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## 1. WELCOME MESSAGE

### 1.1 Greeting from the Head of EKF

The 2026 EKF Senior Championships, to be held from 20 to 24 May in Frankfurt, Germany is the most important karate competition in Europe; an event not only set to crown our new European champions but also to show once again the excellence of karate events in Europe.

Year after year, the European Senior Championships prove the strength of our athletes, officials, and organisers and the popularity of our sport in the continent. Frankfurt 2026 will be another clear example of this quality, supported by the outstanding organisational level for which German karate is well known.

The main events of our sport in the continent have grown significantly in recent years, with the level of competition improving, the global reach expanding, and the interest from fans, media, and partners continuing to rise. I am confident that the championships in Germany will mark a new era in the organisation of karate events in Europe as this event will surely raise standards and set a reference for the future.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the German Karate Federation and to its President, Mr Wolfgang Weigert. Their commitment, professionalism, and vision are essential to the success of this championship. I am convinced that Frankfurt 2026 will be remembered as one of the best organised events in the history of European karate, and I am certain that Frankfurt will offer a competition worthy of European karate and an unforgettable experience for everyone involved.

**Antonio Espinós**  
President,  
European Karate Federation



## 1.2 Greeting from the Head of the host NF

Dear athletes, officials, and guests,

After the Bremen 2014 World Senior Championships, Germany will once again be the host of one of the most important & prestigious Karate events in the world – the 2026 European Championships for Seniors & Para Karate, at the “Eissporthalle” sports complex in Frankfurt/Main.



Frankfurt 2026 will be a game-changer for Karate - the first-ever international event with an innovative and comprehensive eco-sustainability and mobility strategy, offering all delegations and spectators free transportation passes, direct and convenient connections, and full flexibility - for the first time in Karate.

With special Guardian Girls seminars in schools around Frankfurt, a fully wheelchair accessible venue and iconic activities mixing Karate and the arts, Frankfurt 2026 will also underline the importance, impact, and beauty of social sustainability in Karate.

A heartfelt welcome to Frankfurt, and let's enjoy together five exceptional days of the best of European Karate, at the beating heart of Europe and “Made in Germany”.

Yours sincerely

**Wolfgang Weigert**

President of the German Karate Federation  
EC Member, European Karate Federation

## 2. INTRODUCTION EKF SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The EKF Senior Championships (Frankfurt/Main) 2026 will be held from 20-24<sup>th</sup> May, in Frankfurt/Main, Germany, at the “Eissporthalle” sports complex.

## 3. COMPETITION INFORMATION

### 3.1 Categories

#### Individual categories

Individual Kata (age +16)	Male Individual Kumite (age +18)	Female Individual Kumite (age +18)
Female	-60 Kg.	-50 Kg.
Male	-67 Kg.	-55 Kg.
	-75 Kg.	-61 Kg.
	-84 Kg.	-68 Kg.
	+84 Kg.	+68 Kg.

#### Team Categories

Team Kata (age+16)	Team Kumite (age +18)
Female	Female
Male	Male

### 3.2 Age

Allocation to age category is determined by the age of the athlete at the first day of the entire championships. This means competitors must have the eligible age by 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

## 4. CONTACTS INFORMATION

### 4.1 Organizers contact details

Deutscher Karate Verband e.V. (German Karate Federation)

Email: [emfrankfurt2026@karate.de](mailto:emfrankfurt2026@karate.de)

### 4.2 Local Organising Committee contact details

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#### Accommodation

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### 4.3 EKF Event Supervisor contact details

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[ekf.oc@ekf.com.es](mailto:ekf.oc@ekf.com.es)

### 4.4 Safe Sport contact

EKF 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 EKF 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](mailto:safekarate@wkf.net)

## 5. REGISTRATION

### 5.1 Online registration for athletes

Online registration can be made from 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 until 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026 under the following link:

**ATHLETES  
REGISTRATION**

### 5.2 Online registration for officiating coaches

Online registration can be made from 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 until 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026 under the following link:

No coach can register if he/she is not in possession of the EKF Kumite and/or Kata Coach certification level.

**COACHES  
REGISTRATION**

### 5.3 Online registration for referees

Online registration can be made from 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 until 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026 under the following link:

**REFEREES  
REGISTRATION**

### 5.4 Onsite Registration & Accreditations

Registration will be arranged in HQ Hotel on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May from 09:00 to 15:00 hours (Mainhaus Hotel, room “Alte Kapelle”)

Each change made after the closure of the online registration, as well as each new onsite registration, will incur a surcharge fee of 50 € per individual, in addition to the correspondent registration fee.

Cash payments in person at the registration will be accepted.

**Timeslots will be given out by alphabetical order. Delegations that miss their time for registration, can register during the open registration session from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.**

In the registration room only will be available two people in charge per country for to make the registration of each delegation, these persons will show all the required documents and the original passport of all the members of their delegation.

Referees and Press will make the registration in a separate desk, at the same time as their delegations.

## 5.4.1 Required documents

Each participating country is requested to provide 2 national flags and a CD with the national Anthem during the registration.

On registration day all participants must submit **printed** a Waiver of Liability Form (Only 1 of the following per person):

- a) NF/Team Representative & Team List
- b) Individual +18 years old
- c) Individual - 18 years old (Parental Consent required)



The NF/Team Representative takes full responsibility for the validity of all signatures and information provided.

