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Dear Participants, Referees, Officials, and Guests,

I am writing this message to extend a cordial invitation to the esteemed members and practitioners of the World Goju-Ryu Karate Federation to participate in the upcoming 7th WGKF Championship event hosted by the Austrian Karate Federation. This significant gathering of Goju-ryu enthusiasts is set to take place from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> September at Fürstenfeld and Bad Loipersdorf, and we would be honored to have the participation of talented athletes and dedicated representatives from your Nation.

On behalf of the organizing committee, it is with great pleasure that I extend a warm invitation to all of you to the World Goju-Ryu Championship 2024 in the picturesque landscapes of Steyr, Austria. We are thrilled to host this prestigious event, bringing together the finest practitioners of Goju-Ryu from around the globe for a celebration of skill, dedication, and sportsmanship.

Austria, with its rich cultural heritage and breathtaking scenery, provides the perfect backdrop for this international gathering of Goju-ryu enthusiasts. As you embark on this journey, not only will you have the opportunity to showcase your expertise in Goju-Ryu, but you will also forge lasting friendships, exchange knowledge, and create memories that will stay with you for a lifetime.

I'm sure that the Austrian dedicated team will work tirelessly to ensure that this coming championship exceeds your expectations. From top-notch facilities to a meticulously planned schedule, we have endeavored to create an environment where the spirit of Goju-Ryu can truly thrive. Whether you are a competitor, coach, official, or spectator, we are committed to making your experience in Austria memorable and enjoyable.

As you engage in spirited competition, let us remember the principles of Goju-Ryu: respect, discipline, and perseverance. May this championship not only be a test of skill but also a celebration of the values that make martial arts a transformative journey.

We encourage you to explore the beauty of Austria, savor its cuisine, and embrace the camaraderie that transcends borders and cultures. Together, let us make the World Goju-Ryu Championship 2024 an event that unites us in the shared passion for our style.

Once again, I hope to see you all in Austria! Hoping that your time there be filled with success, camaraderie, and the indomitable spirit of Goju-Ryu.

Best wishes,

Humberto Nuno de Oliveira, PhD  
President of World Goju-Ryu Karate Federation



Honorable Goju-Ryu Participants, Referees, Officials, and Guests!

In the Name of the Austrian Karate Federation, I would like to welcome all the esteemed members and practitioners of the World Goju-Ryu Karate Federation to the 7th WGKF Championship event hosted by Karate Styria, Austria.

This prestigious Event is staged in the beautiful landscape of Fürstenfeld and the famous Therme Loipersdorf in Styria and takes place from 04.09.2024 bis 08.09.2024.

I would like to congratulate the Organizing Committee for their excellent effort to host and organize this exciting event and I am convinced that this Championship will bring a lasting impression and new positive experiences to all the participants.

It is my honor, as the President of the Austrian Karate Federation to welcome you and wish all the national and international Gojo-Ryu competitors a fair and successful competition.

Sincerely,

Georg Russbacher

President

Austrian Karate Federation



On behalf of the Styrian Karate Association, I hereby welcome all athletes, coaches, referees, companions and visitors to the 7th WGKF Championships in Styria, the “green heart of Austria”.

We are proud to be able to hold this world championship in Fürstenfeld and Loipersdorf, the Styrian thermal spa and volcano region.

I am convinced that under the leadership of my vice president, the vice president of Karate Austria and proven organizer of karate championships, Gerhard Jedliczka, 9th Dan, exciting 7th WGKF championships will take place, in which around 1000 participants from 25 to 30 nations will compete in 129 categories.

I wish everyone active a lot of success – may the best win.

Dr. Günther Bitzer-Gavornnik, 8th Dan

President Karate Styria



## Royal classes of karate sport

The spa capital Fürstenfeld enjoys an excellent reputation as a sports town. The sport of karate, which has had its permanent place and home in Fürstenfeld for over 50 years, plays a particularly significant role in this. Generations of enthusiastic young people can be found in the top ranks of karate. It is a true string of pearls of success that runs through the history of the club: world championship titles, European championship titles, state and national championship titles - the Fürstenfeld Karate Club has been successful in the medal ranks in national and international competitions for decades. Above all, thanks should be given to the coach and chairman of the club, Gerhard Jedliczka, who has accompanied the Fürstenfeld karatekas into the top ranks of karate sport for decades.

Thanks to the initiative and commitment of Gerhard Jedliczka, we are currently hosting the 7th WGKF Championships, the World Goju-Ryu Karate Federation, in 2024. From September 2nd to 8th, Fürstenfeld and Bad Loipersdorf will be the international venue for a world championship in which around 30 nations will take part in 129 categories and all age groups. We are particularly honored and pleased by this, as this high-ranking competition is one of the premier classes of karate sport.

