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WKF WORLD RANKING RULES

1. General Regulations

- 1.1 These rules regulate general policy, the calculation method and administration of the WKF World Ranking.
- 1.2 Modification of the WKF World Ranking Rules shall be approved by the WKF EC via a proposal from the WKF World Ranking Commission to the WKF President.

2. WKF World Ranking

- 2.1 The WKF World Ranking indicates the position of athletes according to the points obtained at WKF Official Events and is applicable only to the individual categories defined in **SECTION 1** – Article 4. The point system for each discipline is defined under **SECTION 1** – Article 2 & Article 3.

2.2. WKF Official Events

WKF Official Events are published on the WKF Official Sports Activities Calendar on a yearly basis; a document, which is approved by the WKF EC and available on the [WKF website](#). The different events that count for ranking purposes are specified under **SECTION 1** – Article 1.

Should a WKF Official Event (e.g. Continental Championships) decide to change its dates once the WKF Official Sports Activities Calendar has been approved by the WKF EC and the new dates enter into conflict with any other event that is already approved and published on the WKF Official Sport Activities Calendar, then the points obtained by athletes at this event will not count for ranking purposes and the Official Event may be removed from the WKF Official Sports Activities Calendar.

3. WKF Standings for Specific Events

3.1 Standing

This is defined as a specific ranking indicating the position of an athlete according to specific events within a defined period (e.g. a qualification period).



3.2 Olympic Standing

The Olympic Standing is determined by the Qualification System in force for each Olympic event where Karate is taking place (e.g. the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games). The Olympic Standing is updated of the first day of each month during the qualification period.

3.3 Karate 1 – Premier League Standing

For the Karate 1 Premier League Standing, the applicable criteria are as follows:

- (1) All points from all Premier League Events count towards the Karate 1 Premier League Standing, starting from 0 at the beginning of each season.
- (2) The Karate 1 Premier League season starts each calendar year with the first event after 1st January and finishes with the last event before 31st December of the same calendar year.
- (3) After the final Karate 1 Premier League Event of a season has concluded, those competitors ranked 1st on the Karate 1 Premier League Standing, in each individual category, will be pronounced the Grand Winners, providing they have participated in at least four events held in two different continents during the season.
- (4) Points decay will be as indicated in **SECTION 1** – Article 1.
- (5) Should there remain a tie and a position in the Karate 1 Premier League Standing is still to be determined, then the following criteria will be applicable (with reference to the current season):
 - Highest number of Premier Leagues won. If still tied, then:
 - Highest number of Silver Medals
 - Highest number of Bronze Medals
 - Total number of bouts won
 - Greatest point difference between points scored in favor and points scored against
 - Highest number of points in favor
 - Least number of points against



SECTION 1: WKF EVENTS

1. WKF Official Events, Event Factor and Points Decay

		<u>Points</u>		
<u>WKF Official Event</u>		<u>Event Factor</u>	<u>1st Year</u>	<u>2nd Year</u>
<u>Continental Championships</u>	World Championships	12	100%	50%
	African Championships	6	100%	50% (*)
	Asian Championships	6	100%	50% (*)
	European Championships	6	100%	50% (*)
	Pan American Championships	6	100%	50% (*)
	Oceania Championships	6	100%	50% (*)
	Karate 1 – Premier League	6	100%	50%
	Karate 1 – Series A	3	100%	50%
	Karate 1 – Youth League	4	100%	50%

(*)NOTE: Should any of the Continental Federations be unable to host a Continental Championships on a yearly basis, NO points decay will be applicable during the second year; that is, the year between Championships.

1.1 Addition of New Points

The addition of new points to the WKF World Ranking, from a given event, will be applicable on the first day of the month after this event has taken place. For example:

Event end date*:	6 th January 2019
Addition of new points:	1 st February 2019

1.2 Points Decay

Points decay in the WKF World Ranking, from a given event, will be applicable one year after an event has taken place, occurring on the last day of the month. For example:

Event end date*:	6 th January 2019
Points decay	31 st January 2020

*NOTE: The event end date is the last day of competition of the entire event.



Diagram 1: Kumite Competition Format – Eliminations

Winner progression and Repechage line

Sample of Winner Repechage Line, being Gold (Pool Winner A) and Silver Pool (Winner D)

