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# 1. WELCOME MESSAGE

#### **1.1 Greeting from President of the World Karate Federation**

The Qualification Tournament for the Individual World Championships is one of the most crucial events in the karate calendar. From October 17 to 19, some of the world's top karatekas will gather in Paris, France, for their final opportunity to secure a place at the Individual World Championships to be held in Cairo, Egypt, from November 27 to 30.

The World Karate Federation remains committed to elevating our events to the highest level. Over the years, we have continually refined our competition structure, always striving for excellence. The decision to separate the World Championships into distinct Team and Individual editions has already shown great success. This year, we will see the first standalone Individual World Championships, allowing athletes to fully showcase their personal skills and dedication to the sport.



Paris holds a special place in the karate world. With a rich history of hosting major competitions, the city has earned its reputation as a hub of excellence for our sport. The Qualification Tournament will undoubtedly reflect this legacy, bringing together top-tier athletes in an atmosphere of high-level competition and sporting spirit.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the French Karate Federation and its president, Bruno Verfaillie. Their commitment to organizing world-class events has been instrumental in the growth of karate. Following the success of the annual Karate 1-Premier League and first-class events such as the Olympic Qualification Tournament in 2021, the French Karate Federation continues to set the bar high for international karate competitions.

We look forward to an outstanding event in Paris. To all competitors, coaches, and officials—may this tournament be a testament to your hard work and dedication. Best of luck to all participants and a big "Oss" to all of you Karate fans

#### Antonio Espinós

President, World Karate Federation



#### **1.2 Greeting from President of the French Karate Federation**

Dear athletes, coaches, officials, referees and karate enthusiasts,

It is with great honor and immense pleasure that I welcome you to Paris for the World Championships Karate Qualification Tournament, taking place from October 17 to 19, 2025 in the Pierre de Coubertin Stadium.

France has always been a land of karate, and we are proud to host this prestigious event, where the world's best karatekas will compete for their place on the global stage. This tournament is not only a demonstration of skill and determination but also a celebration of the values that define our sport - respect, perseverance, and excellence.



I extend my warmest gratitude to all the organizers, volunteers, and supporters who have made this event possible. To the competitors, I wish you the best of luck - may your dedication and hard work lead you to success.

Welcome to Paris, and let the competition begin!

**Bruno Verfaillie** President of the French Karate Federation



# 2. INTRODUCTION

The WKF Qualification Tournament (QT) is a closed tournament for National Federations (NF) that awards 6 quota per category to attend the Karate World Championships, -Individual World Championships-. NFs are not permitted to register athletes that are already qualified nor register an athlete into the corresponding category of said qualified athlete.

This Qualification Tournament corresponds to Phase 1 of the Karate World Championships (Individual World Championships). Phase 1 is a competition offering the opportunity to enter Phase 2 of the World Championship for those who have not pre-qualified through the ranking system and where no candidate from the applicable country is already qualified.

#### 3. COMPETITION INFORMATION

#### 3.1 Categories

The competition categories are:

MODALITY	Kata		Kumite	
CATEGORY	Female Male		Female	Male
			-50 kg	-60 kg
			-55 kg	-67 kg
WEIGHT DIVISIONS			-61 kg	-75 kg
Difference			-68 kg	-84 kg
			+68 kg	+84 kg

#### 3.2 The Draw

Without ranking or standing criteria, the draw will randomly assign athletes to groups. There is no seeding applied to Phase 1 (Qualification Tournament).

The Draw will take place on the day of official accreditation during the Coach Meeting, which will be held on Thursday, October 16th, from 18:00 to 18:30.

#### 3.3 Competition System

The competition system is divided in Group Phase and Elimination Phase,

The Group Phase is conducted with round-robin competition within each group where the winners will advance to the Elimination Phase that will conclude in the selection of the 6 winners that will qualify to Phase 2 (Final Phase).

- The Phase 1 (Qualification Tournament) will be in Round Robin format with 6,8,12 or 24 pools of minimum 3 and maximum 6 athletes depending on the number of participants.
- 12 athletes will compete in the 6 qualification bouts.
- The winners of these 6 qualification bouts will qualify to the Final Phase.