With this in mind, we would like to thank the organizers “Karate Austria” and the “Styrian Karate Federation”. A big thank you also goes to our “Karateclub Fürstenfeld”, who is organizing this top-class event on site. We wish everyone the best competition conditions and look forward to the exciting fights among the best of the best.

With sporty greetings

Mayor Franz Jost



The municipality of Bad Loipersdorf is shared with the municipality of Fürstenfeld venue of a top-class karate world championship of the “World Goju-Ryu Karate Federation”.

From September 2nd to 8th, 2024 the international athletes are guests in our wellness community and fight for titles and ranks.

It is a great honor for us to be part of such an important event.

The best karatekas from all over the world are gathered here in the Thermenland.

As mayor of the municipality of Bad Loipersdorf, I would like to thank everyone at this point.

Athletes receive a very warm welcome.

I also extend my sincere respect and admiration to everyone hard training, their commitment and their passion for this fascinating martial art. Karate is not just a physical fight, but also an art that requires discipline, endurance and inner strength. This deserves the highest recognition.

I wish all athletes and the organizational teams one pleasant stay in our community, best competition conditions, exciting and sportingly fair experiences and a successful world championship.

Ultimately, it should be said in sport: “Being there is everything!”

Herbert Spirk

Mayor Bad Loipersdorf



## Official invitation

Dear members of the WGKF!

It is a great honor and pleasure for me to welcome you to the 7th WGKF Championships in Bad Loipersdorf and Fürstenfeld.

The thermal and volcano region is one of the most important tourist centers in Styria and Austria. This unique region will give us the opportunity to make the 7th WGKF Championships a memorable event.

We are expecting around 1000 athletes, officials, judges and guests from 25-30 nations!

We are working hard to prepare and want to offer you a well-organized and enjoyable championship. To do this, we need your cooperation and support. In order to be able to prepare everything precisely, I ask you to stick to the entry deadline so that we can prepare the detailed schedule.

For the first time we are trying to hold the championship in two locations. All preliminary round fights take place in the Fürstenfeld town hall and all medal fights take place in the Congress Loipersdorf as an evening event. With this we can also attract media and make karate known to a larger audience. Both venues are only 9 kilometers apart and we will organize a shuttle bus.

I hope that we will not only experience great competitions, but also moments of encounter and friendship in the spirit of karate.

Sincerely

Gerhard Jedliczka

Organizing Committee

## 1. DATE

2<sup>nd</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## 2. VENUE

- Stadthalle Fürstenfeld, Wallstraße 26, 8280 Fürstenfeld (Preliminaries)
- Congress Loipersdorf, Schaffelbadstraße 220, 8282 Bad Loipersdorf (Finals, medal bouts)

## 3. COMPETITION SCHEDULE (PROVISIONAL)

Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024	<b>Registration of Participants and Officials</b>	Das Sonnreich (Headquarter Hotel)
	<b>Referee's and Coaches Seminar</b>	Congress Loipersdorf
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024	<b>Registration of Participants and Officials</b>	Das Sonnreich (Headquarter Hotel)
	<b>Referee's and Coaches Seminar</b>	Congress Loipersdorf
	<b>Referee's and Coaches Briefing</b>	Congress Loipersdorf
	<b>WGKF Congress</b>	Das Sonnreich (Headquarter Hotel)
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	<b>Competition Day</b>	Stadthalle Fürstenfeld/ Congress Loipersdorf
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	<b>Competition Day</b>	Stadthalle Fürstenfeld/ Congress Loipersdorf
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	<b>Competition Day</b>	Stadthalle Fürstenfeld/ Congress Loipersdorf
Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	<b>Competition Day</b>	Stadthalle Fürstenfeld/ Congress Loipersdorf
Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	<b>Competition Day</b>	Stadthalle Fürstenfeld/ Congress Loipersdorf

The program may undergo variations based on the number of registrations! A detailed schedule will be sent out in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bulletin after the closing date, **1<sup>st</sup> August 2024!**

## 4. CLOSING DATE

The closing date for all entries will be **1<sup>st</sup> August 2024.**

## 5. RULES

WKF Rules with special regulations for WGKF Championships



## 6. REGISTRATION AND PAYMENTS

- The closing date for all entries will be **1<sup>st</sup> August 2024**.
- All registrations must be made online through Sportdata.
- The organizing committee wishes to have your nations confirmation of participation, once you have received the championship details.
- Expenses
  - **€ 35** per individual category
  - **€ 120** per team
  - **€ 30** per additional category
  - **€ 100** for referee seminar with examination
  - **€ 35** for referee briefing
  - **€ 35** for coaches license course
- All payment must made via wire transfer:

BENEF: Karateclub Fürstenfeld  
BANK: VOLKSBANK  
BIC/SWIFT-Code: **VBOEATWWGRA**

IBAN: **AT82 4477 0255 1794 0000**

Copy of the bank transfer by email: [rudolf.wallner@rbilz.at](mailto:rudolf.wallner@rbilz.at)

Bank transfer costs payable by the sender!