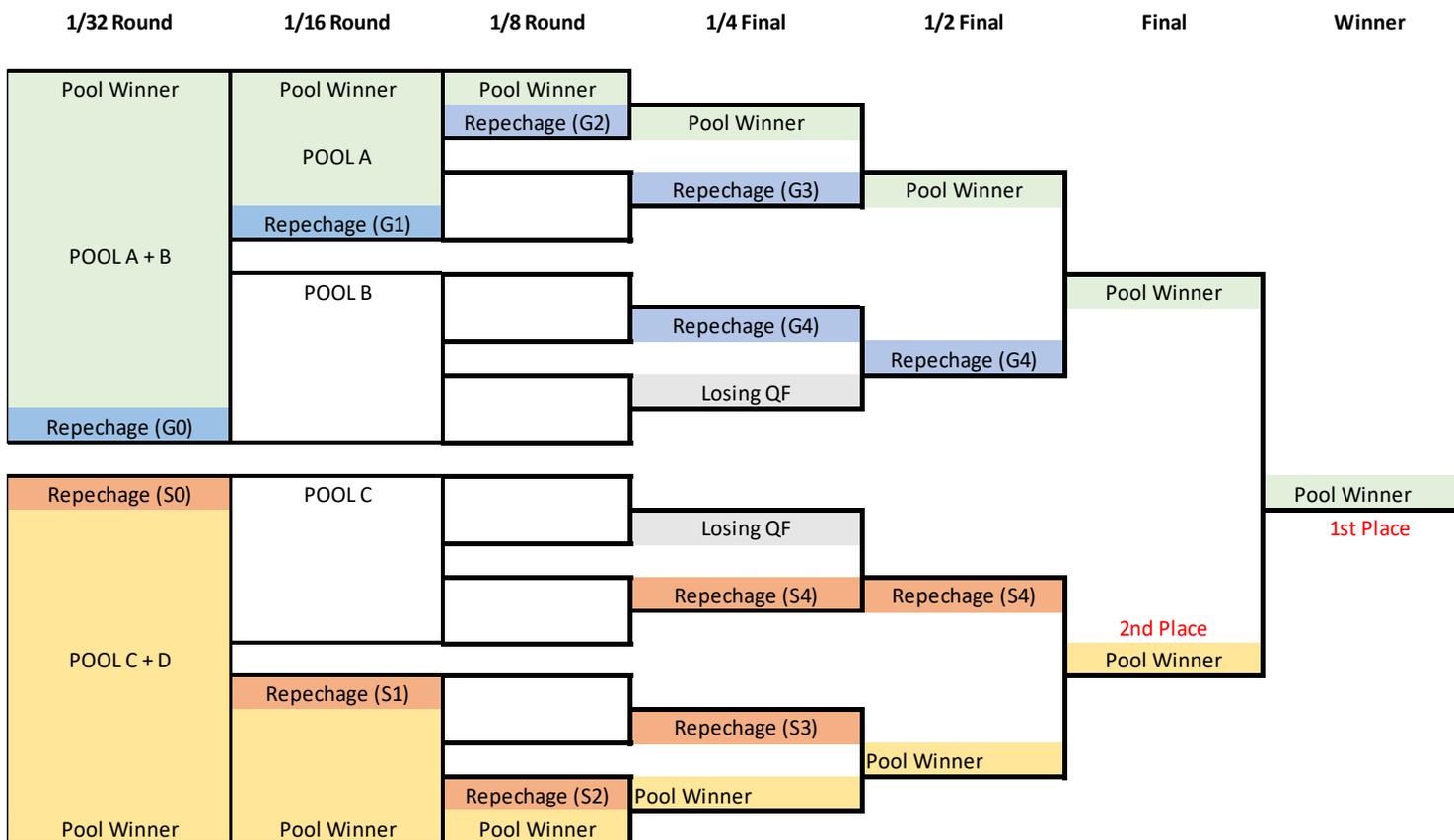
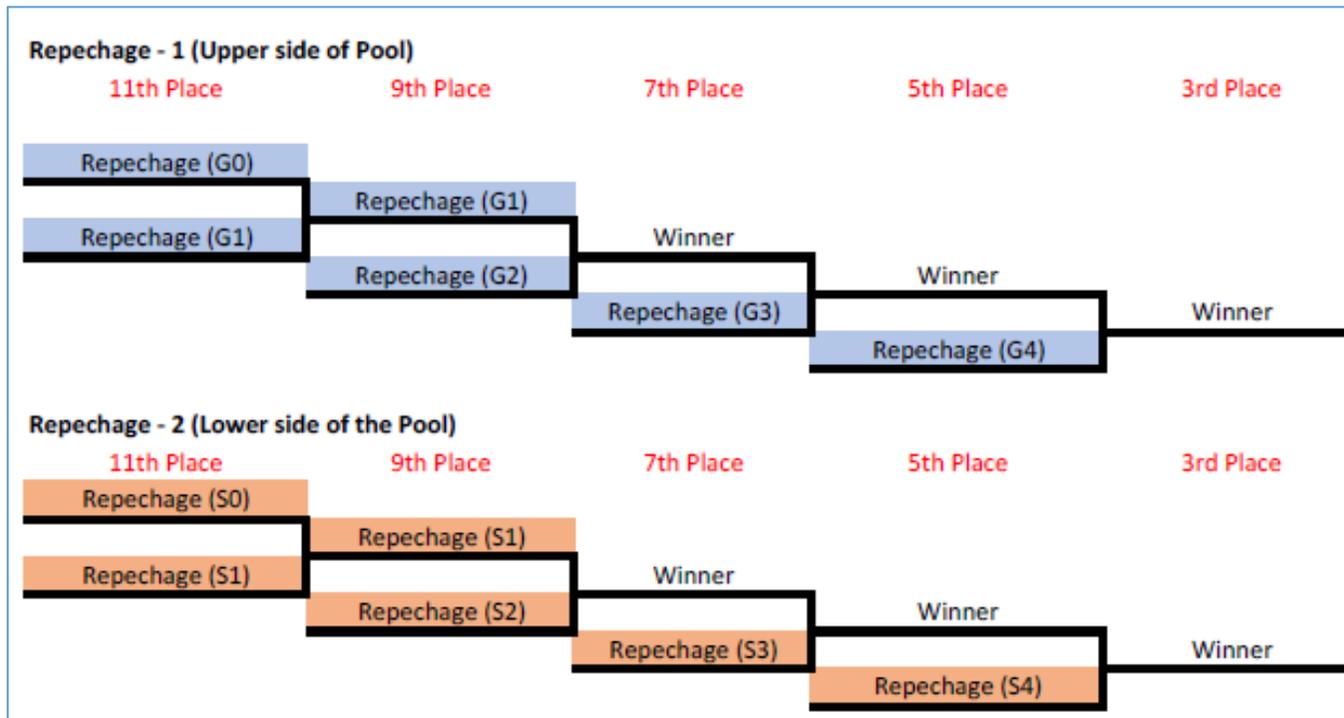




