



# 23<sup>rd</sup> BALKAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 4<sup>th</sup> BALKAN VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Kragujevac, Serbia**

**26-28 March 2021**



**BULLETIN No 1**



**Mr. Davor Cipek, President of Karate federation of Balkan**



Esteemed athletes, sport officials, dear guests,

It is both, an honor and pleasure to greet you all on behalf of the Karate Federation of Balkan and invite you to take participation at the 23rd Balkan Karate Championships for Seniors which will take place in Serbia and unique City of Kragujevac from 26th until 28th March 2021.

Adequate protective measures against the virus Covid 19 will be applied at the Championship, because the health of athletes and other sports officials participating in the Championship is priceless.

Karate speaks all languages and connects all people and generations regardless of race, gender, religion and political status and by this basic tenets our karate family is well known. The Balkan Karate Championship in Serbia is more than just a competition, it is a place where friendship, respect and tolerance meet.

I hope that, along with the event itself, you will have many beautiful and pleasurable moments during your stay in Serbia and that the 23rd Balkan Karate Championships for Seniors and the city of Kragujevac will remain pleasant memories that you will always gladly remember.

I am looking forward to see you all together in City of Kragujevac in Serbia!



**Mr. Slavoljub Piper, Secretary General of the Karate Federation of Balkan**



Dear guests,  
Reputable athletes,  
Friends of Karate,

It's my great pleasure, after a year, to welcome all participants of the 23rd Balkan Karate Championships for Seniors.

Now that we are largely aware of the consequences that the Covid 19 virus can cause, this knowledge gives us a huge opportunity to apply adequate protective measures and preserve the health of all participants of the Championship, which is our main priority.

Serbia and Kragujevac are the traditional host a major sporting event such as this competition. Reassemble the whole Balkan in one place; it is a great honor and responsibility for our country.

Accepting the organization of this tournament we wanted to show everyone how karate is positive, mass and popular sport.

We hope that all participants and guests will see and feel the energy, knowledge and hospitality of our people and therefore will constantly return to compete. This event is more than the competition itself. It will be a combination of friendship, art and karate.

I am convinced that Serbia and Kragujevac, as many times before, are ready to justify the trust.

I wish that this event, for all participants and for the world karate sport, be seen as wordless dialogue in the spirit of sport philosophy. Karate speaks all languages and connects all people and generations, regardless of race, sex, religion and political status.

Let the best win!



## WELCOME TO KRAGUJEVAC

Nowadays, the City of Kragujevac is getting more attractive all the time/day in and day out place to live in, to start one's business, and interesting destination for foreign investments. It is the city of competent and optimistic young people who are encouraged to stay here. The city had experienced bad economic times during 1990s, but since the general conditions have been much improved, and today it became a mecca for investors, the city with favorable business climate and accelerated local economic development which was confirmed by the National Alliance for local economic development (NALED) certificate.



The Italian Fiat, one of the world's biggest car manufacturers, signed a contract with the Republic of Serbia on joint investment in Kragujevac company Zastava Automobiles, which is expected to revitalize Serbian car industry, to create new jobs and stimulate a number of other sectors in the city.







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In addition, Plaza Centers, one of the leading multinational companies, has begun construction works of contemporary multifunctional business and shopping center in the Old Worker's Colony quarter. The city is one of the biggest building sites in Serbia for companies such as: Mercator, Metro, Tus, Supernova, Nelt, Forma Ideale, are making their investments here. There is the best traffic infrastructure land and a traffic corridor that provides fast and safe connections with surrounding areas, while Kragujevac-Lapovo highway is going to link the city to the Corridor 10.



Two other major projects are: business and recreational complex with tennis academy to be built by the family of renowned Serbian tennis player Novak Djokovic, and multiplex cinema named "Cultural square" in the city center to be developed by famous director Emir Kusturica.



Providing the series of concessions for investors, along with major infrastructure as well as local economic development projects, the city has opened its door to everyone who recognizes good vibrations in business environment, has a vision and a desire for success, healthy competition and profit-making. Kragujevac has been once again proclaimed the "city of the future" and the best host city in Serbia.

The optimism is spreading out across Sumadija and it cannot be stopped! Welcome!





## KARATE IN TIMES OF CORONAVIRUS

Regarding the organization of the 23rd Balkan Karate Championships for Seniors, the WKF Protocol for the virus Covid 19 and the decisions of the Government of the Republic of Serbia related to Covid 19 will be applied.

