

AKR OPEN KARATE INTERNATIONAL Invitational

Saturday, June 6, 2026
Competition Starts at 9:00 am

Over 15 WKF and PKF International License Referees and Judges will attend!!

Member USA-NKF



Attention:

The following rules will be Applied: USA-NKF rules and WKF for the Advanced competitors

****All competitors under 9 years of age and below will receive a competition spirit award.****

Tournament Location:

The Village Academy School
Main High School Gym, Building B
13051 Whittington Dr., Houston, TX 77077

Hosted by: **AKR JAPAN KARATE-DO SCHOOL**

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Spectator Fees:

Adults: \$10.00

Pay at the Door

Under 4: FREE

WHEN FLYING INTO HOUSTON, YOU CAN USE EITHER AIRPORT; BUSH (IAH) OR HOBBY (HOU), IS PRETTY MUCH THE SAME DISTANCE. (~20 to 25 MINUTES) TO THE HOTEL



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The Village Academy

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Houston, TX, 77077**

Latest Rules WKF/USANKF will apply.

This is a Pre-Registration event ONLY!

Registration ENDS on June 4 at 12:00 PM (CST)

Proper Attire: Competitors must wear a white, clean karate uniform. No rolled cuffs.

Required Equipment:

Karate foam fist-guard Blue/Red/ and white foam foot gear and shin guards, mouth piece, groin cup (male), chest protectors (male/female), under 14.

Head gear is mandatory for children under 14 years old, in all categories.

Referee Attire: Grey pants, white shirt, navy blue jacket, and official tie.

Coaches Attire: Dojo Warm-ups with jacket zipped, showing their Coach Credentials and Tennis Shoes.

Medal Awards: 4 places in all kata and all kumite divisions. First Places of Sr. **Advanced** divisions will receive medals and **CASH** prizes.

All children 9 years and under will receive awards.

There will be NO REFUNDS.

Tournament Fees:

1 or 2 Events: \$90.00
Additional Individual Events: \$25.00
Team Kata (10-15)(M/F Mix): \$120.00/team
Team Kata (16-UP)(M/F Mix): \$120.00/team
(Team Kata will be 3 person Team)

Spectator Fee:

Adults: \$10.00
Children under 4: FREE

All Competitors must register On-line.

There will not be any registrations done at the door.

All entries are final. **No refunds.**

Any questions please contact:

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Competition Categories:

- Kata
- Kumite
- Team Kata

Schedule of Competition:

1st Door Registration Check-In: **8:00 am**
Staging Begins: **8:15 am**
Officials Meeting: **8:30 am**
Tournament Begins: **9:00 am**

Children Categories **4 yrs. and OLDER** will compete in the morning starting at 9:00 am. All **Advanced** categories will start at 10:30 am; Adults categories will start at 12:30 pm, beginning with Kata and continuing with Kumite. First Kata & Kumite will follow. **(All Ages)**

Categories:

First Timers* (10, 9 Kyu) **0-4 months training!!**
Beginners (10, 9, 8, 7 Kyu) 5-12 months training
Novice (6, 5, 4 Kyu) 1-2 years of training
Intermediate (3, 2, 1 Kyu) 3-4 yrs. training
Advanced (Black Belts) +4 yrs. Training

Age Categories:

4 - 5 (Combined M/F) (Split if 5 or more)
6 - 7 (Male/Female)
8 - 9 (Male/Female)
10 - 11 (Male/Female)
12 - 13 (Male/Female)
14 - 15 (Male/Female)
16 - 17 (Male/Female)
18 - 34 (Male/Female)
35 - 44 (Male/Female)
45 - UP (Male/Female)

Restrictions:

Categories with less than five (5) competitors will be combined at tournament director's discretion. We have the option of separating categories based on the number of competitors, age and height.

***First Timers division is the competitors that HAVE NOT competed in any previous tournaments. We have all records in the system.**



