



12th Commonwealth Karate Championships 2026

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CHAMPIONSHIPS
SCOTLAND
5TH - 8TH NOVEMBER 2026
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FOREWORD: 2026 COMMONWEALTH CHAMPIONSHIPS



Over the years, the Commonwealth Karate Championships has become a key event for the development and strengthening of karate across Commonwealth nations. The continued growth of this competition reflects not only the increasing level of sporting excellence within the region, but also the shared commitment of its member federations to promote the values that define our sport: respect, discipline, perseverance, and friendship.

As we look forward to the celebration of the 12th edition of the Commonwealth Karate Championships, to be held in Glasgow, Scotland, from November 5 to 6, 2026, we are pleased to note that the Commonwealth community has played an important role in the global progress of karate. Events such as this tournament provide a vital platform for athletes to showcase their talent, gain valuable international experience, and inspire future generations who will carry our sport forward.

Glasgow, a city with a tremendous sporting tradition and a deep appreciation for Karate, offers the perfect setting for this anticipated tournament. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Commonwealth Karate Federation for their dedication and continued efforts to expand and promote karate throughout the Commonwealth countries.

I wish all competitors the very best in their performances and hope that this championship will be remembered not only for its sporting achievements but also for the values and spirit that lie at the heart of karate.

Antonio Espinós

President

World Karate Federation



WKF CERTIFICATION



The World Karate Federation (WKF)

CERTIFIES

That the Commonwealth Karate Championships, to be held in Glasgow (Scotland) from 5th to 6th November 2026, is an event officially included in the 2026 Official Calendar of the World Karate Federation (WKF).

Issued in Madrid, on March 5th, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Espinós", written over a white rectangular stamp.



Antonio Espinós
WKF President



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KARATE SCOTLAND WELCOME MESSAGE



On behalf of Karate Scotland, it is with great pleasure that I warmly welcome delegates and athletes from around the world to Scotland and the great city of Glasgow and look forward to your participation in the 12th Commonwealth Karate Championships.

Hosting this prestigious event is both an honour and a recognition of our ongoing efforts to promote karate, providing a platform for nurturing budding karate talent in Scotland and indeed the Commonwealth nations.

With the full support of the Commonwealth Karate Federation, we are dedicated to delivering a championship of the highest level.

To all athletes and coaches, I urge you to uphold the standards of a true sportsman/woman ensuring that the highest levels of sportsmanship prevail throughout the championships.

I wish all delegations a successful championship and an incredible experience in Scotland.

Best regards in Sport

Paul Giannandrea
Chairperson & President
Karate Scotland





TOURNAMENT RULES AND SCHEDULE

Throughout the Commonwealth Karate Championships, the World Karate Federation (WKF) rules will be applied and as such **only WKF approved protective equipment (inclusive of chest, leg, feet and hand protection) will be permitted. It is compulsory for all athletes competing in WKF categories in the Commonwealth Elite Championship and the Commonwealth Club Championship to wear WKF approved attire.**

The WKF and Karate Scotland comply with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) code of practice and adopt a strict stance on anti-doping. Therefore, WADA rules will be applied throughout the championships.

The CKF Championship will comprise of two events, namely the Commonwealth Karate Championship (Elite) which will only be open to National Team athletes, and the Commonwealth Karate Club Championship will be open to all Commonwealth karateka that are members of the WKF. All athletes entering the elite championship are also allowed to enter the club championship.

At the Commonwealth Karate Championship (Elite) there will only be two athletes allowed in each category per National Team. However, in the Commonwealth Club Championship (which will take place after the Elite event is concluded) there will be no limit on the number of entries per category.

The two-day Commonwealth Karate Championship (Elite) event will take place on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th November. The Commonwealth Club Championship will follow and take place on Saturday 7th November and Sunday 8th November.

Registration for both events will be via Sportdata, please see links below.

Commonwealth Karate Championships (Elite)

[Athlete Registration](#)

[Coach and Officials Registration](#)

[Referee Registration](#)

Commonwealth Karate Championships (Club)

[Athlete Registration](#)

[Coach and Officials Registration](#)

[Referee Registration](#)



Athletes' official weigh-in & registration

Date / Time / Venue TBC

Passport/Identification Card to be presented

Referees Briefing

Date / Time / Venue TBC

Congress for CKF

Wednesday 4th November / Time / Venue TBC

Competition Schedule

The detailed competition schedule will be fixed after closing the online registration to finalise the number of athletes. Further information will be communicated at due course.