Diagram 2: Kumite Competition Format – Repechage





2.2. **Kata**

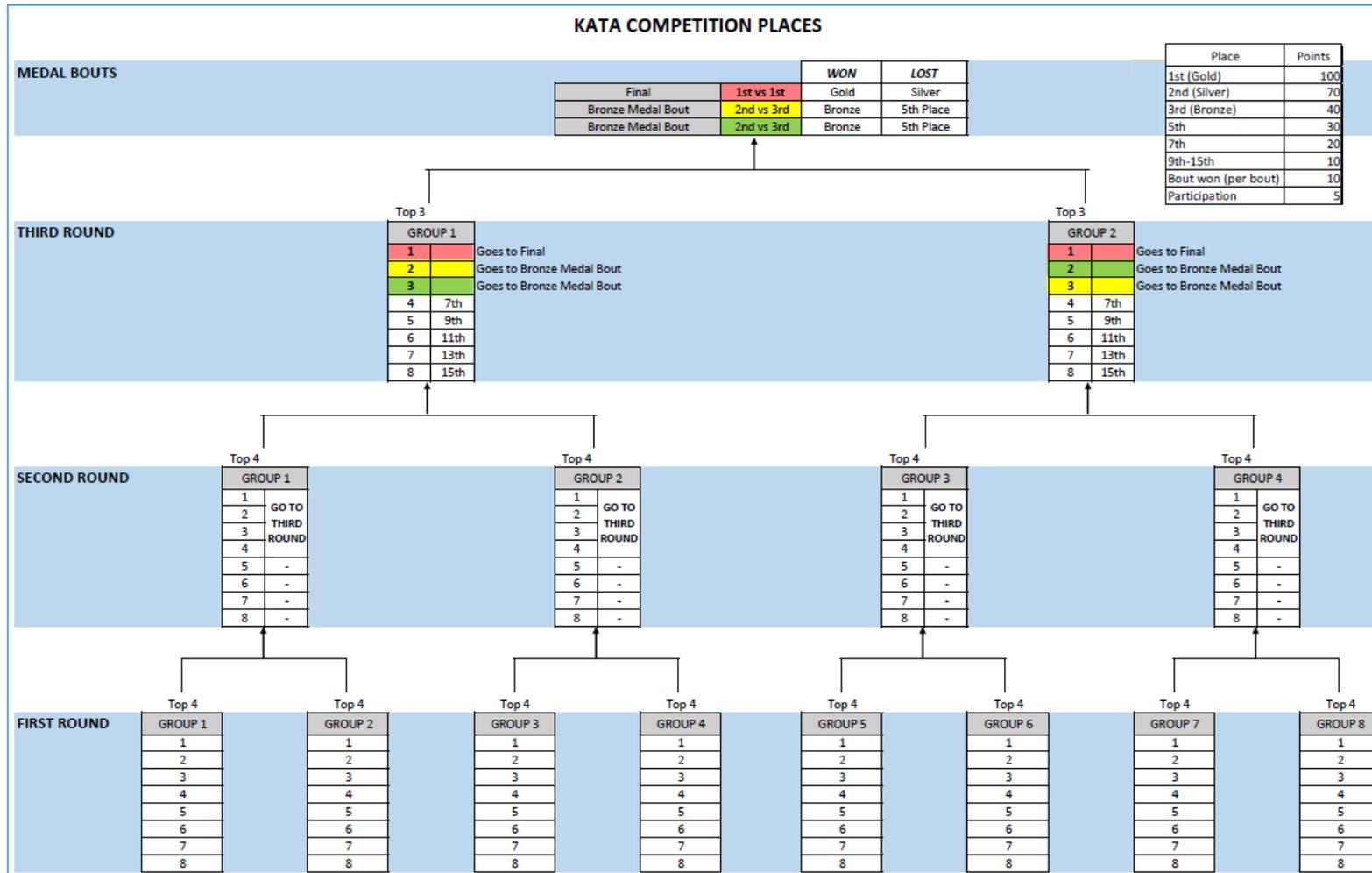
A diagram of how athletes progress through a Kata competition is illustrated on the next page and a table indicating the different positions an athlete can finish in, with the corresponding points awarded, can be found below:

POSITION	POINTS
1 st place	100
2 nd place	70
3 rd places	40
5 th places	30
7 th places	20
9 th -15 th places	10
Qualification to next round	10
Participation*	5

**NOTE: Participation points are only obtained when the competitor has performed at least once in the competition.*



Diagram 3: Kata Competition Format





3. Points Calculating System

3.1. Kumite

a. Participation:	5 per event
b. Bout(s) won:	10 per bout won
c. Place:	As defined in Article 2.1
d. Total points per event:	<u>(a+b+c) × Event Factor</u>

For example, the points obtained by an athlete who has achieved 3rd place at the World Championships after winning 5 bouts:

(Participation	+ Bout(s) won	+Place)	x Event Factor	= Total Points
(5	+ (5 x 10)	+40)	x 12	= 1140 points

*NOTE: A bye will not be considered as a bout won, with the exception of that stated under **SECTION 1** – Article 2.1, Notes.*

3.2. Kata

a. Participation:	5 per event
b. Round(s) won*:	10 per round progression
c. Medal winners	10 per medal winner
d. Place:	As defined in Article 2.2
e. Total points per event:	<u>(a+b+c) × Event Factor</u>

For example, the points obtained by an athlete who has achieved 3rd place at the World Championships (based on a competition with 64 athletes):

(Participation	+ Rounds(s) won	Medal Winner	+Place)	x Event Factor	= Total Points
(5	+ (3 x 10)	+10	+40)	x 12	= 1020 points

**NOTE: A round refers to each stage of competition before the Medal Round.*



4. Age and Weight Categories

An athlete's age is defined by the first day of competition of an entire event.

The different weight categories across age categories are as follows:

Individual Categories							
Senior (Age: Kata+16/Kumite+18)				U21 (Age: 18/19/20)			
Individual Kata		Individual Kumite		Individual Kata		Individual Kumite	
Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		-60kg	-50kg			-60kg	-50kg
		-67kg	-55kg			-67kg	-55kg
		-75kg	-61kg			-75kg	-61kg
		-84kg	-68kg			-84kg	-68kg
		+84kg	+68kg			+84kg	+68kg
Junior (Age: 16/17)				Cadet (Age 14/15)			
Individual Kata		Individual Kumite		Individual Kata		Individual Kumite	
Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
		-55kg	-48kg			-52kg	-47kg
		-61kg	-53kg			-57kg	-54kg
		-68kg	-59kg			-63kg	+54kg
		-76kg	+59kg			-70kg	
		+76kg				+70kg	

5. Change of Age Category

5.1. Kumite

Junior to Senior

When an athlete changes age category from Junior Kumite to Senior Kumite, 50% of those points obtained in the Junior category of the WKF World Ranking will be dragged into the Senior category of WKF World Ranking. This will occur on the first day of the month **after** the athlete has turned 18 years old.