## WEATHER

Kragujevac has a moderate continental climate, with four seasons. Autumn is longer than spring, with longer sunny and warm periods - the so-called Indian summer. Winter is not so severe, with an average of 21 days with temperatures below zero. January is the coldest month, with an average temperature of 0.1°C. Spring is short and rainy. Summer arrives abruptly.

The average annual air temperature is 11.7°C. The hottest month is July (22.1°C). The lowest temperature in Kragujevac was recorded on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 1893 (-26.2°C), and the highest on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 1921 and on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 1946 (41.8°C). From 1888 to 1995 only six days with temperature of over 40°C were recorded. The average annual number of days with temperature higher than 30°C - the so-called tropical days - is 31 and that of summer days with temperature higher than 25°C is 95. Average air temperature in March is 11°C.

## VISA REGIMES FOR FOREIGN CITIZENS

All information regarding entry visa for Serbia can be check on official website of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Serbia

### Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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E-mail: [mfa@mfa.rs](mailto:mfa@mfa.rs)

[www.mfa.gov.rs](http://www.mfa.gov.rs)

## LANGUAGE

The official language is Serbian. Most of the people speak English.

## CURRENCY

The official currency is the dinar (RSD).

Coins: 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20 dinars. Banknotes: 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000, 2000 and 5000 dinars.

Currency can be exchanged in all banks and post offices, as well as in the many authorized exchange offices (exchange offices do not take exchange fees).

1 Euro is approximately 118 RSD. The most current information can be found on Nacional bank of Serbia official website [www.nbs.rs](http://www.nbs.rs)



## BUISNESS-SHOPPING HOURS

### **Banks and post offices:**

- weekdays 08.00-19.00
- Saturdays 08.00-15.00
- Sundays, only 24-hour duty branches

### **Food stores:**

- weekdays 06.30-20.00 (in some cases up to 21.00)
- Saturdays 06.30-18.00 (in some cases up to 21.00)
- Sundays closed (in some cases 07.00-13.00)

**Markets** are open every day 06.00-20.00

**Shops** in shopping malls are open 09.00-22.00

### **Department stores:**

- weekdays from 08.00-20.00
- Saturdays 08.00-15.00
- Sundays closed

## TIME ZONE, ELECTRICITY AND WATER

Kragujevac is in the CET zone - Central European Time (GMT+1 hour).

Summer time is from the end of March to the end of October (GMT+2 hours).

The Serbian electricity network operates at 220 V~, and a frequency of 50 Hz.

The city public water supply and the water from public drinking fountains are safe and pleasant to drink.

## TRANSPORTATION

Orientation: Kragujevac has good transport connections with nearby cities thanks to its great position. It is located about 140 km to the south of Belgrade, about 510 km from Budapest, 670 km from Ljubljana, 535 km from Zagreb, 400 km from Podgorica, 740 km from Bucharest, 390 km from Sofia, 900 km from Istanbul, 1050 km from Athens, 460 km from Sarajevo, 380 km from Skopje, 530 km from Tirana...

### **By plane**

The nearest airport to Kragujevac is Belgrade's Nikola Tesla Airport. It is 160 km from Kragujevac and it takes roughly two hours to drive between the two cities.

Numerous foreign airline companies are also providing flights to Belgrade.

Phone: +38111 209-4444

[www.beg.aero](http://www.beg.aero)





## By car

E-75 highway that connects Belgrade and Athens is 29 km away from Kragujevac. Toll fare for passenger cars coming from Belgrade is 390 RSD. Prices for other types of vehicle (bus, truck) are higher.

## By bus

Using the bus is the most recommended option.

Phone: + 381 34 61 700 25

## Roadside assistance

Domestic call: Phone: 1987  
International call: Phone: +381 11 1987  
[www.amss.org.rs](http://www.amss.org.rs)  
[info@amss.org.rs](mailto:info@amss.org.rs)

## HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS

The Balkan championships' organizer has provided for the participants to be taken care of by Clinical Center Kragujevac, which is located in the center of Kragujevac.

Clinical Center Kragujevac,  
30, Zmaj Jovina Str., 34000 Kragujevac, Serbia  
Phone: +381 34 50 50 50  
[www.kc-kg.rs](http://www.kc-kg.rs)

The Ministry of Interior, Republic of Serbia will be in charge of general safety.