## 6. EVENTS SCHEDULE

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May - HQ Hotel Flemings Riverside		
14:00 – 15:30	Registration for EKF Coaches' Programme	HQ Hotel Flemings Riverside Room 4
16:00 – 17:30	<b>Accredited Coach Briefing</b>	
17:45 – 18:30	<b>Kumite Coach Exam</b>	
18:45 – 19:30	<b>Kata Coach Exam</b>	
19:30 – 20:30	<b>Certified Kata/Kumite Results and Accreditations delivery</b>	

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May - HQ Hotel Fleming Riverside + Mainhaus Hotel		
TIME	EVENT	ROOM
09:00 – 15:00	<b>Registration for Delegations</b>	<b>Mainhaus Hotel Room Alte Kapelle</b>
	<b>Weigh-in</b>	<b>Mainhaus Hotel Room 1-2</b>
09:00 - 11:00	EKF Executive Committee meeting	HQ Flemings Hotel Room 8
10:00 – 11:00	EKF Medical Commission meeting	HQ Flemings Hotel Room 9
12:00 – 14:00	EKF Technical Commission meeting	HQ Flemings Hotel Room 9
14:00 – 15:00	EKF Referee Commission meeting	HQ Flemings Hotel Room 9
<b>15:00 – 18:00</b>	<b>EKF Congress</b>	<b>Mainhaus Hotel Room Kolping</b>
16:00 – 17:00	TM & TMAS Meeting	HQ Flemings Hotel Room 9
17:30 – 18:30	Referee Licence Renewal Exam	HQ Flemings Hotel Room 3
18:30 – 19:30	Open Draw All Coaches	HQ Flemings Hotel Room 4
20:00 – 21:00	EKF Referee Briefing	HQ Flemings Hotel Room 4
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May - HQ Hotel Flemings		
10:00 – 18:00	Para Karate Athletes Classification Session	HQ Flemings Hotel Room 4
19:30 - 20:30	Para Karate Coach Meeting & Open Draw Para Karate	HQ Flemings Hotel Room 4

## 7. COMPETITION PROGRAMME

The competition will take place at the “Eissporthalle” sports complex.

<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 20th May	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
<b>Kata Individual - Eliminations - Performances</b>		
<b>09:30</b>	FEMALE	Venue
<b>11:00</b>	MALE	Venue
<b>Kumite Individual - Eliminations &amp; Repechages</b>		
<b>12:30</b>	Female + 68 kg Eliminations & Repechages	Venue
<b>13:45</b>	Male + 84 kg Eliminations & Repechages	Venue
<b>15:00</b>	Female - 68 kg Eliminations & Repechages	Venue
<b>16:15</b>	Male - 84 kg Eliminations & Repechages	Venue
<b>17:30</b>	Female - 61 kg Eliminations & Repechages	Venue
<b>18:45</b>	Male - 75 kg Eliminations & Repechages	Venue
<b>THURSDAY</b> 21st May	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
<b>Kata Team - Eliminations - Performances</b>		
<b>09:30</b>	Male & Female	Venue
<b>Kumite Individual - Eliminations</b>		
<b>11:30</b>	Male - 67 kg Eliminations & Repechages	Venue
<b>12:45</b>	Female - 55 kg Eliminations & Repechages	Venue
<b>14:00</b>	Male - 60 kg Eliminations & Repechages	Venue
<b>15:10</b>	Female - 50 kg Eliminations & Repechages	Venue
<b>16:30</b>	Kumite Team Male or Female - Previous matches - until 16 teams	Venue
<b>FRIDAY</b> 22nd May	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
<b>ELIMINATIONS &amp; SEMIFINALS</b>		
<b>09:00</b>	Kumite Team Female - Previous matches - until 16 teams	Venue
<b>11:00</b>	Kumite Team Male & Female - Eliminations	Venue
<b>15:00</b>	Kumite Team Male & Female - Repechages	Venue
<b>16:30</b>	Para Karate All Categories (including Bronze medals)	Venue
<b>19:00</b>	OPENING CEREMONY	Venue

<b>SATURDAY</b> 23rd May	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
<b>BRONZE MATCHES</b>		
<b>09:00 - 09:20</b>	Kumite Female + 68 kg	Venue
<b>09:20 - 09:40</b>	Kumite Male + 84 kg	Venue
<b>09:40 - 10:00</b>	Kumite Female - 68 kg	Venue
<b>10:00 - 10:20</b>	Kumite Male - 84 kg	Venue
<b>10:20 - 10:40</b>	Kumite Female - 61 kg	Venue
<b>10:40 - 11:00</b>	Kumite Male - 75 kg	Venue
<b>FINALS</b>		
<b>11:30 - 11:41</b>	Kumite Female + 68 kg	Venue
<b>11:41 - 11:52</b>	Kumite Male + 84 kg	Venue
<b>11:52 - 12:03</b>	Kumite Female - 68 kg	Venue
<b>12:03 - 12:18</b>	MEDALS AWARD	Venue
<b>12:20 - 12:31</b>	Kumite Male - 84 kg	Venue
<b>12:31 - 12:42</b>	Kumite Female - 61 kg	Venue
<b>12:42 - 12:53</b>	Kumite Male - 75 kg	Venue
<b>12:53 - 13:08</b>	MEDALS AWARD	Venue
<b>13:08 - 13:48</b>	Para Karate - Kata Male & Female - Intellectually Impaired (K21 & K22)	Venue
<b>13:48 - 14:10</b>	MEDALS AWARD	Venue