An affiliation fee per federation is payable to the CKF for membership for 2 years must be paid in Glasgow prior to the event.

ENTRY FEES

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES AND FEE PAYMENT – 11 OCTOBER 2026

Competitor		Spectator Entry Fees		
Elite Event		1 day pass		£10
Individual Events	£50	2 day pass		£15
Team Events	£80	3 day pass		£20
		4 day pass		£25
Club Championships				
Individual Events	£40			
Team Events	£60			

**All athlete entry fee payments should be made by PayPal via Sportdata.
Entry fees are non refundable.**



TOURNAMENT CATEGORIES (ELITE)

KATA - INDIVIDUAL

Category	Code	Category	Code
Female Youth Kata (12-13 Years)	KA01	Male Youth Kata (12-13 Years)	KA02
Female Cadet Kata (14-15 Years)	KA03	Male Cadet Kata (14-15 Years)	KA04
Female Junior Kata (16-17 Years)	KA05	Male Junior Kata (16-17 Years)	KA06
Female U21 Kata (18-20 Years)	KA07	Male U21 Kata (18-20 Years)	KA08
Female Senior Kata (16+ Years)	KA09	Male Senior Kata (16+ Years)	KA10

KATA – PARA INDIVIDUAL

Category	Code	Category	Code
Female Wheelchair (16+ Years)	KA11	Male Wheelchair (16+ Years)	KA12
Female Visually Impaired (16+ Years)	KA13	Male Visually Impaired (16+ Years)	KA14
Female Intellectually Impaired (16+ Years)	KA15	Male Intellectually Impaired (16+ Years)	KA16

KATA - TEAMS

Category	Code	Category	Code
Female Junior (14-17 Years)	KAT01	Male Junior Team (14-17 Years)	KAT02
Female Senior (16+ Years)	KAT03	Male Senior Team (16+ Years)	KAT04

YOUTH KUMITE U14 YEARS

Category	Code	Category	Code
Female Kumite (12-13 Years) -42Kg	KU01	Male Kumite (12-13 Years) -40Kg	KU02
Female Kumite (12-13 Years) -47Kg	KU03	Male Kumite (12-13 Years) -45Kg	KU04
Female Kumite (12-13 Years) -52Kg	KU05	Male Kumite (12-13 Years) -50Kg	KU06
Female Kumite (12-13 Years) +52Kg	KU07	Male Kumite (12-13 Years) -55Kg	KU08
		Male Kumite (12-13 Years) +55Kg	KU09

CADET KUMITE 14-15 YEARS

Category	Code	Category	Code
Female Cadet Kumite (14-15yrs) -47Kg	KU10	Male Cadet Kumite (14-15yrs) -52Kg	KU11
Female Cadet Kumite (14-15yrs) -54Kg	KU12	Male Cadet Kumite (14-15yrs) -57kg	KU13
Female Cadet Kumite (14-15yrs) -61Kg	KU14	Male Cadet Kumite (14-15yrs) -63Kg	KU15
Female Cadet Kumite (14-15yrs) +61Kg	KU16	Male Cadet Kumite (14-15yrs) -70Kg	KU17
		Male Cadet Kumite (14-15yrs) +70kg	KU18



JUNIOR KUMITE 16 -17 YEARS

Category	Code	Category	Code
Female Junior Kumite (16-17yrs) -48Kg	KU19	Male Junior Kumite (16-17yrs) -55Kg	KU20
Female Junior Kumite (16-17yrs) -53Kg	KU21	Male Junior Kumite (16-17yrs) -61Kg	KU22
Female Junior Kumite (16-17yrs) -59Kg	KU23	Male Junior Kumite (16-17yrs) -68Kg	KU24
Female Junior Kumite (16-17yrs) -66Kg	KU25	Male Junior Kumite (16-17yrs) -76Kg	KU26
Female Junior Kumite (16-17yrs) +66Kg	KU27	Male Junior Kumite (16-17yrs) +76Kg	KU28

UNDER 21 KUMITE

Category	Code	Category	Code
Female U21 Kumite (18-20yrs) -50Kg	KU29	Male U21 Kumite (18-20yrs) -60Kg	KU30
Female U21 Kumite (18-20yrs) -55Kg	KU31	Male U21 Kumite (18-20yrs) -67Kg	KU32
Female U21 Kumite (18-20yrs) -61Kg	KU33	Male U21 Kumite (18-20yrs) -75Kg	KU34
Female U21 Kumite (18-20yrs) -68Kg	KU35	Male U21 Kumite (18-20yrs) -84Kg	KU36
Female U21 Kumite (18-20yrs) +68Kg	KU37	Male U21 Kumite (18-20yrs) +84Kg	KU38