## Police

Dial 192 from any phone







## ACCOMMODATION

### HOTEL ŠUMARICE HQ \*\*\*\*

Hotel “Šumarice” is a distinguished hotel, with a beauty attracting at the first glance. It is located in the mid of the Memorial park, 3 km from the City center. Built in line with a traditional Sumadija’s architecture, located in an intact nature and deep silence of deciduous and coniferous forest, the hotel is an ideal place, not only for relaxation and recreation, but also for business meetings, symposiums, seminars, conferences and family gatherings.



Rooms in 3 star hotel “Šumarice” offer the level of amenities found in 4 star hotels: air-conditioned with phone and internet connection, TV, mini bar, luxury bathroom...



An aid, to good location and excellent accommodation capacities, is the excellent service offered by dedicated personnel working in the hotel.

The most famous among the guests, Josip Broz Tito, the president of SFRY staid in a luxury Toto’s suite, available today in its authentic appearance and with original furniture.



## HOTEL ZELENGORA \*\*\*

Hotel “Zelengora” is located in the very center of Kragujevac.

It is one of the oldest hotels in Serbia - built in 1884.

It is one of the oldest hotels in the city, definitely the hotel with the richest tradition: over 120 years long. It was built by a big benefactor and charity giver Milovan Gušić (1822-1891), high rank infantry captain who left to the city everything that he had in his possession. The name of the hotel in the past was “Grand hotel Gušić”.

The architecture of the hotel dates from the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and it perfectly fits-in the ambient and surrounding of the old downtown of Kragujevac. Even if the architecture is from the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century it has been modernized and renovated, in that way it connects the romantic old times with the modern time requests.

Situated between two main roads, and surrounded with two pedestrian areas, hotel “Zelengora” is primarily suitable for businessmen, who can rest here between hard working activities, but also can accomplish all working tasks. During the day as well as during the evening hours the hotel “Zelengora’s” summer garden, aperitif bar, saloon, Italian national cuisine restaurant has always been the meeting place for prominent citizens and guests: merchants, bankers, lawyers, professors, various profile artists, politicians, bohemians...



Hotel	Category	Distance from the Sport Hall	1/1 FB	1/2 twin FB	1/2 queen FB	1/3 FB
Šumarice HQ	4	2 km	55 €	50 €	45€	40
Zelengora	3	2 km	55 €	50 €	45€	40

FB – Full board

**Prices are in EUROS per person per night.**

**Prices include accommodation, breakfast, lunch and dinner.**

**The number of rooms available are limited and a first come first serve policy will be implemented.**



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**All athletes, referees, coaches and delegations must be accommodated in hotels in the organization of the Technical Organizer (KFB Statute, Article 57). Otherwise would not be able to take part in the Championship.**

Note: Please be informed that when making changes to your initial reservation, the first change is free of charge, from the second change onwards, the change is 15 Euros to cover office fees.

### BOOKING AND PAYMENT FOR THE ACCOMMODATION

The bookings have to be done by filling up the registering form, and sending it to e-mail:

office1@karateserbia.org

**Reservation with the 30% total price paid up to February 26<sup>th</sup> 2021 will be considered final. Up to March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 obligations of the Federation to pay the full amount for accommodation.**

The booking will only be confirmed upon receipt of a deposit corresponding to 30% of the total amount of the stay. Deadline March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**The balance of your stay will have to be paid by a bank transfer before March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

**Booking and payment should be made to the Karate Federation of Serbia with deadline March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

Rooming list must include a contact person with the email address and phone number.

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### BANK DETAILS

TRANSFER HAS TO BE EFFECTED AS PER FOLLOWING INSTRUCTION

FIELD 32: CURRENCY	EUR
FIELD 56a: INTERMEDIARY INSTITUTION	DEUTSCHE BANK AG FRANKFURT SWIFT: DEUTDEFF
FIELD 57a: ACCOUNT WITH INSTITUTION	Banka Poštanska Štedionica a.d. 11000 BEOGRAD SWIFT: SBPORSBG
FIELD 59: BENEFICIARY CUSTOMER – NAME	RS35200272569010100375 KARATE FEDERACIJA SRBIJE
ADDRESS	MAKEDONSKA 28/2, 11000 Beograd 6





## CANCELTATION POLICY

At least 30 days prior to arrival: free of charge  
15 days prior to arrival: 75% of the total booking price  
7 days prior to arrival: 100% of the total booking price

Note: Please be informed that when making changes to your initial reservation, the first change is free of charge, from the second change onwards, the change is 15 Euros to cover office fees.

All reservations must be made through Karate Federation of Serbia.

## TRANSFERS

The organizer will provide parking space for buses and cars near the Sports Hall.