These dragged points will remain on the athlete's profile for one year, at which point all points dragged from the Junior category into the Senior category of the WKF World Ranking will be erased from the athlete's profile.



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The system drags these points automatically across from Junior to Senior, reallocating them as follows:

MALE CATEGORIES		FEMALE CATEGORIES	
Junior	Senior	Junior	Senior
-55kg		-48 kg	-50 kg
-61kg	-60 kg	-53 kg	-55 kg
-68 kg	-67 kg	-59 kg	-61 kg
-76 kg	-75 kg	+59 kg	-68 kg
+76 kg	-84 kg	Manual request	+68 kg
Manual request	+84 kg		

Cadet to Junior*

When an athlete changes age category from Cadet Kumite to Junior Kumite, 50% of those points obtained in the Cadet category of the WKF World Ranking will be dragged into the Junior category of WKF World Ranking. This will occur on the first day of the month **after** the athlete has turned 16 years old.

These dragged points will remain on the athlete's profile for one year, at which point all points dragged from the Cadet category into the Junior category of the WKF World Ranking will be erased from the athlete's profile.

The system drags these points across automatically from Cadet to Junior, reallocating them as follows:

MALE CATEGORIES		FEMALE CATEGORIES	
Cadet	Junior	Cadet	Junior
-52kg	-55 kg	-47 kg	-48 kg
-57 kg	-61 kg	-54 kg	-53 kg
-63 kg	-68 kg	+54 kg	-59 kg
-70 kg	-76 kg	Manual request	+59 kg
+70 kg	+76 kg		

In either of these two cases, if an athlete has competed in two different Junior or Cadet weight categories, the transition of 50% of the points will be done category by category. For example:



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- 500 points obtained in Male Junior -61 kg → 250 points in Male Senior -60 kg
- 250 points obtained in Male Junior -68 kg → 125 points in Male Senior -67 kg

- 300 points obtained in Female Cadet -47kg → 150 points in Female Junior -48 kg
- 75 points obtained in Female Cadet -54kg → 35.7 points in Female Junior -53 kg

If after the automatic transition, specific changes to weight categories are required, the National Federation to which the athlete belongs can proceed with an official request addressed to wkf@wkf.net. In these cases, points will only be updated in the system on the first day of the month after the request has been received.

5.2. **Kata**

Cadet to Senior

When an athlete changes age category from Kata Cadet to Kata Senior, 50% of those points obtained in the Cadet category of the WKF World Ranking will be dragged into the Senior category of the WKF World Ranking. This will occur on the first day of the month **after** the athlete has turned 16 years old.

These dragged points will remain on the athlete's profile for one year, at which point all points dragged from the Cadet category into the Senior category of the WKF World Ranking will be erased from the athlete's profile.

Cadet to Junior*

When an athlete changes age category from Kata Cadet to Kata Junior, 50% of those points obtained in the Cadet category of the WKF World Ranking will be dragged into the Junior category of the WKF World Ranking. This will occur on the first day of the month **after** the athlete has turned 16 years old.

These dragged points will remain on the athlete's profile for one year, at which point all points dragged from the Cadet category into the Junior category of the WKF World Ranking will be erased from the athlete's profile.

**NOTE – Points transition in these categories was introduced from 2nd March 2020.*



6. Nationality

Nationality changes or changes to an athlete's representative NF are subject to the corresponding clauses in the WKF Organising Rules. In the event that an athlete changes nationality or NF, according to the regulations in force, all points from the applicable WKF World Ranking category will be transferred to the athlete's new nationality.

However, if when an athlete changes nationality, this change is from one different continent to another, points will be transferred to the athlete's new nationality, with the exception of any points awarded at continental competitions of the athlete's previous nationality. These will be removed from the total number of points on the athlete's new profile.

7. Continental Championships

At Continental Championships, National Federations will be limited to the points of one competitor per category counting towards the WKF World Ranking and any applicable Standing in force at the time. National Federations will be required to indicate the name of this competitor during the registration phase, prior to the event, and confirmation of all a country's registrations may be withheld until the names of each competitor per category scoring in the WKF Ranking and any applicable Standing have been duly communicated.

8. Maternity

Any athlete who becomes pregnant can request their ranking points to be frozen for a maximum period of 15 months. In order to implement this freeze, the National Federation must send written confirmation to the WKF, along with a medical certificate, confirming that the athlete will now cease competition due to pregnancy. Points will be frozen according to the WKF Ranking on the 1st of the month following the date of the received request. They will be frozen for a maximum of 15 months – of which a maximum of 6 can be after the birth. If an athlete wishes to return to competition before the end of this 15-month period, the National Federation must send written confirmation of this, two months prior to the athlete's first event back. In accordance with the above, points will be unfrozen on the first of the month following their first event back or on the first of the month following the completion of this 15-month maternity period.



9. Other General Rules

9.1. Athletes will appear in the WKF World Ranking only when they have received points in at least one WKF Official Event.

9.2. **Continuity of competitors in the WKF World Ranking**

Athletes, who do not participate in a WKF Official Event for two consecutive years will be removed from the WKF World Ranking.

Athletes will be removed from the Cadet, Junior and U21 Rankings on the first day of the month following the applicable birthday (16th, 18th and 21st).

In the event of an athlete needing proof of WKF World Ranking status on a specific date (within the two years preceding the request), a written request should be sent to the WKF.