Depending on the group size, the competition will comprise either 1 round for groups 6, 8, 12, or 2 rounds for 24 groups. The final round is the qualification bout where 12 athletes compete for a quota spot to the Karate World Championships.

To review the complete competition system, please access the following LINK.

## 4. CONTACT INFORMATION

4.1 Organizers contact details



French Karate Federation: www.ffkarate.fr

39 rue Barbès, 92120 MONTROUGE

info@ffkarate.fr

Event Manager: Mrs. Célia SAMSON / qualification@ffkarate.fr

#### 4.2 Safe Sport contact

WKF events must be safe for all athletes and participants and entirely free from any form of nonaccidental violence, namely, harassment and abuse. Any such behaviour will not be tolerated.

If you or someone you know has been the victim of abuse or harassment in Karate, get help and report it.

Any incident can be reported via the <u>WKF Official Complaint Form</u> and sent to: <u>safekarate@wkf.net</u>



# 5. WKF APPROVED PROTECTIONS, KARATEGIS & TATAMIS

The World Championships complies with the highest level of presentation. In order to guarantee the correct delivery of the event, and to ensure the suitable quality of the tournament, exclusively the following brands are WKF Approved for use in the Phase 1 of the Karate World Championships 2025.

#### SPORT PROTECTIONS "WKF Approved"



\*Click on the logos

#### CHECK THE COMPULSORY PROTECTIONS FOR THIS COMPETITION



#### OFFICIAL KARATEGI FOR PHASE 1 KARATE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

Kumite and Kata karategis with the brand name embroidered on the shoulders in **RED or BLUE** are of mandatory use in <u>Phase 1 Karate World Championships 2025.</u>



The authorized companies to use these karategis models are:



\*Click on the buttons

#### WKF APPROVED HIYAB

In addition, the following additions to attire are allowed: Voluntary religiously mandated headwear approved by the WKF.

The brands with WKF Approved Hiyab are the following:

- Arawaza
- Budo-Nord
- Daedo
- Punok
- SMAI
- Tokaido





#### "WKF Approved" DISTRIBUTORS ASSISTANCE

Click on the image to visit the distributors by countries.



#### "WKF Approved" TATAMIS



\*Click on the logos

#### 6. BACK NUMBERS

The use of back numbers **is compulsory** for all the competitors participating in the Phase 1 of the Karate World Championships 2025, during all the eliminations and medal bouts.

<u>Please note that the back numbers must be perfectly sewed to the Karate jackets. Failing to correctly sew the back numbers may result in the disgualification of the competitor.</u>



# 7. EVENT SCHEDULE

DATE	HOUR	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
	08:00 - 09:00	Registration for Coach Program		
	09:00 – 11:00	Accredited Coach Briefing		
	11:00 - 11:45	Kumite Coach Examination	Pierre de Coubertin Stadium	
	11:45 - 12:30	Kata Coach Examination		
	13:00 – 14:00	Coach Programme Results		
	09:00 – 18:00	Registration for Delegations	Pierre de Coubertin Stadium – Court n°2	
Thursday 16/10/2025	10:00 – 11:00	Medical Commission Meeting		
	11:30 – 12:30	Athletes Entourage Commission Meeting		
	14:00 – 15:00	Women Sports Commission Meeting	Pierre de Coubertin Stadium – VIP area	
	15:30 – 17:00	Women's Conference		
	17:00 – 18:00	Technical Commission Meeting		
	18:00 – 18:30	Draw and Coaches Meeting	Pierre de Coubertin Stadium	
	20:00-21:30	Referee Briefing	Pierre de Coubertin Stadium	
DATE	HOUR	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	
Friday 17/10/2025	09:00 – 16:00	WKF Rules and Ranking Commission Meeting	HQ Hotel	