## FLAG AND ANTHEM

All delegations must provide their official flag (2) and anthem (CD) during registration.





## VENUE

### INDOOR SPORT HALL "ŠUMARICE"



The hotel has an indoor sport hall, a gym and a wellness center with a sauna, a steam bath, a jacuzzi and a salt room. The Philips lightning has been installed, flooring danish "Junkers", certified by the standards of the World Basketball Federation (FIBA). There are also luxurious dressing rooms and showers. As a part of the hall there is a comfortable gym hall, spread over 150m<sup>2</sup>, equipped with modern "TechnoGym" equipment. As the hotel is located in an intact nature and deep silence of deciduous and coniferous forests, athletes are provided with peace and complete comfort during the break from hard training and matches. The hotel rooms are equipped with beds 210 cm in length and meet the high standards required by accommodation of athletes.

For the implementation of comprehensive preparation and training, professional clubs and national teams have at their disposal sports facilities that are located near the hotel "Sumarice". There are city stadium "Čika Dača" sports grounds in the halls and outdoor swimming pools, and trim around the hotel.



These benefits used so far by large number of clubs and national teams from home and abroad in various sports. Thanks to all this, the staff at the hotel's company "Šumarice" were good hosts to major sport competitions, which were held in Kragujevac.

The largest of these were the "Balkan Games", a competition of juniors in athletics and a football tournament UEFA for cadets, at which participated teams of Israel, Iceland, Lithuania and Serbia. Both hotels, "Šumarice" and "Zelengora" were rated by UEFA with the mark "excellent".



## REGISTRATION

**Deadline for registration of competitors and team is March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. To apply, it is necessary to use on line Sport Data.**

A country can register:

- up to 6 competitors for individual Kata events
- up to 6 competitors for individual Kumite event
- 1 Team for Kata Team
- 1 Team for Kumite Team.

## PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

All competitors must bring with them their own gloves and belts (red and blue) and all other protective equipment approved by the WKF.

## FEE

Participation fee of Kata individual:	20 Euro
Participation fee of Kata Team:	15 Euro
Participation fee of Kumite Team:	20 Euro
Participation fee of Kumite individual:	20 Euro

## INSURANCE

It is compulsory for all participants and delegation members to effectuate their own medical insurance and personal trip insurance. Karate federation of Serbia and Karate Federation of Balkan are taking no liability for these concepts.

During the registration each delegation must present the signed insurance form.

## AGE CATEGORIES

Seniors	Kata +16 Kumite +18
Veterans	1986-1977 1976-1967 1966 and older

## KATA

AGE	INDIVIDUAL	TEAM
Seniors	+16	+16
Veterans	1986-1977 1976-1967 1966 and older	



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### WEIGHT CATEGORIES

	INDIVIDUAL					TEAM
	-50	-55	-61	-68	68+	
Seniors Female	-50	-55	-61	-68	68+	3+1 Open
Seniors Male	-60	-67	-75	-84	84+	5+2 Open
Veterans Female 1986-1977	-53	-60	+60			
Veterans Female 1976-1967	-53	-60	+60			
Veterans Female 1966 and older	-53	-60	+60			
Veterans Male 1986-1977	-65	-75	+75			
Veterans Male 1976-1967	-65	-75	+75			
Veterans Male 1966 and older	-65	-75	+75			

### EVENT'S PROGRAMME

#### FRIDAY, March 26th, 2021

12:00 – 18:00	Registration of Delegations	HQ Hotel
13:00 – 18:00	Weighing, All Categories	HQ Hotel
18:00 – 19:00	KFB Executive Committee Meeting	HQ Hotel
18:30 – 19:00	Drawing	HQ Hotel

