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WORLD KARATE-DO TRADITIONAL (WKT)

BRAZILIAN CONFEDERATION OF TRADITIONAL,
SPORTS AND EDUCATIONAL KARATE-DO (CBKTE)

OFFICIAL INVITATION

5th WORLD KARATE-DO CHAMPIONSHIP

It is with great honor and satisfaction that WORLD KARATE-DO TRADITIONAL (WKT), in partnership with the Brazilian Confederation of Traditional, Sports and Educational Karate-Do (CBKTE) and the Pernambuco Federation of Traditional, Sports and Educational Karate-Do (FPKTE), invites all Federations, National Organizations, Athletes, Coaches, Referees and Officials from around the world to participate in the

5th WORLD KARATE-DO CHAMPIONSHIP

An event of technical excellence, tradition and martial spirit, which will bring together the leading teams and athletes of Traditional Karate-Do on Brazilian soil, in the historic city of Recife.

This World Championship represents the continuity of WKT's mission: to preserve the essence of Karate-Do, to promote justice in refereeing, discipline, respect, and the formation of generations through the true principles of traditional martial arts.

Prepare for days of high-level competition in Kata and Kumite, individual and team, with the presence of international referees and the energy of a true worldwide gathering of Karate-Do.

"Honor in Conduct. Justice in Refereeing. Excellence in Karate-Do."

Come make history with us. The world of Traditional Karate-Do awaits you in Recife!

REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL NOVEMBER 16, 2026.

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SPECIFIC EVENT REGULATIONS

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OFFICIAL REFEREEING REGULATIONS

5th WORLD KARATE-DO CHAMPIONSHIP

1. EVENT IDENTIFICATION

EVENT NAME: 5th World Karate-Do Championship (5º Campeonato Mundial de Karate-Do Tradicional)
COUNTRY: Brazil

DATES: November 28 and 29, 2026
VENUE: SESC Gymnasium

ADDRESS: Treze de Maio, 455 — Santo Amaro, Recife – PE, ZIP Code 50100-160, Brazil
Should there be any change of venue or schedule, the information will be published on the official WKT and CBKTE websites.

2. ORGANIZATION

PROMOTING ORGANIZATION:
WORLD KARATE-DO TRADITIONAL (WKT)
Official website: www.worldkarate-wkt.org
Event page: www.worldkarate-wkt.org/next-world-championship

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION (BRAZIL):
Brazilian Confederation of Traditional, Sports and Educational Karate-Do (CBKTE)
National website: www.conf-cbkte.org

STATE ORGANIZATION (PERNAMBUCO):
Pernambuco Federation of Traditional, Sports and Educational Karate-Do (FPKTE)
State website: www.fed-fpkte.org

3. OFFICIAL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2026

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. — Credential distribution for referees, coaches and athletes (location to be confirmed on the event page).

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. — International Refereeing Course, with International Certificate signed by WKT, CBKTE and the international WKT instructor. Mandatory for all WKT/CBKTE affiliated referees and coaches, and open to all affiliates. Promotional investment: USD 25.00.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2026

8:00 a.m. — Official Opening of the 5th World Karate-Do Championship, with presentations.

9:30 a.m. — Start of Individual and Team Kata competitions (male and female).

Expected end of Day 1: 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2026

8:00 a.m. — Start of Individual and Team Kumite competitions (male and female).

Expected end of Day 2: 5:00 p.m.

4. MODALITIES

Individual Kata | Team Kata | Individual Kumite | Team Kumite

Official categories (age, rank, weight and PWD) are published on the official event page, together with these Specific Event Regulations and the Official Refereeing Regulations.

Weight verification: If the refereeing panel deems it necessary, weight verification shall be mandatory.

5. REGISTRATION (INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS)

All fees below are in United States Dollars (USD). Payment may be made directly to the WKT President upon arrival in Brazil at the first official meeting.

REGISTRATION FEES:

FULL PACKAGE — All categories (Individual Kata and Kumite + Team Kata and Kumite) + WKT badges: USD 100.00

1 (one) category (Individual Kata, Individual Kumite or Team) + WKT badge: USD 35.00

2 (two) categories (Individual Kata and Individual Kumite) + WKT badge: USD 60.00

2 (two) categories (Team Kata and Team Kumite) + WKT badges: USD 50.00

PWD – Individual Kata + WKT badge: USD 20.00 (subject to availability)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: November 16, 2026.

