

KARATE
ONE
PREMIER LEAGUE

ISTANBUL

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KARATE 1 - PREMIER LEAGUE
ISTANBUL (TÜRKIYE)

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1. WELCOME MESSAGE

1.1 Greeting from the Host Federation

Dear Athletes, Coaches, and Karate Friends,

It is a great honor and pleasure to welcome you all to the Karate1 Premier League Istanbul 2026. Istanbul, the city where continents meet, offers a unique atmosphere that blends history, culture, and sportsmanship. We are proud to host once again one of the most prestigious events of the World Karate Federation calendar.

The Premier League stands as a symbol of excellence, discipline, and unity in our sport. It brings together the world's top athletes who continue to inspire future generations with their dedication and passion.

As the Turkish Karate Federation, we are fully committed to providing the best possible conditions for all participants and ensuring a memorable experience for everyone.

I wish all athletes success and fair play throughout the competition. May this event further strengthen the bonds of friendship and respect that make karate such a special sport.

We look forward to welcoming you to Istanbul — a bridge between worlds, and now, once again, a meeting point for world karate.

Respectfully,



**Ercüment Taşdemir
President of the Turkish Karate 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 2026 edition is formed by four events being held in the cities of Istanbul, Rome, China and Rabat thus stating Karate's impact all around the world and its global scale.

At the final Premier League event 2026, the top-ranked athletes in each category are presented with the "Grand Winners" award. In order to be eligible to receive the "Grand Winners" award, competitors have to participate in at least 3 events.

3. INTRODUCTION KARATE 1-PREMIER LEAGUE ISTANBUL 2026

Karate 1 – Premier League Istanbul 2026 will be held in Istanbul from 23 to 25 January 2026.

4. COMPETITION INFORMATION

4.1 Categories

The competition categories are identical to the divisions of the Senior Individual 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

Turkish Karate Federation

Emniyet Mahallesi Pehlivan Halit Balamir Sokađı No:28 Yenimahalle/Ankara

Tel: +90 312 310 6190 / Fax: +90 312 309 3262

5.2 Local Organising Committee contact details

Event Manager / Mr Hayrettin HAMURCU/hayrettinhamurcu@hotmail.com/+90 530 469 10 32

Media / Mr Oktay YILMAZ / oktayyilmaz@karate.gov.tr / +90 546 851 63 53

5.3 WKF Event Supervisor contact

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

Email: sigillo.wkf@gmail.com

5.4 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

6. WKF APPROVED PROTECTIONS, KARATEGIS & TATAMIS

The Karate 1-Premier League complies with the highest level of presentation. 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 2026 Karate 1-Premier League Season.

SPORT PROTECTIONS “WKF APPROVED”



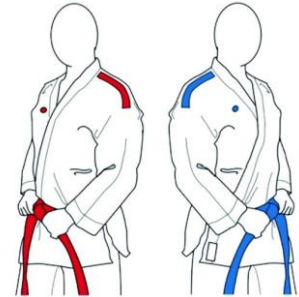
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CHECK THE COMPULSORY PROTECTIONS FOR THIS COMPETITION

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:



ADIDAS

ARAWAZA

BESTSPORT

BUDO-NORD

DAEDO

HAYASHI

PUNOK

SHUREIDO

SMAI

TOKAIDO

WACOKU

WESING

FUJIMAE

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KUROBUSHI

MOOTO

TUSAH

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WKF APPROVED HIYAB

In addition, the following additions to attire are allowed:
Voluntary religiously mandated headwear approved by the WKF.

The brands with WKF Approved Hiyab are the following:

- Arawaza
- Budo-Nord
- Daedo
- Punok
- SMAI
- Tokaid



TATAMIS “WKF APPROVED”

*Click on the image to visit the distributors by countries.



