



25th BALKAN CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR CADETS, JUNIORS AND U21

07-09 November 2025

*Rijeka
Croatia*



MR. DAVOR CIPEK

**PRESIDENT OF THE KARATE FEDERATION OF BALKAN
PRESIDENT OF CROATIAN KARATE UNION**



Dear karate friends,

It is my great honor and privilege, on behalf of the Croatian Karate Union and the Karate Federation of Balkan, to welcome you to Rijeka for the Balkan Karate Championships for Cadets, Juniors, and U21.

After many successful events that Croatia has proudly hosted in recent years, we are delighted to once again open our doors to the karate family of the Balkans. This time, the vibrant city of Rijeka will be the stage where young athletes from across our region come together, not only to compete, but also to build friendships, strengthen unity, and celebrate the values of karate.

Karate teaches us discipline, respect, perseverance, and humility. These values go beyond the tatami and guide us in life. I hope that every participant will carry these virtues proudly throughout this championship, showing both sporting excellence and the true spirit of karate.

To all athletes, I wish you courage, determination, and fairness in your matches. To coaches, referees, and officials, thank you for your dedication and contribution to the success of this event. And to our guests and supporters, may you enjoy the hospitality, culture, and beauty of Rijeka and Croatia.

I am confident that this championship will create unforgettable memories for everyone involved and further strengthen the bonds within the Karate Federation of Balkan.

I wish you all the best of luck, and may the spirit of karate inspire you throughout this competition.

Welcome to Rijeka, and welcome to the Balkan Karate Championships!

MR. SLAVOLJUB PIPER

SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE KARATE FEDERATION OF BALKAN



Dear guests,
Dear athletes,
Friends of karate,

It's my great pleasure to welcome all participants of the 25th Balkan Karate Championships for Cadets, Juniors and U21.

Croatia and Rijeka are the traditional host of major sporting events such as this competition.

Reassemble the whole Balkan in one place; it is a great honor and responsibility for the Karate Federation of the Balkan.

By organizing 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 the organizers of this competition 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 Croatia and Rijeka 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!

CROATIA

Croatia is a country of remarkable diversity, where every region tells its own unique story. From the plains of Slavonia, famous for their golden fields, rich folklore, and traditional hospitality, to the central region of Zagreb and its surroundings, where history and modern life blend in the lively capital – Croatia offers experiences that unite tradition and progress.

The northern regions of Međimurje and Zagorje are known for their green hills, castles, and thermal springs, while Istria enchants visitors with its picturesque towns, Mediterranean flavors, and Roman heritage. Along the Adriatic coast, Dalmatia shines with crystal-clear seas, stone cities, and countless islands that make Croatia one of the most attractive tourist destinations in Europe.



Equally important is the heart of the country – Lika and Gorski Kotar – areas of pristine nature, forests, and mountains, home to the famous Plitvice Lakes National Park. Within this region lies Primorje-Gorski Kotar County, a place where the sea meets the mountains. Its vibrant urban center, Rijeka, proudly hosts this year's Balkan Karate Championships, while the surrounding Kvarner Bay and Gorski Kotar region offer stunning landscapes, cultural richness, and warm hospitality.

Croatia's strength lies in its diversity – of nature, culture, and people. Wherever you go, you will find beauty, tradition, and a heartfelt welcome.



RIJEKA

Rijeka, the third-largest city in Croatia, is a vibrant urban center on the northern Adriatic coast, known for its rich history, multicultural spirit, and dynamic energy. Once an important seaport of Central Europe, Rijeka has grown into a modern city where tradition meets innovation. Its architecture reflects centuries of diverse influences, while its cultural life is highlighted by the famous Rijeka Carnival and its status as the European Capital of Culture in 2020.

