

# EUROPEAN KARATE ORGANIZATION

## GENERAL INFORMATION 2026

- May 7-10, European Championship Adult + J18 (inc. Kata Men and Women WC-2027 1<sup>st</sup> selection), Batumi Georgia
- October 2-4, European Championship J16 + U21 + Open (inc. Kata Men and Women WC-2027 2<sup>nd</sup> selection and Women Open WC-2027 1<sup>st</sup> selection), Latvia
- December 5, Kokoro Cup (inc. Women Open WC-2027 2<sup>nd</sup> selection), Poland

## News from the Referee Committee



### **NEW! EKO REFEREES HOMEPAGE**

Referees; [update your profile information](#) as soon as possible with your grade and contact information.

### **NEW! KUMITE RULES UPDATED 20260228**

The rules for kumite have been updated. See the latest rule on EKO Homepage or Ekoreferrees.eu.

2.10 ... \_approved by Referee Committee.

16.7 ... by Kansui.

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9.10 No attacks to the spine.

9.11 No attacks to the head or body standing from behind.

16.2 ... before the 1/4 Finals (8 best fighters) in European Championship, Open weight category championship.

19.9 any attack to the face or back of the head;

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### **COACH TEST AND PARTICIPATION FEE**

All coaches must have a valid coach test. For this year a valid test must have been registered 2024, 2025 or 2026. To do the test please use this link. It can be done repeatedly until all answers are correct. Please study the competition rules and antidoping rules to be found on EKO Homepage. <https://www.european-kyokushin.org/download/>

Link to the Coach test: <https://forms.gle/iL9zBja2oN9h8zC3A>

**ATT;** The Coach participation fee of 40€ must be paid before the championship through your Country Representative. Coach meeting on Friday 6 May at 18:30 and the Draw at 19:00 in Grand Bellagio Hotel.

### **EKO REFEREE LICENSE DIPLOMA**

It is now possible for all referee to print the latest referee license diploma from [www.ekoreferrees.eu](http://www.ekoreferrees.eu). Just log in to your account.

## **RANKING**

Competitors ranking for the coming draw to European Championship in Batumi, Georgia will be announced about two weeks before the competition. It will be sent by mail to Country Representatives in firsthand, eventually on Kumite Technology. Coaches and competitors who see some errors can apply for changes according to information given together with the ranking. The draw will be done on Friday 6 May at 19:00 in Grand Bellagio Hotel.

## **REFEREES FOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP IN BATUMI, GEORGIA**

All referee of categories EKO-C, B and A in both Kumite and Kata are welcome. New referees are also welcome and must have its own countries highest national license and a recommendation from its Country Representative. The championship is held in two day and on 3 tatamis.

The Referee Course is compulsory for referees who apply for new or refresh license. Participants shall bring all documents (from EKO Homepage), be in referee uniform and with whistle.

The course ends with a written test. For that you need a smart phone or a computer for internet connection, WiFi is provided. The test is in English.

All rules, regulations and license validity to study can be downloaded from <https://www.european-kyokushin.org/> or <https://ekoreferrees.eu/>

Referee application for the Referee Course and EC participation:

1. Apply at: [www.ekoreferrees.eu](http://www.ekoreferrees.eu)
2. Registrate at: <https://app.kumitetechnology.com/en/tournament/268/>

After registration you will get an e-mail 2 weeks prior the EC to make a check-in confirmation of participation.

New licenses are 50€ and refresh license is 25€. This can be paid by card or cash at the registration before the course and the briefing.

## **Schedule**

All meetings in the Official Hotel: Grand Bellagio Hotel & Casino Batumi

### **7 May Thursday.**

13:30-14:00 Registration

14:00-20:00 Referee Course

### **8 May Friday**

16:00-18:00 Referee briefing (compulsory in referee uniform)

18:30-19:00 Coach meeting, 19:00-19:30 Draw

## **REFEREE BRIEFING IN BATUMI, GEORGIA**

Before the European Championship in Batumi, EKO invites to all referees to a competition briefing on Friday 8 May at 16:00-18:00.

## **EKO-REGION SELECTION FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2027**

Selection for World Championship 2027, Women Open category and Men + Women Kata categories will be held at three occasions 2026.

### **KATA**

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## **EKO REFEREE COMMITTEE**

Michael Söderkvist  
Chairman

<https://www.ekoreferrees.eu/>

## TECHNICAL & GRADING COMMITTEE



### **NEW UPDATE! EKO DAN GRADING 2026, NOW WITH CORRECT LINK FOR APPLICATION**

The EKO Black Belt grading for Shodan and up to Yondan will take place in Poland at the Stara Wiess Dojo.

The schedule for the EKO Grading will be as follows:

- à 20th August arrival and registration.
- à 21st August grading training and preparation.
- à 22nd August technical grading and Kumite test.

Application for the EKO Dan grading is open and can be applied via [this link](#). Just fill in all needed information's and upload latest WKO Dan-certificate and signed recommendation letter from your Branch Chief.

The grading will take place during the Polish summer camp and more information about accommodation and airport pick up will follow soon.

Deadline for applying the EKO Dan grading is 1st. June. You will get final approval for the application not later than 15th June.

Payment must be done in advance. Payment by cash at the grading venue is not possible!

Price is 110 € to EKO. Payment to WKO for belt and certificate must be done by the national Branch Chief.

Bank information, Bank name and address IBAN:

*NL78rabo0103302778*

*Rabobank Noordwest Friesland Stationsweg 5, 8911AG, Leeuwarden, Netherlands.*

*BIC Code: RaboNL2u in name of: European Karate Organization.*

### **EKO GRADING & TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Jan Bülow  
Chairman