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PROGNOME
TATAMI BY TROCELLEN

TATAMIX
STORE

TaiShan

WESING 九日山

*Click on the logos

7. EVENTS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY 22/01/2026	ACTIVITY	HOTEL
REGISTRATION FOR PREMIER LEAGUE EVENT		
10:00 h – 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"> 1) Waivers, Passport & Accreditation Check 2) System Check (Sportdata) 3) Back Number & Lanyard Pick Up 4) Accreditation Pick Up 5) Athlete Weigh-in 	LA QUINTA BY WYNDHAM ARSIMED ROOM
	WEIGH IN	TALES ROOM
17:00 h	COACHES MEETING	ARISTO BALL ROOM
19:00 h	OFFICIAL DRAW	ARISTO BALL ROOM
20:00 h – 21:30 h	REFEREES BRIEFING	ARISTO BALL ROOM

WKF COACH COURSE			
10:00 – 16:00 h	ONSITE REGISTRATION ENTRY: Coach STATIONS 1) Waiver, Passport & Accreditation Check 2) Sportdata Check THE COACH PROGRAM TIMETABLE		ARSIMED HALL
	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 2026: ROUND ROBIN SYSTEM

FRIDAY 23/01/2026	
	Kata Individual – Round Robin
9:00	Female
	Kumite Individual – Round Robin
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
	Kata Individual – Quarter Finals & Semi Finals
18:15	Female
	Kumite– Quarter Finals
18:45	Male & Female -60kg/ -50kg/ -67kg/ -55kg/ -75kg
	Kumite–Semi Finals
19:35	Male & Female -60kg/ -50kg/ -67kg/ -55kg/ -75kg
20:30	End of the Friday’s Competition

SATURDAY 24/01/2026	
	Kata Individual – Round Robin
9:00	Male
	Kumite Individual – Round Robin
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
	Kata Individual – Quarter Finals & Semi Finals
18:15	Male
	Kumite – Quarter Finals
18:45	Female & Male -61kg/ -84kg/ -68kg/ +84kg/ +68kg
	Kumite – Semi Finals
19:35	Female & Male -61kg/ -84kg/ -68kg/ +84kg/ +68kg
20:30	End of the Saturday’s Competition

SUNDAY 25/01/2026		
10:00	TV Broadcast	
10:05	Female Kata	Bronze Medals
10:27	Female Kata	Final
10:39	Male -60 Kg	Bronze Medals
11:01	Male -60 Kg	Final
11:13	Medals award	
11:23	Female -50 Kg	Bronze Medals
11:45	Female -50 Kg	Final
11:57	Male -67 Kg	Bronze Medals
12:19	Male -67 Kg	Final
12:31	Medals award	
12:41	Female -55 Kg	Bronze Medals
13:03	Female -55 Kg	Final
13:15	Male -75 Kg.	Bronze Medals
13:37	Male -75 Kg.	Final
13:49	Medals award	
14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
15:00	TV Broadcast	
15:05	Male Kata	Bronze Medals
15:27	Male Kata	Final
15:39	Female -61 Kg	Bronze Medals
16:01	Female -61 Kg	Final
16:13	Medals award	
16:23	Male -84 Kg	Bronze Medals
16:45	Male -84 Kg	Final
16:57	Female -68 Kg.	Bronze Medals
17:19	Female -68 Kg.	Final
17:31	Medals award	
17:41	Male +84 Kg.	Bronze Medals
18:03	Male +84 Kg.	Final
18:15	Female +68 Kg	Bronze Medals
18:37	Female +68 Kg	Final
18:49	Medals award	
18:59	Closing	

The detailed competition schedule will be fixed after closing

The detailed competition schedule will be fixed after closing online registration 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 on time.

VENUE

Başakşehir Sports Complex

Address: Kayabaşı, Tınaztepe Caddesi No:6, 34494 Başakşehir/İstanbul

7.1 Competition System

The competition system consists of two different phases:

DRAW

ROUND ROBIN SYSTEM

POOL 1	POOL 3	POOL 5	POOL 7
POOL 2	POOL 4	POOL 6	POOL 8
GROUP 1 SEED 3 3	GROUP 1 SEED 2 2	GROUP 1 SEED 4 4	GROUP 1 SEED 1 1

