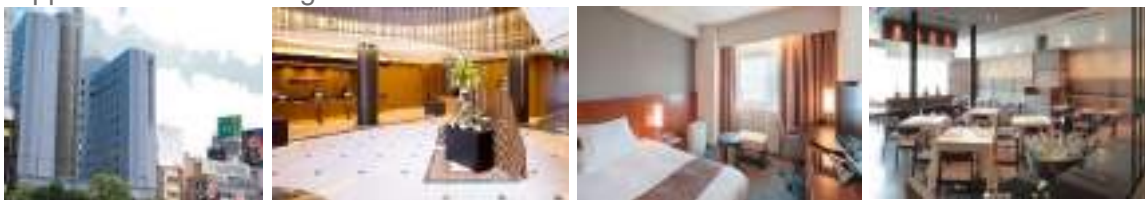
Address: 4-6-7, Nakasu, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka-shi, Fukuoka 810-0801

Tel : +81-92-262-0109

Check in: 15:00

Check out: 11:00

\*Approx. 20min. walking distance to the Fukuoka Kokusai Center



#### DUKES HOTEL NAKASU

<https://www.dukes-hotel.com/nakasu/index.php>

Address: 1-1, Nakasu Nakashimamachi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka-shi, Fukuoka 810-0802

Tel : +81-92-283-2800

Check in: 15:00

Check out: 11:00

\*Approx. 15min. walking distance to the competition venue.

### **HOTEL HAKATA PLACE**

<https://hotel-hakataplace.com/en/>

Address: 3-16 Chikkohonmachi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka-shi, Fukuoka 812-0021

Tel : +81-92-404-7770

Check in: 15:00

Check out: 11:00

\*Approx. 5min. walking distance to the competition venue.

### **THE HOTELS HAKATA KASANE BAYSIDE**

<https://hotelshakata.jp/kasanebayside/>

Address: 4-16 Chikkohonmachi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka-shi, Fukuoka 812-0021

Tel : +81-92-271-1171

Check in: 15:00

Check out: 11:00

\*Approx. 5min. walking distance to the competition venue.

### **NISHITETSU INN FUKUOKA**

<https://inn-fukuoka.nishitetsu-hotels.com/en-gb>

Address: 1-16-1, Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka-shi, Fukuoka 810-0001

Tel : +81-92-712-5858

Check in: 15:00

Check out: 11:00

\*Approx. 20min. walking distance to the competition venue.

### **HEIWADAI HOTEL TENJIN**

<https://www.heiwadai-hotel.co.jp/tenjin/>

Address: 1-5-6 Maizuru, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka-shi, Fukuoka 810-0073

Tel : +81-92-737-1000

Check in: 15:00

Check out: 10:00

\*Approx. 20min. walking distance to the competition venue.

### **HOTEL VISTA FUKUOKA**

<https://fukuoka-nakasukawabata.hotel-vista.jp/en/>

Address: 14-28 Kamikawabatamachi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka-shi, Fukuoka 812-0026

Tel : +81-92-281-3737

Check in: 15:00

Check out: 10:00

\*Approx. 20min. walking distance to the competition venue.

### 17.3 Hotels Rates

| Hotel                            | Single /1 guest | Double/2 guest (Two Beds) |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Hakata Excel Hotel Tokyu         | ¥18,400         | ¥13,500                   |
| Dukes Hotel Nakasu               | ¥13,000         | ¥11,000                   |
| Hotel Hakata Place               | ¥14,200         | ¥13,500                   |
| The Hotels Hakata Kasane Bayside | ¥11,500         | ¥10,000                   |
| Nishitetsu Inn Fukuoka           | ¥10,400         | ¥9,300                    |
| Heiwadai Hotel Tenjin            | ¥7,800          | —                         |
| Hotel Vista Fukuoka              | ¥12,700         | ¥10,500                   |

\*Service charge and VAT are included

\*Room rate is for per night and per person

\*All quotations above are net price per Room and Breakfast.

### Ground Transfer Fee Summary

|                                       | Fukuoka airport from/to Hotel | Hotel from/to Venue | Reamrks                           |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>CAR</b><br>UP to 3 passengers      | ¥7,500                        | ¥7,500              | depends on number of luggage      |
| <b>MINI VAN</b><br>UP to 7 passengers | ¥9,700                        | ¥9,700              | depends on number of luggage      |
| <b>BUS</b><br>UP to 45 passengers     | ¥38,500                       | ¥38,500             | depends on number of luggage      |
| <b>TRAVEL TIME</b>                    | approx. 20-25min.             | approx. 10-15min.   | depends on which hotel you choose |

\*Transfer fee is only for one way

\*Transfer fee on the list is rough estimate and it will be changed according to reservation timing and pick up time.