Surrounded by the blue waters of Kvarner Bay and the green slopes of Gorski Kotar, Rijeka offers visitors both natural beauty and urban charm. Sports and recreation are part of everyday life, and the Zamet Sports Hall, one of the most modern arenas in Croatia, proudly hosts national and international events, including this year's Balkan Karate Championships. At the same time, Rijeka invites guests to explore Trsat Castle with its panoramic views, stroll along Korzo, or enjoy nearby beaches and coastal towns.

Rijeka is a city of openness, youth, and energy – a place where Mediterranean warmth meets Central European heritage.



EVENT'S PROGRAM

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
06.11.2025		Arrival day	Official hotels
06.11.2025	10:00 – 17:00	Registration of Delegations	HQ hotel
06.11.2025	10:00 – 17:00	Weighing, All Categories	Official hotels
06.11.2025	20:00	Draw	HQ hotel
07.11.2025	09:00-20:00	Competition DAY 1	Zamet Sports Centre
08.11.2025	09:00-20:00	Competition DAY 2	Zamet Sports Centre
09.11.2025	09:00-20:00	Competition DAY 3	Zamet Sports Centre
10.11.2025		Departure day	

COMPETITION INFO AND SCHEDULE

NUMBER OF COMPETITORS / TEAMS PER COUNTRY AND CATEGORY

Each country / national federation can register up to 7 competitors for INDIVIDUAL KATA/KUMITE event.

Each country / national federation can register up to:

1 Kata Team Male Cadets/Juniors / 1 Kata Team Female Cadets/Juniors

1 Kata Team Male U21 / 1 Kata Team Female U21

1 Team Kumite Male Cadets (5+3) / 1 Team Kumite Female Cadets (3+2)

1 Team Kumite Male Juniors (5+3) / 1 Team Kumite Female Juniors (3+2)

1 Team Kumite Male U21 (5+3) / 1 Team Kumite Female U21 (3+2)

AGE CATEGORIES

CADET	(01.01.2011-06.11.2011), (2010), (07.11.2009-31.12.2009)
JUNIOR	(01.01.2009-06.11.2009), (2008), (07.11.2007-31.12.2007)
U21	(01.01.2007-06.11.2007), (2006), (2005), (07.11.2004-31.12.2004)

KATA

AGE	INDIVIDUAL	TEAM
Cadets	All belts	All belts
Juniors	All belts	
U21	All belts	All belts

WEIGHT CATEGORIES

CADET		JUNIOR		U21	
Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
-52 kg	-47 kg	-55 kg	-48 kg	-60 kg	-50 kg
-57 kg	-54 kg	-61 kg	-53 kg	-67 kg	-55 kg
-63 kg	-61 kg	-68 kg	-59 kg	-75 kg	-61 kg
-70 kg	+61 kg-	-76 kg	-66 kg	-84 kg	-68 kg
+70 kg	-	+76 kg	+66 kg-	+84 kg	+68 kg



COMPETITION VENUE

The **Zamet Sports Centre** is one of the most modern sports facilities in Croatia and a true architectural landmark of Rijeka. Opened in 2009, it was designed by the renowned Croatian architect studio 3LHD and quickly gained recognition for its innovative design that blends harmoniously with the surrounding urban landscape. The hall's unique red-and-grey façade, inspired by the famous "gromača" stone typical of the Rijeka region, makes it a symbol of both tradition and modernity.

With a capacity of more than 2,000 seats, Zamet Sports Hall hosts a wide range of events – from major national and international sports competitions to concerts, cultural performances, and community gatherings. It is the home of several local sports clubs and has welcomed athletes and spectators from across Europe.

For the Balkan Karate Championships, Zamet provides not only excellent sporting conditions but also a welcoming atmosphere, showcasing Rijeka as a city of sport, culture, and hospitality.