TOURNAMENT RULES

KATA

- * Simultaneous execution for all categories except the Black Belts Advanced 14 and up.
- * All Beg. must perform Kihon Kata and can repeat the same Kata. **See NEW List** below.
- * All Nov. must perform Katas and can repeat the same Kata. **See NEW List** below.
- * All Interm. cannot perform advanced Kata (refer to the list), can repeat same Kata in all the rounds.
- * All advanced level must perform two Katas: a different Kata in each round of the two. The Kata cannot be repeated Back-to-Back. It must be different than the Kata performed in the previous round. They can perform a different Kata in each round if desired.
- * If Int. / Adv. Combined, they can repeat the same kata in all the rounds.
- * DO NOT disqualify any Beg. /Nov. divisions under any circumstances. If any competitors in this category comes to a full stop, have them repeat the kata and when finished then proceed to Hantei.
- * Participation medals are **ONLY** for under 10 yrs old who did not place in Kata or Kumite.
- * First Timers, Beginner and Novice categories **will NOT have repechage.**
- * All Intermediate and Advanced categories will have repechage.
- * All categories will have two third place finalists in Kata.
- * Team Kata will be performed by 3 persons. It can be Male, Female or Mix
- * **CASH PRICES! For Advanced Category Men and Female KATA GOLD medalist Adults 18 - 34 YRS ONLY! \$150.00 each.**
- * **Minimum of 5 competitors in each category to receive Prize!**

KUMITE

- * Only licensed referees can function as the center referee or Kansa. No Video Review.
- * Only judges who has participated on local Seminars can work as corner judges.
- * Three-Judges system: Referees and Judges can indicate points, penalties and jogai, unless the referee says otherwise.

- * Five-Judges system: WKF Rules Apply 8-point ceiling. (Except Black Belts 8-points spread)
- * Fights last 1 minute for 7 years or younger for First Timers to Beginners. 8-point ceiling.
- * Fights last 1 ½ minutes for 8 years and UP for all Beginners, Novice to Intermediate. 8-point ceiling
- * Fights last 2 minutes for 12-13, 14-15 years of age for Advanced categories. 8-point ceiling.
- * Fights will last 3 minutes for all Advanced 16-17 years and Senior Male and Female categories. 8-point spread.
- * " **Skin touch**" to the face with hands and feet is allowed in all categories with "**no transfer of energy during the contact**", being the head or the helmet.
- * **ALL** competitors **must** wear shin pads and footies, gloves, mouthpiece and **groin cup (boys). Helmet required for 14 and under.**
- * In all categories, competitors are allowed to use White shin pads and footies, except Advanced. (Red and Blue)
- * No jewelry is permitted.
- * Headgear is optional for 15 and above.
- * F.Timers, Beginner and Novice categories **will NOT have repechage.**
- * All Intermediate and Advanced categories will have repechage.
- * All divisions will have two third place finalists in Kumite.
- * **CASH PRICES! For Advanced Category Men and Female ONLY, GOLD Kilo Adults 18 - 34 YRS! \$100.00 each.**
- * **Minimum of 5 competitors in each category to receive Prize!**

KATAS

Beginner and Novice Categories may perform only the katas as shown on the table below.

Intermediate Categories may perform only the katas as shown on the table below.

All Competitors will compete simultaneously in all Categories, except Black Belt Adults athletes.

Advanced Kata, Men and Female on the different ages, will be scored with flags.

APPENDIX 7: OFFICIAL KATA LIST – January 1, 2025

A List for (Beginners): 0-1 Year Experience.		A List for (Novice): 1-2 Year Experience.	
1. Gekisai Daichi		1. Fukyu Ichi	13. Pinan Shodan
2. Gekisai Daini		2. Fukyu Ni	14. Pinan Nidan
3. Fukyu Daichi		3. Fukyu San	15. Pinan Sandan
4. Fukyu Daini		4. Gekisai Daichi	16. Pinan Yondan
5. Heian Shodan		5. Gekisai Dai Ni	17. Pinan Godan
6. Heian Nidan		6. Gekisai Dai San	18. Taikyoku
7. Junino Kata		7. Heian Shodan	19. Ten No Kata
8. Kihon Kata		8. Heian Nidan	
9. Pinan Shodan		9. Heian Sandan	
10. Pinan Nidan		10. Heian Yondan	
11. Taikyoku		11. Heian Godan	
12. Ten No Kata		12. Junino	