### 17.4 Reservation, payment and cancelation

We strongly recommend you to book your room through the official travel agency, JTB for your convenience and smooth operation by the LOC. In the case your booking made by another travel agency or directly to the hotel, unfortunately JTB cannot provide any support for your booking.

Due to the increase in foreign visitors, hotels in the center of Fukuoka become continuously booked solid. Please send **“ACCOMMODATION REQUEST FORM”** to JTB, official travel agent of the Karate-1 Premier League 2023 Fukuoka, for hotel reservation as soon as possible.

The room reservation **must be done before 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2023.**

There is **no transfer provided** between each hotel and competition hall.

Individual transfer can be arranged on request at an additional cost.

\*If you want to apply, please make a request with your accommodation request.



## CONTACT INFORMATION

Attention to: Ms. Shizuko MINAMI / JTB

E-mail: [karatefukuoka2023@jtb.com](mailto:karatefukuoka2023@jtb.com)

Tel: +81-3-5909-8090

## BOOKING & PAYMENT CONDITION

- The number of available rooms are limited and a first come first serve basis will be followed.
- For reservation & booking, please send the following “**ACCOMMODATION REQUEST FORM**” to [karatefukuoka2023@jtb.com](mailto:karatefukuoka2023@jtb.com), with **deadline, May 8<sup>th</sup> 2023.**
- You will be received an invoice for the total amount of your booking
- The booking is confirmed when the payment is completed before the **due date indicated on the invoice.**

\*All reservations with missing payment will be canceled without further notice.

\*The bank transfer fees are at your charge.

\*The credit card is also accepted.

## CANCELATION POLICY

Cancellation is not accepted after your booking is confirmed.

## 18. WKF COVID PROTOCOL



The WKF Covid Protocol will adapt to the epidemiological conditions presented in the host country and based on the legislation in effect at the time of the event.

## 19. LOCAL COVID RESTRICTIONS

Protect yourself and those around you:

- Avoid participating in the event in case your body temperature on the day is 37.5 c degrees or more.
- Get vaccinated and follow local guidance on vaccination.
- Keep physical distance of at least 1 meter from others, even if they don't appear to be sick. Avoid crowds and close contact.
- Wear a properly fitted mask when physical distancing is not possible and in poorly ventilated settings.
- Clean your hands frequently with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Dispose of used tissues immediately and clean hands regularly.
- If you develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19, self-isolate until you recover.

## 20. PASSPORTS and VISA REQUIREMENTS

All participants must hold a valid passport and requested to take care of their individual travel documents & permits (visa, etc.) on a timely basis.

Check the following URL to find out if you need to obtain a visa to enter Japan.  
[http://www.mofa.go.jp/j\\_info/visit/visa/short/novisa.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/short/novisa.html)

The procedure is shown in the following page to apply for a visa.  
[http://www.mofa.go.jp/j\\_info/visit/visa/index.html](http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html)

After submitting your visa request forms, JTB, official travel agency will contact you directly and ask you to submit for some application questions and JTB will send you the necessary package "official invitation letter" to your mentioned address by DHL or EMS as soon as possible.

After receiving the package, applicants need to submit the passport with the necessary forms to the Consulate with the jurisdiction at a Japanese Embassy or Consulate General which is mentioned in your paper. It will take at least one week for the visa to be issued, so it is highly recommended to consider the timing for the application.

If your country and regions are **NOT** on visa Exemptions List.,

please send following items to karatefukuoka2023@jtb.com **by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023** attention to Shizuko MINAMI (Ms.) / JTB Corp. Sports Desk.

- **Visa Application Form (each form for each applicant)**
- **A photocopy of the passport which shows applicant's full name.**

\*Passport validity: duration of stay

\*More than 2 blank stamp pages are required.

## 21. CITY / COUNTRY INFORMATION

### 21.1 About the City

Fukuoka is the largest city in Kyushu region and one of the most popular city in Japan. Because of its closeness to the Asian mainland (closer to Seoul than to Tokyo), Fukuoka has been an important harbor city for many centuries and was chosen by the Mongol invasion forces as their landing point in the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

### 21.2 How to get the City

#### By Air Plane

The fastest way to reach Fukuoka city from Tokyo is airplane. Flight to Fukuoka is one of the busiest air routes, with dozens of daily flights, operated by ANA, JAL, Starflyer, Skymark, Peach and Jetstar Japan. The flight takes less than 2 hours. International flights from Seoul, Taipei, Hongkong and Singapore are also available.

#### JR Train

Shinkansen(bullet train) is also available to get to Fukuoka.

