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1. COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

1.1. International Federation

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1.2. National Federation

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1.3. Management of the Competition

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Mr. Marco SCARAMUZZA (ITA)

Competition Manager: Mr. Marco SCARAMUZZA (ITA)

2. TECHNICAL MILESTONES

DATES	DEADLINE FOR:
1 March	Opening of on-line Accreditation and Sport Entries on-line System
16 March	Official Communication by ICMG and OCMG to the NOCs and upload to the Games GMS platform of all Taranto 2026 Operations Guides and Manuals
26-30 March	CoCom Visit to Taranto – CoCom + OCMG Meeting on the 27 th March 2026
27-30 March	Chefs de Mission Seminar
28 March	Joint Meeting ICMG CoCom - IFs Technical Delegates - OCMG Sport Department
30 March (at 23:59 CEST)	Deadline for the Entries by Number and by Event (preliminary entries)



DATES	DEADLINE FOR:
	Settlement of the guarantee deposit for team sports
23 April (at 23:59 CEST)	Deadline for the Preliminary Entries by name of athletes and officials (Long List)
	Deadline for provisional Arrivals & Departures Forms
27-28-29-30 May	ICMG CoCom and SPC visit
29 May (Taranto)	Draw of team groups of all team sports, in the presence of a representative of the relevant IFs, (open to Chefs de Mission)
	Meeting for the eventual suppression of events without sufficient number of entries and publication of the Final Sport Programme
	Updating of the Daily Competition Schedule
	Deadline for the accreditation of VIPs and Dignitaries
15 June	Opening of the Entries by Name (SEQ – Short List)
30 June (TBC)	CoCom visit & ICMG ExCo meeting
14 July (at 23:59 CEST)	Deadline for the Entries by Name (Short List)
15 July	Deadline for confirmation of Arrivals & Departure Forms (ADS)
	Opening of the Late Athlete Replacement procedure (LAR)
	Opening of the D.DRM for the NOCs (on-line)
15-17 August	End of F.DRM
18 August	Opening of the Mediterranean Village and beginning of the Trainings
18-19 August (TBC)	ICMG meetings / ExCo meeting
20 August	ICMG General Assembly
21 August	Opening Ceremony of the Taranto 2026 Mediterranean Games
3 September	Closing Ceremony of the Taranto 2026 Mediterranean Games



DATES	DEADLINE FOR:
5 September	Closing of the Mediterranean Village
Note: CoCom visits are subject to future scheduling	

3. THE COMPETITION OF KARATE

3.1. Program

The Karate competition at the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026 will be as follows:

QUOTAS per NOC			MEN'S EVENTS	WOMEN'S EVENTS	MIXED EVENTS
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5	5	10	5	5	0

EVENTS	
Men	Women
Kumite -60 kg	Kumite -50 kg
Kumite -67 kg	Kumite -55 kg
Kumite -75 kg	Kumite -61 kg
Kumite -84 kg	Kumite -68 kg
Kumite +84 kg	Kumite +68 kg

3.2. Dates and Venue

The Karate competition will take place on **Tuesday 01 and Wednesday 02 September 2026**, at the following venue in Taranto:

Competition venue	Distance from Village	Capacity	Municipality
Wojtyla Sport Hall	29 Km	2000	Martina Franca



4. RULES OF THE COMPETITION

4.1. Conditions for running the competition

The competition of Karate will take place if a minimum of eight (8) countries is entered, for the men competition and, a minimum of six (6) countries for the women competition, by 23:59 (CEST) on **Thursday 23 April 2026**.

4.2. Cancellation of Events

According to the number of confirmed entries, the President of the ICMG Sports Programme Commission (SPC) together with one (1) or two (2) members of the said Commission, appointed by the ICMG President and in the presence of the OCMG Taranto 2026 Sports Director, will decide on Friday 29 May 2026 on the staging or not of the Competition.

Once the event has been confirmed, it will be held and the corresponding medals and diplomas will be distributed, regardless of the number of participants.

The OCMG Taranto 2026 will inform immediately all the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) of the staging of the competition or not, depending on the number of Teams entered.

5. TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION

The FIJLKAM, under the supervision of WKF Technical Delegate, is responsible for the technical organization and for the development of the Karate Competition during the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026.

5.1. Special procedures for the development of the Competition

Any issue that may arise prior or during the events will be resolved by Competition Management, as per ICMG and WKF rules for Kumite senior categories, in force on **1 January 2026**, unless the ICMG exceptionally authorizes otherwise.