ATHLETES	
G1	ATHLETES SEEDED 1 TO 4
G1	ATHLETES SEEDED 5 TO 32

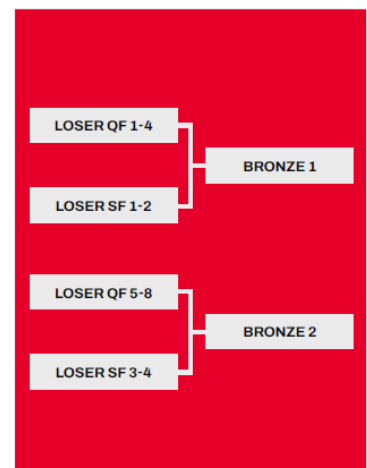
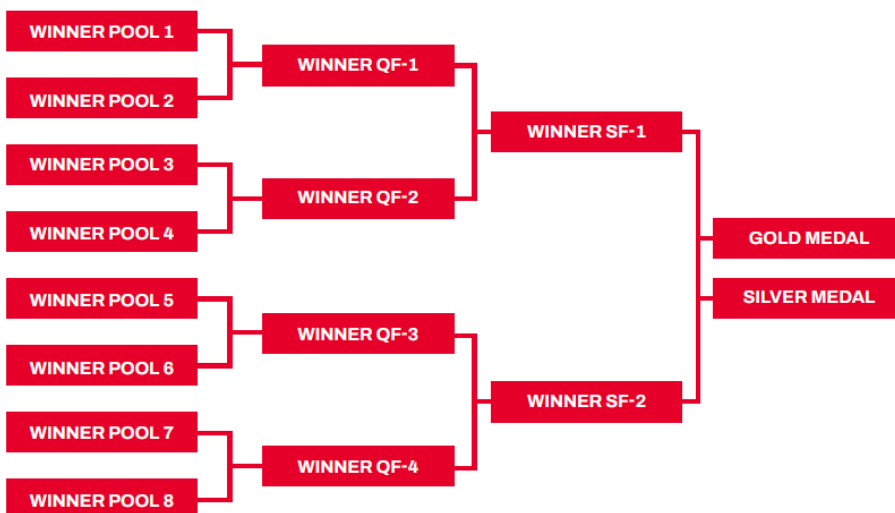
ASIGNATION CRITERIA

- 4 Athletes per pool.
- Random designations in pools from group 2.
- No nationalities duplicity in pools 1- 8, when possible.

* Pools of 3 athletes will be draw following the same asignation 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



• QF: QUARTER-FINALIST • SF: SEMI-FINALIST

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

The registration starts two (2) months prior to the event, on 24/11/2025 at 12:00 h GMT +0 and close fifteen (15) days before the tournament, on 08/01/2026 at 12:00 h GMT +0

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

Registrations subjected to the payment of a registration fee will not be validated until the payment is completed through the online payment platform.

Onsite payments will NOT be accepted.

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

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

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

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

9.1 Athletes Registration

Athletes' registration is divided into the following three phases (all phases will open and close at 12:00 h GMT +0 of the listed day).

PHASE 1
<i><u>From 24/11/2025 to 01/12/2025 (first week for registration)</u></i>
Registration open to National Federations
In case the host National Federation does not have any athlete ranked in the Top 32 of the event ranking, nor any athlete listed in the Event Ranking in a specific category, it may register one (1) athlete in that category during this phase, regardless of the athlete's Event Ranking position or absence from the Event Ranking.
<i><u>From 02/12/2025 to 09/12/2025 (second week for registration)</u></i>
Open registration for athletes classified between the positions 1 and 32 (included) in the Event Ranking
No limit of athletes per NF
PHASE 2
<i><u>From 10/12/2025 to 24/12/2025 (next two weeks of registration)</u></i>
If vacancies, open registration for athletes ranked between positions 1 and 64 (included) in the Event Ranking
No limit of athletes per NF.
PHASE 3
<i><u>From 25/12/2025 to 08/01/2026 (last two weeks of registration)</u></i>
If vacancies, open inscription for competitors ranked between positions 1 and 100 (included) in the Event Ranking
No limit of athletes per NF.

All competitor registrations must be made ONLINE

**ATHLETES
REGISTRATION**

9.1.1 Entry Fee

The entry fee is € 200 per each individual entry.

9.1.2 Payment

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

9.1.3 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) 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 at 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.

9.1.4 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 as a means of contacting the athlete if and 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 at 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) up to 7 days before the competition. Title: PL Replacement List + (event) + (WKF ID)

9.2 Referees Registration

Only Referees with a WKF Kata Judge-A and/or Kumite Referee-A license are entitled to officiate at Premier League events.

REFEREE REGISTRATION

After accessing the registration page, you will need to choose your registration group:

- Referees with a WKF Kata Judge-A and/or Kumite Referee-A license: Limited to 75.
- Referee Commission Members
- Referees ranked within the top 30 of the WKF Referee Ranking

The Referee Ranking applicable for the Istanbul 2026 PL will be the one of the opening days of the online registration, 24/11/2025.