# 8. COMPETITION PROGRAMME

#### **QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT PARIS 2025: ROUND ROBIN SYSTEM**

	FRIDAY				
	Kumite Individual				
9:00	Female -68				
11:30	Male -84				
13:30	Female +68				
15:00	Male +84				
17:00	OPENING CEREMONY				
	Kumite Individual - Qualification Bouts				
17:30	Female -68				
18:00	Male -84				
18:30	Female +68				
19:00	Male +84				
19:30	Presentation of Qualified athletes				
	SATURDAY				
	Kata Individual				
9:00	Female - Male				
	Kumite Individual				
13:30	Female -50 Kg				
16:30	Male -60 Kg				
	Kata Individual - Qualification Bouts				
18:00	Female				
18:30	Male				
	Kumite Individual - Qualification Bouts				
19:00	Female -50				
19:30	Male -60				
20:00	Presentation of Qualified athletes				
	SUNDAY				
	Kumite Individual				
9:00	Female -55				
10:30	Male -67				
13:30	Female -61				
16:30	Male -75				
40.00	Kumite Individual - Qualification Bouts				
18:00	Female -55				
18:30	Male -67				
19:00	Female -61				
19:30	Male -75				
20:00	Presentation of Qualified athletes				

This schedule is tentative. The detailed competition schedule will be fixed after closing the registration in order to adequate it to the final number of athletes.



# 9. OPENING CEREMONY

An athlete from each country's delegation must report to the entrance area of the competition zone to participate in the Opening Ceremony on Friday, October 17, at 16:45. The ceremony will last a maximum of 30 minutes, taking place between 17:00 and 17:30.

# **10. ONLINE REGISTRATION & REGISTRATION FOR DELEGATIONS**

#### **10.1 Online Registration**

The registration period for the WKF Qualification Tournament in Paris will open on **19<sup>th</sup> August 2025** and close on **2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025** at 12:00 h GMT +0.

National Federations may register 1 Athlete per category in which they do not already have a qualified athlete via another allocation criteria for World Championships in Cairo.

**ATHLETES REGISTRATION** 

Should you have any technical difficulties when registering, please contact support@sportsid.org.

#### 10.1.1 Registration for Delegations

The onsite registration will take place at the **Pierre de Coubertin Stadium, court n°3**, on 16/10/2025, from 09:00h to 18:00h.

The registration and accreditation of delegations will be handed over to the representative of the National Federation upon presentation of the passport of each athlete and official.

#### 10.2 Entry Fee

Please be reminded of the fees for the event:

- Each Individual Entry: 150,00 EUR

Surcharge for late entries per individual: 200,00 EUR

Onsite accreditations change fee: 50 EUR as per the <u>WKF Fees & Conditions</u>.



#### 10.3 Payment

Payment can be processed by bank transfer to the bank details provided below or in cash during the onsite accreditation session.

#### BANK DETAILS:

Name of the Bank	
Bank Address	C/Alberto Aguilera, 62 28005 Madrid
SWIFT / BIC Code	CAIXESBBXXX
Account number by currency:	IBAN CODE
EUR (Euros)	ES13 2100 6703 6702 0017 1386 *
USD (Dolars)	ES34 2100 6703 6972 0060 3680 *
Beneficiary	Federación Mundial de Karate
Beneficiary's address	Calle Princesa 25 3º1
	28008 Madrid

#### CASH PAYMENTS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED IN EUR/USD



# 11. REFEREES

# 11.1 Referee Course Programme

	REFERE	E COURSE V	VKF PARIS	2025	
SATURDAY 11/10/2025	SUNDAY 12/10/2025	MONDAY 13/10/2025	TUESDAY 14/10/2025	WEDNESDAY 15/10/2025	THURSDAY 16/10/2025
09.00 - 10.30	09.00 - 10.30	09.00 - 🦱	09.00 - 🦱	09.00 - 🦱	09.00 - 🦕
Referee		Kumite	Kumite	Kata	•
Commission	Kumite	Practical	Practical	Video Practical	RC
Meeting	Lecture	Examination	Examination	Examination	Admin.
		Group 2	Group 4		
Hotel Mercure	Hotel Mercure	Stade Pierre-de-	Stade Pierre-de-	Stade Pierre-de-	Stade Pierre-de-
Paris Boulogne	Paris Boulogne	Coubertin	Coubertin	Coubertin	Coubertin
10.30 - 11.30	BREAK				
	11.00 - 12.00		11.00 - 11.30		
RC					
EB			2nd Kata		
Meeting	Theory		Payment &		
	Examination		Registration		
Hotel Mercure Paris Boulogne					
rano boulogne	Hotel Mercure		Stade Pierre-de-		
	Paris Boulogne		Coubertin		
	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
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Kata&Kumite	Kumite	Kumite	Lecture		Stade Pierre-de-
Course	Practical	Practical	BREAK	RC	Coubertin
Payment	Examination	Examination	14.15 - 15.00	Admin.	15.00 - 16.00
			Theory		License
Hotel Mercure	Group 1 Hotel Mercure	Group 3 Stade Pierre-de-	Examination Stade Pierre-de-	Stade Pierre-de-	Renewal Stade Pierre-de-
Paris Boulogne	Paris Boulogne	Coubertin	Coubertin	Coubertin	Coubertin
0					17.30 - 18.30
13.15 - 19.00			16.00 - 🦛		TM & AJ
			•••••		Meeting
Kata&Kumite			Kata		Stade Pierre-de-
Course			Education		Coubertin
Registration			with		20.00 - 21.30
			Instructors		Referees Briefing *
			Stade Pierre-de-		
Hotel Mercure					
Hotel Mercure Paris Boulogne			Coubertin		Coubertin
			Coubertin		Coubertin *only for officiatin and nominated
					Stade Pierre-de-



#### 11.2 Registration - Referee Course Programme

Course for Referees already having a WKF license or referees who have their WKF license expired due to the lack of attendance at K1 events in the previous season.

The registration period for the Referee Course will run from **July 10<sup>th</sup> to September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025** at 12:00 h GMT +0

All registrations must be made online, within the deadlines above mentioned, through the following Sportdata links:

KUMITE REFEREE COURSE REGISTRATION

<u>KATA REFEREE</u>

**COURSE REGISTRATION** 

Should you have any technical difficulties when registering, please contact <u>support@sportsid.org</u>.

Indisctinctly Kata or Kumite	350 EUR
Surcharge for late registration	300 EUR
Both Kata and Kumite	550 EUR
Surcharge for late Registration	500 EUR
PLR (every 4 years)	250 EUR
Surcharge for late registration	200 EUR

The deadline for registration is 10 September. For late registrations, acceptance will be subjected to availability; in case of final acceptance, a surcharge of **300 EUR** will be applied for each single late registration (Kata or Kumite) and of **500 EUR** for each double late registration (Kata and Kumite).

As the capacity for the total number of participants in the referee course is limited, each National Federation will have to rank its candidates by priority order. At least **30 days** before the day of commencement of the course, the WKF will inform each National Federation of the number of candidates accepted, following the priority order indicated by the National Federation. Should this priority order not be given, the WKF will make the decision as to which candidates are accepted.

**Notice:** Payment for the Referee Course can be made in person at the registration. In such case, payment must be made in euro (EUR) or in USD (\$).



#### **11.3** Registration – Referees officiating in the Championships

The minimum level required for referees to register and officiate at this

WKF Qualification Tournament in Paris is "Kumite Referee B and/or Kata Judge B".

The registration period for qualified referees officiating in the Karate World Championship will be from **July 10<sup>th</sup> to September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, at 12:00 h GMT +0

All registrations must be made online, within the deadlines above mentioned, through the following Sportdata link:



All registrations for the WKF Qualification Tournament in Paris must be processed online.

No registration will be accepted after the official online registration deadline.

Onsite registration will not be accepted.

Should you have any technical difficulties when registering, please contact support@sportsid.org.



# 12. COACHES

The minimum level required for coaches to take part in KWCH Qualification Tournament is:

#### "WKF Certified Kumite/Kata Coach" certification

#### 12.1 Registration – Coach Programme

#### 12.1.1 Schedule

The "WKF Coach Course" will take place:

DATE	HOUR	ACTIVITY	PLACE
	08:00 - 09:00	Registration for Coach Program	
	09:00 - 11:00	Accredited Coach Briefing	
16/10/2025	11:00 - 11:45	Certified Kumite Coach Examination	Pierre de Coubertin
	11:45 - 12:30	Certified Kata Coach Examination	Stadium
	13:00 –14:00	Certified Kata/Kumite Results and Accreditations delivery for those coaches who obtain certification	

#### 12.1.2 Online Registration

Only coaches in possession of the "WKF Accredited Coach" level have access to the "WKF Certified Kumite/Kata Coach Exam."

