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Karate



1 Organisers: Committee of the World Masters Games 2021 Kansai,
Kyoto City Local Committee of the World Masters Games 2027 Kansai

2 Co-Organiser: Japan Karatedo Federation

3 Managing Organisations: Kyoto Prefecture Karatedo Federation

4 Dates: Thursday, 20th May – Sunday, 23rd May 2027 (Competition: 3 Days)

Date	Time	Event	
Thursday, 20 th May	13:00 -17:00	Competition reception, Official Practice	
Friday, 21 st May	Start from 10:00	Men Kumite (Category 1) Kata (Category1) Individual	Women Kumite (Category 1) Kata (Category 1) Individual
Saturday, 22 nd May	Start from 10:00	Men Kumite (Category 2) Kata (Category 2) Individual	Women Kumite (Category 2) Kata (Category 2) Individual
Sunday, 23 rd May	Start from 10:00	Men Kumite (Category 3, 4) Kata (Category 3, 4) Individual	Women Kumite (Category 3) Kata (Category 3) Individual

※The competition schedule is subject to change depending on the number of participants.

5 Venue:

Kyoto Budo Center (46-2 Entomi-cho, Shogoin, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto City, Kyoto 606-8323)

6 Events and Age Categories

- Men [Kumite Category 1] (40 - 49) [Kata Category 1] (40 - 49)
 [Kumite Category 2] (50 - 59) [Kata Category 2] (50 - 59)
 [Kumite Category 3] (60 - 69) [Kata Category 3] (60 - 69)
 [Kumite Category 4] (70+)
 [Kata Category 4] (70+)
- Women [Kumite Category 1] (35 - 44) [Kata Category 1] (35 - 44)
 [Kumite Category 2] (45 - 54) [Kata Category 2] (45 - 54)

[Kumite Category 3] (55+)

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Notice: The competition guidelines are currently being updated to incorporate weight categories. Information regarding weight category selection will be provided once finalized.

7 Competition Capacity 580 participants

8 Rules and Method of Competition

The events will be conducted in accordance with the competition rules of the World Karatedo Federation (WKF), or as otherwise specified in this document.

(1) Individual Kumite Men / Women

- ① The competition will be held in a tournament format.
- ② There will be no Repechage, 2 equal 3rd will be awarded
- ③ The Match time is 2 minutes.
- ④ The Match will be finished when there is a six point difference.

(2) Individual Kata Men / Women

- ① The competition will be held in a tournament format (Flag).
- ② There will be no Repechage, 2 equal 3rd will be awarded
- ③ Athletes must perform different kata (pattern of movement) in each round.

(Note) Name of Kata should be in accordance with the competition rules of WKF.

(3) Competition Judges and referees will come from and recognized by the following organisations: JKF Japanese Karatedo Federation, WKF World Karatedo Federation, The Asian karate federation, and recognized international judges from other regions.

(4) Technical Delegate

Mr. Yasuhisa Abe, Chairperson of the Jury Committee, All Japan Karatedo Federation

9 Eligibility, Age Requirement

- Men Minimum age is 40 (born on or before 31st December 1987)
- Women Minimum age is 35 (born on or before 31st December 1992)

[Athletes in Japan]

- (1) Those whose age, as of 31st December 2027, and that corresponds to item “6. Events”
- (2) Athletes must be members, registered with the All Japan Karatedo Federation.
- (3) Athletes must be certified rank holders.

[Athletes in other countries]

- (1) Those whose age, as of 31 December 2027, and corresponds to item “6. Events”
- (2) Athletes need to be a member of NF in their country.

- (3) Athletes must hold a NF rank in their own countries.

10 Medal Ceremony

- (1) A medal will be awarded to first, second and third-ranked athletes by each category (class).
- (2) A diploma will be awarded to the first to fifth-ranked athletes by each category (class).

11 Registration Fee

- (1) Competition participation fee (including tax and handling fee)
 - * Check [World Masters Games 2027 Kansai Participation Terms and Conditions](#) for detail.
 - Competition participants (Basic fee: allowed to participate in 5 types of competition across all sport)
 - a) Overseas participants: 34,000 yen/person
 - b) Domestic participants: 15,000 yen/person
 - Official/Coach, Helper, Partner (Basic fee)
 - a) Overseas participants: 20,000 yen/person
 - b) Domestic participants: 5,000 yen/person
- (2) Additional charges (extra fee)

None
- (3) Rental fee for competition equipment, etc.

None (Competition equipment will not be rented.)

12 How to Apply for Participation

Application is made through the [entry system on the official website \(Entry System\) dedicated to the application for the entry to the competition](#) via PC or smartphone.

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13 Notes on Participation

- (1) Athletes must use equipment certified by the World Karate Federation or All Japan Karatedo Federation in both Kata and Kumite competition.

Athletes must wear a red or a blue belt (athletes must provide themselves with the belts).

In Kumite competition, athletes must provide themselves with a mouthpiece (clear), Mitt (red / blue), body protector, safety cup (except girls), and instep guard / shin guard (red / blue).

- (2) Athletes must wear karate uniform during the competition.
- (3) Athletes should endeavor to control their health conditions by receiving a health check-up, etc. In addition, if an athlete feels strange before the start or during the competition, he/she must volunteer to withdraw.
- (4) In the event of an accident, the organiser will provide temporary first aid (emergency treatment) and transfer the injured athlete to a hospital if necessary.
- (5) If an athlete takes medication regularly, he/she must to carry a document showing the medicine he/she is taking (prescription, etc.)
- (6) Athletes are recommended to bring a badge with the national flag as much as possible, and sew it tightly to the left chest.

The overall size shall not exceed 8 cm long x 12 cm wide.

*The badge will not be provided by the organiser.

*Regardless of the presence or absence of the badge, athletes will not be disqualified.

(7) Insurance

The Organisers will take out accident insurance; however, the coverage is limited to injuries sustained by Athletes and Non-playing Officials during competition at the competition venue. The insurance coverage has a compensation limit and does not cover all risks to participants during the Games. Therefore, participants of the Games are advised to take out insurance against diseases and accidents (accident insurance, travel insurance, medical insurance, etc.).

(8) Doping Control

○Doping control in accordance with the [World Anti-Doping Code](#) and [the rules of the International Masters Games Association](#) shall apply to this competition.

○Anti-doping activities (doping inspections and anti-doping education activities) shall be conducted in accordance with [the rules of the International Masters Games Association](#).

○By entering the Games, participants are deemed to have agreed to be subject to doping control procedures in accordance with [the rules of the International Masters Games Association](#) upon entry to the competition. Participants are advised to check [the rules of the International Masters Games Association](#) Rules for more details.

○This competition aims to promote anti-doping activities as an activity to protect clean sports and clean athletes in order to leave various values of sports to the next generation through sports in cooperation with the Japan Anti-Doping Agency.

14 Application for Accommodation and Transportation

(1) Accommodation

Refer to [the Accommodation Information Page on the World Masters Games 2027](#)

[Kansai Official Website](#) for information on accommodation.

(2) Transportation

Refer to [the Transportation Information Page on the World Masters Game 2027 Kansai Official Website](#) for transportation information including access to the venue.

15 Others

All participants must complete the accreditation process and check-in at the competition venue before participating (competing or getting involved) in a competition.

(1) Games Accreditation

Accreditation services shall be provided at in the manner prescribed by the organisers. For details regarding however, the registration period, times, and other matters, please check [the World Masters Games 2027 Kansai Participation Terms and Conditions](#).

(2) Sport Check-in

As a general rule, Sport Check-in must be completed at the venue by the day before the competition.

① Date and Time

Thursday, 19th May 2027 13:00 – 17:00

Friday, 20th May 2027 09:00 – 17:00

Saturday, 21st May 2027 09:00 – 17:00

② Venue

Kyoto Budo Center

③ Remarks

Planned to hand out bibs and programmes etc.

(3) Competition Capacity

The winner and runner-up of the Karate Competition at the Japan Sports Masters 2025 Ehime, 2026 Ishikawa will be eligible to participate with secured spots.

However, this entry slot is limited to the age category of the contest in which you participated.