<b>BRONZE MATCHES</b>		
<b>15:45 - 16:05</b>	Kata individual Female	Venue
<b>16:05 - 16:25</b>	Kata individual Male	Venue
<b>16:27 - 16:47</b>	Kumite Female - 55 kg	Venue
<b>16:47 - 17:07</b>	Kumite Male - 67 kg	Venue
<b>17:07 - 17:27</b>	Kumite Female - 50 kg	Venue
<b>17:27 - 17:47</b>	Kumite Male - 60 kg	Venue

<b>FINALS</b>		
<b>18:15 - 18:26</b>	Kata individual Female	Venue
<b>18:26 - 18:37</b>	Kata individual Male	Venue
<b>18:39 - 18:49</b>	MEDALS AWARD	Venue
<b>18:51 - 19:02</b>	Kumite Female - 55 kg	Venue
<b>19:02 – 19:13</b>	Kumite Male - 67 kg	Venue
<b>19:13 - 19:24</b>	Kumite Female - 50 kg	Venue
<b>19:24 – 19:35</b>	Kumite Male - 60 kg	Venue
<b>19:37 – 19:57</b>	MEDALS AWARD	Venue

<b>SUNDAY</b> 24th May	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
<b>BRONZE MATCHES</b>		
<b>09:00 - 09:30</b>	Kata Team Male	Venue
<b>09:30 - 10:00</b>	Kata Team Female	Venue
<b>10:02 - 10:52</b>	Kumite Team Female	Venue
<b>10:52 - 12:12</b>	Kumite Team Male	Venue
<b>FINALS</b>		
<b>13:00 - 13:15</b>	Kata Team Male	Venue
<b>13:15 - 13:30</b>	Kata Team Female	Venue
<b>13:30 - 13:50</b>	Para Karate - Kata Male & Female - Visually Impaired (K10)	Venue
<b>13:50 - 14:15</b>	MEDALS AWARD	Venue
<b>14:15 - 14:45</b>	Kumite Team Female	Venue
<b>14:45 - 15:30</b>	Kumite Team Male	Venue
<b>15:32 - 15:52</b>	Para Karate - Kata Male & Female – Wheelchair Athletes (K30)	Venue
<b>15:52 - 16:15</b>	MEDALS AWARD	Venue
<b>16:20</b>	CLOSING CEREMONY	Venue

The detailed competition schedule will be fixed after closing the online registration in order to adequate it to the final number of athletes.

In case of a number of registrations lower than the limits, the organization reserves the right to anticipate some categories.

Detailed information will be communicated at due time.

## 8. SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR PARA KARATE

### 8.1 Key Dates

- The deadline for reviewing medical documentation by WKF Para Karate commission is **11<sup>th</sup> May 2026**.
  - Athletes who do not meet the minimum eligibility criteria will be removed from the waiting list after **11<sup>th</sup> May 2026**.
  - Athletes who have not been confirmed to the EKF by the VIRTUS office will also be removed from the waiting list after **11<sup>th</sup> May 2026**.

### 8.2 Para Karate Activities' Schedule

TUESDAY 19 <sup>th</sup> May		
09:00 – 15:00	Registration for Delegation	Mainhaus Hotel Room Alte Kapelle

THURSDAY 21 <sup>st</sup> May		
10:00 – 18:00	Para Karate Athletes Classification Session <b>Mandatory for selected athletes</b>	HQ Flemings Hotel  Room 4
19:30 – 20:00	Para Karate Open Draw	
20:00 – 20:30	Para Karate Coach Meeting	

\*Activities' schedule might be subject to changes after the registration is closed

### 8.3 Para Karate Categories

Para Karate Categories			
Male (age +16 years)		Female (age +16 years)	
Blind/Visually Impaired Athletes	<b>K10</b>	Blind/Visually Impaired Athletes	<b>K10</b>
Intellectually Impaired Athletes (IQ 75 or less and significant limitations in adaptive behaviour)	<b>K21</b>	Intellectually Impaired Athletes (IQ 75 or less and significant limitations in adaptive behaviour)	<b>K21</b>
Intellectually Impaired Athletes (IQ 75 or less plus an additional significant impairment e.g., Down Syndrome)	<b>K22</b>	Intellectually Impaired Athletes (IQ 75 or less plus an additional significant impairment e.g., Down Syndrome)	<b>K22</b>
Wheelchair Athletes	<b>K30</b>	Wheelchair Athletes	<b>K30</b>

### 8.4 Para Karate registration

- Online registration can be made under the [following link](#).
- All athletes registered shall be on the waiting list.
- During the registration procedure upload all essential Para Karate athlete's medical documentation to the Sports ID Para Karate athlete's profile (these uploaded documents do not need to be sent by email to the HQ).

- Only those athletes having their documents uploaded until the end of registration and having an eligible impairment ([see the list of eligible impairments](#)) may be moved from the “waiting list” to the actual list of registered athletes for the event.
- An athlete without eligible impairment according to the WKF Para Karate rules and regulations will not be moved from the waiting list.
- The Head of Para Karate classification can ask for supplemental medical documentation to prove the underlying health condition of the athlete.