REFEREE RANKING

TOP 30

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

9.3 Coaches Registration

All coach must be in possession to the WKF Kumite o Kata Coach Certification (Coach level 2) to officiate at Premier League events.

COACH REGISTRATION

All coach registrations must be made ONLINE

Coaches' accreditation cards must be collected during the coach briefing; failure to attend the briefing will result in no accreditation being issued.

9.4 Official Onsite Accreditation

The official onsite accreditation will take place on Thursday, 22/01/2026, from 10.00 a.m. to 16.00 p.m. at the (La Quinta by Wyndham).

If changes are required during the official registration session, due to incorrect or missing registration data, a fee of € 50 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.

The athlete's accreditation must contain an updated photograph that allows the athlete to be identifiable throughout the event.

Only members of national federations recognized by WKF are admitted participating, as per the Karate 1 - Premier League Organising Rules 2026.

All participants must submit an official document (passport) for the WKF identification and validation at the accreditation session.

The accreditation of all the competitors must be done by the athlete or the athlete's coach, in person bringing the athlete's passport to 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.

Coaches' accreditation cards must be collected during the coach briefing; failure to attend the briefing will result in no accreditation being issued.

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. Also, you can visit our [website](#).



Course Recommendations

International-level Athletes Education

High Performance Coach Education

Medical Professionals Education

Parents of Elite Athletes Education

12. BACK NUMBERS

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

WKF will give new back numbers to those athletes that didn't compete in previous Karate 1 – Premier League events in 2026.

In case of loss or breakage, please contact 15 days before the competition to:

Iván Delfino

WKF Marketing Manager

Email: idelfino@wkf.net

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

If the back number is not properly sewn the athlete will be disqualified.

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

- through the WKF E-learning platform for Coaches; <https://www.elearning-wkf.net/>
- 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 2026.

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

13.1 WKF Programme for Coaches, HOST 2026

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

13.1.1 Schedule

Accredited Coach Briefing				
Thursday	22/01/2026	from 16:00 h	to 17:30 h	ARSIMED
Certified Kumite Coach Examination				
Thursday	22/01/2026	from 17:30 h	to 18:15 h	ARSIMED
Certified Kata Coach Examination				

Thursday	22/01/2026	from 18:15 h	to 19:00 h	ARSIMED
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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 HOST must be registered online with deadline 24/11/2025

COACH PROGRAMME REGISTRATION

Should you have any difficulties when registering, please contact 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 EUR
- Examination for “Certified Kumite Coach” (new application or license renewal)
250 EUR
- Examination for “Certified Kata Coach” (new application or license renewal)
250 EUR

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 2026 Karate 1 – Premier League will be produced for international distribution on TV. The competition on Sunday will be available to a worldwide audience through high-quality TV production which will be provided to TV networks around the world following the agreements of WKF.

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

14.2 YouTube Streaming

The 2026 Karate 1 – Premier League will be available by streaming on WKF YouTube Channel.

In the countries where TV networks have acquired the rights to distribute the events, 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 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

15. THE VENUE

Başakşehir Sports Complex

Address: Kayabaşı, Tınaztepe Caddesi No:6, 34494 Başakşehir/İstanbul



OFFICIAL TATAMI FOR THIS TOURNAMENT

17.1 Lunch services at the Venue

Lunch services at the Venue 28 € per meal, for meal demands kindly send email to the turkishkarate@gmail.com

18. TICKETS FOR SPECTATORS

Tickets are free of charge.

19. OFFICIAL HOTELS

19.1 Headquarter Hotel

LA QUINTA BY WYNDHAM

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/BbB9jWSr7csB14Dh8>

Please include distance from HQ Hotel to the venue.

13 Kilometres

19.2 Official Hotels

LA QUINTA BY WYNDHAM

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/BbB9jWSr7csB14Dh8>

Please include distance from HQ Hotel to the venue.

13 Kilometres

19.3 Hotels Rates

Hotel	Single Room (BB)	Double Room (Per Person BB)	Triple Room (Per Person BB)
La Quinta By Whyndham (5 Star)	95 €	70 €	60 €
Clarion Hotel	80 €	60 €	55 €
Serenity Suites	70 €	55 €	50 €

The meal in the hotel for per lunch or dinner 28 €

19.4 Reservation, payment and cancelation

The hotel rooms will be allocated on a “first come, first served” basis.