## 7. INSURANCE

All participants and members of delegates must arrange their own medical insurance and personal travelling insurance.

Liability of the organizer for property damage and financial loss is excluded. The organizer also assumes no liability for any health risks to the participant in connection with participation in the event. It is the responsibility of each participant to have their health checked by a doctor beforehand.

## 8. ACCOMMODATION (HEADQUARTER HOTEL)

# DAS SONNREICH ★★★★

## THERMENHOTEL LOIPERSDORF



### Das Sonnreich

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Opening hours reception:

06:00– 22:00 / 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Check In: 15:00 / 3 p.m.

Check out: 12:00 / 12 a.m.

For further information please ask for Mrs. *Christina Hultsch!*

The headquarter hotel is next to Congress Loipersdorf, where the finals will be.

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## 9. COMPETITION AREAS



Stadthalle Fürstenfeld, Wallstraße 26, 8280 Fürstenfeld (Preliminaries)

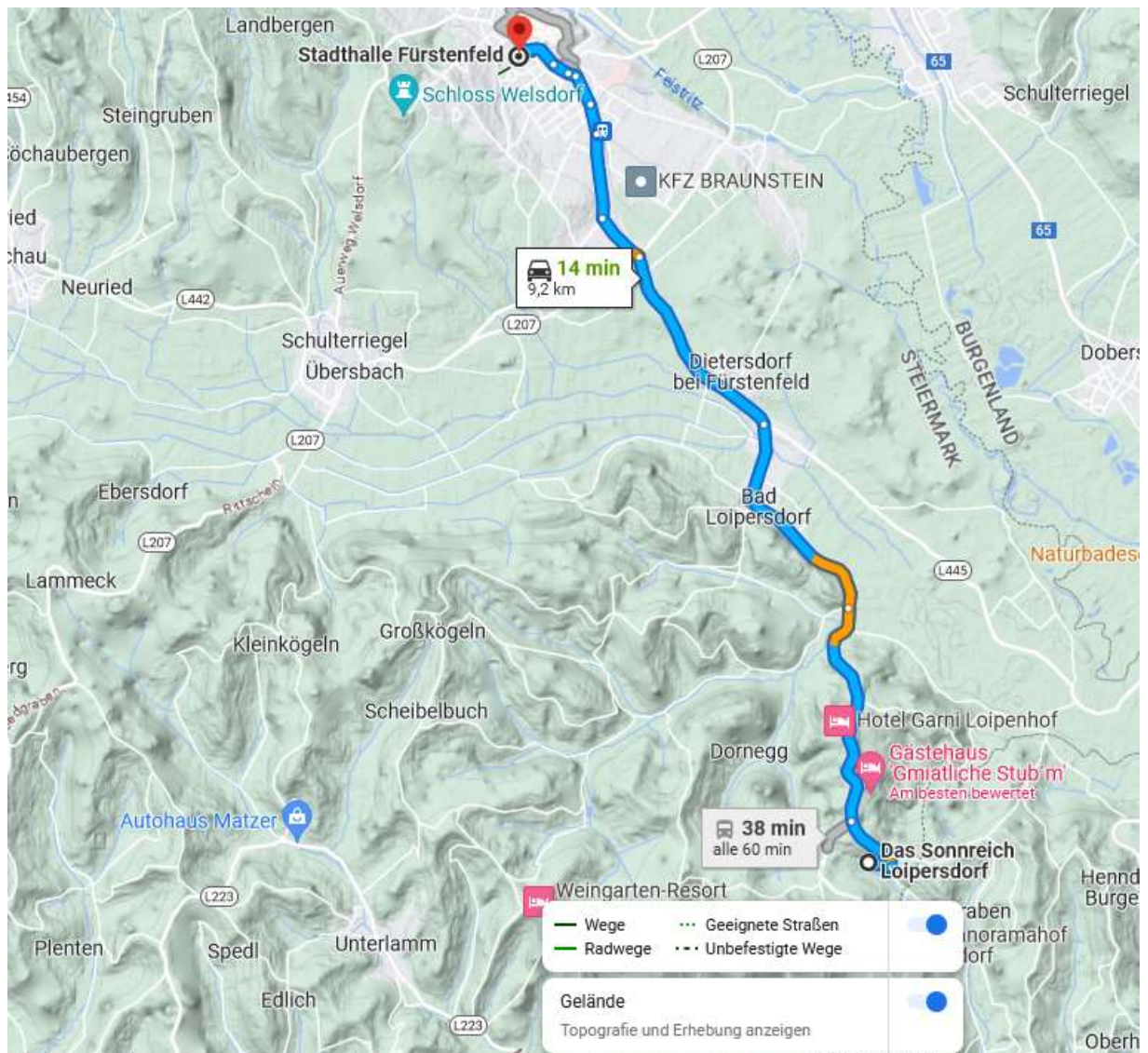


Congress Loipersdorf, Schaffelbadstraße 220, 8282 Bad Loipersdorf (Finals, medal bouts)

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## 10.MAP



The distance between **Stadthalle Fürstenfeld** and **Congress Loipersdorf** is 9,2 kilometers.