## The mandatory forms can be found in the following links:

For all athletes:

- [Athlete Evaluation Consent Form](#)
- WKF - [Therapeutic Use Exemption \(TUE\) Application Form](#) (**only in case the athlete uses WADA prohibited medication**)

- **MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC FORMS**

For Visually Impaired Athletes:      [K10 Medical Diagnostic Form](#)

For Wheelchair Athletes:              [K30 Medical Diagnostic Form](#)

For Intellectually Impaired Athletes: [K21 and K22 Medical Diagnostic Form](#)  
[K21 and K22 Eligibility Guidance Notes](#)  
[K22 AAI Screening](#) (athletes classified before 2024)

- To be considered eligible to compete as an athlete with an intellectual impairment (K21 and K22), athletes **must fulfil the international eligibility criteria as defined by VIRTUS**.
- Athletes must have their VIRTUS international eligibility confirmed to EKF by the VIRTUS office at the end of registration. Athletes who do not meet the VIRTUS eligibility requirements will be removed from the waiting list and will not be able to compete.
- We suggest you contact your national representative of the VIRTUS (INAS) <https://www.virtus.sport/member> or your National Paralympic Committee at least 12 weeks before the event. However, should you require any assistance, or there is no VIRTUS representative in your country, please contact the Para-karate Commission Chairwoman at [ekf@ekf.com.es](mailto:ekf@ekf.com.es) to be able to solve any incidents in time for the EKF Championships.

**All documents MUST be attached in English for ALL registered athletes.**  
**All MDFs must be completed by a registered Medical Doctor, M.D.**

- Selected athletes must attend the classification session on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026.
- Please see the [Para Karate registration checklist](#) before the completion of the registration of the Para Karate athletes (schedule of the classification will be uploaded on Sportdata download section at least one day before the classification (it depends on the number of registrations)).

## 8.5 Para Karate athletes per category

Every nation can register three (3) Para-Athletes per sport class. In total, 24 athletes can be called by each nation.

## 8.6 Classification session

Classification in Para Karate K10 and K30 sport classes consists in an extra point compensation depending on the influence of the particular impairment when performing the Kata. Detailed information can be found in the Para Karate regulations: <https://www.wkf.net/sport-parakarate>.

Please, check the Para Karate Classification rules to ensure that the athlete presents at least one of the mentioned eligible impairments which have to be proven by the MDF.

- New registered Para Karate athletes must present themselves for a mandatory onsite Classification Session performed by qualified personnel before the championships. The Classification Session will therefore be performed on 21<sup>st</sup> May.
- A timetable of classification and the list of athletes who have to attend the classification session will be published after the registration online.
- Attendance to the Classification Session is obligatory for all new athletes, for athletes with sport class status review listed in the classification session timetable.
- Without a participation in such event, it is not possible to take part in the championships.

### **The following documents must be provided at the classification session:**

1. Accreditation of the athlete.
2. ID card or Passport of the athlete.
3. Original MDFs, TUE (if necessary), Consent Form as provided prior with the registration.
4. Original diagnostic Report as described in the MDF for Intellectual Impairments as provided with the registration.

### **The following equipment must be checked at the classification session:**

- FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED ATHLETES (K10) - IBSA standardized Blindfolds (Goalfix Eclipse total blackout eyeshades).
- FOR INTELLECTUALLY IMPAIRED ATHLETES (K21 and K22) – sport glasses (if needed).

- FOR WHEELCHAIR USERS (K30):      Competition wheelchair  
   Leg straps (if needed)  
   White shoes and socks for competition.

## 8.7 Coaches and personal assistants

- Maximum of three coaches can be registered for Para Karate per Nation.
- Any coach wishing to be registered will need to be in possession of the EKF Kata Coach certification level.
- Every Para Karate athlete can be accompanied by a personal assistant during their performance in the field of play.
- Coaches and assistants accompanying Para Karate athletes MUST register online via the following [link](#).
- All athletes must use the same sportswear and equipment for classification as they use during competitions.
- Concerning athletes with visual impairments, no extra ophthalmological testing will be performed during the classification session. Nevertheless, the athletes have to show up to the classification with the documents and equipment mentioned above. Extra points will be given based on the Medical Diagnostic Form.
- During the medal bouts, male coaches and personal assistants are required to wear a dark suit, shirt, and tie while female coaches and personal assistants may choose to wear a dress, pantsuit or a combination of jacker and skirt in dark colours.

## 8.8 Rules

[WKF Para Karate Rules](#) in force will apply.

## 8.9 Anti-Doping

In compliance with WKF Anti-Doping Rules and WADA, Para Karate athletes will be subject to any eventual testing. If any Para Karate athlete would need a Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE), please contact your National Anti-Doping Organization for further details and recognition. The duly recognized TUE at national level will then have to be duly communicated to the WKF.

Please find below all information of the Programme for EKF Coaches that is going to be taking place in Frankfurt (Germany) on occasion of the 61<sup>st</sup> European Senior Championships 2026.

The minimum level required for coaches to take part in EKF Championships is the:

**“EKF Kumite/Kata Coach” certification (coach level 2)**

It is possible to homologate a WKF Kumite and/or Kata Coach (coach level 2) license by the EKF, only during the online registration period, until 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026. After this date no homologations will be accepted.

To do so, you must fill in the form: [“Request for the Homologation of a WKF Coach Certification by the EKF”](#) and send it to the e-mail; [ekf@ekf.com.es](mailto:ekf@ekf.com.es), together with the bank proof of payment of the homologation fee.