Address:

ZAMET SPORTS CENTRE
Trg riječkih olimpijaca 1
51000 Rijeka



PRELIMINARY COMPETITION SCHEDULE

ACTIVITIES AT THE EXAMINATION FOR BALKAN JUDGES

Thursday, 06.11.2025	
12 ⁰⁰ – 12 ¹⁵	Checking the list of applicants for the exam (certificate from the national federation, exam payment,...)
12 ¹⁵ – 13 ⁰⁰	Lecture (only for those registered for the exam)
13 ¹⁰ – 13 ⁴⁵	Kumite test
13 ⁵⁰ – 14 ¹⁰	Kata test
14 ¹⁵ – 15 ³⁰	Lunch break
15 ⁴⁵ – 17 ⁰⁰	Kata - video test
17 ¹⁵ – 18 ¹⁵	License renewal
19 ⁰⁰ – 19 ³⁰	Briefing for all judges at the championship

Friday, 07.11.2025	
	The practical exam for both kumite and kata is at the competition itself

Saturday, 08.11.2025	
	The practical exam for both kumite and kata is at the competition itself
19 ⁰⁰ – 19 ³⁰	Exam results
19 ³⁰ – 20 ⁰⁰	Debriefing for all judges at the championship

COMPETITION CATEGORIES PARTICIPATION FEES / INDIVIDUAL – TEAM

CATEGORY	FEE
Kata / Kumite Individual	40 EUR (per person)
Kata Team (3+1)	50 EUR (per team)
Kumite Team (5+3)	50 EUR (per team)
Kumite Team (3+2)	50 EUR (per team)

Each change in the application is charged 40 euros per person.
Payment of the fee can be made through the current account according to the attached instructions or the head of the delegation can pay the total amount of the fee on the spot in the registration center and then the payment is in euros.

PROTEST FEES

The fee for an official protest is 200 euros.

INSTRUCTION FOR PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEE:

59: Beneficiary customer	
Name of beneficiary:	Karate federacija Balkana
Beneficiary's address:	Makedonska 28/2 RS-11000 Beograd (Stari grad)
Acc.no.with Halkbank ad Beograd (IBAN):	/RS35155000000008878808
57A: Account with institutions	
Bank of beneficiary:	HALKBANK A.D. BEOGRAD Milutina Milankovića 9a RS-11070 Novi Beograd (Beograd) SWIFT: CABARS22
56A: Intermediary	
For payments in EUR:	1. Commerzbank AG Frankfurt SWIFT: COBADEFF
	2. Ziraat bank International AG Frankfurt, SWIFT: TCZBDEFF
	3. Erste Group Bank AG, Vienna, SWIFT: GIBAATWG
For payments in USD:	1. Erste Group Bank AG, Vienna, SWIFT: GIBAATWG
For payments in CHF, GBP, CAD, AUD and SEK:	1. Commerzbank AG Frankfurt SWIFT: COBADEFF
For payments in RUB:	1. Commerzbank AG Frankfurt SWIFT: COBADEFF
For payments in TRY:	1. Turkiye Halk Bankasi A.S., SWIFT: TRHBTR2A
NOTE:	BEN (Bank fees when transferring funds, goes to Your load) VAT is included in the price

INSURANCE

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

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

FLAG AND ANTHEM

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

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Registration for the 25th Balkan Karate Championships for Cadets, Juniors and U21, Rijeka, Croatia, must be done via ON LINE registration through SPORT DATA / link <https://www.sportdata.org>, section KARATE

Deadline of On-Line registration: **29th October 2025**. After that deadline (29th October 2025) On-Line Registration will close and a penalty to all further registrations may be applied according to the KFB Rules.

REGISTRATIONS, ACCREDITATION AND WEIGH-IN

ON-SITE REGISTRATION

Only the head of delegation of every NF should come to the registration and accreditation area with all necessary documentation for all competitors and other members of delegation.

Steps will be as following:

1. The Head of the delegation receives the list of registered participants for reviewal (participants that are registered online)
2. In case of changes, the registration and accreditation team updates the list
3. The Head of the delegation prepares all passports according to the final list
4. The accommodation team compares the registration list to the rooming list to ensure that all registered participants are accommodated in the official accommodation
5. The Head of the delegation makes payments according to the final registration list
6. The accreditation team issues accreditation cards

WEIGH-IN

Weigh-in will be organized for every national federation after the successful registration and accreditation procedure. Weigh-in will happen in hotels 60 minutes after the end of registration and accreditation procedure for every national federation.

