



SKDUN Regulations for organising European and World Championships

1. Purpose of the regulations

The present regulations aim to define the organizational, logistical, financial and operational framework necessary for holding an international karate competition under the aegis of the SKDUN European Federation and/or the SKDUN World Federation.

The regulations aim to:

- maintain and comply with SKDUN standards
- ensure optimal conditions for athletes and officials
- ensure a fair, safe and well-organized competition.
- strengthening the SKDUN image at an international level

2. Type of competition

2.1 SKDUN European Championship

- Participation: federations, associations and clubs from affiliated European countries
- Competition level: European
- Estimated number of participants: athletes, coaches, referees, security team, medical team, administrators
- Regional and international media visibility

2.2 SKDUN World Championship

- Participation: federations, associations and clubs from affiliated countries worldwide
- Competition level: international
- Increased protocol, security and logistics requirements
- Global visibility

3. Setting the date, location and organizer

3.1 Setting the date

- Fixed calendar month for each competition – April for European and October for World championship.
- Exact dates are proposed that do not interfere with:
 - other SKDUN competitions
 - similar international championships
- Taking into account:
 - climate
 - tourist season
 - accessibility
 - suitable venue and accommodation
 - state and religious holidays

3.2 Location

The competition hall must meet the following conditions:

- Sufficient hall size for a minimum of 8 fighting areas, including safety/no entry areas, circulation area and control table access. In exceptional cases, fewer fighting areas can be utilized.
- Suitable male / female facilities and locker rooms
- Spaces for referees, VIP, media
- Emergency services access
- Suitable access to refreshments / restaurant facilities

3.3 Organiser

- National federation or association from SKDUN member country
- Delegated club from SKDUN affiliated organisation
- SKDUN World or European Federation
- Responsibilities:
 - complete organization of all aspects of competition at location
 - communication and liaison with SKDUN President, Technical director and Chief referee

- preparation of business case/project with assumption of the budget
- transparency regarding all income and expenditure
- adhere to the agreed contract between SKDUN and the host/organiser

4. Structure of the competition days

4.1 Arrivals and preparation

- Arrival of delegations
- Accreditations
- Affiliation/membership check
- Document control
- Technical meetings
- Preparation of the competition hall
- At World championship, there will be a further day prior to the event for an international training seminar. This ensures that standards are being taught and maintained, and it is a crucial opportunity for referees to gain deeper understanding and keep their knowledge up to date.

4.2. Competition days:

- Kata competitions
- Kumite competitions
- Finals and awards ceremony
- Official opening ceremony
- Closing ceremony
- Departure of delegations

5. Preparatory meetings

5.1 Referees meeting

- Technical regulations
- Refereeing system
- Uniforms
- Daily program/timetable

5.2 Meeting coaches/delegates

- Competition regulations
- Disciplinary procedures
- Protest and appeals
- Detailed program/timetable

5.3 Internal organisational meeting

- Task distribution
- Competition flow
- Emergency situations

6. Final confirmations

6.1 Accommodation

- Recommended hotels
- Proximity to the venue
- Breakfast included

6.2 Transportation

- Airport-hotel transfer
- Hotel-hall transport
- Transport schedule published

6.3 Sponsors

- Signed contracts
- SKDUN brand visibility
- Approved promotional stands

6.4 Visas

- Dedicated manager
- Official invitation letters for visa purposes provided immediately upon request
- Delegation assistance

6.5 Promotion

- Official SKDUN website

- Social media
- Posters and banners, marketing and competition livestreaming
- Press releases

7. Athlete registrations

7.1 Procedure

- Official online platform
- Athlete, club, federation data
- Payment confirmation

7.2 Deadlines

- Registration of all entries including officials
- Modifications of submitted entries
- Finalised entries after which no modifications can be made

7.3 Weight control

- Clear schedule with competent staff
- SKDUN approved and calibrated equipment
- Medical presence

8. Organising committee

- Competition director – general coordination
- Local organisation managers (transport, accommodation, visa, hall arrangements)
- Logistics manager – hall, materials
- Financial manager – budget, payments
- Medical manager
- Media manager
- Protocol manager
- Technical director and Chief referee for oversight (adherence to SKDUN Rulebook, safety of competitors and other participants)

9. Hall organization

9.1 Competition areas

- Matted areas size 10 x 10 metres including 1 metre no-entry safety zone. In exceptional situations, there may be changes with the approval of the SKDUN Executive Board.
- Visible demarcation and suitable safe circulation areas
- Clear numbering and identification of all areas
- Chairs and tables on each area for judging panel, table officials, and coaches (can be in white/red booth).

9.2 Other areas

- Podium
- Athletes' warm-up area
- Referees' area
- Medical area
- VIP area
- Administration and control station (secretariat)
- Chief referees' control station

9.3 Materials

- Medals, trophies
- Diplomas
- Promotional items
- Refereeing equipment (flags, score boards, spare whistles, protest cards)

10. Authorised personnel

10.1 Referees

- Valid SKDUN license
- Allocation of judging panels on areas

10.2 Auxiliary staff

- Table officials
- IT Support
- Protocol Ceremony Manager

- Security Manager
- Accommodation/transport manager
- Medical manager
- Volunteers

10.3 Catering

- Balanced menus, suitable for all dietary requirements.
- Adequate bottled water supply to each area
- Scheduled breaks

11. Logistics

Required equipment:

- Laptops
- Monitors
- Printers
- Audio systems
- Cables, extension cords including safety covers to avoid trip hazards
- Tables with covers, chairs
- Stable internet

12. Financial conditions

12.1 Registration fees

- Regularly review established fees (SKDUN Executive Board)
- Clearly communicated to all participants
- Payment deadline

12.2 Budget

- Revenue: fees, sponsors, tickets
- Expenses: hall and competition equipment, staff, accommodation and travel, materials, meals and water plus daily allowance for referees and table officials, competition insurance cover, medical/first aid cover, security, advertising and promotion

13. Other authorised persons (approved by Chief referee or organizers)

Categories:

- SKDUN VIP
- Official local and national government representatives
- Media (must be approved by Chief referee)
- Sponsors

14. Regulations and competition categories at the SKDUN World and European Championships

At the SKDUN World and European Shotokan Karate Championships, each affiliated country may register a maximum of:

- two athletes per individual category
- two teams per team category

OFFICIAL AGE GROUPS AND COMPETITION CATEGORIES

<https://www.skdun.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Categories-and-category-rules-SKDUN-World-and-European-Shotokan-Championship-2025-v1a.pdf>

Team composition, weight limits and mixed team structures are established according to SKDUN competition rules.

The Executive of SKDUN, reserve the right to includes new age groups and new categories

15. Conclusion

Respecting the competition organization regulations guarantees:

- international standards
- safety and professionalism
- positive image of SKDUN
- provide a safe, quality experience for participants