SENIOR KUMITE

Category	Code	Category	Code
Female Senior Kumite (18yrs+) -50Kg	KU39	Male Senior Kumite (18yrs+) -60Kg	KU40
Female Senior Kumite (18yrs+) -55Kg	KU41	Male Senior Kumite (18yrs+) -67Kg	KU42
Female Senior Kumite (18yrs+) -61Kg	KU43	Male Senior Kumite (18yrs+) -75Kg	KU44
Female Senior Kumite (18yrs+) -68Kg	KU45	Male Senior Kumite (18yrs+) -84Kg	KU46
Female Senior Kumite (18yrs+) +68Kg	KU47	Male Senior Kumite (18yrs+) +84Kg	KU48

TEAM KUMITE

Category	Code	Category	Code
Female Senior Kumite (18yrs+)	KUT01	Male Senior Kumite (18yrs+)	KUT02



TOURNAMENT CATEGORIES (CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS)

KATA - INDIVIDUAL			
Category	Code	Category	Code
Female Children's Kata (7-9 Years)	KA01	Male Children's Kata (7-9 Years)	KA02
Female Children's Kata (10-11 Years)	KA03	Male Children's Kata (10-11 Years)	KA04
Female Youth Kata (12-13 Years)	KA05	Male Youth Kata (12-13 Years)	KA06
Female Cadet Kata (14-15 Years)	KA07	Male Cadet Kata (14- 5 Years)	KA08
Female Junior Kata (16-17 Years)	KA09	Male Junior Kata (16-17 Years)	KA10
Female U21 Kata (18-20 Years)	KA11	Male U21 Kata (18-20 Years)	KA12
Female Senior Kata (16+ Years)	KA13	Male Senior Kata (16+ Years)	KA14
Female Veteran Kata (35+ Years)	KA15	Male Veterans Kata (35+ Years)	KA16

KATA - PARA INDIVIDUAL			
Category	Code	Category	Code
Female Wheelchair (16+ Years)	KA17	Male Wheelchair	KA18
Female Visually Impaired (16+ Years)	KA19	Male Visually Impaired	KA20
Female Intellectually Impaired (16+ Years)	KA21	Male Intellectually Impaired	KA22

KATA - TEAMS			
Category	Code	Category	Code
Female Junior (14-17 Years)	KAT01	Male Junior Team (14-17 Years)	KAT02
Female Senior (16+ Years)	KAT03	Male Senior Team (16+ Years)	KAT04

YOUTH KUMITE U12 YEARS			
Category	Code	Category	Code
Female Kumite (7-9 Years) -30Kg	KU01	Male Kumite (7-9 Years) -30Kg	KU02
Female Kumite (7-9 Years) +30Kg	KU03	Male Kumite (7-9 Years) +30Kg	KU04
Female Kumite (10-11 Years) -35Kg	KU05	Male Kumite (10-11 Years) -35Kg	KU06
Female Kumite (10-11 Years) +35Kg	KU07	Male Kumite (10-11 Years) +35Kg	KU08

CHILDREN'S KUMITE U14 YEARS			
Category	Code	Category	Code
Female Kumite (12-13 Years) -42Kg	KU09	Male Kumite (12-13 Years) -40Kg	KU10
Female Kumite (12-13 Years) -47Kg	KU11	Male Kumite (12-13 Years) -45Kg	KU12
Female Kumite (12-13 Years) -52Kg	KU13	Male Kumite (12-13 Years) -50Kg	KU14
Female Kumite (12-13 Years) +52Kg	KU15	Male Kumite (12-13 Years) -55Kg	KU16
		Male Kumite (12-13 Years) +55Kg	KU17



CADET KUMITE 14-15 YEARS

Category	Code	Category	Code
Female Cadet Kumite (14-15yrs) -47Kg	KU18	Male Cadet Kumite (14-15yrs) -52Kg	KU19
Female Cadet Kumite (14-15yrs) -54Kg	KU20	Male Cadet Kumite (14-15yrs) -57kg	KU21
Female Cadet Kumite (14-15yrs) -61Kg	KU22	Male Cadet Kumite (14-15yrs) -63Kg	KU23
Female Cadet Kumite (14-15yrs) +61Kg	KU24	Male Cadet Kumite (14-15yrs) -70Kg	KU25
		Male Cadet Kumite (14-15yrs) +70kg	KU26

JUNIOR KUMITE 16 -17 YEARS

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Female Junior Kumite (16-17yrs) -48Kg	KU27	Male Junior Kumite (16-17yrs) -55Kg	KU28
Female Junior Kumite (16-17yrs) -53Kg	KU29	Male Junior Kumite (16-17yrs) -61Kg	KU30
Female Junior Kumite (16-17yrs) -59Kg	KU31	Male Junior Kumite (16-17yrs) -68Kg	KU32
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Female Junior Kumite (16-17yrs) +66Kg	KU35	Male Junior Kumite (16-17yrs) +76Kg	KU36

UNDER 21 KUMITE

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Female U21 Kumite (18-20yrs) -50Kg	KU37	Male U21 Kumite (18-20yrs) -60Kg	KU38
Female U21 Kumite (18-20yrs) -55Kg	KU39	Male U21 Kumite (18-20yrs) -67Kg	KU40
Female U21 Kumite (18-20yrs) -61Kg	KU41	Male U21 Kumite (18-20yrs) -75Kg	KU42
Female U21 Kumite (18-20yrs) -68Kg	KU43	Male U21 Kumite (18-20yrs) -84Kg	KU44
Female U21 Kumite (18-20yrs) +68Kg	KU45	Male U21 Kumite (18-20yrs) +84Kg	KU46

SENIOR KUMITE

Category	Code	Category	Code
Female Senior Kumite (18yrs+) -50Kg	KU47	Male Senior Kumite (18yrs+) -60Kg	KU48
Female Senior Kumite (18yrs+) -55Kg	KU49	Male Senior Kumite (18yrs+) -67Kg	KU50
Female Senior Kumite (18yrs+) -61Kg	KU51	Male Senior Kumite (18yrs+) -75Kg	KU52
Female Senior Kumite (18yrs+) -68Kg	KU53	Male Senior Kumite (18yrs+) -84Kg	KU54
Female Senior Kumite (18yrs+) +68Kg	KU55	Male Senior Kumite (18yrs+) +84Kg	KU56
Female Veteran Kumite (35yrs+) Open	KU57	Male Veteran Kumite (35yrs+) Open	KU58

TEAM KUMITE

Category	Code	Category	Code
Female Cadet Kumite (14-15yrs)	KUT01	Male Cadet Kumite (14-15yrs)	KUT02
Female Junior Kumite (16-17yrs)	KUT03	Male Junior Kumite (16-17yrs)	KUT04
Female Senior Kumite (18yrs+)	KUT05	Male Senior Kumite (18yrs+)	KUT06



SCHEDULE

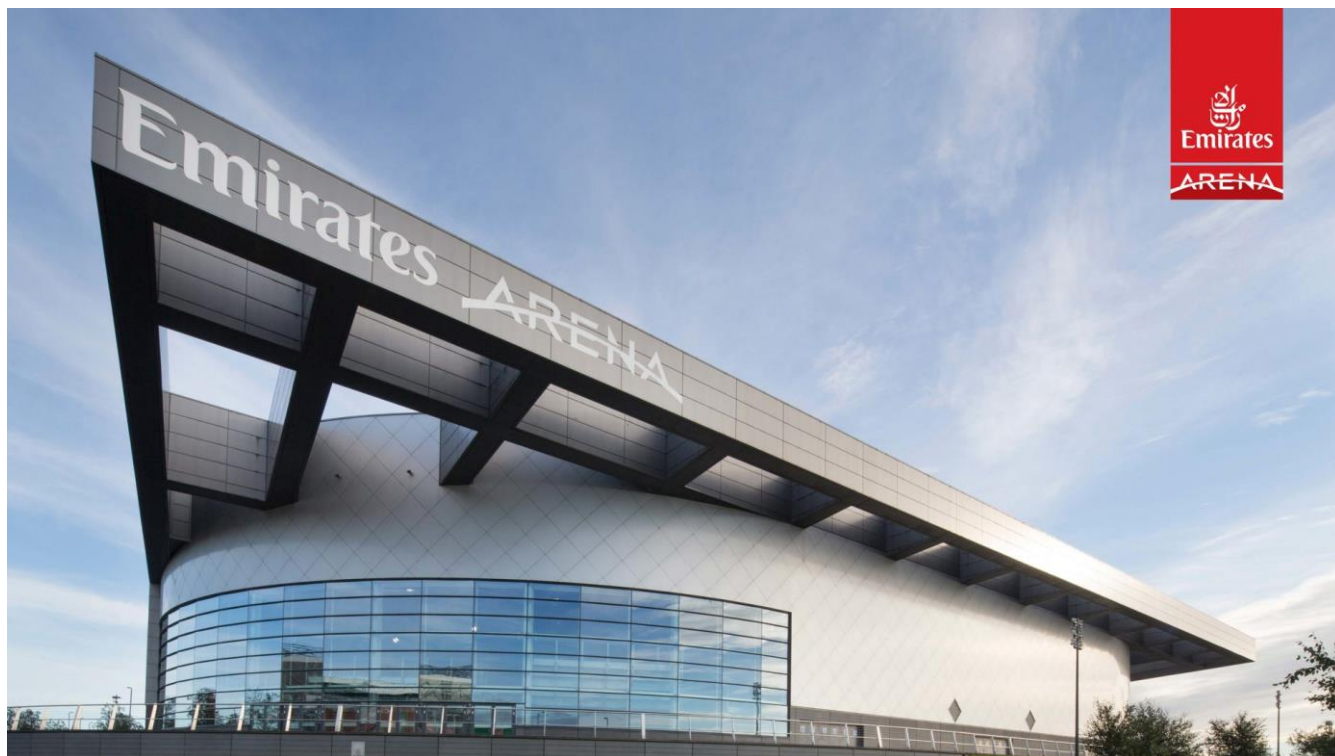
EVENT SCHEDULE			
DATE	HOUR	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
4 Nov 26	all day	Arrival of Delegation	
4 Nov 26	9am to 4pm	Payment of membership affiliation fees	TBC
4 Nov 26	9am to 4pm	Athletes' accreditation and weigh in	TBC
4 Nov 26	4pm to 6pm	Referees Briefing	TBC
	4pm to 6pm	CKF Congress	
5 Nov 26	8am to 6pm	ELITE Competition Day 1 All Kata All Youth Kumite All Cadet Kumite Finals Medal Presentation	
6 Nov 26	8am to 6pm	ELITE Competition Day 2 Junior Kumite U21 Kumite Senior Kumite Team Kumite Opening Ceremony Finals Medal Presentation	