A List for (Intermediate): 2-4 Year Experience.			
1. Ananku		28. Naifanchin Nidan	
2. Arakaki Sochin		29. Naifanchin Sandan	
3. Aoyagi		30. Naihanchi	
4. Bassai		31. Nijushiho	
5. Bassai Dai		32. Niseishi	
6. Bassai Sho		33. Pachu	
7. Chinte		34. Passai	
8. Enpi		35. Rohai	
9. Garyu		36. Saifa	
10. Hangetsu / Seisan	(Not Goju)	37. Sanchin	
11. Hauffa (Haffa)		38. Sanseiru	
12. Ishimine Bassai		39. Sanseru	
13. Itosu Rohai Shodan		40. Seichin	
14. Itosu Rohai Nidan		41. Seienchin	(Seiyunchin)
15. Itosu Rohai Sandan		42. Seipai	
16. Jiin		43. Seiryu	
17. Jion		44. Shinpa	
18. Jitte		45. Shinsei	
19. Juroku		46. Shisochin	
20. Kanku Dai		47. Tekki Shodan	
21. Kousokun Dai		48. Tekki Nidan	
22. Kusanku	(Only Wado Kata)	49. Tekki Sandan	
23. Matsukaze		50. Tensho	
24. Matsumura Rohai		51. Wankan	
25. Meikyo		52. Wanshu	
26. Myojo		53. Wanshin	(Kobayashi)
27. Naifanchin Shodan			

**APPENDIX 1 : OFFICIAL WKF KATA LIST (ADVANCED / ELITE ONLY)**

1	Anan	35	Jiin	69	Passai
2	Anan Dai	36	Jion	70	Pinan Shodan
3	Ananko	37	Jitte	71	Pinan Nidan
4	Aoyagi	38	Juroku	72	Pinan Sandan
5	Bassai	39	Kanchin	73	Pinan Yondan
6	Bassai Dai	40	Kanku Dai	74	Pinan Godan
7	Bassai Sho	41	Kanku Sho	75	Rohai
8	Chatanyara Kusanku	42	Kanshu	76	Saifa
9	Chibana No Kushanku	43	Kishimono No Kushanku	77	Sanchin
10	Chinte	44	Kousoukun	78	Sansai
11	Chinto	45	Kousoukun Dai	79	Sanseiru
12	Enpi	46	Kousoukun Sho	80	Sanseru
13	Fukyugata Ichi	47	Kururunfa	81	Seichin
14	Fukyugata Ni	48	Kusanku	82	Seienchin (Seiyunchin)
15	Gankaku	49	Kyan No Chinto	83	Seipai
16	Garyu	50	Kyan No Wanshu	84	Seiryu
17	Gekisai (Gekesai) 1	51	Matsukaze	85	Seishan
18	Gekisai (Gekesai) 2	52	Matsumura Bassai	86	Seisan (Sesan)
19	Gojushiho	53	Matsumura Rohai	87	Shiho Kousoukun
20	Gojushiho Dai	54	Meikyo	88	Shinpa
21	Gojushiho Sho	55	Myojo	89	Shinsei
22	Hakusho	56	Naifanchin Shodan	90	Shisochin
23	Hangetsu	57	Naifanchin Nidan	91	Sochin
24	Haufa (Haffa)	58	Naifanchin Sandan	92	Suparinpei
25	Heian Shodan	59	Naihanchi	93	Tekki Shodan
26	Heian Nidan	60	Nijushiho	94	Tekki Nidan
27	Heian Sandan	61	Nipaipo	95	Tekki Sandan
28	Heian Yondan	62	Niseishi	96	Tensho
29	Heian Godan	63	Ohan	97	Tomari Bassai
30	Heiku	64	Ohan Dai	98	Unshu
31	Ishimine Bassai	65	Oyadomari No Passai	99	Unsu
32	Itosu Rohai Shodan	66	Pachu	100	Useishi
33	Itosu Rohai Nidan	67	Paiku	101	Wankan
34	Itosu Rohai Sandan	68	Papuren	102	Wanshu

KUMITE

The Advanced divisions for Kumite will be separated based on Age and Weigh as follows:

ADVANCED KUMITE WEIGHT DIVISIONS		
AGE	FEMALE	MALE
12, 13	-47kg /+47 kg	-49kg /+49 kg
14, 15	-52kg /+52 kg	-58kg /+58 kg
16, 17	-58kg /+58 kg	-65kg / 65 kg
18, 34	-61 kg /+61 kg (CASH PRIZE)	-75 kg /+75 kg (CASH PRIZE)

If there are less than three competitors in some divisions, AKR will have the right to combine with other divisions, taken into consideration age and experience competing.

The Advanced divisions winners (1st Places), in all divisions for Kata and Kumite, will receive a beautiful Gold medal and a **CASH** Prize.

USA-NKF Modified Kumite Rules

All techniques to the face, head and neck ARE PERMITTED, but must have absolute control. The referee panel will penalize the competitor if the hand or foot touches the face, head or neck without control.

General Rules

Serious violations of conduct, discipline, or malicious behavior on or outside the competition area by the competitor, coach or anyone of his/her team may cause removal from the competition area and may include the complete team.