- The reservations for accommodation can be handled through the following the email address turkishkarate@gmail.com
- 50% of the total amount of the booking must be paid by bank transfer at the date of the booking after receiving the proforma invoice by maximum 10 days to confirm the reservation.
- The remaining balance must be paid by due date 28/12/2025.
- Cancellations or modifications are free of charge till 01/01/2026.

Ability to add rooms only, but the cancellation is not acceptable from 05/01/2026 till 08/01/2026 • After date 08/01/2026 any modifications or cancellations will not be acceptable

20. VISA

Visa Information for Foreigners / Republic of Türkiye Ministry of Foreign Affairs (mfa.gov.tr)

<https://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa>

Please contact the Host Federation for Visa inquiries: karate@karate.gov.tr

21. ISTANBUL INFORMATION

21.1 About the City

Istanbul — the city where East meets West, history meets modernity, and tradition meets innovation. As one of the most fascinating cities in the world, Istanbul offers a unique blend of cultures shaped by thousands of years of civilization.

Once known as Byzantium and Constantinople, Istanbul has been the capital of three great empires — Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman. Today, it stands as Turkey’s largest and most vibrant metropolis, home to over 16 million people.

With its magnificent landmarks such as Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace, the Blue Mosque, and the Bosphorus Bridge connecting two continents, Istanbul invites visitors to experience its timeless beauty.

Beyond its rich history, Istanbul is a city full of life — where art, gastronomy, and sports thrive side by side. From its bustling bazaars and scenic waterfronts to its world-class event venues, Istanbul offers an unforgettable experience to all who visit.

For our guests at the Karate1 Premier League Istanbul 2026, the city promises not only an outstanding sporting event but also a journey through culture, flavor, and inspiration



21.2 How to get to Istanbul

Istanbul is easily accessible from all over the world, offering convenient travel options for international and domestic visitors alike.

The city is served by two international airports:

- Istanbul Airport (IST), located on the European side, is one of the largest and most modern airports in the world, offering direct flights to over 300 destinations.
- Sabiha Gökçen International Airport (SAW), on the Asian side, provides excellent connections for both international and domestic routes.

Transportation from the airports to the city center is available through airport shuttles (HAVAIST and HAVABUS), metro lines, taxis, and private transfer services. Depending

on your destination, travel time to central areas such as Taksim or Sultanahmet ranges from 30 to 60 minutes.

Within the city, Istanbul offers a wide public hote network, including metro, tram, ferry, and bus lines, allowing easy access to all major districts and touristic areas.

For event participants, the official hotels and venue locations will be easily reachable through these transport options, ensuring a comfortable and efficient travel experience during your stay in Istanbul.

21.3 Practical Information

OFFICIAL NAME: Republic of Türkiye

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE: Turkish

COUNTRY DIALLING CODE: +90

CURRENCY: The official currency is the Turkish Lira (TL / TRY).

Cash can be easily exchanged at official exchange offices and most banks. The exchange rates are generally favorable and often better than those offered at airports or hotels. ATMs are widely available throughout the city, and credit/debit cards are accepted in most shops, restaurants, and hotels

ELECTRICITY: The standard voltage in Türkiye is 220V / 50Hz.

Power sockets are of the European type (two-pin plugs). Visitors from countries using different plug types may need an adapter.

WORKING HOURS: Most stores in Türkiye are open from 09:00 to 20:00, and shopping malls generally close around 22:00. Shops and supermarkets are typically open seven days a week, including Sundays.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

- 112 – Ambulance
- 155 – Police
- 110 – Fire Department

INSURANCE: All participating delegations are responsible for their own medical and travel insurance.

The Turkish Karate Federation (TKF) and the World Karate Federation (WKF) accept no liability for any injury, accident, or loss arising from the absence of adequate insurance coverage.

21.4 Side Events

Karate Training Camp will be held in Karev Esat Delihasan Training Camp Center with 200 limited athletes with Turkish National Team all included per person 80 € (bed breakfast, lunch, dinner and training camp included) 15 January 2026, to 21 January 2026.

To contact for the training camp kindly send email to turkishkarate@gmail.com

22. MERCHANDISING

There is an opportunity for Vendors to have a stand in the arena. Please contact:
karate@karate.gov.tr

23. MISCELLANEOUS

Tea, coffee, cakes, sandwiches and many other foods are sold in the restaurants and cafeterias around the venue.

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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