5.2. Drawing of the lots

The drawing of the lots to determine the order of the contests will take place during the Technical Meeting on 31 August 2026, after each delegation will have confirmed the entries of its athletes.

The drawing will take place under the control of the WKF Technical Delegate, in the presence of the official representatives of the participant teams.

5.3. Competition system

The competition system will be a direct elimination tournament with *repêchage*, in accordance with WKF regulations.

5.4. Weigh-ins

In accordance with WKF regulations, the official weigh-in will take place in the Weight in room at the Competition Venue from 7.00a.m. – 8.00a.m. on the morning for each category will compete in this day as indicated in the programme.

6. COMPETITION SCHEDULE

- The competition of Karate of the XX Mediterranean Games will take place on **Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 September 2026**, according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 1st September 2026		
Time	Men	Women
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.		Qualifications - Repêchage -50 Kg
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.		Qualifications - Repêchage -55 Kg
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Qualifications - Repêchage -60 Kg	
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Qualifications - Repêchage -67 Kg	
1:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.		FINAL -50 Kg
1:15 p.m.- 1:30 p.m.		FINAL -55 Kg
1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.		Medal Ceremony
1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	FINAL -60 Kg	
2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	FINAL -67 Kg	
2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Medal Ceremony	
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.		Qualifications - Repêchage -61 Kg
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.		Qualifications - Repêchage -68 Kg

Tuesday, 1st September 2026		
Time	Men	Women
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Qualifications - Repêchage -75 Kg	
7:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.		FINAL -61 Kg
7:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.		FINAL -68 Kg
7:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.	FINAL -75 Kg	
7:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Medal Ceremony	Medal Ceremony

Wednesday, 2nd September 2026		
Time	Men	Women
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Qualifications - Repêchage -84 Kg	
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Qualifications - Repêchage +84 Kg	
11:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.		Qualifications - Repêchage +68 Kg
12:00p.m. - 12:15p.m.	FINAL -84 kg	
12:15p.m. - 12:30p.m.		FINAL+68 kg
12:30p.m. - 12:45p.m.	FINAL +84 kg	
12:45p.m. - 13:00p.m.	Medal Ceremony	Medal Ceremony

6.1. Technical Offices

Two offices will provide specific information on the Karate Tournament:

- Technical Information Center (TIC) of Karate, at the Competition Venue.
- Sport Information Center (SIC) at the Mediterranean Village.

These offices will provide information on the schedule of the competition and training sessions, transport, list of players and results.



7. COMPETITION VENUE

The Karate competition at the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026 will be held at the venue detailed below.

Competition venue	Distance from Village	Capacity	Municipality
Wojtyla Sport Hall	29 Km	2000	Martina Franca

7.1. Competition Area

The competition area will have two (2) tatamis measuring 12m x 12m, homologated by WKF.

7.2. Warm-up Area

Adjacent to the competition venue, a warm-up area with three (3) tatamis, similar to those for the competition, will be available for the athletes.

7.3. Changing Rooms

Athletes will have separate changing rooms for men and women equipped with showers, toilets and scales.

7.4. Athletes' Lounge

Athletes will have at their disposal a lounge with water, energizing drinks and fruits.

7.5. Mixed zone

In the mixed zone, accredited media will be allowed brief interviews with participants who have finished their competition. Athletes must pass through this zone to leave the competition area and will be asked to cooperate willingly in answering journalists' questions. At the request of the journalists, an official of the OCMG may invite the athletes to go into the mixed zone to answer their questions.

Accredited media will have access to a press tribune.

7.6. Sport Equipment

All sport and technical equipment used during Karate competitions and trainings will comply with WKF rules **in force on 1 January 2026**, unless the ICMG exceptionally authorizes otherwise.

8. TRAINING SESSIONS

8.1. Training Venues

The Karate training sessions for the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026 will take place at the following venues:

Training venues	Distance from Village	Municipality	Note
Wojtyla Sport Hall	29 Km	Martina Franca	Competition Venue
Pacinotti School Sport Hall	7,3 Km	Taranto	

Three independent training areas equipped of 12m x 12m and equipped with similar tatamis to those of the competition will be made available.

