

AKR OPEN KARATE INTERNATIONAL Invitational

Saturday, June 8, 2024
Competition Starts at 9:00 am

Over 20 WKF and PKF International License Referees and Judges will attend!!

Member USA-NKF



Attention:

The following rules will be Applied: USA-NKF rules and WKF for the Elite competitors

****All competitors under 9 years of age and below will receive a competition spirit award.****

Tournament Location:

The Village Academy School
Main High School Gym, Building B
13051 Whittington Dr., Houston, TX 77077

Hosted by: **AKR JAPAN KARATE-DO SCHOOL**

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Spectator Fees:

Adults: \$10.00
Pay at the Door
Under 4: FREE

WHEN FLYING INTO HOUSTON, YOU CAN USE EITHER AIRPORT; BUSH (IAH) OR HOBBY (HOU), IS PRETTY MUCH THE SAME DISTANCE. (~20 to 25 MINUTES) TO THE HOTEL



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The Village Academy

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Houston, TX, 77077**

Latest Rules WKF/USANKF will apply.

This is a Pre-Registration event ONLY!

Registration ENDS on June 6 at 12:00 PM (CST)

Proper Attire: Competitors must wear a white, clean karate uniform. No rolled cuffs.

Required Equipment:

USA Karate foam fist-guard Blue/Red/ and white foam foot gear and shin guards, mouth piece, groin cup (male), chest protectors (female)(optional). Head gear (OPTIONAL) for children under 12 years old.

Referee Attire: Grey pants, white shirt, navy blue jacket, and official tie.

Coaches Attire: Dojo Warm-ups with jacket zipped, showing their Coach Credentials and Tennis Shoes.

Medal Awards: 4 places in all kata and all kumite divisions. First Places of Elite divisions will receive medals and **CASH** prizes.

All children 9 years and under will receive awards.

There will be NO REFUNDS.

Tournament Fees:

1 or 2 Events:	\$85.00
Additional Events:	\$25.00

Spectator Fee:

Adults:	\$10.00
Children under 4:	FREE

All Competitors must register On-line.

There will not be any registrations done at the door.
All entries are final. No refunds.

Any questions please contact:

AKR Japan Karate-Do School

Phone: 281-460-0301 Olga Shelton

Competition Categories:

- Kata
- Kumite

Schedule of Competition:

1 st Door Registration Check-In:	8:00 am
Staging Begins:	8:30 am
Officials Meeting:	8:30 am
Tournament Begins:	9:00 am

Children Categories **4 yrs. and OLDER** will compete in the morning starting at 9:00 am. All Adults and **Elite** categories will start at 11:30 am, beginning with Kata and continuing with Kumite. First Kata & Kumite will follow. (**All Ages**)

Categories:

First Timers* (10, 9 Kyu) **0- 4 months training**
Beginners (10, 9, 8 Kyu) 5 – 12 months training
Novice (6, 5, 4 Kyu) 1-2 years of training
Intermediate (3, 2, 1 Kyu) 3-4 yrs. training
Advanced (Black Belts) 4 yrs. Training and over
Elite divisions (12-13, 14-15, 16-17, 18 and over

Age Categories:

4 – 5	(Combined)
6 - 7	(Male/Female)
8 - 9	(Male/Female)
10 - 11	(Male/Female)
12 - 13	(Male/Female)
14 - 15	(Male/Female)
16 - 17	(Male/Female)
18-34	(Male/Female)
35 and up	(Male/Female)

Restrictions:

Categories with less than five (5) competitors will be combined at tournament director's discretion. We have the option of separating categories based on the number of competitors, age and height.

***First Timers division is the competitors that have not competed in any previous tournaments.**



TOURNAMENT RULES

KATA

- * Simultaneous execution for all categories except the WKF Elite.
- * All Beg & Nov. must perform Kihon Kata and can repeat the same Kata.
- * All Intermediates cannot perform advanced Kata (refer to the list), can repeat same Kata in all the rounds.
- * All advanced level must perform a different Kata in medal rounds. It must be different than the Kata performed in the previous round.
- * If Int. / Adv. Combined, they can repeat the same kata in all the rounds.
- * WKF Elite categories must perform a different kata in each round.
- * DO NOT disqualify any Beg. /Nov. divisions under any circumstances. If any competitors in this category comes to a full stop, have them repeat the kata then proceed to Hantei.
- * Disqualification due to the lack of a bow(s) will be done only in WKF/Elite divisions.
- * Participation medals are ONLY for under 11 yrs old who did not place in Kata or Kumite.
- * Beginner, Novice, and Intermediate categories will NOT have repechage.
- * All Advanced and WKF Elite categories 12 years and up will have repechage.
- * All categories will have two third place finalists in Kata.
- * **CASH PRICES! For Elite Category Men and Female GOLD medalist Adults 18 - 34 YRS ONLY! \$300.00 each.**

KUMITE

- * Only licensed referees can function as the center referee or Kansa. No Video Review.
- * Only judges who has participated on local Seminars can work as corner judges.
- * Three-Judges system: Judges will indicate points, penalties and jogai, unless the referee says otherwise.
- * Five-Judges system: WKF Rules Apply
- * Fights last 1 ½ minutes for everyone 13 years or younger. 8-point ceiling.
- * Fights last 2 minutes for 12-15 years of age WKF and 18 & up NON-Elite categories. 8-point ceiling.
- * Fights will last 3 minutes for all Elite 16-17 years and Senior WKF/Elite Male and Female categories. 8-point spread.
- * "Skin touch" to the face with gloves is allowed for those 16 and over.
- * "Light touch" head kicks are permitted for 14-15 and over.
- * **ALL** competitors must wear shin pads and footies, gloves and groin cup (boys).
- * In all Non-Elite categories, competitors are allowed to use White shin pads and footies.
- * No jewelry is permitted.
- * Headgear is optional for all categories.
- * Beginner, Novice, and Intermediate divisions will NOT have repechage.
- * All Advanced and WKF Elite divisions 12 years and up will have repechage.
- * All divisions will have two third place finalists in Kumite.
- * **CASH PRICES! For Elite Category Men and Female GOLD Kilo Adults 18 - 34 YRS ONLY! \$100.00 each.**
- * **CASH PRICES! For Elite Category Man and Female GOLD Open Weight Category Adults 18 - 34 YRS ONLY! \$300.00 each.**

KATAS

Beginner and Novice Categories may perform only the katas as shown on the green table below. Intermediate categories may perform only the katas as shown on the yellow table below.