**Das Sonneich** (Headquarter Hotel) is beside **Congress Loipersdorf**, within 5 minutes walking distance.

We will organize a shuttle bus from headquarter hotel to Stadthalle Fürstenfeld and back.

## 11.7<sup>TH</sup> WGKF CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024 (GENERAL INFORMATIONS)

### **General:**

- Each National Federation can register one (1) team per category.
- Each National Federation can register three (3) competitors per category from 14 years and older.
- Each National Federation can register six (6) competitors until 13 years old (children, kids and minicadets).
- Only the official WGKF categories are permitted.

### **Fees:**

- Individual Category € 35,00
- Team € 120,00
- Additional Category € 30,00
- Referee Seminar with examination € 100,00
- Referee Briefing € 35,00
- Coach License Course € 35,00

### **Kata Team:**

- In every Kata team category one competitor can be one year younger and one competitor can be one year older.
- Bunkai in Kata team to be performed in all medal bouts. Kata team for category until 13 years old (children, kids and minicadets) is without bunkai.

### **Kata:**

- Katas from Gekisai Dai Ichi to Suparinpei can be chosen free. Geki Ha, Gekisai Da San, Fukyo Dai Ichi/Ni/San and Taikyoku Kata can be also presented.
- Goju Kata can be performed as per your own Goju Style.
- No Kururunfa and Suparinpei is permitted in the first round, if there are 17-32 competitors or more.
- Children (age 8-9) and kids (age 10-11) have to perform two different katas and can repeat from the 3rd round alternately (ABAB).
- Minicadets (age 12-13) have to perform three different katas and can repeat from the 4<sup>th</sup> round alternately (ABCAB).
- Cadets (14-15) and all older categories have to perform different katas in all rounds. It is not possible to repeat a kata, also not in the repechage (ABCDE).

### **Kumite:**

- Children (age 8-9) and Kids (age 10-11) / bouts duration 1,0 min without face mask (Decision DC WGKF) / Body protection is possible but not compulsory / for techniques to the head and neck (Jodan area) no contact is allowed (also no Skin touch with the fist and the foot) / no sweeping, or other takedown techniques are allowed / even controlled techniques to the Body (chudan area) in principle will not be considered a score if they make contact beyond surface touch
- Minicadets (12-13) / bouts duration 1,5 min / without face mask (Decision DC WGKF) / for techniques to the head and neck (Jodan area) no contact is allowed (also no Skin touch with the fist and the foot)
- Cadets / Juniors / Masters / bouts duration 2,0 min
- Seniors Male, Female and U21 / bouts duration 3,0 min
- Chest protector female for minicadets 12-13 and older are compulsory
- Body protection male and female minicadets 12-13 and older are compulsory

## 12. WGKF CATEGORIES

### KATA INDIVIDUAL

FEMALE KATA INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN 8/9	(6 entries)
FEMALE KATA INDIVIDUAL KIDS 10/11	(6 entries)
FEMALE KATA INDIVIDUAL MINICADET 12/13	(6 entries)
FEMALE KATA INDIVIDUAL CADET 14/15	(3 entries)
FEMALE KATA INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR 16/17	(3 entries)
FEMALE KATA INDIVIDUAL UNDER 21 18/19/20	(3 entries)
FEMALE KATA INDIVIDUAL SENIOR ≥ 16	(3 entries)
FEMALE KATA INDIVIDUAL VETERAN ≥ 35	(3 entries)
FEMALE KATA INDIVIDUAL MASTER ≥ 45	(3 entries)
FEMALE KATA INDIVIDUAL GRAND MASTER ≥ 55	(3 entries)
FEMALE KATA INDIVIDUAL GRAND MASTER + ≥ 65	(3 entries)
FEMALE KATA INDIVIDUAL BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED ≥ 16	(3 entries)
FEMALE KATA INDIVIDUAL WHEELCHAIR USER ≥ 16	(3 entries)
FEMALE KATA INDIVIDUAL LEARNING DISABILITIES ≥ 16	(3 entries)
MALE KATA INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN 8/9	(6 entries)
MALE KATA INDIVIDUAL KIDS 10/11	(6 entries)
MALE KATA INDIVIDUAL MINICADET 12/13	(6 entries)
MALE KATA INDIVIDUAL CADET 14/15	(3 entries)
MALE KATA INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR 16/17	(3 entries)
MALE KATA INDIVIDUAL UNDER21 18/19/20	(3 entries)
MALE KATA INDIVIDUAL SENIOR ≥ 16	(3 entries)
MALE KATA INDIVIDUAL VETERAN ≥35	(3 entries)
MALE KATA INDIVIDUAL MASTER ≥45	(3 entries)
MALE KATA INDIVIDUAL GRAND MASTER ≥55	(3 entries)
MALE KATA INDIVIDUAL GRAND MASTER + ≥65	(3 entries)
MALE KATA INDIVIDUAL BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED ≥ 16	(3 entries)
MALE KATA INDIVIDUAL WHEELCHAIR USER ≥ 16	(3 entries)
MALE KATA INDIVIDUAL LEARNING DISABILITIES ≥ 16	(3 entries)