ONLINE REGISTRATION: Through the WKT event page:
https://www.worldkarate-wkt.org/next-world-championship

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Each athlete may register only once in the same modality and must register correctly according to style, rank and age.

Presentation of a photo identification document (passport, national ID or equivalent) at the official table after the category is finished is mandatory for identity confirmation and to prevent errors.

All fees may be paid directly to the WKT President upon arrival in Brazil at the first official meeting.

EVENT / SELECTION SHIRT (OPTIONAL):

WKT Event Shirt or Brazilian Selection Shirt: USD 20.00 each

Orders should be placed as early as possible.

6. COMPETITION SYSTEM AND TIMES

6.1 INDIVIDUAL KUMITE

System: Shobu Ippon

Official time: 3 (three) minutes for athletes 18 years or older; 2 (two) minutes for athletes under 18 years.

If a tie persists, there shall be 1 (one) extension of 1 (one) minute. The extension shall be contested under a sudden-death system: the first competitor to score (Waza-ari or Ippon) shall be declared the winner. If no score is recorded by the end of the time, the decision shall be by Hantei (technical superiority). (Arts. 75 and 76 of the Official Regulations)

6.2 TEAM KUMITE

System: Shobu Nihon

Official time for this event: 3 (three) continuous minutes per bout. If tied in each individual bout, there shall be 1 (one) extension of 1 (one) minute. The extension shall be contested under a sudden-death system: the first competitor to score (Waza-ari or Ippon) shall be declared the winner. If no score is recorded by the end of the time, the decision shall be by Hantei (technical superiority).

Format: matched pairing (each athlete faces the corresponding opponent from the opposing team).

In matched pairing, penalties apply only to the offending athlete.

Teams composed of 03 (three) starting athletes of the same gender. No substitution on the day of the event.

The team with the greater number of individual victories wins. In the event of a tie in the number of victories, each team, through its Official Coach or Team Manager, shall select 1 (one) athlete to compete in a

decisive 1 (one)-minute bout. The team that wins this bout shall be declared the winner of the match. If still tied after the decisive 1 (one)-minute bout, the decision shall be by Hantei, considering the overall technical performance of the teams. (Arts. 12, 73, 75 III and 76)

6.3 INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM KATA

Judgment system: Flags (Hantei). The decision shall be rendered by means of the official flags.
Evaluation criteria and execution rules follow the Official Regulations (Chapters VI to IX).
Team Kata: 03 (three) athletes of the same sex. Incomplete teams and substitution on the day of the event are not permitted. (Arts. 42 and 54)

7. CLASSIFICATIONS

OVERALL CLASSIFICATION BY COUNTRY:

The overall classification shall be based on the count of GOLD medals. In case of a tie, SILVER medals shall be added. If the tie persists, BRONZE medals shall be added.

OFFICIAL POINT VALUE OF EACH MEDAL:

GOLD medal: 10 points
SILVER medal: 5 points
BRONZE medal: 2.5 points

8. SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL RULES (WITH ARTICLE REFERENCES)

All participants must know and comply with the Official Refereeing Regulations of WKT/CBKTE and the rules of this event. Below are brief summaries with article references for consultation:

REFEREEING

Refereeing shall observe impartiality, technical uniformity and the principles of Karate-Do. Technical decisions enjoy a presumption of legitimacy and may be reviewed only through the formal protest procedure. (Arts. 48, 56 and 101)

THE ATHLETE

The athlete must compete exclusively in the category corresponding to their age, rank and other criteria. Presentation with incomplete equipment is subject to a 1 (one) minute regularization period. (Arts. 10, 36 and 71)

OFFICIAL BADGES (WKT)

The use of the official WKT badge is mandatory for all international participants. Non-compliance may result in disqualification. No other organization's badge shall be permitted.

The registered athlete is entitled to the official badge. Badges may be delivered in advance to Federations, on the day before the event, or on the day of the competition, with staff available for placement.