The online registration to take part in the "Accredited Briefing & Kata/Kumite Coach Exam" will **open on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025** and close on **2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025** at 12:00 h GMT +0. The link to register in the "Accredited Briefing & Kata/Kumite Coach Exam" is:



Should you have any technical difficulties when registering, please contact <u>support@sportsid.org</u>.



12.1.3 Fees Please be reminded that the fees for the Program for WKF Coaches are as follows:

Briefing for "Accredited Coach" level (new application or license renewal) **300 EUR** 

Examination for "Certified Kumite Coach" (new application or license renewal) **350 EUR** 

Examination for "Certified Kata Coach" (new application or license renewal) **350 EUR** 

12.1.4 Payment

All payments must be made through Sportdata platform via PayPal.

No other methods of payment will be accepted.

Registrations and payments onsite will not be accepted.

#### **12.2 Officiating Coaches**

#### 12.2.1 Online Registration

The online registration for coaches intending to participate in the Karate World Championships in Paris, will start on **19<sup>th</sup> August 2025** and close on **2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025** at 12:00 h GMT +0. The link for online registration of coaches participating in the competition is:



All registrations for the WKF Qualification Tournament in Paris must be processed online.

No registration will be accepted after the official online registration deadline.

Onsite registration will not be accepted.

Should you have any technical difficulties when registering, please contact support@sportsid.org.



## **13. MEDIA AND PRESS**

#### **13.1 Media Accreditation**

Media professionals can register to request press accreditations until **October 10** through the online registration form, which can be found in the link below:

# PRESS REGISTRATION

Press accreditation can only be given to professional journalists working for a media and having proof of their credentials. The media passes may be collected at the accreditation desk at the venue during the Registration Day.

#### 13.2 Media Access

Access to media work areas is restricted to credentialed journalists and photographers covering the event. Accredited journalists will only have access to the designated Media areas (Press Tribune, Mixed Zone).

#### 13.3 YouTube Streaming

The event will be available by streaming on the WKF YouTube channel.

As the WKF owns all the image/audiovisual rights of the event, VIDEO RECORDING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

No credentialed media may take video footage (including digital) without prior written consent from the WKF. The WKF reserves the right to revoke credentials for unprofessional behaviour or conduct.

#### 13.4 Media Day

The WKF will host a Media Day at the Registration Area on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025, from 10:00h to 17:00h. At the Media Day, the WKF Media Team will have the photos of all the participating athletes taken. This activity is of the utmost importance for the promotion and popularity of the event on social media, therefore the WKF encourages all participating athletes to take part in this Media Day.



# 14. MANDATORY DOCUMENTS

MANDATORY DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION

At the onsite registration, all participants (Coach, Athletes, Referees, Officials) must submit a printed and signed Waiver of Liability form.

Find the links below.

- i. NF Representative Waiver (<u>link</u>)
- ii. Waiver Individual -18 (link)
- iii. Waiver Individual +18 (<u>link</u>)

• The NF Representative takes full responsibility for the validity of all signatures and information provided.

# **15. ANTI DOPING EDUCATION**

As a participant in karate, it is your responsibility to follow the WKF Anti-Doping Rules. Click **here** to take an Anti-Doping Education & Learning Course and learn more about your responsibilities and visit our website. In exchange for a few hours, you help keep karate a clean sport.



**Course Recommendations** 

International-level Athletes Education

High Performance Coach Education

Medical Professionals Education

Parents of Elite Athletes Education



# 16. THE VENUE

Iconic and historic place of French karate, the Pierre de Coubertin Stadium has hosted the Paris Open Karate since 1996. It is also the stage of many sports events (fencing, badminton, basketball...). It is the home venue of the Paris Saint-Germain Handball team.