### KUMITE INDIVIDUAL

FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN 8/9 -27KG	(6 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN 8/9 -32KG	(6 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN 8/9 +32KG	(6 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL KIDS 10/11 -37KG	(6 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL KIDS 10/11 -45KG	(6 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL KIDS 10/11 +45KG	(6 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL MINICADETS 12/13 -42KG	(6 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL MINICADETS 12/13 -48KG	(6 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL MINICADETS 12/13 +48KG	(6 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL CADET 14/15 -47KG	(3 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL CADET 14/15 -54KG	(3 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL CADET 14/15 +54KG	(3 entries)

FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR 16/17 -48KG	(3 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR 16/17 -53KG	(3 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR 16/17 -59KG	(3 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR 16/17 +59KG	(3 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL UNDER21 18/19/20 -50KG	(3 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL UNDER21 18/19/20 -55KG	(3 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL UNDER21 18/19/20 -61KG	(3 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL UNDER21 18/19/20 -68KG	(3 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL UNDER21 18/19/20 +68KG	(3 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL SENIOR ≥18 -50KG	(3 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL SENIOR ≥18 -55KG	(3 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL SENIOR ≥18 -61KG	(3 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL SENIOR ≥18 -68KG	(3 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL SENIOR ≥18 +68KG	(3 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL SENIOR ≥18 OPEN	(3 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL VETERAN ≥35 ≤1,6M	(3 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL VETERAN ≥35 +1,6M	(3 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL MASTER ≥45 ≤1,6M	(3 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL MASTER ≥45 +1,6M	(3 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL GRAND MASTER ≥55 ≤1,6M	(3 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL GRAND MASTER ≥55 +1,6M	(3 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL GRAND MASTER + ≥65 ≤1,6M	(3 entries)
FEMALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL GRAND MASTER + ≥65 +1,6M	(3 entries)

MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN 8/9 -27KG	(6 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN 8/9 -32KG	(6 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN 8/9 +32KG	(6 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL KIDS 10/11 -36KG	(6 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL KIDS 10/11 -43KG	(6 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL KIDS 10/11 +43KG	(6 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL MINICADETS 12/13 -38KG	(6 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL MINICADETS 12/13 -44KG	(6 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL MINICADETS 12/13 -50KG	(6 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL MINICADETS 12/13 +50KG	(6 entries)

MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL CADET 14/15 -52KG	(3 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL CADET 14/15 -57KG	(3 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL CADET 14/15 -63KG	(3 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL CADET 14/15 -70KG	(3 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL CADET 14/15 +70KG	(3 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR 16/17 -55KG	(3 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR 16/17 -61KG	(3 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR 16/17 -68KG	(3 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR 16/17 -76KG	(3 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR 16/17 +76KG	(3 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL UNDER21 18/19/20 -60KG	(3 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL UNDER21 18/19/20 -67KG	(3 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL UNDER21 18/19/20 -75KG	(3 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL UNDER21 18/19/20 -84KG	(3 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL UNDER21 18/19/20 +84KG	(3 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL SENIOR ≥18 -60KG	(3 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL SENIOR ≥18 -67KG	(3 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL SENIOR ≥18 -75KG	(3 entries)



MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL SENIOR ≥18 -84KG	(3 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL SENIOR ≥18 +84KG	(3 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL SENIOR ≥18 OPEN	(3 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL VETERAN ≥35 ≤1,7M	(3 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL VETERAN ≥35 +1,7M	(3 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL MASTER ≥45 ≤1,7M	(3 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL MASTER ≥45+ +1,7M	(3 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL GRAND MASTER ≥55 ≤1,7M	(3 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL GRAND MASTER ≥55 +1,7M	(3 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL GRAND MASTER + ≥65 ≤1,7M	(3 entries)
MALE KUMITE INDIVIDUAL GRAND MASTER + ≥65 +1,7M	(3 entries)

### **KATA TEAM**

FEMALE KATA TEAM CHILDREN 8/9  
 FEMALE KATA TEAM KIDS 10/11  
 FEMALE KATA TEAM MINICADET 12/13  
 FEMALE KATA TEAM CADET/JUNIOR 14/17  
 FEMALE KATA TEAM SENIOR ≥16  
 FEMALE KATA TEAM MASTERCLASS ≥35