WHEELCHAIR ATHLETES

Wheelchair athletes may display sponsor advertising on the wheelchair wheels and official government benefits (e.g., Athlete Scholarship) on the backrest. Any other unauthorized form of advertising is prohibited.

THE COACH

Only the accredited Official Coach may instruct athletes and file a protest. It is prohibited to argue with the refereeing, gesture requesting scores, or enter the competition area without authorization. (Arts. 15, 20, 22 and 95)

ATHLETE ATTIRE / KARATE-GI

The competitor must wear a traditional white Karate-Gi, clean and in perfect condition, according to official WKT/CBKTE standards. Any modification that alters the technical characteristics is prohibited. (Arts. 119 and 36)

MANDATORY PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Mandatory: mouthguard; official AKA and SHIRO gloves; identification belt (Obi Shiai); male groin protector; female chest protector (worn under the jacket). (Art. 120)

OPTIONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

May be used when authorized: male chest protector (under 18 years); official shin guards; female groin protector; official helmet (under 18 years or with authorization). (Art. 121)

COACHES — UNIFORM AND CONDUCT

The Coach must be previously registered with their National Organization and in good standing. The Coach must wear the attire specified by their National Organization, with visible credential. Use of Karate-Gi or referee uniform is prohibited. Prohibited conduct includes arguing with the refereeing and interfering with the bout. (Arts. 18, 91, 95 and 96)

ADVERTISING ON THE KARATE-GI

Institutional advertising is permitted only in locations authorized by WKT, with maximum dimensions of 30 cm × 20 cm. Offensive, political, religious or unauthorized advertising is prohibited and may result in disqualification. (Arts. 123 and 124)

TEAM KUMITE

Teams of 03 starting athletes of the same gender. Official time: 3 continuous minutes per bout (may be extended up to 5 minutes in accordance with the Official Regulations). Format: matched pairing. System for this event: Shobu Nihon. No substitution on the day of the event. In the event of a tie in the number of

victories, the decisive 1-minute bout shall apply in accordance with Art. 73 of the Official Regulations. (Arts. 12, 73, 75 III and 76)

TEAM KATA

Teams of 03 athletes of the same sex. Incomplete teams and substitution on the day of the event are not permitted. Evaluation includes synchronization, technical uniformity and harmony. (Arts. 42 and 54)

SPECIAL CATEGORIES – PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWD)

WKT recognizes PWD categories as an official modality, with adaptations that preserve equity and the technical principles of Karate-Do. Available categories are listed on the official event page. Further details: Arts. 102, 107 and 108 of the Official Regulations.

PROTEST

Only the Official Coach may file a protest, using the official form, with prior payment of the fee, and presentation immediately before homologation of the result. Maximum time for decision: 6 (six) minutes. (Arts. 98 to 101)

PRESIDENTS AND OTHER AUTHORITIES

Observe Art. 19 — Incompatibilities of the Official Refereeing Regulations: it is expressly prohibited to perform incompatible functions. Presidents of Federations, National Organizations or other senior officials may not act as Coaches during official competitions.

9. FINAL PROVISIONS

All athletes, coaches, officials and other participants must read and know the Official Refereeing Regulations of WKT/CBKTE — 1st Complete and Consolidated Official Edition, in order to ensure full compliance and regular participation in the event.

ATHLETE CERTIFICATES:

Certificates will be available after the event on the results page for download: https://www.conf-cbkte.org/resultado-t%C3%ADtulos WKT https://www.worldkarate-wkt.org/next-world-championship

REFEREE AND TABLE OFFICIAL CERTIFICATES:

Will be delivered to the Presidents of the Federations or made available in the official referees' group.

PARTICIPATING FEDERATION CERTIFICATES:

All officially registered affiliated and invited Federations will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Registration in the 5th World Karate-Do Championship implies full acceptance of these Specific Event Regulations and of the Official Refereeing Regulations of WKT/CBKTE.

The rules and norms of these Specific Event Regulations are complementary to the Official Refereeing Regulations. All participants must be aware of both.

Cases not provided for shall be resolved by the Refereeing Commission and the Technical Direction of the event, observing the principles of Traditional Karate-Do and the Official Regulations.

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