7 Nov 26	8am to 6pm	CLUB Competition Day 1 All Kata All Children's/Youth Kumite All Cadet Kumite Finals Medal Presentation
8 Nov 26	8am to 6pm	CLUB Competition Day 2 Junior Kumite U21 Kumite Senior Kumite Team Kumite Opening Ceremony Finals Medal Presentation
9 Nov 26	Departure of Delegation	



VENUE



[Emirates Arena - Glasgow Life](#)

Address

Emirates Arena, 1000 London Road, G40 3HG



TRAVEL / ACCOMMODATION

The main airports in Scotland include Glasgow Airport and Edinburgh Airport,

Glasgow Airport (GLA):

Location: Located on the west side of Glasgow.

Overview: A major international airport with connections to various destinations across Europe and beyond. It is well-served by public transport, including the Glasgow Airport Express bus service.

Edinburgh Airport (EDI):

Location: Just west of Edinburgh city centre. Around a 1.5 hour drive from Glasgow.

Overview: Scotland's busiest airport, offering numerous international and domestic flights. It has excellent transport links to the city via tram and bus, making it a convenient choice for travellers.

Currency: Pounds Sterling / GBP

Voltage: [Scotland - Plug Outlet Guide - World Plug Outlet](#)

ACCOMMODATION

Glasgow has a large range of hotel accommodation, please visit the link below for more information.

[Where to stay in Glasgow | Luxury, Boutique and Budget Stays | Visit Glasgow](#)

It is the responsibility of individuals to arrange the reservation and payment of their accommodation bookings.

Recommended Hotel

Glynhill Hotel & Spa
169 Paisley Road
Renfrew
Glasgow
PA4 8XB
www.glynhill.com





VISA REQUIREMENTS

To enter the UK, you may need a visa depending on your nationality and purpose of travel. Here are some key points:

Visa Requirements:

Nationals from certain countries may need a visa to visit, study, or work in the UK. Irish citizens do not require a visa.

Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA):

Some travelers from specific countries may need to obtain an ETA before traveling to the UK.

Visa Types: Common visa types include:

Standard Visitor Visa: For short stays (up to 6 months) for tourism, visiting family, or short courses.

Student Visa: For longer courses, usually requiring sponsorship by a licensed institution.

Work Visa: For employment in the UK, which may require a specific visa type.

Application Process: Most visas require an online application, and you must apply before traveling.

For the most accurate and up-to-date information, always check the official UK government website or consult with a visa expert.

[How to apply for a visa to come to the UK: Choose a visa - GOV.UK](#)



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