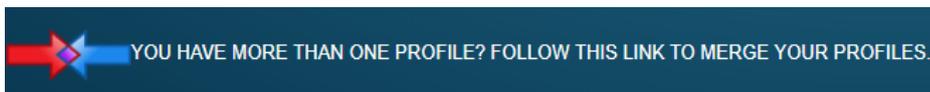
9.3. Points will be awarded to athletes **ONLY ONCE PER EVENT AND CATEGORY**, in the WKF World Ranking category in which the athlete has competed respectively. A competitor can compete in two different age categories, for example, U21 and Senior, but this athlete will have a separate WKF World Ranking for each age category. The same principle applies to weight categories.

9.4. For those U21 athletes also competing at Senior events, points obtained at any Senior event (Karate 1 as well as Continental and World Championships) will be included in the Senior WKF World Ranking of the athlete.

9.5. **Athletes with Two Different WKF IDs**

Should an athlete be registered at a competition with a different WKF ID from the one already assigned to the athlete in the WKF World Ranking, the points obtained at the given competition will be assigned to the WKF ID that the athlete has competed under according to **SECTION 1** – Article 5.3 above.

As a result, the athlete will have points divided under two different WKF IDs, having been obtained at different competitions. If the athlete wishes to merge the points into the same profile, an online request can be made by clicking on the following banner:



IMPORTANT NOTE: merged profiles will not be considered for qualification purposes or event registration (e.g. the Premier League) until the new release of the World Ranking (and Olympic Standing) on the first day of the month following the merger request.

10. COVID-19

Following the outbreak of COVID-19 and given an expected and significant period of inactivity from the last event to take place (Salzburg Premier League, 28 Feb – 1 Mar 2020) until activity can restart again, the following WKF Rankings have been frozen from 2nd March 2020 until the first of the month following the first event back according to your age category.

In addition, the following changes have been made to the point transition process:

Kumite Junior to Senior transitions

50% of a Junior athlete's frozen points as per 2nd March 2020 are transitioned on first of the month following the athlete's 18th birthday. Transition points will remain on the athlete's Senior profile for 1 year following the restart of activity.

Kumite Cadet to Junior transitions

50% of a Cadet athlete's frozen points as per 2nd March 2020 are transitioned on first of the month following the athlete's 16th birthday. Transition points will remain on the athlete's Junior profile for 1 year following the restart of activity.

Kata Cadet to Senior transitions

50% of a Cadet athlete's frozen points as per 2nd March 2020 are transitioned on first of the month following the athlete's 16th birthday. Transition points will remain on the athlete's Senior profile for 1 year following the restart of activity.

Kata Cadet to Junior transitions

50% of a Cadet athlete's frozen points as per 2nd March 2020 are transitioned on first of the month following the athlete's 16th birthday. Transition points will remain on the athlete's Junior profile for 1 year following the restart of activity.



SECTION 2: OLYMPIC EVENTS

1. Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

Note: Following the outbreak of COVID-19, this section has been revised in line with the updated Karate Qualification System for Tokyo 2020, with the new dates and timelines for the Olympic Games in the summer of 2021.

1.1. Tokyo 2020 Standing

For the Qualification System in force for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, an Olympic Standing with the name “**Tokyo 2020 Olympic Standing**” will display the athletes ranked in each Olympic Kata and Kumite weight category, according to the points obtained in the qualifying events taking place within the qualification period.

Any National Olympic Committee not eligible to compete in the Olympic Games will not be listed in the Tokyo 2020 Standings as of May 2021 (date TBC).

1.2. Official Events for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Standing

Only points obtained during the qualification period in the following Official Events count towards the “Tokyo 2020 Olympic Standing”:

2018

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
10-14 July	AKF Senior Championships	Amman (Jordan)
31 August - 2 September	UFAK Senior Championships	Kigali (Rwanda)
14-16 September	Premier League	Berlin (Germany)
20-23 September	Series A	Santiago (Chile)
12-14 October	Premier League	Tokyo (Japan)
6-11 November	WKF Senior World Championships	Madrid (Spain)
7-9 December	Series A	Shanghai (China)

**2019**

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
25-27 January	Premier League	Paris (France)
15-17 February	Premier League	Dubai (UAE)
2-4 March	Series A	Salzburg (Austria)
18-23 March	PKF Senior Championships	Panama (Panama)
28-31 March	EKF Senior Championships	Guadalajara (Spain)
11-12 April	OKF Senior Championships	Sydney (Australia)
19-21 April	Premier League	Rabat (Morocco)
17-19 May	Series A	Istanbul (Turkey)
7-9 June	Premier League	Shanghai (China)
21-23 June	Series A	Montreal (Canada)
15-21 July	AKF Senior Championships	Tashkent (Uzbekistan)
16-18 August	UFAK Senior Championships	Gaborone (Botswana)
6-8 September	Premier League	Tokyo (Japan)
20-22 September	Series A	Santiago (Chile)
4-6 October	Premier League	Moscow (Russia)
29-30 November - 1 December	Premier League	Madrid (Spain)

2020

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
10-12 January	Series A	Santiago (Chile)
24-26 January	Premier League	Paris (France)
7-9 February	UFAK Senior Championships	Tangier (Morocco)
14-16 February	Premier League	Dubai (UAE)
28 February - 1 March	Premier League	Salzburg (Austria)



2021

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
9-11 April	Premier League	Rabat (Morocco)
19-23 May	EKF Senior Championships	Porec (Croatia)

Note - the above events scheduled for 2021 are replacing events that could not take place in 2020 due to the outbreak of COVID-19. Confirmation of the above events will be made in the last quarter of 2020 when the Official WKF Sports Activities Calendar for 2021 will be approved and duly communicated.

1.3. Points Decay Exceptions

For the “Tokyo 2020 Olympic Standing”, the following exceptions of points decay will be applicable:

- World Senior Championships Madrid 2018: no points decay will be applicable.
- Senior Continental Championships (within the qualification period): no points decay will be applicable. Should a second Senior Continental Championships be held in a continent during the qualification period, all points obtained in the first Continental Championships within the qualification period will be replaced with the points obtained in the second. This applies exclusively to those events listed in the above tables.