8.2. Calendar and Schedules for Training Sessions

The training schedules will be as follows:

Date	Venue	Time
29th August- 31st August 2026	Taranto - Pacinotti School Sport Hall	8:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.
1st-2nd September 2026	Martina Franca Wojtyla Sport Hall	According to the Competition Schedule

8.3. Services available at Training Venues

8.3.1. Changing Rooms

Athletes will have separate changing rooms for men and women, equipped with showers, toilets and scales.

8.3.2. Athletes' Lounge

At the training venues, athletes will have at their disposal a lounge with water, energizing drinks and fruits.

8.4. Media during training sessions

Training sessions will be opened to the media but not to the public. The Competition Manager will be authorized to change this rule when and if he deems it necessary.

8.5. Procedure for the scheduling of training sessions

NOCs will receive the planning of the training sessions during the second half of July. They will have to confirm that they will make use of their allocated sessions during the DRM.

8.5.1. Before the Competition

As a rule, Competition Management will put the relevant Venues at the Athletes' disposal for one daily session, two (2) days before the beginning of the competition, **on Sunday 30 August 2026**.

If they have requested it during the DRM and following the procedure, Delegations will be able to use these Venues for training purposes, five (5) days before the beginning of the competition, **from Thursday 27 August 2026**.

8.5.2. During the Competition

The Competition Management will assign a daily training session of one hour and thirty minutes (1:30) in one of the relevant Venues.

During the Technical Meeting, on 31 August 2026, the Organizing Committee will deliver the Training Schedule during competition. Each NOC will then be able to inform of its specific training needs; these will be assessed to be included in the training schedule during the competition.

All NOCs will have to confirm they will use their allocated training session, by 17:00p.m. the day prior to the training is due; should they fail to do so, the relevant session will be made available for the other NOCs. They may also request, before 17:00p.m., an additional training session, which may be allocated to them, from 20:00p.m. the same day, subject to availability at the venues.

Upon their arrival, Teams will receive all relevant information on the training sessions, both at the SIC and at the TIC for Karate.



9. PARTICIPATION

All NOCs members of the ICMG, whose National Federation is a member Association of WKF, are entitled to participate in the Karate Tournament of the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026.

Athletes taking part in the competition must have the nationality of the country they represent and abide by the Conditions and Rules of ICMG and WKF.

Each NOC may take part in the Karate Tournament with one (1) man and one (1) woman in each weight category, that is to say with a maximum of ten (10) participants if taking part in all categories.

9.1. Entries

9.1.1. General Principles

The XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026 are open to all the Athletes of the NOCs of the Mediterranean countries' members of the ICMG, as indicated in the Rules of the ICMG Charter and of the IOC.

All Athletes taking part in the Games must be citizens of the country they represent, in accordance with the IOC Rules.

9.1.2. Procedures

The registration process is linked to the general system of Accreditations. The OCMG Taranto 2026 entry system is an e-accreditation portal accessible through the official website of the Games: www.ta2026.com.

Each Delegation will have its own username and password to have access to this e-accreditation portal available in both French and English.

The portal will allow users to print a list of sport entries which, once signed, will have to be sent back, within the deadlines indicated below, to the OCMG Taranto 2026: entries@ta2026.com

9.1.3. Entries by Number

The list of entries by number of participants for each NOC and event will have to be submitted through the e-accreditation portal, by **23:59 (CEST time) on Thursday 23 April 2026**.

9.1.4. Preliminary Entries by Name (Long list)

The list of preliminary entries of participants by names, by NOC and event, will have to be submitted via the e-accreditation portal, **by 23:59 (CEST time) on Thursday 23 April 2026.**

9.1.5. Final Entries by Name (Short list)

The NOC of each participating country will have to submit to the OCMG Taranto 2026, through the e-accreditation portal, the form with the final entries of their participants by name, five (5) weeks before the beginning of the Games, on **Tuesday 14 July 2026 (by 23:59p.m., CEST time).**

9.1.6. Confirmation of Entries

Confirmation of entries will take place during the DRM and any eventual modification that could be acceptable will be presented to the SIC and confirmed at a later stage, during the Technical Meeting.

Specific forms for the confirmation of entries will be distributed in advance to the Chef of Mission of each NOC.

9.2. Technical Meeting

The Technical Meeting will take place on **Monday 31 August 2026, at 11:00a.m., at the competition venue.**

The meeting will be held in accordance with WKF Rules and chaired by WKF Technical Delegate. The following people must be in attendance:

- WKF Technical Delegate
- One member of the ICMG SPC Commission
- The Team Managers (one per country)
- Judges and Referees
- The Coaches (one per team)
- The Team Doctors (one per team)
- The OCMG Taranto 2026 Competition Manager for Karate



10. MEDICAL SERVICES

10.1. Medical Services at the Village and on the Competition Venues

During the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026, medical services will be available to any accredited Athlete or Official who might need them, both at the Mediterranean Village and on the competition venues.

