



**GKR**KARATE

*KARATE FOR EVERYONE*

**GKR KARATE TOURNAMENT  
ROUND ROBIN GUIDELINES**

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## KATA

### INDIVIDUAL KATA

- 2 competitors perform their Kata at the same time. Judges will decide which competitor had the strongest Kata and using a flag system will nominate a winner.
- Each flag awarded to a competitor is recorded as one point. If a competitor wins their Kata bout then an additional bonus point is also added to their tally for that bout.
- Each competitor will compete in 3 bouts. 8th to 7th kyu competitors may perform any kata and can repeat that kata all 3 times if they wish. 6th kyu -4th kyu competitors must do at least 2 different kata over the 3 rounds (ie: they can repeat a kata once). 3rd kyu+ competitors must do a different kata each round. Note: These kata requirements will apply irrespective of whether or not an age group has enough competitors to run all 3 of these grade categories. Hence, if numbers for an age group were so small that you were forced to have only 2 grade categories (eg: 8th – 5th kyu & 4th kyu +), then the kata requirements for each competitor would be dependent on their grade, and not the new/modified division they were in.
- Where possible a competitor will face a different opponent each round. However please note that in some smaller divisions this may not be possible.
- In some circumstances where numbers are uneven, all but one competitor will have completed 3 rounds, leaving one person only having competed in 2 rounds. In this case, the person who has only had 2 bouts will compete against a randomly chosen competitor in their division that they have not yet faced. This means that someone in the division will contest a 4th bout and this person will be allowed to perform any kata, including one they have already done. Please note however, that no further points from this person's 4th bout will be added to their total score.
- If a competitor is required to perform kata for a 4th time (eg: where there is an uneven no. of competitors), then their 4th kata may be the same as one already performed.
- After all competitors have completed their Kata, points will be tallied and the competitor with the most points will be declared the winner. Second and third place getters will also be awarded based on these calculations.
- In the case of a tied points score amongst the top 3 places, the following considerations will be used to separate them. (1st) Have the tied competitors already bouted against each other in this division? If so, then whoever won that bout will be awarded the higher placing. (2nd) Has one of the two tied competitors won more bouts than the other? If so, they will be awarded a higher placing. (3rd) Where neither of these options can determine a winner, then the two tied competitors will enter into a 'kata-off'. (Kata of their choice)

### TEAM KATA

- Teams consist of 3 competitors performing a kata of their choice. Two teams compete against each other at the same time and judges will declare a winner using flag system based on accurate technique and synchronicity.
- Winning team moves on to the next round and the losing team bows out of the competition unless they are required to compete again in the event of establishing a third place. Note: Cumulative flag scores will NOT be tallied in Team Kata.

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## INDIVIDUAL KUMITE

- Each competitor will fight three two minute bouts or to a maximum of three full points. The two minute duration will be continuous.
- The winner of each bout will receive one point. In addition to this, the total points scored by both the winner and the loser in each bout will be recorded and will form part of their running score/tally. For example: If Aka wins a bout 2 - 1, then Aka would receive 3 points for that bout and Shiro would receive 1. The cumulative scores from the 3 bouts are added up for each competitor, and the top 3 scores are awarded medals.
- Where possible, a competitor will face a different opponent each round. However, please note that in some smaller divisions this may not be possible.
- In some circumstances where numbers are uneven, all but one competitor will have completed 3 rounds, leaving one person only having competed in 2 rounds. In this case, the person who has only had 2 bouts will compete against a randomly chosen competitor in their division that they have not yet faced. This means that someone in the division will contest a 4th bout. Please note however, that no further points from this person's 4th bout will be added to their total score.
- In the case of a tied points score amongst the top 3 places, the following considerations will be used to separate them. (1st) Have the tied competitors already bouted against each other in this division? If so, then whoever won that bout will be awarded the higher placing. (2nd) Has one of the two tied competitors won more bouts than the other? If so, they will be awarded a higher placing. (3rd) Subtract the points scored AGAINST the two tied competitors from each of their total score and see if this separates their scores. (4th) Where none of these options can determine a winner, then the two tied competitors will bout to determine a winner (last resort).

## TEAM KUMITE

- Teams consist of 3 competitors each. Bouts will be a one minute continuous round, or the first to 1 full point. All tied fights MUST be allowed extra time (Hikiwake - Shobu Hajime) to determine a definite winner.
- Winning team moves on to the next round and the losing team bows out of the competition unless they are required to compete again in the event of establishing a third place. Note: Cumulative 'for and against' tallies will NOT be used in Team kumite.

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## SAMPLE DRAWS

### 4 COMPETITOR ROUND ROBIN

Round 1

1 vs 2
3 vs 4

Round 2

1 vs 3
2 vs 4

Round 3

2 vs 3
4 vs 1

### 5 COMPETITOR ROUND ROBIN

Round 1

1 vs 4
2 vs 3

bye = 5

Round 2

3 vs 1
4 vs 5

bye = 2

Round 3

5 vs 3
1 vs 2

bye = 4

Round 4

2 vs 5
? vs 4

### 6 COMPETITOR ROUND ROBIN

Round 1

1 vs 2
3 vs 4
5 vs 6

Round 2

3 vs 4
1 vs 6
2 vs 5

Round 3

4 vs 6
2 vs 3
1 vs 5

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## ADDITIONAL NOTES

- It is advisable to run a separate Kata tournament and a separate Kumite tournament with both an individual event and a team event held at each tournament.
- \$25 for first event & \$5 for team event (\$30 for 2 events)
- A sample entry form has been provided with divisional guidelines. The age categories have been more broadly grouped to create more competitors in each division (increase the chances of everyone receiving at least 3 bouts). They are:

5 – 7 yrs M & F  
8 – 10 yrs M & F  
11 – 13 yrs (separate M & F)  
14 – 17 yrs (separate M & F)  
18 – 39 yrs (separate M & F)  
40 yrs + (separate M & F)

You may modify your entry form age/grade brackets slightly if numbers of a particular division are high but be careful not to make the spread of ages too large (especially with kumite).

- **TEAM KATA DIVISIONS**

Up to 13 years M & F  
Open age M & F

- **TEAM KUMITE DIVISIONS**

5 – 7 years Male & Female  
8 – 11 years Male & Female  
12 – 15 years Male  
12 – 15 years Female  
16 years + Male  
16 years + Female

Note: Where possible, if there is only one woman/girl in each team, then they should bout against each other.

- Spectator Fees: \$5 per adult; \$3 for children 5 and over (Family Pass \$15)
- Space needs to be allocated on the entry form for the student to list the other members of their team.
- First Aid provisions are required for kumite tournaments as normal
- Medals and Participation Certificates will also be awarded as normal