MALE KATA TEAM CHILDREN 8/9  
 MALE KATA TEAM KIDS 10/11  
 MALE KATA TEAM MINICADET 12/13  
 MALE KATA TEAM CADET/JUNIOR 14/17  
 MALE KATA TEAM SENIOR ≥16  
 MALE KATA TEAM MASTERCLASS ≥35

MIX KATA TEAM SENIOR ≥16 (2+1 / 1+2)

### **KUMITE TEAM**

FEMALE KUMITE TEAM CHILDREN (3+1) 8/9  
 FEMALE KUMITE TEAM KIDS (3+1) 10/11  
 FEMALE KUMITE TEAM MINICADET (3+1) 12/13  
 FEMALE KUMITE TEAM CADET (3+1) 14/15  
 FEMALE KUMITE TEAM JUNIOR (3+1) 16/17  
 FEMALE KUMITE TEAM UNDER21 (3+1) 18/19/20  
 FEMALE KUMITE TEAM SENIOR (3+2) ≥18

MALE KUMITE TEAM CHILDREN (3+1) 8/9  
 MALE KUMITE TEAM KIDS (3+1) 10/11  
 MALE KUMITE TEAM MINICADET (3+1) 12/13  
 MALE KUMITE TEAM CADET (3+1) 14/15  
 MALE KUMITE TEAM JUNIOR (3+1) 16/17  
 MALE KUMITE TEAM UNDER21 (3+1) 18/19/20  
 MALE KUMITE TEAM SENIOR (5+2) ≥18

MIX KUMITE TEAM SENIOR ≥18 (3M/2F + 1M/1F)

## **13. SUMMARY COMPETITION RULES KUMITE & KATA 2024 EGKF / WGKF – GOJU RYU (Uwe Portugall, WGKF & EGKF RC Chairman)**

### **1) OFFICIAL DRESS:**

**AO:** Blue belt, stands on the left. **AKA:** Red belt, stands on the right.

- Gum shield, mitts, foot protection, shin pads, chest protector (female for minicadets 12-13 and older) and body protection (male and female minicadets 12-13 and older) are compulsory. Groin guards are not mandatory but if worn must be an approved type. Children (8-9) and kids (10-11) without facemask, body protection is possible but not compulsory.
- The maximum length of the jacket sleeves must be no longer than the bend of the wrist and no shorter than halfway down the forearm. The jacket must cover the hips but must not be more than three-quarters thigh length.
- The trousers must be long enough to cover at least two thirds of the shin and must not reach below the anklebone.
- Jacket sleeves and trousers may not be rolled up! Jacket ties must be tied at the beginning of the match. Jackets without ties must not be worn. Contestant may have embroideries on their belts (belts no longer than three quarters thigh length) and karate gi.
- Contestant may wear two rubber bands on a single pony tail in their hair. Glasses are forbidden (Kata and Kumite).
- Competitors may use an approved religious black head scarf, covering the hair but not the throat area.

### **2) CRITERIA FOR DECISION / SCORING:**

- The result of a bout is determined by a contestant obtaining a clear lead of eight points, or at time-up, having the highest number of points, at equal score having the first unopposed point advantage (SENSHU), obtaining a decision (HANTEI), or by a HANSOKU, SHIKKAKU, or KIKEN, imposed against a contestant.
- If a team match or a single match during round robin system ends with 9:0 or 10:0, all scores count for the result.
- In any bout, if after full time the scores are equal, but one contestant has obtained first unopposed score advantage (SENSHU), that contestant will be declared the winner.
- If after full time there are no scores, or scores are equal, and there is no SENSHU, and nobody has the higher number of a.) Ippon or b.) Waza Ari, scored in the bout, the decision will be made by a final vote of the four Judges, each casting their vote; in case of a tied vote, the Referee will decide the result. Hikiwake is only applicable in regular team matches and in individual matches during round robin. At Hantei, a decision is taken on the basis of which competitor displayed superiority of tactics and techniques during the whole match.

A score is awarded when a technique is performed according to the following criteria to a scoring area (the body above the pelvis, up to and including the collar bone (Chudan), excluding the shoulders themselves, and the area above the collar bone (Jodan).

- a) Good form (good technique, probable effectiveness within the framework of traditional Karate concepts)
- b) Sporting attitude (non-malicious attitude of great concentration)
- c) Vigorous application (strength and speed of the technique)

- d) Awareness-ZANSHIN (total concentration, awareness, observation: before, during and after the technique)
- e) Good timing (delivering a technique when it will have the greatest potential effect)
- f) Correct distance (delivering a technique where it will have the greatest potential effect)

**Yuko** (1 point) is awarded for: **Wazari** (2 points) is awarded for: **Ippon** (3 points) is awarded for:

- 1. Punches (Tsuki) / 2. Strikes (Uchi)
- 1. Chudan kicks
- 1. Jodan kicks

2. Any scoring technique against an opponent whose any part of the body other than the feet is in contact with the mat, with the exception of hiza gamae. (One knee touching the mat while executing a technique).