The points obtained in Karate 1 events taking place within the qualification period will be displayed in the “Tokyo 2020 Olympic Standing” as of May 2021 (date TBC) as follows:

- 50% points decay will be applicable to those events taking place from the start of the qualification period, 2nd July 2018 until 6th April 2019.
- No decay will be applicable to all those Karate 1 events taking place from 6th April 2019 to May 2021 (date TBC) - the final stage of qualification.



1.4. Merger of WKF Kumite Weight Categories to Olympic Categories

The merger of WKF weight categories into Olympic weight categories for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games will be as follows:

<u>WKF Senior Categories</u>	<u>Olympic Games Categories</u>	<u>WKF Senior Categories</u>	<u>Olympic Games Categories</u>
Women		Men	
-50kg	-55kg	-60kg	-67kg
-55kg		-67kg	
-61kg	-61kg	-75kg	-75kg
-68kg		-84kg	
+68kg	+61kg	+84kg	+75kg

1.5. Positions on the Olympic Standing

Athletes will be displayed, in descending order, according to the number of points obtained during the qualification period, in the corresponding weight category.

Qualification Positions 1 to 4

The four best ranked athletes on the Olympic Standing per weight category will be assigned these four positions, highlighted at the top of the Standing in green:

MALE KUMITE -75KG						
STANDING	NAME	WKF ID	COUNTRY	CONTINENT	TOTAL POINTS	
1	Athlete1	FRA1	FRA	EKF	3105	← Olympic Standing (OS) 1
2	Athlete2	ITA1	ITA	EKF	3075	← Olympic Standing (OS) 2
3	Athlete3	BRA1	BRA	PKF	2640	← Olympic Standing (OS) 3
4	Athlete4	MAR	MAR	UKAF	2250	← Olympic Standing (OS) 4
5	Athlete5	JOR1	JOR	AKF	2242.5	
6	Athlete6	KAZ1	KAZ	AKF	1755	
7	Athlete7	EGY1	EGY	UFAK	1740	
8	Athlete8	TPE1	TPE	AKF	1725	
9	Athlete9	CHI1	CHI	PKF	1560	
10	Athlete10	KUW1	KUW	AKF	1537.5	

Should two WKF weight categories be merged for Olympic purposes, then only the two best ranked athletes in each individual WKF weight category will obtain a position. These four athletes will be displayed in green towards the top of the respective category:



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FEMALE KUMITE +61KG								
STANDING	NAME	WKF ID	COUNTRY	CONTINENT	WORLD RANK	CATEGORY	TOTAL POINTS	
1	Athlete1	AZE1	AZE	EKF	1	F -68KG	2610	← OS 1
2	Athlete2	GRE1	GRE	EKF	1	F +68KG	2600	← OS 2
3	Athlete3	ALG1	ALG	UFAK	2	F -68KG	2107.5	← OS 3
4	Athlete4	GBR1	GBR	EKF		F -68KG	1875	
5	Athlete5	RUS1	RUS	EKF		F -68KG	1635	
6	Athlete6	SUI1	SUI	EKF		F -68KG	1627.5	
7	Athlete7	UKR1	UKR	EKF		F -68KG	1530	
8	Athlete8	EGY1	EGY	UFAK	2	F +68KG	1447.5	← OS 4
9	Athlete9	SVK1	SVK	EKF		F -68KG	1425	
10	Athlete10	EGY2	EGY	UFAK		F -68KG	1417.5	

1.6. Resolution of Ties

Kumite

In order to define positions 1 to 4 on the Olympic Standing, should two athletes have the same number of points and therefore, the same Olympic Standing position, then the position will be determined according to following criteria:

- Best position at the Madrid 2018 World Senior Championships.
- Best position at the last Continental Championships they have participated in, within the qualification period.
- Total point difference between points scored in favor and points scored against the athlete by opponents (regardless of category) in the last Continental Championships.

In order to define position 5 onwards in the Olympic Standing, should two or more athletes have the same number of points in an Olympic Standing position, then the position will be determined according to following criteria:

- Best position in the Olympic Standing by WKF weight category (only applicable to WKF weight categories merged for Olympic purposes).
- Best position at the Madrid 2018 World Senior Championships.
- Best position at the last Continental Championships they have participated in within the qualification period.
- Best position in the 2019 Premier League.

Should there still be ties present at this point, in either of the above situations, then the following criteria is to be applied (with reference to the qualification period):



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- Highest number of Premier Leagues won. If still tied, then:
 - Highest number of Silver Medals
 - Highest number of Bronze Medals
- Total number of bouts won
- Greatest points difference between points scored in favor and points scored against
- Highest number of points in favor
- Least number of points against
- Coin Toss

Kata

Should two or more athletes have the same Olympic Standing position, then the position will be determined according to following criteria:

- Best position at the Madrid 2018 World Senior Championships
- Best position in the last Continental Championships they have participated in within the qualification period.
- Best position in the 2019 Premier League.

Should there still be ties present at this point, then the following criteria is to be applied (with reference to the qualification period):

- Highest number of Premier Leagues won. If still tied, then:
 - Highest number of Silver Medals
 - Highest number of Bronze Medals
- Total number of rounds won
- Coin Toss

1.7. Olympic Standing – Host Country Qualifying within the Top 4

Should an athlete from the Host Country be positioned amongst the first 4 positions of the Olympic Standing, this position will be considered as a Host Country place and the next athlete in the Olympic Standing of the same category will be assigned the 4th position.