### COMPETITION SCHEDULE

#### SATURDAY, March 27th, 2021

Time	M/F		
10:00	Briefing for referees		
11.00	Seniors Female	Kata individual	Eliminatory&Repechages
	Seniors Male	Kata individual	Eliminatory&Repechages
	Seniors Female	-55 kg	Eliminatory&Repechages
	Seniors Female	-61 kg	Eliminatory&Repechages
	Seniors Female	-68 kg	Eliminatory&Repechages
	Seniors Female	+68 kg	Eliminatory&Repechages
	Seniors Male	-67 kg	Eliminatory&Repechages
	Seniors Male	-75 kg	Eliminatory&Repechages
	Seniors Male	-84 kg	Eliminatory&Repechages
	Seniors Male	+84 kg	Eliminatory&Repechages
	Veterans Female 1986-1977	Kata individual	Eliminatory, Repechages & Final
	Veterans Female 1976-1967	Kata individual	Eliminatory, Repechages & Final
	Veterans Female 1966 and older	Kata individual	Eliminatory, Repechages & Final
	Veterans Male 1986-1977	Kata individual	Eliminatory, Repechages & Final
	Veterans Male 1976-1967	Kata individual	Eliminatory, Repechages & Final
	Veterans Male 1966 and older	Kata individual	Eliminatory, Repechages & Final
	Veterans Female 1986-1977	-53 kg	Eliminatory, Repechages & Final
	Veterans Female 1986-1977	-60 kg	Eliminatory, Repechages & Final
	Veterans Female 1986-1977	+60 kg	Eliminatory, Repechages & Final
	Veterans Female 1976-1967	-53 kg	Eliminatory, Repechages & Final
	Veterans Female 1976-1967	-60 kg	Eliminatory, Repechages & Final
	Veterans Female 1976-1967	+60 kg	Eliminatory, Repechages & Final
	Veterans Female 1966 and older	-53 kg	Eliminatory, Repechages & Final



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	Veterans Female 1966 and older	-60 kg	Eliminatories, Repechages & Final
	Veterans Female 1966 and older	+60 kg	Eliminatories, Repechages & Final
	Veterans Male 1986-1977	-65 kg	Eliminatories, Repechages & Final
	Veterans Male 1986-1977	-75 kg	Eliminatories, Repechages & Final
	Veterans Male 1986-1977	+75 kg	Eliminatories, Repechages & Final
	Veterans Male 1976-1967	-65 kg	Eliminatories, Repechages & Final
	Veterans Male 1976-1967	-75 kg	Eliminatories, Repechages & Final
	Veterans Male 1976-1967	+75 kg	Eliminatories, Repechages & Final
	Veterans Male 1966 and older	-65 kg	Eliminatories, Repechages & Final
	Veterans Male 1966 and older	-75 kg	Eliminatories, Repechages & Final
	Veterans Male 1966 and older	+75 kg	Eliminatories, Repechages & Final
	Opening Ceremony		
	Seniors All Finals		
	Medals Ceremony		

### SUNDAY, March 28th, 2021

Time	M/F		
10:00	Briefing for referees		
10.30	Seniors Female	Team Kata	Eliminatories, Repechages & Final
	Seniors Male	Team Kata	Eliminatories, Repechages & Final
	Seniors Female	-50 kg	Eliminatories, Repechages & Final
	Seniors Male	-60 kg	Eliminatories, Repechages & Final
	Seniors Female	Team Kumite	Eliminatories, Repechages & Final
	Seniors Male	Team Kumite	Eliminatories, Repechages & Final
	Medals Ceremony		
	Closing Ceremony		











### TERM OF RESPONSIBILITY

To be filled, signed and sent back by March 8th, 2021

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the undersigned, as the Chief of Delegation of my country, duly enrolled to participate in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Balkan Championships for Senior which will be held in Kragujevac, Serbia, from the 26 to the 28 of March 2021, with full knowledge of the Statutes, the Rules and the Norms of The KARATE FEDERATION OF BALKAN, pledge myself to faithfully accomplish the regulations of this before mentioned entity, and I take any and all administrative, civil and criminal responsibilities for whatever happens to our athletes, coaches and other members of our delegation participating in this championship, before, during and after the competition, such as physical injuries, personal expenses, or monetary debts and casual material damages to the hotels, the venue, means of transportation etc. Furthermore, I exempt from any legal, civil or criminal responsibilities the organizers of the Championships, the KFB and the Karate Federation of Serbia, its directors, as well as any person, company, or entity related to the event (sponsors, public and private entities).

I authorize the organizers of the event to use images, photos and the names of our competitors and other members of our delegation (since it is considered necessary) for the sport activities and publications of karate, related to the event, without any monetary compensation.

Country/Nation:	SERBIA
Surname, First name:	
Passport number & expiry date:	
Credit Card details & expiry date:	
Position in the federation:	
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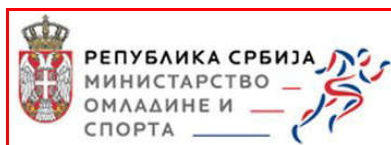
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### PARTNERS:



Ministry of Youth and Sport of the Republic of Serbia



Olimpijski komitet Srbije

Olympic Committee of Serbia



Sports Federation of Serbia



City of Kragujevac



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