10.2. Mediterranean Village

The Polyclinic at the Village will provide the residents with the following services:

- Sport medicine
- Physiotherapy
- First Aid
- Emergency services 24/24h
- A fleet of ambulances will link the Polyclinic and the main Hospitals, should additional care be needed.

10.3. Competition Venues

During the events, all competition venues will provide the Athletes with the following services:

- Medical services
- Ambulance services
- Coolers filled with ice will be available for the Delegations at all Sport Venues.

10.4. Anti-Doping Control

Doping controls will be carried out during the competition or out of competition, under the responsibility of the International Testing Agency (ITA) and with the collaboration of the Italian National Anti-Doping Agency (NADO Italy), in accordance with the rules of the ICMG, the IF and the World Anti-Doping Code.

All competitors who undergo a control will receive written notification. The official procedure for the collection of samples will subsequently start, in accordance with the official deadlines and Regulations.

Any Athlete who refuses to submit to doping control, or who is declared positive after the test, will be disqualified from the competition and will be sanctioned along with his/her Team, in accordance with the ICMG and WKF Regulations.



11. REFEREES and JUDGES

11.1. Judges and Referees

Each NOC taking part in the karate competition with a minimum of 4 karatekas must register two (2) international referees, with at least a continental level qualification, with its delegation to officiate during the competition. For a lesser participation, each NOC must register one (1) referee with its delegation. The name of this referee must be included in the registration form by name.

WKF will appoint one (1) Chief Referee for the competition and four (4) International Referees.

The Chief Referee will appoint the Tatami Manager (TA) for each tatami who will, in turn, appoint the Referees and Judges for each match.

FIJLKAM, under the supervision of WKF Technical Delegate, will appoint the necessary Officials – Referees and Judges to officiate during the competition.

FIJLKAM will appoint any other Referee the WKF may require.

11.2. Jury of Appeal

In accordance with the technical event regulations of each sport at the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026, international juries of appeal will be formed. They will be responsible for ruling on any complaint.

If the WKF Technical Delegate is not the President of the Jury of Appeal, WKF, through its Technical Delegate, will appoint the President and the Jury of Appeal composed in accordance with its regulations.

As a general rule, and unless otherwise stipulated by WKF, a jury of appeal will be composed of one (1) president and two (2) members chosen from a list of six (6) qualified persons from among the representatives of the participating countries.

The list will be communicated by the Technical Delegate during the Technical Meeting.

During the processing of a dispute, the members of the Jury of Appeal belonging to the countries involved will abstain from participating.

11.3. Official Protest

Official Protests will be ruled following WKF rules. Any protest can be raised by the relevant NOC, in written, in French or in English, accompanied by a cash deposit which amount is established by WKF rules.



All protests will be addressed to the TIC for Karate who will forward them to the Secretariat of the Jury of Appeal and to the ICMG SPC and as per WKF procedure.

The deposit will only be refunded if the claim is successful.

12. SPORT CLOTHING

12.1. Athletes and coaches' clothing

Participants at the Karate competition of the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026 will wear a sport uniform in accordance with WKF and ICMG Regulations.

Athletes' sport clothing and equipment will bear no commercial brand. As an exception, the brand name of the manufacturer of the clothing or the equipment will be tolerated if it is discreet and does not have any advertising purpose, in accordance with the ICMG and WKF Rules.

The same rule will apply for the **Medal Ceremonies** regarding sport clothing and advertising. Athletes will step on the podium with the official clothing of their respective NOC

12.2. International Referees' clothing

During the competition, International Referees will wear the official WKF clothing.

The same rule will apply for the **Medal Ceremonies** regarding sport clothing and advertising. Athletes will step on the podium with the official clothing of their respective NOC.

13. MEDAL CEREMONIES

The Medal Ceremonies, as per the ICMG and the WKF Rules, will take place according to the competition schedule.

A diploma to the karatekas classified from the fifth to the eight places in each weight category and gender will be awarded.

14. APPROVAL OF THE REGULATIONS

In case of disagreement on the interpretation of these Regulations with any other related version, the French version will take precedence.

This Technical Manual was approved by the ICMG.



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