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MALE KATA						
STANDING	NAME	WKF ID	COUNTRY	CONTINENT	TOTAL POINTS	
1	Athlete1	TUR1	TUR	EKF	3015	← OS 1
2	Athlete2	GER1	GER	EKF	2955	← OS 2
3	Athlete3	JPN1	JPN	AKF	2692.5	← Host Country (HC)
4	Athlete4	IRI1	IRI	AKF	2565	← OS 3
5	Athlete5	USA1	USA	PKF	2287.5	← OS 4
6	Athlete6	IRI2	IRI	AKF	2100	
7	Athlete7	UKR1	UKR	EKF	2070	
8	Athlete8	JPN2	JPN	AKF	1837.5	
9	Athlete9	TUR2	TUR	EKF	1815	
10	Athlete10	BLR1	BLR	EKF	1800	

**NOTE: Since JPN qualifies with a Host Country place, USA does not need to attend the Qualification Tournament in that category since they have already qualified.*

Should there be more than two athletes from the Host Country occupying the first 4 positions of the Olympic Standing, the first position will be considered a Host Country place and the next athlete from a different country in the Olympic Standing of the same category will be assigned the 4th position.

FEMALE KUMITE -61KG						
STANDING	NAME	WKF ID	COUNTRY	CONTINENT	TOTAL POINTS	
1	Athlete1	JPN1	JPN	AKF	3375	← HC
2	Athlete2	CHN1	CHN	AKF	3285	← OS 1
3	Athlete3	JPN2	JPN	AKF	2917.5	
4	Athlete4	SRB1	SRB	EKF	2572.5	← OS 2
5	Athlete5	FRA1	FRA	EKF	2280	← OS 3
6	Athlete6	MAR1	MAR	UFAK	1912.5	← OS 4
7	Athlete7	PER1	PER	PKF	1815	
8	Athlete8	CAN1	CAN	PKF	1747.5	
9	Athlete9	ECU1	ECU	PKF	1560	
10	Athlete10	IRI1	IRI	AKF	1387.5	

Should there be a third athlete from the Host Country within the top four positions, this quota place will also be reallocated to the next athlete positioned in the Olympic Standing of the same category from a different country.



MALE KUMITE -67KG								
STANDING	NAME	WKF ID	COUNTRY	CONTINENT	WORLD RANK	CATEGORY	TOTAL POINTS	
1	Athlete1	FRA1		EKF	1	M-67KG	4590	← OS1
2	Athlete2	JPN1		AKF	1	M-60KG	4050	← HC
3	Athlete3	JPN2		AKF	2	M-67KG	3262.5	
4	Athlete4	JPN3		AKF	2	M-60KG	2527.5	
5	Athlete5	JOR1		AKF		M-67KG	2317.5	← OS 2
6	Athlete6	TUR1		EKF		M-60KG	2302.5	← OS 3
7	Athlete7	CHI1		PKF		M-67KG	2287.5	
8	Athlete8	MAR1		UFAK		M-60KG	2205	← OS 4
9	Athlete9	EGY1		UFAK		M-67KG	2032.5	
10	Athlete10	JPN1		AKF		M-60KG	1882.5	

**NOTE: Host Country athletes will only be able to register and compete at the Qualification Tournament, in those categories in which no HC athlete is amongst the 50 highest positioned on the OS as of May 2021 (Date TBC).*

1.8. Continental Representation (Qualification System)

When Continental Games (CG) are used for qualification, all gold medalists in the CG will be first considered. The quota will be allocated to the highest ranked gold medalist in the Olympic Standing as long as there is still an available place in their corresponding Olympic category, always respecting the maximum of one representative per NOC, per category. Should all gold medalists have already qualified during the qualification period, the same procedure will be applied to the silver medalists – or if necessary, the bronze medalists.

To determine between the highest-ranked Kumite gold medalist and the highest-ranked Kata gold medalist, the points obtained in the Standing will not be used as criteria for resolution. The following criteria is to be applied:

- Best position in the last World Senior Championships within the qualification period.
- Best position in the last Continental Championships they have participated in within the qualification period.
- Best position in the 2019 Premier League



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Should there still be ties present at this point, then the following criteria is to be applied (with reference to the qualification period):

- Highest number of Premier Leagues won. If still tied, then:
 - Highest number of Silver Medals
 - Highest number of Bronze Medals
- Coin Toss

When the CG are not used for qualification, a sequence of selection processes take place, continent by continent, and qualification is determined based on the Olympic Standing of the athletes from the applicable continent.

3. Online Display of Olympic Standings

Olympic Standings will be accessible via the WKF Ranking [webpage](#), by clicking on the appropriate banner.

For example, the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Standings can be found here:



Those athletes eligible to qualify via the Olympic Standing will be highlighted in green.

In order to differentiate the eligible athlete to qualify by Host Country from those athletes eligible to qualify by Olympic Standing, the Host Country athlete will be highlighted in grey, as follows:



STANDING	NAME	ID	COUNTRY	CONTINENT	TOTAL POINTS
1	 RYO KIYUNA	JPN261	 JAPAN (JPN)	AKF	4890
2	 DAMIAN HUGO QUINTERO CAPDEVILA	ESP173	 SPAIN (ESP)	EKF	4312.5
3	 ALI SOFUOGLU	TUR353	 TURKEY (TUR)	EKF	2842.5
4	 ANTONIO DIAZ	VEN113	 VENEZUELA (VEN)	PKF	2265
5	 MATTIA BUSATO	ITA322	 ITALY (ITA)	EKF	2160
6	 ILJA SMORGUNER	GER430	 GERMANY (GER)	EKF	1880
7	 ISSEI SHIMBABA	JPN199	 JAPAN (JPN)	AKF	1522.5

Should an Olympic weight category merge two individual WKF weight categories for Olympic purposes, the eligible athlete to qualify by Host Country will remain in grey. The top 4 qualified athletes from other countries will be assigned to the top 2 athletes in each WKF weight category as follows, always respecting the rule of one athlete per NOC:

STANDING	NAME	ID	COUNTRY	CONTINENT	WORLD RANK	CATEGORY	TOTAL POINTS
1	 SERAP OZCELIK ARAPOGLU	TUR238	 TURKEY (TUR)	EKF	1	F-50KG	4012.5
2	 TZU-YUN WEN	TPE169	 CHINESE TAIPEI (TPE)	AKF	1	F-55KG	2985
3	 MIHO MIYAHARA	JPN241	 JAPAN (JPN)	AKF	2	F-50KG	3885
4	 DOROTA BANASZCZYK	POL251	 POLAND (POL)	EKF	2	F-55KG	2977.5
5	 ANZHELIKA TERLIUGA	UKR240	 UKRAINE (UKR)	EKF		F-55KG	2647.5
6	 BETTINA PLANK	AUT101	 AUSTRIA (AUT)	EKF		F-50KG	2407.5
7	 SHARA HUBRICH	GER2252	 GERMANY (GER)	EKF		F-50KG	2347.5



4. Nationality at Olympic Events

The Nationality of competitors participating in the Olympic Games will be regulated by Rule 41 and Bye-law to Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter in force, under article 2.3. of these regulations.

4.1. Olympic Charter Rule 41

Olympic Charter (as of June 2019):

Rule 41: “Nationality of Competitors”

- 1. Any competitor in the Olympic Games must be a national of the country of the NOC which is entering such competitor.*
- 2. All matters relating to the determination of the country which a competitor may represent in the Olympic Games shall be resolved by the IOC Executive Board.*

Bye-law to Rule 41:

- 1. A competitor who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them, as he may elect. However, after having represented one country in the Olympic Games, in continental or regional games or in world or regional championships recognized by the relevant IF, he may not represent another country unless he meets the conditions set forth in paragraph 2 below that apply to persons who have changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality.*
- 2. A competitor who has represented one country in the Olympic Games, in continental or regional games or in world or regional championships recognized by the relevant IF, and who has changed his nationality or acquired a new nationality, may participate in the Olympic Games to represent his new country provided that at least three years have passed since the competitor last represented his former country. This period may be reduced or even cancelled, with the agreement of the NOCs and IF concerned, by the IOC Executive Board, which takes into account the circumstances of each case.*
- 3. If an associated State, province or overseas department, a country or colony acquires independence, if a country becomes incorporated within another country by reason of a change of border, if a country merges with another*



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country, or if a new NOC is recognized by the IOC, a competitor may continue to represent the country to which he belongs or belonged. However, he may, if he prefers, elect to represent his country or be entered in the Olympic Games by his new NOC if one exists. This particular choice may be made only once.

- 4. Furthermore, in all cases in which a competitor would be eligible to participate in Olympic Games, either by representing another country than his or by having the choice as to the country which such competitor intends to represent, the IOC, Executive Board may take all decisions of a general or individual nature with regard to issues resulting from nationality, citizenship, domicile or residence of any competitor, including the duration of any waiting period.*



SECTION 3: WKF PARA-KARATE KATA COMPETITION

EVENTS

1. Introduction

Para-Karate Kata refers to a modality of Karate in which competition rules have been established to accommodate fair competitions among athletes with impairments. Para-Karate Kata is focused on developing the discipline of karate for wheelchair users, the visually impaired and intellectual impaired athletes.

This section compiles the Para-Karate Kata Competition event specific rules into one section that differ from the previously mentioned rules but does not encompass other general rules. The later can be found in previous sections within the document.

2. WKF Official Events and Points Decay

WKF Official Event	Event Factor	Points	
		1 st Year	2 nd Year
World Championships	12	100%	50% (*)
Continental Championships	6	100%	50% (**)

The Continental Championship points are considered for World Ranking after January 1st, 2022 at 00:00.

() World Championship point decay in 2nd year continues until the next world championship regardless of the month... i.e. WC Oct 2020 (year 1), Oct 2021 (Year 2) - WC 2022.*

*(**) Should any of the Continental Federations be unable to host a Continental Championships on a yearly basis, NO points decay will be applicable during the second year; that is, the year between Championships.*



3. Points Per Place

3.1. Para-Karate Kata Competition

A diagram of how athletes progress through a Para-Karate Kata Competition is illustrated on the next page and a table indicating the different positions an athlete can finish in, with the corresponding points awarded, can be found below

POSITION	POINTS
1 st place	100
2 nd place	80
3 rd place	60
4 th place	40
5 th - 10 th place**	20
11 th - 20 th place**	10
Participation*	5

* Participation points are only obtained when the competitor has performed at least once in the competition

** The scores from 3rd -5th place from groups A and B, respectively, will be ordered from highest to lowest to determine 5th -10th place, similarly, 11th – 20th place will be determined by 6th to 9th place from groups A and B, respectively.



Diagram 1: Para-Karate Kata Competition Format

PARA-KARATE KATA COMPETITION PLACES

MEDAL BOUTS		<i>WON</i>	<i>LOST</i>	
		Final	1st vs 1st	Gold
Bronze Medal Bout		2nd vs 2nd	Bronze	4th Place

1st ROUND	GROUP A		GROUP B	
	1	2ND ROUND	1	2ND ROUND
2	2			
3	5th-10th Place	3	5th-10th Place	
4		4		
5		5		
6	11th-20th Place	6	11th-20th Place	
7		7		
8		8		
9		9		
10		10		



4. Points Calculation System

4.1. Para-Karate Kata Competition

a. Participation:	5 per event
b. Medal winners	10 per medal winner
c. Place:	As defined in Article 3.1
d. Total points per event:	<u>(a+b+c) x Event Factor</u>

For example, the points obtained by an athlete who has achieved 3rd Place at the world Championships.

(Participation	Medal Winner	+Place)	x Event Factor	= Total Points
(5	+10	+60)	x 12	= 900 points

5. Individual Categories

An athlete's age is defined by the first day of competition of an entire event.

Para-Karate Kata Senior (Age 16+)					
Blind/Visual Impaired		Wheelchair Users		Intellectually Impaired	
Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female