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

All equipment must be WKF approved. Please see more on the following link:
<https://www.wkf.net/karateprotections/>

ACCOMMODATION

Delegations are obligatory to use official accommodation and reserve it only through the Croatian Karate Union's official accommodation.

Booking through: karate@uniline.hr

Participants who do not follow the procedure stated in this bulletin and do not book accommodation through the Croatian Karate Union will not be entitled to accreditation and will not get their accreditation cards.

LIBURNIA HOTELS

HQ HOTEL ADMIRAL 4*

Address: Maršala Tita 139, 51410 Opatija



HOTEL BELLEVUE / VILLA ABBAZIA 4*

Address: Maršala Tita 144/148, 51410 Opatija



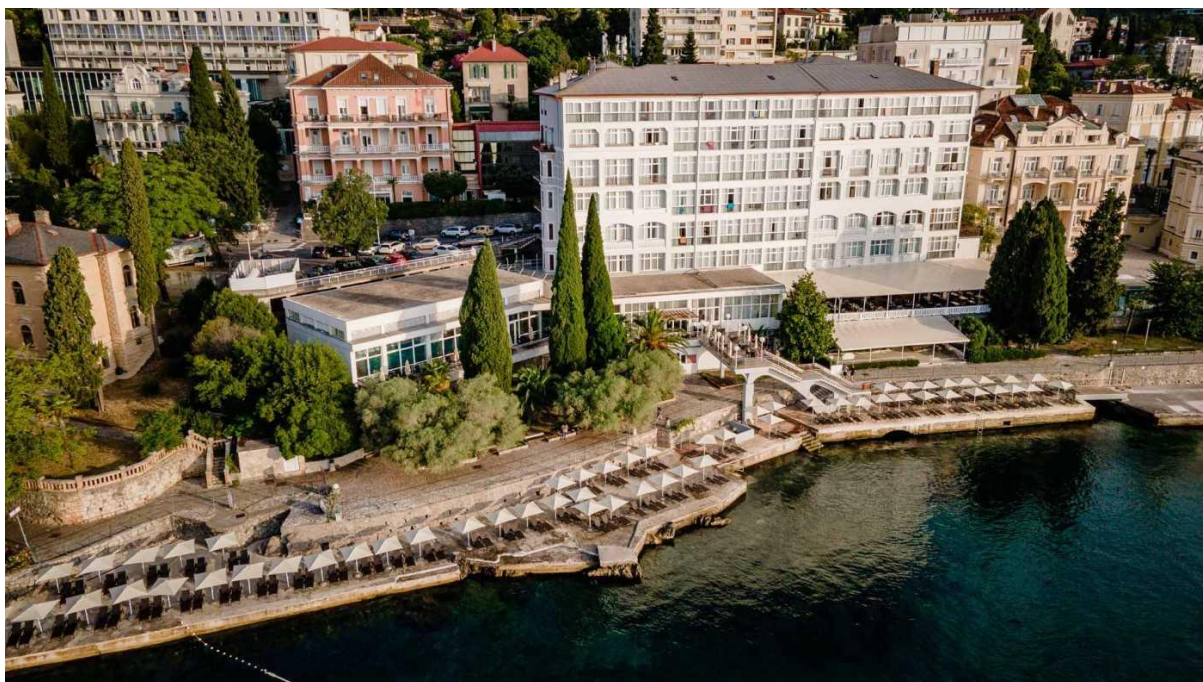
HOTEL IMPERIAL 4*

Address: Maršala Tita 124/3 Opatija



HOTEL KRISTAL 4*

Address: Maršala Tita 135, 51410 Opatija



HOTEL LUNGOMARE 3*

Address: Maršala Tita 133, 51410 Opatija



AMADRIA PARK HOTELS

AMADRIA PARK HOTEL AGAVA 4*

Address: Maršala Tita 89, 51415 Lovran



AMADRIA PARK HOTEL CONTINENTAL 3*

Address: Maršala Tita 89, 51410 Opatija



HOSTEL LINK