### **3) PROHIBITED BEHAVIOUR:**

1. Techniques which make excessive contact, having regard to the scoring area attacked, and techniques which make contact with the throat.
2. Attacks to the arms or legs, groin, joints, or instep.
3. Attacks to the face with open hand techniques.
4. Dangerous or forbidden throwing techniques.
5. Feigning, or exaggerating injury.
6. Exit from the competition area (JOGAI) not caused by the opponent.
7. Self-endangerment or failing to take adequate measures for self-protection (MUBOBI).
8. Avoiding combat as a means of preventing the opponent having the opportunity to score.
9. Passivity – not attempting to engage in combat (a warning or penalty for passivity cannot be given during the first 15 seconds and after less than the last 15 seconds of the match and not be given to a competitor who is leading by points or Senshu). Order/Signal: “TSUZUKETE” (not after less than 15 seconds of bout time remaining)
10. Clinching, wrestling, pushing, seizing or standing chest to chest, without immediately attempting a throw or other technique.
11. After “Wakarete” scoring is not possible until the Referee announces “Tsuzukete” and brings his arms and thus the competitors together again (disregard leads to a warning/only next level during Atoshi Baraku).
12. Grabbing the opponent with both hands for any other reasons than executing a takedown upon catching the opponents kicking leg.
13. Grabbing the opponents arm or karategi with one hand without immediately attempting a scoring technique or takedown.
14. Uncontrolled Techniques (that don't hit).
15. Simulated attacks with the head, knees, or elbows.
16. Talking to, or goading the opponent, failing to obey the orders of the Referee, discourteous behaviour towards the Refereeing officials, or other breaches of etiquette.

### **Explanations:**

- For Senior and Junior competitors, non-injurious, light, controlled “touch” contact to the face, head, and neck is allowed (but not to the throat). The correct distance for Jodan techniques lies between skin touch and 2 centimeters from the target area for hand techniques and 5 cm for kicks.

- For Cadet competitors even the slightest touch to the head, face, or neck, with hand techniques must be warned or penalized. Only jodan kicks may make the lightest touch (“skin touch”) and still score. The scoring distance is increased up to 10 centimeters for kicks and 5 centimeters for hand techniques.
- For reasons of safety, throws where the opponent is thrown without being held onto, or thrown dangerously, or where the pivot point is above the thrower’s belt level, are prohibited and will be warned or penalized. Exceptions are conventional karate leg sweeping techniques, which do not require the opponent to be held while executing the sweep. Grabbing the opponent with both hands for any other reasons than executing a takedown upon catching the opponents kicking leg is forbidden.
- For U14 (Minicadets 12-13) the bout duration is 1,5 min. For techniques to the head and neck (Jodan area) no contact is allowed, also no skin touch, neither with the fist nor with the foot.
- For U12 (Kids 10-11) an U10 (children 8-9) the bouts duration is 1,0 min. For techniques to the head and neck (Jodan area) no contact is allowed, also no skin touch, neither with the fist nor with the foot. Even controlled techniques to the body (chudan area) in principle will not be considered a score if they make contact beyond surface touch.
- It is only possible to award a score for a technique after a takedown or permitted grab when the technique is according to the rules and following “immediately”.

#### **4) WARNINGS / PENALTIES:**

**Chui (Warning):** Is given, up to three times, for smaller infractions that do not diminish the other Competitor’s chances of winning.

**Hansoku-Chui (Warning of Disqualification):** Is given for more serious infractions that reduces the other Competitor’s chances of winning, or to a competitor for any further infraction if three CHUI has already been given.

**Hansoku (Penalty):** This is the penalty of disqualification following a very serious infraction or when a Hansoku-Chui has already been given. It can be imposed directly, if the competitor’s potential for winning has been virtually reduced to zero by the opponent’s foul.

**Shikkaku (Penalty):** This is a disqualification from the entire tournament including any subsequent category. In order to define the limit of Shikkaku, the Disciplinary Commission, must be consulted. Shikkaku may be invoked when a contestant fails to obey the orders of the Referee, acts maliciously, or commits an act which harms the prestige and honour of Karate- do, or when other actions are considered to violate the rules and spirit of the tournament. Can only be imposed after consultation with the Judges (Shugo). A public announcement must be made.

#### **Explanations:**

- 10-seconds-rule: In the event that a competitor falls, is thrown, or knocked down, and does not fully regain his or her feet immediately, the referee will call the doctor, and start a count to ten indicating his count showing a finger for each second. Torso must be on the floor, no matter how fast the competitor went down. In all cases the 10 second count has been started the doctor will be asked to examine the contestant. If the competitor does not fully regain his or her feet within ten seconds he is unfit to continue fighting! The referee is then allowed to call for Shugo! The competitor is not allowed to participate in any further Kumite events in that tournament. The judges will decide the winner on the basis of Hansoku

(contact or exaggeration), Kiken (Mubobi or falling down without foul), or Shikkaku (feigning of injury or malicious injury) as the case may be.

