

Nordic Karate Federation

STATUTES



Statutes of the Nordic Karate Federation

The aims of these statutes are to structure and formalize the Nordic Karate Championships, hereafter referred to as NKC, and endeavor cooperation between the participating countries.

Art 1. Constitution and objects

1. The Nordic Karate Federation, hereafter referred to as NKF, is a permanent organization, founded in the year 2008 and is composed of the National Karate Federations signing this document. All NKF members are obliged to show loyalty and commitment to NKF and future NKC.
2. The aim of the NKF is to arrange the NKC once a year¹, encourage other cooperation between the participating countries and promote and popularize the sport of karate.
3. The NKF has nothing at all to do with matters pertaining politics, religion or ethnicity, and is a non-profit organization.
4. The NKF performs its activity on an amateur basis in compliance with the principles set forth in the Olympic Charter.
5. The official language of the NKF shall be English. All official NKF publications must be available in English. Congresses, meetings and sessions must be held in English.
6. The NKF member countries must also be members of the European Karate Federation, EKF, and the World Karate Federation, WKF.
7. In case an issue concerning the NKF is not covered by this NKF statute the matter shall be solved within the regulation of the WKF statute.
8. The NKF has sole proprietorship of the logo of NKF and its use. All rights for the use of the NKF logo and name for purposes of fabrication or sale of articles bearing the name or logo of NKF (such as flags, medals, diplomas, badges, shields, ties, gadgets, and similar objects) rests exclusively with the NKF.

¹ Annex 1 (1 page) Schedule for the NKC. Annex 2 (3 pages) Organizing rules. These documents shall be a binding agreement and belongs to the NKF statutes.

Art 2. Economy

As described above, Art 1.2, the NKF is a non-profit organization.

1. Costs arriving from the administration of the NKF must be admitted unanimously by the executive committee, described below Art 6.
2. Costs arriving from the Nordic Championship, see Annex 2.
3. A membership fee of 100 Euro will be paid by each country by the 31st of March each year, to HQ office in Sweden.

Art 3. Regulations

The World Karate Federation, WKF, Kata and Kumite competition rules shall apply during the NKC. Entry registration will only be allowed from each federation's National team. Only citizens with a valid passport from a country belonging to the NKF may participate in the Nordic Championships.

The regulations described down below are mandatory for the organizer of the NKC.

1. The NKC shall be a competition for cadets 14-15 years, juniors 16-17 years and seniors 18+ years. Kata seniors 16+, team Kata female and men from 14 years, Team Kumite female and men 18+ years. U21 is not an applicable category. Competitors can only compete in their own age category. Bunkai is excluded in Team Kata.
2. Every participating country federation has the right to register two (2) competitors to each Kumite category and two (2) in kata. Only one (1) team per country in each team category is allowed.
3. In seeding and draws for the NC, the priority shall be that the nation take precedence over last year's results, meaning that the seeding should be done in such a way that competitors from the same nation meet as late as possible in the category.
4. Annex 2 shows the NKC tournament timetable. The NKC shall be implemented in one day. Sufficient amount of tatamis will be used to keep to the timetable.
5. If there is four (4) or less participant in one category the organizer will have the possibility to move the participant up one category.
6. An annual prize goes to the country that been awarded with most medals at the Nordic Championships, see Annex 4.

Art 4. Coaches and athletes

1. Weighing shall be offered to the competitors the evening before competition and before the competition starts, see Annex 2.
2. The organizer of the NKC will provide the possibility to host a meeting for the coaches, see Annex 2. The meeting will be conducted by a person appointed by the NKF Referee commission.
3. Each country is allowed 1 coach per 5 athletes up to a maximum of 6 coaches.

Art 5. Referees

1. Qualified Referees with an international, or each country's highest national, licenses are welcome to participate in the NKC. The age limit for attending the NKC as referee or attending course is 20 years. Each participating country federation has the possibility to engage ten (10) referees to the NKC. Referee commission and referees attending course will not be taken into account of the ten (10) referees. Each country will provide names of the participating referees in advance.
2. The NKF Referee Commission will be consistent of the Chairman of each National Federations Referee Commission. A meeting for the NKF Referee commission will be held during the NKC, according to the timetable, Annex 2.
3. The Chairman of the National Federations Referee Commission has the right to appoint a substitute. This person shall have a written authorization from the Chairman of the National Federations Referee Commission.
4. The Referee Commission will act as appeals jury during the NKC. Appeals a Jury member in a conflict of interest situation, where the jury member is of the same nationality or has a family relationship by blood or as an in-Law with any of the parties involved in the protested incident, will not be present during the decision procedures. A protest fee of 100€ is used during the NC, the money will go to the host NF.
5. The organizer of the NKC shall provide the possibility to host a briefing for the referees, see Annex 2. A qualified person/s appointed by the NKC referee Commission will conduct the Briefing.