Address: Šetalište Maršala Tita 9, 51415 Lovran



JADRAN HOTELS

HOTEL BONA VIA 4*

Address: Dolac 4, 51000 Rijeka



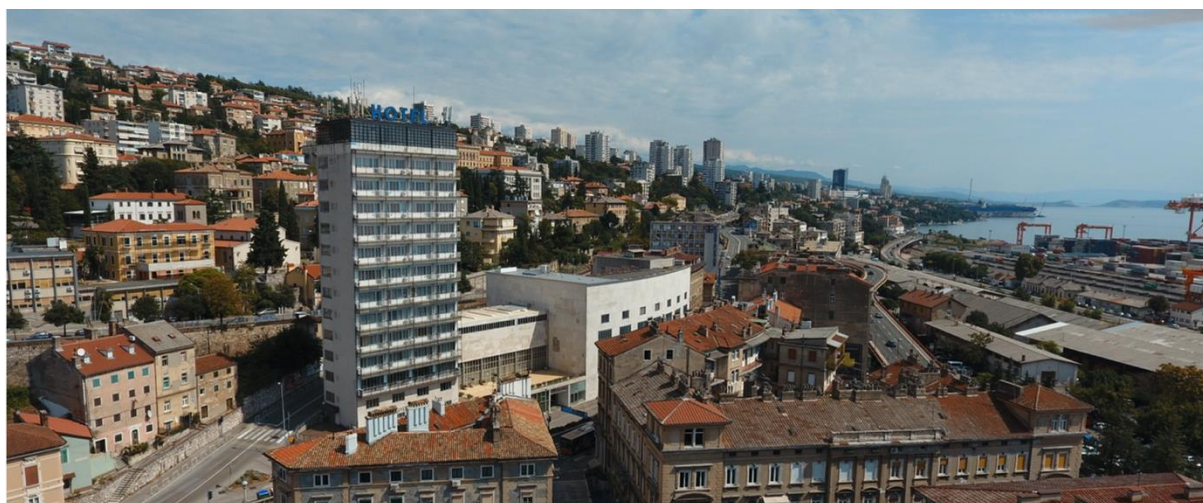
HOTEL CONTINENTAL 3*

Address: Šetalište Andrije Kačića Miočića 1, 51000 Rijeka



HOTEL NEBODER 3*

Address: Ul. Josipa Jurja Strossmayera 1, 5100 Rijeka



BOARDING HOUSE LUCIJA

Address: Kostrenskih Boraca 2/2, 51221 Kostrena



ACCOMMODATION PRICES:

Hotel	Category	Distance from the sport hall	1/1 HB	1/2 double HB	1/3 HB
HQ Hotel Admiral	4*	13,2 km	115 €	86 €	82 €
Hotel Bellevue / villa Abbazia	4*	9,8 km	115 €	86 €	/
Hotel Imperial	4*	9,4 km	115 €	86 €	82 €
Hotel Kristal	4*	13,3 km	105 €	76 €	73 €
Hotel Lungomare	3*	13,3 km	105 €	76 €	73 €
Amadria Park Hotel Agava	4*	9 km	140 €	97 €	82 €
Amadria Park Hotel Continental	3*	8,9 km	125 €	85 €	71 €
Hostel Link		15,8 km	75 €	59 €	55 €
Hotel Bonavia	4*	5,2 km	129 €	103 €	/
Hotel Continental	3*	5,8 km	87 €	71 €	/
Hotel Neboder*	3*	6,6 km	82 €	73 €	/
Boarding House Lucija		10,8 km	80 €	63 €	/

*Dinners for guests accommodated at Hotel Neboder will be served at Hotel Continental (located approximately 290 meters away).