After receiving the written approval of EKF homologation, you can register to officiate as a coach at the event.

Note: The WKF Accredited Coach license (coach level 1) is not homologated by the EKF.

For those wishing to obtain a EKF Coach license, successful participation in the EKF Coaches' course is required.

## 9.1 Online Registration

The online registration to take part in the “Accredited Briefing & Kata/Kumite Coach Exam” will open on **3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026** at 12:00 (GMT +0) and will close on **5<sup>th</sup> May 2026** at 12:00 (GMT+0). The link to register in the “Accredited Briefing & Kata/Kumite Coach Exam” is:

**EKF COACH COURSE  
REGISTRATION**

**All coaches registered online for the coaches' course must reconfirm the online registration at the onsite coaches' registration to be authorised to access the course room.**

## 9.2 Onsite Registration

The onsite registration to take part in the “Accredited Briefing & Kata/Kumite Coach Exam” will take place on **18<sup>th</sup> May 2026**, from 14:00 to 15:30 hrs at the HQ Hotel Flemings Riverside.

**All coaches whose payment of the registration fee for the EKF Frankfurt Coaches Programme has been processed by bank transfer, must present the copy of the corresponding payment receipt to the EKF Treasurer at the on-site Coaches Registration for the issuance of the corresponding invoice and entry authorisation form to be presented for access to the coaches' course room.**

Coaches will not be allowed to register and paid for the course outside these hours.

## 9.1 Coaches' Course Schedule

Only those coaches who have re-confirmed their attendance onsite (see above) will be allowed to enter the course room by showing the corresponding invoice and entry authorisation.

DATE	HOUR	ACTIVITY	PLACE
<b>MONDAY</b>  <b>18/05/2026</b>	<b>14:00 – 15:30</b>	Registration for EKF Coaches' Programme	HQ  Hotel Flemings Riverside  <b>Room 4</b>
	<b>16:00 – 17:30</b>	Accredited Coach Briefing	
	<b>17:45 – 18:30</b>	Kumite Coach Exam	
	<b>18:45 – 19:30</b>	Kata Coach Exam	
	<b>19:30 – 20:30</b>	Certified Kata/Kumite Results and Accreditations delivery	

## 9.2 Fees and payment

We would like to remind you that the fees for the Programme for EKF Coaches are as follows:

Briefing for "Accredited Coach" level:	<b>200 EUR</b>
Examination for "Certified Kumite Coach":	<b>150 EUR</b>
Examination for "Certified Kata Coach":	<b>150 EUR</b>
Both Examination for "Certified Kumite Coach" and "Certified Kata Coach":	<b>200 EUR</b>
Homologation WKF* Level (Kumite and/or Kata ONLY):	<b>150 EUR</b>

\*After the online registration closes on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026, no homologations will be accepted.

**Payment for the Programme for EKF Coaches should be preferably made by Bank Transfer to the bank account listed below:**

Account Name: EUROPEAN KARATE FEDERATION  
 Bank Name: CAIXABANK  
 Bank Address: Alberto Aguilera, 26 – 28008 Madrid – SPAIN  
 Account Number:

- IBAN: ES06 2100 3415 6122 0008 1707
- BIC/SWIFT Code for all Account Numbers: CAIXESBBXXX

**VERY IMPORTANT: To avoid possible incidences, it is essential to indicate to your bank when you made the bank transfer the CONCEPT by which the payment is made.**

**During the onsite registration, all payments must be made CASH. No other methods of payment will be accepted.**

## 10. EKF APPROVED PROTECTIONS & TATAMIS

### SPORT PROTECTIONS “WKF Approved”



\*Click on the logos

### KARATEGI “WKF Approved”

Kumite and Kata karategis with the brand name embroidered on the shoulders in **RED or BLUE** are of mandatory use in EKF Continental Championships.

The authorized companies to use these karategis models are:

ADIDAS

ARAWAZA

BESTSPORT

BUDO-NORD

DAEDO

HAYASHI

PUNOK

MOOTO

SMAI

TOKAIDO

WACOKU

WESING

FUJIMAE

KO

KUROBUSHI

SHUREIDO

TUSAH

## **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
- Tokaido

## DISTRIBUTORS ASSISTANCE “WKF Approved”

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



## TATAMIS “WKF Approved”



\*Click on the logos

## 11. COMPETITION VENUE

The “**Eissporthalle Frankfurt**” is a multifunctional sports complex in the east of Frankfurt/Main. Its low-set ceiling and spectator seats close to the competition area, guarantee an impeccable view from all angles while at the same time creating a vibrant and thrilling atmosphere. The venue offers a seating capacity of over 3500, standing places for 1500 pax and is fully wheelchair accessible.

**Address:** Am Bornheimer Hang 4, 60386 Frankfurt/Main

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT



**Subway station** “Eissporthalle” for city centre & airport

**Bus station** “Eissporthalle” for “athletes’ village” hotel complex

**Tram station** “Eissporthalle” or “Ernst-May Platz“ for HQ Hotel, central station and city centre



**PROGNOME** Green Tatami WKF approved  
TATAMI BY TROCELLEN

**OFFICIAL TATAMI FOR THIS TOURNAMENT**

## 12. TICKET FOR SPECTATORS

Tickets\* can **only** be purchased through the following link:

[Event Calendar | WTON Wien Ticket Spezialverkauf 5 Facelift](#)

Ticket prices: 20-22<sup>nd</sup> May: 19,90 Euros per day

23/ 24<sup>th</sup> May: 24,90 Euros per day

Spectator tickets are limited to 2000 per day. If the limit is reached, standing room tickets will be available for purchase for 9,90 Euros per day.



**\*All spectator tickets include a public transportation pass for going to the venue and back, valid within the entire Frankfurt Metropolitan area. As public transport is faster and more convenient and onsite car parking is limited and costly, we strongly encourage all spectators to use the provided tickets and commute by public transport, bike, or walking.**

## MANDATORY LUGGAGE STORAGE (FREE OF CHARGE)

For everyone to have a seat and sit comfortably, it is **mandatory to give all luggage bigger than a bag pack** to the storage facility right after the main entrance (free of charge).

## 13. TRAINING FACILITIES - BOOKINGS

The OC will provide the National Federations, who submit the relevant applications in due time, with a place and time for **training\***. The application through email ([emfrankfurt26@karate.de](mailto:emfrankfurt26@karate.de)) must be received before 1st May 2026.



**\*For transportation to the training locations the free public transport tickets given to all accredited participants shall be used.**

## 14. MEDIA

Press **accreditation\*** can only be given to professional journalists working for a media and having proof of their credentials.

Media professionals can register to request press accreditations through the online registration form which can be found here:

[PRESS REGISTRATION](#)

A mixed zone will be available for accredited journalists and photographers.

**Video recording will not be allowed**

Should you need more information about press or media related issues, please directly contact the European Karate Federation’s office: [press@wkf.net](mailto:press@wkf.net)



**\*All official press accreditations include a free transportation pass valid for the entire stay and within the entire Frankfurt Metropolitan Area, courtesy of the LOC. We therefore ask all press to commute by public transport.**

## 15. ANTIDOPING 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 and visit our [website](#). For a few hours, you help keep karate a clean sport.

### **Course Recommendations**

International-level Athletes Education

High Performance Coach Education

Medical Professionals Education

Parents of Elite Athletes Education

## 16. FRANKFURT INFORMATION

### **16.1 About Frankfurt/Main - [#visitfrankfurt](#) | [Welcome to Frankfurt am Main!](#)**

Frankfurt (760.000 inhabitants) – the financial centre, the European city, the traffic hub, the smallest metropolis in the world. When you think of the city on the river Main, you think of Frankfurt Airport, the European Central Bank, the Stock Exchange, Paulskirche and Goethe, the Book Fair and Europe’s most impressive skyline.

No doubt about it: “*Mainhattan*” brings opposites together. A global city where international flair meets homey cosiness and cultural traditions.






"In a city like Frankfurt, one finds oneself in a most unusual situation, with strangers constantly crossing each other's paths, pointing to all parts of the world and awakening a desire to travel."  
 - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe -

## 16.2 How to get to Frankfurt

### 16.2.1 Train and Bus

Frankfurt Central Station offers several direct international high-speed connections to neighbouring countries that are often **faster, more comfortable, convenient, cheaper, and much more eco-friendly** than air travel.

**We therefore advise National Teams, officials and spectators, especially from Germany's neighbouring countries, to travel to Frankfurt by train (or bus).**

From		 <b>Train travel times and frequency to Frankfurt Central</b>		
		Total travel time	Frequency	Direct connection
<b>Netherlands</b>	Amsterdam	3:50 h	Every 2 hours	yes
	Utrecht	3:20 h		
<b>Belgium</b>	Brussels	3:00 h	Every 2 hours	yes
	Liege	2:15 h		
<b>France</b>	Paris	3:50 h	Every 2 hours 4 per day	yes
	Strasbourg	1:50 h		
<b>Switzerland</b>	Basel	2:50 h	hourly 4 per day	yes
	Zurich	4:10 h		
<b>Austria</b>	Salzburg	5:45 h	2 per day 3 per day	yes
	Linz	6:00 h		
<b>Italy</b>	Milan	7:30 h	daily	yes
<b>England</b>	London	5:20 h	Two-hourly	1 change (Brussels)
<b>Poland</b>	Poznan	7:15 h	Two-hourly	1 change (Berlin)
<b>Czech Republic</b>	Pilsen	5:50 h	4 per day	1 or 2 changes
<b>Luxembourg</b>		3:30 h		Direct by bus

## Special Event ticket cooperation with German National Railways (Deutsche Bahn)



Europameisterschaft Karate 2026



As part of a unique cooperation, Deutsche Bahn is offering a special event ticket. Everyone booking their train journey to Frankfurt and back via the dedicated page, can benefit from a special 15% discount on all cheapest tickets available. The page will always show you the cheapest available tickets for your journey.

Link: [Event-Angebote der Deutschen Bahn](#)

### 16.2.2 Flight



**If you must fly, please consider a non-stop flight to Frankfurt.**

(1) **Frankfurt International Airport (FRA)** Link: [Frankfurt Airport](#)

FRA offers direct non-stop flights to and from every single country in Europe, giving you the opportunity to travel fast, hassle-free, and more eco-friendly, avoiding stopovers, additional flights, and hence additional CO2 emissions.