6. The referees briefing and theoretic exam for the Nordic Referee and judge license shall be held according to the timetable, Annex 2. It's required for all referees to attend the meeting. The NKF referee commission decides the de-briefing. A qualified person/s appointed by the NKC referee Commission will conduct the Briefing.
7. The administration and examination of the license will be supplied within the Referee Commission of the NKF. All referees with EKF/WKF licenses will be automatically promoted to the Nordic Karate Referee level.
8. Structure of licenses shall be:
 - Nordic Karate Referee
 - Nordic Kumite Referee
 - Nordic Kata Judge
9. To obtain the license candidates have to write, with a positive result, standard theory test which are used in EKF/WKF and do a god job during the Nordic Karate Championships. The test is not applicable for those with valid WKF and EKF licenses. The theory examination will be in English. License will be valid for four years. We will use WKF license books the cost is 10 € per book.
10. To retain the license referees and judges have to pass the theory test with a positive result every four years. They also have to be present as an official referee or judge at the NKC two out of three times.
11. An updated list of NKF referees shall be maintained and revised each year by the Referee Commission and forwarded to NKF HQ after the competition.
12. The attending referees shall have the latest version of the official NKF referee badge and official NKF tie This can be ordered through the NKF HQ for a cost of 15 €.

Art 6. Executive Committee:

1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President/representative of each member federation.
2. A meeting shall be held once every year during the NKC. The organizer of the NKC will provide the possibility to host a meeting for the Executive Committee, Annex 2.
3. The President of the next hosting country shall be the Chairman of the NKF until the NKC is completed.

4. The EC meeting shall be deemed valid if the majority of Committee members are in attendance. Decisions shall be taken unanimously by the attending members of the executive committee.
5. Each National Federation has the right to send a substitute if the President of the National Federation is unable to attend the meeting. The substitute will have the same rights as the President.
6. The substitute must have a written authorization from the president of the National Federation sending the substitute.
7. Proposals to amend the NC Statutes must be approved unanimously by the attending members of the executive committee meeting.
8. Propositions for the EC-meeting should be sent to the Chairman, and the participating countries, of the meeting at least a month in advance.

Art 7. Organizing Committee:

1. The Organizing Committee shall be composed of the President/representative of the current year's organizer of the NKC, as well as the previous year and the following year.
2. The responsibility of the organizing committee is to ensure that the NKC complies with the rules stated in Annex 2 and that the event keeps the highest possible level of quality.

Art 8. Other obligations for the organizer of the Nordic Championships

1. The NKC shall be implemented in one day.
2. The NKC shall be on a Saturday. This will leave the Sunday for cooperation between national teams, referees and officials.
3. The NKC competition organizer will in good time, at least 6 months, send out invitations to the participating countries.
4. The NKC competition organizer will ensure that hotels are offered the participating country federations at reasonable prices.

5. Annex 2 shows the organizing rules for the NKC as well as other guidelines and cooperation between the participating countries
6. Results from the NKC will be communicated to each National Federation at the latest on the first Monday after the competition.
7. The organizers as well as other participating countries have a common obligation to ensure that media covers the Nordic Karate Championships.

Art 9. Administrative issues of the Nordic Karate Federation

1. The administrative headquarters of the NKF is governed by the Swedish Karate Federation. Also the NKF official webpage www.nordickarate.com and the NKF official Facebook page are governed by the Swedish Karate Federation.
2. The NKF referee commissions headquarter is governed by the Finnish Karate Federation and is lead and convened by the chairman of the Finnish referee commission.
3. As the administrative headquarters Sweden has the mandate to make administrative, non-statutory, decisions that benefits the NKF.

These statutes and annex 1 - 2 are laid down by the Presidents/representatives of the official karate organization in Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden and will be applicable from this day.

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