#### Subway

From Fukuoka Kuko (airport) station it takes 5 minutes to Hakata station, and 11 minutes to Tenjin station. The subway runs every 3–6 minutes during rush–hour and 6–8 minutes during the day.

#### Bus

Local buses mainly arrive and depart from Hakata Kotsu Center (Hakata station bus terminal) and Tenjin Bus Center. Nishitetsu Bus's "Canal City Line Bus" runs between Hakata, Canal City Hakata and Tenjin is also convenient for sightseeing. There is a direct bus to the shopping mall "Marinoa City" in Nishi ward and Seaside Momochi.

## Taxi

The basic fare for a standard taxi within the city is 590 yen. Premium taxis, which offer higher quality service than standard taxis, have a Hakata-ori design that conveys the culture of Fukuoka and its spirit of hospitality.

There are also many sightseeing taxis that offer tours of points of interest in small groups. Also recommended is the "Ramen Taxi," a unique way to enjoy ramen restaurants in Fukuoka.

## 21.3 Practical Information

### LANGUAGE

Japanese

### CURRENCY

The unit of Japanese currency is yen. Coins are available in denominations of 1, 5, 10, 50, 100 and 500 yen and bank notes in denominations of 1,000, 2,000, 5,000 and 10,000 yen. The smallest form of currency is the 1 yen coin, and the largest form of currency is the 10,000 yen bill. The 5 yen coin and 50 yen coin are rare worldwide in that they have holes in the middle of them. Please note that the values of all coins and bills excluding the 5 yen coin are written in Arabic numerals. Only the 5 yen coin has no Arabic numerals on it.

The 1,000 yen bill and 100 yen coin are used often. In addition to being accepted by many vending machines, the 1,000 yen bill makes your shopping go smoothly at the cash register. In addition, the 100 yen coin is the most widely-used coin in areas with automated installments such as coin-operated lockers and washing machines.

### FINANCIAL SERVICES AND BANKING HOURS

Regular banking hours are Monday to Friday from 9:00 to 15:00. All banks are closed on Saturday, Sunday, and national holidays.

Also, you may withdraw money with major credit cards or international cash card in Japan Post Bank ATMs or ATMs at major convenience stores. ATM marked with a Plus symbol will accept automated banking cards from outside Japan.

**Note: for transactions that incur service charges, a fee is charged for the number of transactions.**

Major credit cards are accepted in most business establishments. The Japanese Yen has a favorable exchange rate. Most shops and restaurants will accept major international credit cards e.g. Visa, MasterCard, American Express Card, Diners Club, but no Euro Card is accepted in Japan; but it is recommended to visit the nearest major bank to change it to CASH for your convenience.

## TAXES

GST(10 % ) is collected in the entire country for all services and products.

The stores used to be required to show the after-tax prices; however, since the increase of GST in 2014, some shops are now also displaying pre-tax prices.

Tax free shopping is available to international guests only at licensed stores when making purchases of over 5,000 yen at a given store or mall. A passport is required when shopping tax free.

Note that at many shops and malls, it is necessary to first pay the full price (including GST) at the cashier and then obtain a refund at a customer service desk.

<http://tax-freeshop.jnto.go.jp/eng/index.php>

With regard details of shopping district, please visit following URL

<http://www.japan-guide.com/e/e3053.html>

## GRATUITY

Tipping in restaurants is not necessary. Hotel restaurants or cafe automatically add a service charge to the bill.

## LIQUOR LAWS

The minimum legal drinking age in Japan is 20 years. At liquor stores, bars, you may be asked to show your identification.

## ELECTRICITY

100V plug type A



## WEATHER

The weather in Fukuoka in June is usually warm and humid and the temperature range between 18 to 27 °C. Thin cloths with short sleeves are recommended and visitors are reminded to keep umbrellas as it's rainy season.

## **CITY TIME ZONE**

JST/UTC +0900

## **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:**

110 for Emergency Police

119 for Ambulance and fire department

## **22. MERCHANDISING**

Stands are located in the entrance lobby, 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

## **23. MISCELLANEOUS**

Please be aware of announcement by the Local Organizing Committee to be posted to information board in HQ Hotel, official hotels and competition venue.

- From Friday 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June, warm-up area will be open for the athletes who compete on the corresponding day. Warm-up area timetable by category will be issued so that athletes are asked to use the area during the designated slot.
- There is NO warm-up area nor training venue arranged by the Local Organizing Committee before the competition day.

## **24. OMISSIONS**

As regards that the specific items are not expressly foreseen in the present bulletin reference is to be made to the general rules and guidelines contained in WKF Regulations.



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