(2) **Hahn Airport (HHN)** Link: [Home - Official website of Hahn Airport \(HHN\)](#)

Please pay attention that **Hahn Airport**, sometimes advertised as *Frankfurt Hahn*, is located about **130 km or a 2-hour drive away from downtown Frankfurt**. This airport is **not included** in our public transportation offering and neither served by LOC staff.

Delegations considering travelling to Hahn may book a shuttle bus service (2:10 hours and 20 Euros per person one-way) to downtown Frankfurt (Central Bus Station, next to Central Train Station). From there our LOC team will pick you up and accompany you to your hotel.

Link for shuttle bus tickets: [Shuttle Bus Frankfurt - Hahn Airport](#)

## 16.3 Practical Information

[Travel information Germany: from visa to voltage](#)

## 17 ACCOMODATION AND TRANSFERS

### 17.1 HQ Hotel


Flemings Riverside Hotel \*\*\*\*, Lange Str. 5-9, 60311 Frankfurt am Main



Mainhaus Stadthotel \*\*\*\*, Lange Str. 26, 60311 Frankfurt am Main, 350 m from HQ

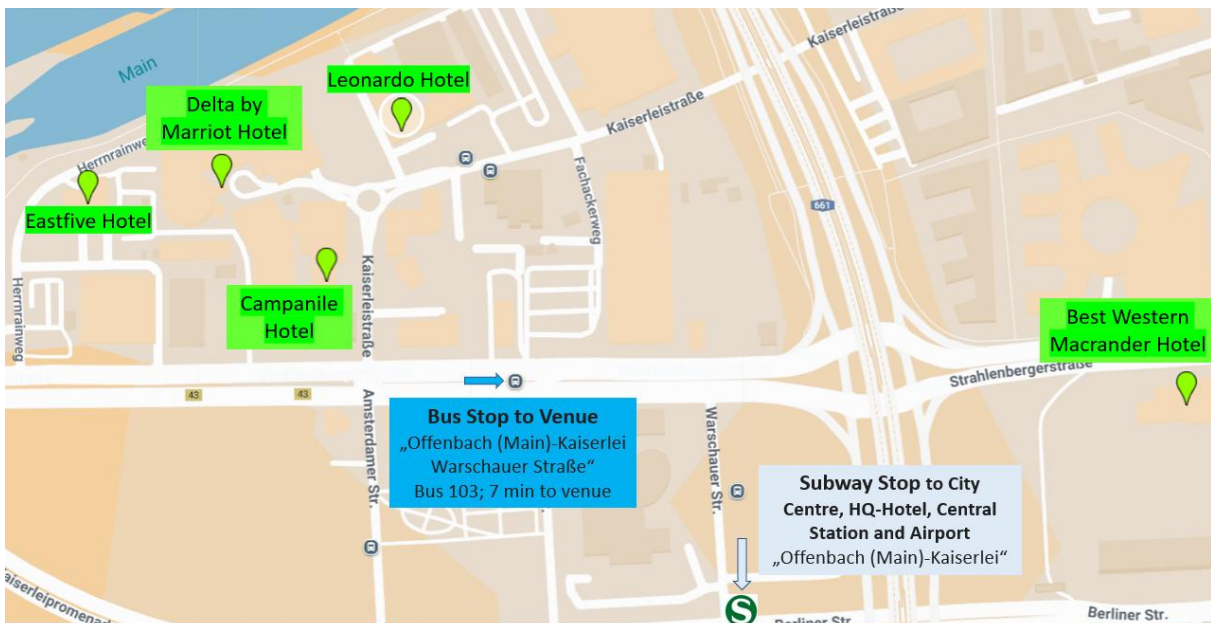


## 17.2 Official hotels

All official hotels with accessible rooms are marked as 

### (I) “THE ATHLETE’S VILLAGE” Hotel cluster

Five official hotels lay within only few meters of each other – creating an “Athletes Village” next to the river Main and with transportation, shops and restaurants nearby.