The stadium is located at: 82, avenue George Lafont, 75016 PARIS.

Access:

- Metro: line 9
- Bus: 175, 189, 42, 62
- Train: L, N







#### 16.1 Lunch services at the Venue

There will be two concession stands catering to the spectators' culinary needs. These stands will offer a variety of delicious food and beverage options, ensuring that everyone can enjoy their favourite snacks and refreshments while they immerse themselves in the event's excitement

#### **17. TICKETS FOR SPECTATORS**

The ticket office will be made online in September 2025 on the ffkarate.fr website

The prices are the following:

	ADULTS (> 12 years old)	CHILDREN (4-12 years old)
Friday 24/01	12€	8€
Saturday 25/01	16€	10€
Sunday (finals) 26/01	20€	15€
Week-end pass	30€	20€
Three days pass	38€	30€

The entry is free for children under 4 years old.

For groups (more than 10 people):

	PERSON
Week-end pass	24€
Three days pass	30€



# **18. ACCOMMODATION**

#### 18.1 Headquarters (HQ) Hotel

#### HÔTEL MERCURE PARIS BOULOGNE

37 Pl. René Clair, 92100 Boulogne-Billancourt + 33 (01) 49 10 49 00

The hotel is located 3 minute walk from the stadium.



#### **18.2 Official Hotels**

Please find below the link to the website for hotel reservations:

https://www.accommodation-kwcqt-paris.com/



# ACCOMMODATION

SPARTNER			PG		
HOTELS	Apparthotel A	Hotel B - 4*	Hotel C - 3*	Hotel D - 4*	Hotel E - 3*
Distance from venue	150 m	200 m	250 m	300 m	1 km
SINGLE ROOM Price per room with breakfast (weekend / week)*	185€ / 235€	199€ / 249€	169€/219€	229€ / 299€	139€ / 165€
TWIN / DOUBLE ROOM Price per person with breakfast (weekend / week)*	102€ / 130€	112€/138€	95€ / 120€	125€/160€	78€ / 90€
HOTELS	Hotel F - 3*	Hotel G - 3*	Hotel H – 2*	Hotel I - 3*	INFORMATION
Distance from venue	1,1 km	1,5 km	1,6 km	2 km	The payment of city tax will be made directly
SINGLE ROOM Price per room with breakfast (weekend / week) *	139€/165€	169€ / 209 €	149€/169€	149€ / 239€	to the hotel during check-in
TWIN / DOUBLE ROOM Price per person with breakfast (weekend / week) *	78€ / 90€	90€ / 110 €	82€ / 92€	85€ / 130€	
<ul> <li>The price of the room is different depending on days:</li> <li>Weekend: Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.</li> <li>Week: Monday to Thursday nights.</li> </ul>					FÉDÉRATION FRANCAISE KARATÉ

Transportation is also proposed from the airport to the venue and from hotels to the venue (see p. 18.4)

#### 18.3 Reservation, payment and cancellation

The hotel rooms will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis.

- Please make your accommodation reservation using a link that will be available soon.
- 50% of the total amount of the booking must be paid at the date of the booking after the reception of a proforma invoice which will confirm the reservation. If the requested hotel is no longer available, a solution of substitution will be proposed, without any obligation of reservation.
- The remaining balance will be due at the very latest 10 days before the arrival



FROM THE DATE OF THE BOOKING TO 30 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL:

- Guests can release 40% of its total number of rooms free of charge. Beyond that, 50% of the total amount will be forfeited.
- Guests can release 100% of their transportation booking free of charge.

#### FROM 29 DAYS TO 15 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

- Guests can release 20% of its total number of rooms free of charge. Beyond that, 100% of the cancellations will be forfeited.
- Guests can release 50% of their transportation booking free of charge. Beyond that, 50% of the total amount will be forfeited.

#### FROM 14 DAYS TO 8 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

- Guests can release 10% of its total number of rooms free of charge. Beyond that, 100% of the cancellations will be forfeited.
- Guests can release 50% of their transportation booking free of charge. Beyond that, 100% of the total amount will be forfeited.