All Competitors will compete simultaneously in all Categories, except Black Belt Adults and Elite athletes.

Elite Kata will be scored with tablets in accordance with current WKF rules. All others will have flags.



USA Karate Official Kata List

Beginner/Novice Kata List

Fukui Kata/Fukyu Kata
Fukyugata Ichi
Fukyugata Ni
Gekisai Dai Ichi
Gekisai Dai Ni
Gekisai Dai San
Heian Godan
Heian Nidan
Heian Sandan
Heian Shodan
Heian Yondan
Kihon kata
Pinan Godan
Pinan Nidan
Pinan Sandan
Pinan Shodan
Pinan Yondan
Taikyoku Shodan
Taikyoku Nidan
Taikyoku Sandan
Ten no Kata

Intermediate Kata List

All Beginner/Novice Kata
Ananko
Aoyagi
Bassai
Bassai Dai
Bassai Sho
Chinte
Garyu
Ishimine Bassai
Itosu Rohai Nidan
Itosu Rohai Sandan
Itosu Rohai Shodan
Jiin
Jion
Jitte
Juroku
Matsukaze
Matsumura Rohai
Meikyo
Myojc
Naifanchin Nidan
Naifanchin Sandan
Naifanchin Shodan
Naihanchi
Nijushiho
Niseishi
Pachu
Passai ¹
Rohai
Saifa
Sanchin
Sanseiru
Sanseru
Seichin
Selenchin (Seiyunchin)
Seipai
Seiryu
Shinpa
Shinsei
Shisochin
Tekki Nidan
Tekki Sandan
Tekki Shodan
Tensho
Wankan

*** NOTES ***

Names of some kata are duplicated due to the variations customary in spelling in Romanization.

In several instances a kata may be known under a different name from style (Ryu-ha) to style

In some instances an identical name may, in fact, be a different kata from style to style.

¹ Tomari Passai is an advanced kata

Advanced divisions may perform any kata on the WKF list as well as Matsumura Kusanku and Gorin.

KUMITE

The Elite divisions for Kumite will be separated based on Age and Weigh as follows:

ELITE KUMITE WEIGHT DIVISIONS		
AGE	FEMALE	MALE
12, 13	-47kg / +47 kg	-49kg / +49 kg
14, 15	-52kg / +52 kg	-58kg / +58 kg
16, 17	-58kg / +58 kg	-65kg / +65 kg
18, 34	-55kg / -61 KG / +61 kg	-67kg / -75 KG / +75 kg

If there is less than three competitors in some divisions, AKR will have the right to combine with other divisions, taken into consideration age and experience competing.

The Elite divisions winners (1st Places), in all divisions for Kata and Kumite, will receive a beautiful Gold medal and a CASH Prize.

USA-NKF Modified Kumite Rules

All techniques to the face, head and neck must have absolute control. The referee panel will penalize the competitor if the hand or foot touches the face, head or neck according to the guideline as described below:

- 13 years old and younger: hand or foot techniques **Cannot** touch the face
- 14-15 years old: only controlled foot technique SKIN-TOUCH to the face
- 16 and older: hand and foot techniques SKIN-TOUCH to the face

ADULT & MINOR AMATEUR ATHLETIC WAIVER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of being allowed participating in any way in the American Karate-Do Rengo Kai (AKR) 2024 Open Championship athletic/sport program, and related events and activities, you:

1. Agree that prior to participating the participant and/or Parent or Guardian (if under 18), will inspect the facilities and equipment to be used, and if the participant and/or parent or guardian, believes anything is unsafe, they will immediately advise the supervisor of the AKR Open Championship or other Tournament officials of each condition(s) and refuse to participate.
2. Acknowledge and fully understands that each participant will be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and serve social and economic losses which might result not only from their action, inaction or negligence but the actions, inaction or negligence of others, the rules of play, or the condition of the promises or of any equipment used. Further, the participant, and/or parent or guardian acknowledge that there may be other risks not known or not reasonably foreseeable at this time. The participant and/or parent or guardian assumes all the forgoing risks and accepts personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, permanent disability or death.
3. Releases, waives, discharge and covenants not to sue American Karate-Do Rengo Kai organization, Mr. Raul Shelton - Tournament Director, its officers, its affiliated clubs, regional sports organizations, their respective administrators, directors, agents, coaches and other personnel / employees of the organization, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessees of premises used to conduct the event, all of which are hereinafter referred to as "releases" from any and all liability to each of the undersigned, his or her heirs and next of kin for any and all claims, demands, losses or damages on account of injury including death or damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the release or otherwise.
4. **All entries are final; no refunds will be given.** I fully understand that any medical treatment given will be of a first aid treatment type only. I consent that any pictures furnished by me or any pictures taken of me in connection with the tournament can be used for publicity, promotion or television showing now or in the future, and I waive compensation in regard thereto. All participation in any event or class in this tournament is by permission only. The Director or his authorized agent(s) reserve the right to refuse entry to any person, school, team or club

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