- Running, avoiding combat and jogai with less than 15 seconds of bout time remaining (Atoshi Baraku), receive a minimum of Hansoku-Chui. Grabbing the opponent without attempting to throw or score immediately is also an instance of avoiding combat by less than 15 seconds.
- Should a competitor that has been awarded Senshu, receive a warning for avoiding combat when there is less than 15 seconds left of the bout (Atoshi Baraku), the competitor will automatically forfeit this advantage. No further Senshu can be awarded to either competitor.
- A warning or penalty for Mubobi is given when a competitor is hit or injured through his or her own fault or negligence. In that case, the opponent must not be warned / penalised!
- Exaggeration is warned / penalised with Chui, Hansoku Chui or even Hansoku in severe cases (warning for contact to the opponent or warning for mubobi must be given at first). If a score is awarded, the opponent will be penalized for feigning with minimum Hansoku Chui.
- Judges signal points scored on their own initiative. (Two judge system also Jogai and contact.)
- An injured contestant who wins a bout through disqualification due to injury is not allowed to fight again in the competition without permission from the doctor. He may also win a second bout by disqualification due to injury, but is immediately withdrawn from further kumite competition in that tournament.
- If a contestant is disqualified by Kiken, he is disqualified for the competition in this category.
- The Referee needs the signal of minimum 2 Judges for the same competitor to establish a score (Two Judge system minimum the signal of 1 judge).
- If 2 Judges indicate different scores the higher one will be established. Applicable also if for example two Judges show yuko for aka and 2 judges show ippon for aka.
- If 2 Judges indicate a score for AKA and 2 Judges a score for AO, both scores will be awarded. (Two Judge system also 1 judge for AKA and 1 Judge for AO).
- If 2 Judges indicate a score for the same competitor, but the Referee has seen a contact, he may award a warning.
- If the Referee calls the doctor to treat an injury and the doctor declares the competitor unfit to fight, the referee is allowed to call for Shugo to communicate the doctor's statement to the judge

## **5) KATA:**

In WGKF and EGKF the elimination system with repechage will be applied.

We are working with the Flag System (Blue and red Flags) and 5 judges.

Four judges are sitting in the corners of the tatami and one judge (judge Nr.1) between judge 2 and judge 5.

Any Goju Kata is acceptable, as listed on the WGKF Homepage. Goju Kata can be performed as per your own Goju Style. All countries may enter 3 competitors per Division.

Children, kids and mini cadets (maximum age 13) may enter 6 participants into each category.

*Presentation of Katas for all categories – limitations:*

If there are 17 – 32 competitors (or more) in a category, the katas Kururunfa and Suparinpei are not permitted in the first round.

*Presentation of Katas for the categories U10 (children 8-9) and U12 (Kids 10-11):*

Every kata from Gekisai dai ichi to Suparinpei can be chosen. However no Kururunfa or Suparinpei in the first round if there are 17-32 competitors or more.

Gekisai dai San, Geki Ha, Fukyokata dai Ichi-Ni and the Taikyoku Kata Jodan-Chudan-Gedan can be presented additionally.

Athletes have to perform two different katas, and can repeat from the 3rd round alternately. Participants failing to complete their kata should be given the option of a second attempt without reduction of score.

*Presentation of Katas for the category U14 (Minicadets 12-13):*

Every kata from Gekisai dai ichi to Suparinpei can be chosen. However no Kururunfa or Suparinpei in the first round if there are 17-32 competitors or more.

Athletes have to perform three different katas, and can repeat at the 4<sup>th</sup> round alternately.

*Presentation of Katas for the categories Cadets (14-15), Juniors (16-17), U21 (18/20), Seniors, Veterans, Masterclass:*

Every kata from Gekisai dai ichi to Suparinpei can be chosen. However no Kururunfa or Suparinpei in the first round if there are 17-32 competitors or more.

Athletes have to perform different katas in all rounds. It is not possible to repeat a kata.

*Kata team:*

Bunkai is obligatory in bouts for medals only for cadets, juniors, seniors and veterans.

Bunkai is to be given equal importance as the kata itself.

The total time allowed for the Kata and Bunkai demonstration combined, is 5 minutes.

In all Kata team categories one competitor can be one year younger and one competitor can be on year older.

***In assessing the performance of a contestant or team the 5 Judges will look for the kata criteria:***

- stances
- techniques
- transitional movements
- timing, synchronisation
- Kime
- correct breathing (Bunkai: control)
- conformance, kihon of the style (Bunkai: using the actual movements as performed in the kata)
- strength
- Speed
- Balance