HB - Prices are per person per night, including breakfast, dinner, residence tax and insurance, all prices include VAT.

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 Championships.

During on-site registration, it will be verified whether the accommodation has been booked in the official hotel through the event organizer. Only athletes with confirmed and fully paid accommodation in the official hotel will be allowed to complete registration.

BOOKING AND PAYMENT FOR THE ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSFERS

PRELIMINARY RESERVATION:

Deadline for preliminary reservation is **October 15, 2025**.

Booking through: karate@uniline.hr

FINAL BOOKING AND PAYMENT:

The value of 50% of the hotel reservation must be paid no later than **October 22, 2025**.

The remaining 50% must be paid by **October 29, 2025**. Penalties will be applied for payments made after this deadline.

CANCELLATION POLICY

The deposit is non-refundable, which means that the hotel will not make refunds in case of reservation cancellation.

PAYMENT METHODS / BANK TRANSFER

Payment Instructions

Payment is accepted by bank transfer only.

Upon receiving your request, Uniline d.o.o, the official travel agency for this event, will issue a proforma invoice with the details listed below.

Beneficiary Name	Uniline d.o.o.
Address	Ulica Bože Gumpca 38, 52100 Pula, Croatia
VAT	HR74786390334
Bank	Raiffeisenbank Austria d.d.
Bank Address	Magazinska 69, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia
IBAN	HR3124840081100646084
SWIFT	RZBHHR2X

TRANSFERS

One way transfer rates Airport – Opatija/Rijeka – Airport	Car up to 3 seats	Minivan up to 7 seats	Minibus up to 15 seats	Bus up to 49 seats
Trieste	180 €	230 €	505 €	695 €
Pula	175 €	225 €	540 €	720 €
Zagreb	275 €	360 €	780 €	900 €
Ljubljana	145 €	180 €	590 €	815 €
Venice	360 €	455 €	875 €	1.210 €

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INFORMATION AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pursuant to Article 57 of the Statute of the KFB in competitions organized by Karate Federation of Balkan (KFB) can participate:

- Judges delegated by KFB,
- Athletes who are duly registered and in time according to the schedule and have made a payment of registration fee before the event,
- Officials (referees, coaches, representatives of the national karate federation) and athletes who are placed in the OFFICIAL HOTELS published in the Bulletin.

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

USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT CROATIA

Currency:	Euro
Power supply:	220 V, 50 Hz
Water:	Safe to drink from tap
Time zone:	Central European Time (GMT+1)
Telephone code for:	Croatia (+385)
Travel documents + VISA:	National ID or passport
Medical care and health services:	Adequate medical facilities are available; travel insurance is advisable.
Emergency Numbers:	Police: 192 Fire Department: 193 Emergency Medical Assistance: 194 Civil Protection Operations Centers: 112 Roadside Assistance: 1987
Shops and public services working hours:	Typically from 8 AM to 9 PM, with some variations.
Post and telecommunications:	Efficient postal and telecommunications services are available.

OFFICIAL ACCOMMODATION:

All athletes and delegations must be accommodated in hotels in the organization of the Technical Organizer (KBF Statute, Article 57.) The reservation in official hotels appointed by the Organizing Committee must be done through official agency:

ROOMING LIST FORM

National Team (Country):

Hotel (in order of preference according to the accommodation form):

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TERM OF RESPONSIBILITY

To be filled, signed and sent back by October 31st, 2025

I, _____ the undersigned, as the Chief of Delegation of my country, duly enrolled to participate in the 25th Balkan Championships for cadets, juniors and U21, which will be held in Rijeka, Croatia, from the 07 to the 09 of November 2025, 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 Croatian Karate Union, 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:	
Surname, First name:	
Passport number & expiry date:	
Credit Card details & expiry date:	
Position in the federation:	
Address:	
Tel.-no.:	
E-mail:	

Fill in, stamp, sign and send to: Karate Federation of Balkan.

Signature:
