

World Fullcontact Karate Organization Newsletter

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1. Message from the WFKO Chairman

Dear WFKO Board Members, National Federations, and Organizations,

The time for the "1st World Fullcontact Karate Championship" is finally approaching. After many years of preparation and working together with people all over the world, we are now taking a solid step toward the moment that will change the history of the karate world. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all those involved in the effort leading up to the event, as well as to my fellow schools and organizations who supported.

This tournament is not just a competitive tournament. This is an opportunity to demonstrate the power and value that Fullcontact Karate has as a universal language and a proud martial arts culture. And the key players in this are undoubtedly all of you.

For all the athletes, the daily training and challenges they have accumulated over the years will make this tournament a unique stage. The time from now until the day of the competition is the final adjustment period. Calm your mind, prepare your body, and prepare for the tournament in the best possible condition. No matter how strong your opponent is, the essence of Fullcontact karate is to never give up.

We would like to thank everyone involved in each country and region for traveling from far away. Please be careful on your way. It will truly be a moment that will be etched in the history of karate around the world when all of you, with the pride and spirit of karateka, gather together at the Ariake Arena in Tokyo.

Beyond the boundaries of organizations and borders, we become one.

Through this tournament, let's spread the spirit of martial arts of "competing and improving each other" to the world.

And above all, no matter what your position is, please enjoy this tournament to your heart's content. Let's share this special time, filled with joy and tension, with our friends and make it the best and most memorable event.

We look forward to seeing you all in Tokyo.

Together, let us powerfully usher in the dawn of this new era.

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Chairman Kenji Midori

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2. Important Documents

Please confirm the important documents shared in the following link.

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/w31dl14bjk2nzklndki2k/AMssXaOGlyiwEt0n51wR1Ak?rlkey=g43p5j732707ht151yus1ksto&st=o7kql0nk&dl=0>

*Please contact the WFKO Office for any issues with the link

-Shared documents-

- ① General Schedule ⇒ Change of Check-in Time
- ② Tournament Schedule **【New】**
- ③ Bout Schedule ⇒ Change of bout time due to increase of courts
- ④ Competition Rules **【New】**
- ⑤ Protector Guideline
- ⑥ Referee List (World Championship & International Championship) **【New】**
- ⑦ Map of Ariake Area **【New】**

***Agenda for WFKO Board Meeting, details for Sayonara Party will be announced at a later timing/**

3. Weighing and Bibs

Weighing and sewing of bibs will be conducted at the Official Hotel (Grand Nikko Tokyo Daiba) for all competitors in the World Championship and non-Japanese competitors in the 2nd International/1st International Senior Championship.

Please find **Appendix 1** for details.

4. Attire for the tournament day

Please refer to the following for the attire on the tournament day

World Championship Competitors

Competitor Meeting: Jersey

1st day Opening Ceremony: National Uniform (Jersey or Suit)

2nd day Opening Ceremony: Dogi

*Competitors will be in bare foot at the Opening Ceremony

Referees

Both days: Blue Shirt, White bow tie, Black slacks, Whistle

Organization Representatives

Both Days: National/Organizational Uniform

Sayonara Party

Casual attire (the party is an outdoor barbecue party)

*7.2km from the tournament venue, Official Bus available

*International/International Senior Competitors are also free of admission

*As the party is at full capacity, tickets will not be available in advance or at the door.

5. Insurance

All competitors in this tournament will be registered for tournament insurance. However, as there is a limit to the fee coverage, we ask all members to purchase travel insurance for the tournament period.

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Medical expenses that are not covered by insurance will be the responsibility of the individual. Therefore, we kindly ask each country and team to arrange for their own insurance coverage in advance.

6. In case of withdrawal

Please contact the WFKO Office as soon as possible in case of withdrawal for all tournaments (World Championship, International Championship, and International Senior Championship).

For any athletes who are confirmed to withdraw at this point, please notify the WFKO Office by **Wednesday, May 21**.

7. Live Streaming

The tournaments will be available on an online live streaming.

Even if you can't make it to Tokyo, please cheer on the athletes from wherever you are!

The details will be announced in the WFKO Official website.

11. WFKO Headquarters Information

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KARATE EXPO 2025

Weighing / Supporter Check / Bib Sewing Information

Weighing, Protector Check, and Bib Sewing will take place at the Official Hotel for **all competitors** in the KARATE EXPO 2025.

We ask for your cooperation in confirming the following information and completing the required task within the specified time.

***Weighing for the Japanese competitors in the JFKO International Championship will be conducted separately.**
Please confirm the announcement from the JFKO for details.

【Bib Sewing】

Place : Grand Nikko Tokyo Daiba 29F Banquet Room 「Akane」

What to bring : Dogi (Jacket)

Drop-off : May 29 (Thu) 15:00~20:00 / May 30 (Fri) 10:00~15 : 00

Pick-up : May 30 (Fri) 17:00~20:00

※ If dropping off your Dogi on 5/30(Fri), we may ask you to wait during the pick-up time.

【Weighing / Protector Check】

Place : Grand Nikko Tokyo Daiba 1F Banquet Room 「Pensee」

Date : May 30 (Fri) Please come at the designated time of your category

Attire : Dogi Pants / Short Sleeve T-Shirt

※ 1kg will be deducted from the measured weight only if weighed in the designated attire.

Protector Check : Please bring the protectors you will be using at the tournament

※Please refer to the '**JFKO Protector Guidelines**' for a list of authorized protectors.

※New protectors are asked to be purchased (available at the tournament venue) for a re-check by 17:00 if deemed inappropriate.

Weighing Schedule

○ : Protector Check Required × : No Protector Check

Tournament	Gender	Category	Time	Protector Check
2nd International Championship	Men	All Categories	①14 : 00~14 : 30	○
	Women		②14 : 30~15 : 00	○
1st International Senior Championship	Men			○
	Women			○
1st World Championship	Women	Light	③15 : 00~15 : 40	○
		Light Middle		○
		Middle		○
		Light Heavy	④15 : 40~16 : 05	○
		Heavy		○
	Men	Light	⑤16 : 05~16 : 40	×
		Light Middle		×
		Middle		×
		Light Heavy	⑥16 : 40~17 : 00	×
		Heavy		×

※Failure to arrive within the designated time may result in disqualification.