**Delta by Marriot \*\*\*\*** Kaiserleistraße 45, 63067 Offenbach





**Amenities:** Most spacious rooms, gym, restaurant & bar, outdoor terrace, river park

**Leonardo Offenbach \*\*\*\*** Kaiserleistraße 39, 63067 Offenbach, 




**Amenities:** Modern rooms, wheelchair rooms, gym, restaurant & bar, next to river park

**Eastfive Hotel \*\*\*\***  Herrrainweg 5, 63067 Offenbach, 



**Amenities:** Opened in late 2025; wheelchair rooms, next to river park

**Campanile Offenbach \*\*\***  Kaiserleistraße 55, 63067 Offenbach



**Amenities:** high capacity, modern rooms, closest to bus, subway and restaurants

**Best Western Macrander \*\*\*\***


Strahlenbergerstraße 12, 63067 Offenbach



**Amenities:** restaurant & bar, gym, sauna, outdoor area, supermarket 3 min walking

**(II) More Hotels:**

**Amadeus \*\*\*\***


Röttgenstraße 5, 60388 Frankfurt, 

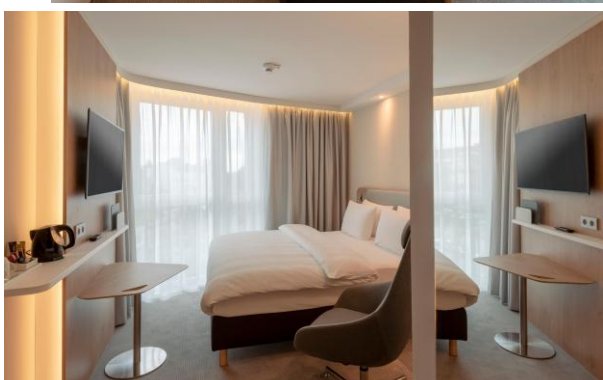


**Hotel am Zoo \*\*\*** Alfred-Brehm-Platz 6, 60316 Frankfurt



**Amenities:** most central location; closest to venue, offering triple rooms

**Holiday Inn Express Offenbach \*\*\*** Berliner Str. 174, 63067 Offenbach, 



**Amenities:** 7 accessible rooms for wheelchair athletes, restaurant & bar, shops nearby





**Achat Hotel Frankfurt Maintal \*\*\*\*** Westendstraße 77, 63477 Maintal  
à Recommended for delegations arriving with their own team bus.



**Amenities:** restaurant & bar, gym, outdoor terrace, high capacity

## 17.3 Hotel Prices

Prices in Euro per person including breakfast, transfers (public transportation pass) and tourist tax (2 € per Person and night).

HOTELS	Door to door travel time to venue by direct public transport	RATES per person			Halfboard surcharge per person
		SINGLE	DOUBLE	TRIPLE	
		BED & BREAKFAST			
<b>HQ Flemings Riverside/Mainhaus</b> ****	20 min	*for EKF, LOC & NF presidents only			
<b>Delta by Marriot</b> ****	15 min	166	95	n.a.	44
<b>Leonardo Offenbach</b> **** 	15 min	160	85	n.a.	TBA
<b>Amadeus</b> **** 	15 min	116	63,50	60	25
<b>Eastfive</b> **** 	15 min	99	80	60	Dinner bookable at nearby hotels
<b>Best Western Macrander</b> ****	15 min	118	70	n.a.	30
<b>Holiday Inn Express Offenbach</b> *** 	25 min	169	89,50	n.a.	TBA
<b>Campanile</b> ***	15 min	117	63,50	n.a.	Dinner bookable at nearby hotels
<b>Hotel am Zoo</b> ***	8 min	106	79	67,50	n.a.
<b>Achat Hotel Maintal</b> ****	30 min (1 change)	104	68	53 4 pax 42,25	29

All hotel bookings must be made via email: [karateem26@reisebuero Boehm.de](mailto:karateem26@reisebuero Boehm.de)

### Payment and booking conditions

- (I) 50% prepayment during booking
- (II) 100 % payment until 16.04.2026
- (III) For bookings made after the 17.03.2026 a 10% surcharge applies.
- (IV) Minimum stay 7 nights. Less than 7 nights may lead to price adjustments

### Cancellation deadlines

- (I) Until 14.02.2026 Free cancellation of 100 % of the booked rooms
- (II) Until 08.03.2026 Free cancellation of 50 % of the rooms
- (III) Until 16.04.2026 Free cancellation of 20 % of the rooms
- (IV) After 17.04.2026 no free cancellation

## 17.4 Transport Services

As part of the **LOCs sustainable mobility strategy**, all transportation and transfers will be conducted using the **fast and convenient public transportation network**, together with a **transportation pass for all accredited participants**, valid for their entire stay and throughout the whole Frankfurt Metropolitan Area.






Additionally, all\* official hotels have been selected to offer **direct public transport lines** to the venue, central station, airport, HQ Hotel, and city centre to enhance convenience for everyone. \*(ACHAT Hotel is recommended for teams coming by their own team bus)

**All delegations will be awaited by a LOC staff member** at the train station, airport or bus station and accompanied to their hotels using public transport.

Please note that no shuttle buses will be provided, except selected VIP and pre-requested special needs services for wheelchair users.

To request a **shuttle for wheelchair users**, please email [emfrankfurt2026@karate.de](mailto:emfrankfurt2026@karate.de)

Below you can find the **door-to-door travel times** from the different official hotels to the venue, transportation hubs and city centre.

HOTELS	 <b>Door-to-Door travel times by direct public transport lines</b>				
	Venue "Eissporthalle"	HQ Hotel	Central train & bus station	Airport	City Centre
HQ Flemings Riverside/Mainhaus ****	20 min	/	20 min	25 min	5 min
Delta by Marriot ****	15 min	20 min	20 min	30 min	15 min
Leonardo Offenbach ****	15 min	20 min	20 min	30 min	15 min
 Amadeus **** 	15 min	25 min	25 min	35 min (1 change)	15 min
Eastfive **** 	15 min	20 min	20 min	30 min	15 min
Best Western Macrander ****	15 min	15 min	20 min	30 min	10 min
Holiday Inn Express Offenbach *** 	25 min	20 min	20 min	30 min	12 min
Campanile ***	15 min	20 min	20 min	30 min	15 min
Hotel am Zoo ***	8 min	10 min	15 min	25 min	3 min
Achat Hotel Maintal ****	30 min (1 change)	35 min (1 change)	35 min (1 change)	35 min (1 change)	35 min (1 change)

## 17.5 Meals at the Venue

Lunch can be purchased from the various food court offerings inside the venue.

## 18 VISA REQUIREMENTS

**Please find all information here:**

[Overview of visa requirements/exemptions for entry into the Federal Republic of Germany - Federal Foreign Office](#)

## 19 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 EKF Regulations.



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