FROM 7 DAYS TO ARRIVAL

• No refunds will be possible.

#### **18.4 Airport transfer rates**

The website for booking transportation will be available later at the following link : <u>https://www.accommodation-kwcqt-paris.com/</u>



# TRANSPORT

SPARTNER			
SHUTTLES (from / to)	1 or 2 passengers	3 to 5 passengers	6 passengers or more
CD G Airport	105€	45€/person	35€ / person
Orly Airport	95€	40€/person	30€/person
Train station (Paris)	70€	25€/person	20€/person
Prices above are for one-way transfers for arrival or departure			

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# 18.5 Official Travel Agency

The official travel agency is Spartner.

To contact the agency, please send a message using the following link: <u>https://www.accommodation-kwcqt-paris.com/</u>

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# 19. VISA

For any information regarding Visa requests, go to www.france-visas.gouv.fr

Participants can only request the invitation letter once they have completed the registration for the Qualification Tournament.

Please submit the invitation letter request before **15th September** in order to provide you with the paperwork with sufficient time. Should your request arrive after this deadline, the French Karate Federation does not guarantee visa obtaining for athletes and officials. The responsibility for managing the visa application process rests solely with the participants of the Qualification Tournament.

E-mail: qualification@ffkarate.fr

#### 20. THE HOST CITY

#### 20.1 About Paris

Paris, often referred to as the "City of Light," is one of the most iconic and enchanting cities in the world. Nestled along the banks of the Seine River, Paris is renowned for ist rich history, stunning architecture, and a vibrant culture that has left an indelible mark on art, fashion, and cuisine. From the iconic Eiffel Tower that graces its skyline to the world-famous Louvre Museum housing masterpieces like the Mona Lisa, Paris is a treasure trove of cultural and artistic wonders. The city's charming neighborhoods, each with its own unique character, offer a delightful blend of quaint cafes, bustling markets, and historic landmarks. With its timeless beauty, Paris has an irresistible allure that beckons visitors from around the globe to explore its streets and savor the joie de vivre that permeates this remarkable metropolis.

Top 15 things to do in Paris

# 21. HOW TO GET TO THE QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT

#### 21.1 By Air

Most international travelers arrive in Paris via Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) or Orly Airport (ORY). These airports have excellent connections to the city center by train, bus, or taxi.



#### 21.2 By Train

The Eurostar high-speed train connects Paris to major European cities, including London, Brussels, and Amsterdam, making it a convenient option for travelers coming from these destinations.

## 21.3 By Bus

Several long-distance bus companies offer services to Paris from various European cities. It's usually a budget-friendly option, but the journey may take longer than by train or plane.

#### From Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) to the center of Paris

#### RER B Train:

The RER B train is a popular and cost-effective option. The CDGVAL shuttle train connects the airport terminals to the RER B station. From there, you can take the RER B train to various central locations in Paris, including Gare du Nord, Châtelet-Les Halles, and Saint-Michel-Notre-Dame. The journey takes approximately 30-40 minutes. Trains run regularly, typically every 10-15 minutes.

#### Airport Shuttle Bus:

Various shuttle bus services operate between CDG and central Paris. These buses have multiple stops in the city, including popular locations like Gare de Lyon, Porte Maillot, and the Eiffel Tower. The travel time may vary based on traffic conditions but typically takes around 45 minutes to an hour.

#### <u>Taxi:</u>

Taxis are readily available at CDG. The journey to the city center by taxi can take around 30-45 minutes, depending on traffic. Be sure to use licensed taxis and make sure the meter is running.

#### Private Transfer:

You can also book a private transfer in advance. This can be a more comfortable and hassle-free option, especially if you have a lot of luggage or are traveling with a group.



#### From Orly to the center of Paris

#### Orlyval Light Rail + RER B Train:

Take the Orlyval light rail from Orly Airport to the Antony station. From Antony, transfer to the RER B train, which will take you to various central locations in Paris, including Gare du Nord, Châtelet-Les Halles, and Saint-Michel-Notre-Dame. This journey typically takes around 30-40 minutes by train.

#### Orlybus:

Orlybus is a dedicated shuttle bus service that connects Orly Airport to central Paris. It runs from Orly to Denfert-Rochereau station, which is well-connected to other parts of the city. The journey usually takes about 20-30 minutes.

#### Tramway T7 + Metro:

The T7 tram connects Orly Airport to the Villejuif - Louis Aragon metro station on Line 7. From there, you can take Line 7 of the Paris Metro to reach central locations in the city. The entire journey may take around 30-40 minutes.

#### <u>Taxi:</u>

Taxis are available at Orly Airport. The travel time by taxi to the city center typically ranges from 30 to 45 minutes, depending on traffic conditions.

#### Private Transfer:

Consider booking a private transfer in advance if you prefer a more comfortable and hassle-free option, especially if you have a lot of luggage or are traveling with a group.

#### **Ridesharing Services:**

Ridesharing services like Uber are also available at Orly Airport, offering a convenient door-to-door option.



# 22. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

#### 22.1 Opening Hours (Shop/Pharmacies)

Shops and pharmacies often open at 8 and 9 am and close at 8pm.

To find an open pharmacy outside regular business hours, call 01 45 45 57 55 or check for signs on the nearest pharmacy indicating the closest one that's open.

#### 22.2 Currency

The official currency of France is Euro (€)

# **22.3 Electricity** Plugs & Sockets: Type E (round pins with a hole for the grounding pin)

22.4 Language The language is French.

#### 22.5 Time Paris Time Zone :

The time zone in Paris in January is UTC+1.

#### 22.6 Weather

Temperature: Daytime temperatures in October are generally mild, averaging around 15°C (59°F). Nighttime temperatures can drop to around 10°C (50°F) or slightly lower.

Rainfall: October is a relatively rainy month in Paris, with an average of 60-70 millimeters of precipitation. Showers are frequent, so it's a good idea to keep an umbrella handy.

Daylight: The days start to shorten, with around 11 hours of daylight in October.

Sunshine: While some days can be sunny, the sky is often cloudy, and gray weather is common.

Wind: Paris can experience some windy days in October, especially towards the end of the month. It's advisable to dress in layers to adapt to changing temperatures.

# 22.7 Local Transportation

#### Public Transportation:

For information on public transportation, you can call the RATP (Régie Autonome des Transports Parisiens) hotline: 32 46 or visit their website for updates and schedules.

#### Taxis:

While there isn't a single emergency number for taxis, you can find taxi services in Paris through various taxi companies. Taxis G7 is one of the well-known taxi services in Paris.



#### 22.8 Important Phone Numbers

#### **Emergency Services:**

- Police: 17
- Medical Emergency (SAMU): 15
- Fire Department (Pompiers): 18
- European Emergency Number (works in Paris and throughout the European Union): 112

#### Medical Assistance:

SOS Médecins (Non-emergency medical assistance at home): 01 47 07 77 77

#### **Pharmacies:**

To find an open pharmacy outside regular business hours, call 01 45 45 57 55 or check for signs on the nearest pharmacy indicating the closest one that's open.

#### Lost or Stolen Credit Cards:

- Visa: 08 00 90 11 79
- MasterCard: 08 00 90 13 87
- American Express: 01 47 77 72 00

#### **Embassies and Consulates:**

Contact your country's embassy or consulate for assistance in case of emergencies or other issues.

#### **Tourist Information:**

- Paris Tourist Office: 08 92 68 30 00
- Gare du Nord Tourist Information: 01 53 31 50 00
- Gare de Lyon Tourist Information: 01 40 02 34 15

#### 22.9 Communication

To call France from abroad you must dial the international code 00, followed by de Spanish country code 33. Dial the following number without the first 0.



# 23. MISCELLANEOUS

The local sponsors of the event are:

- Région Île-de-France
- Noris





Follow the French Karate Federation account to have all the information regarding the event :

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Twitter : @ffkarate

YouTube : Fédération Française de Karaté

#### 24. OMISSIONS

As regards that the specific items are not expressly foreseen in the present bulletin reference is to be made to the general rules and guidelines contained in WKF Regulations.



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