



ASEAN UNIVERSITY GAMES 2026

KARATE RULES

1 TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

- 1.1 The AUG Karate competition will be organised in accordance with:
- 1.1.1 The AUG General Rules & Regulations.
 - 1.1.2 The current technical regulations of the World Karate Federation (WKF).

- 1.2 The competition will consist of the following 17 events:

Events	Men	Women
Kata	Individual Kata	Individual Kata
	Team Kata	Team Kata
Kumite	55kg and below	50kg and below
	60kg and below	55kg and below
	67kg and below	61kg and below
	75kg and below	68kg and below
	84kg and below	Above 68kg
	Above 84kg	Team Kumite
	Team Kumite	

- 1.3 Each country is authorised to enter:
- 1.3.1 A maximum of 17 men competitors, 15 women competitors and 5 team officials. The number of team officials shall not exceed the number of competitors.
 - 1.3.2 Kata Events: Maximum of 2 entries per Individual Kata event and 1 entry per Team Kata event. Each Team Kata shall consist of 3 athletes.
 - 1.3.3 Kumite Events: Maximum of 1 entry per weight category event and 1 entry per Team Kumite event. Men Team Kumite shall comprise 7 competitors with 5 competitors competing in a round. Women Team Kumite shall comprise 4 competitors with 3 competitors competing in a round. All athletes are members of the team. There are no reserves.
 - 1.3.4 In order to compete, men teams must present at least 3 competitors and women teams must present at least 2 competitors. A team with less than the required number of competitors will forfeit the match (Kiken).
- 1.4 Countries must confirm and submit their list of competitors at the General Technical Briefing.

- 1.5 Each country participating in the respective karate events must bring with them the following number of International Technical Official (ITO):
 - 1.5.1 Kata Events: 1 WKF / AKF kata judge
 - 1.5.2 Kumite Events: 1 WKF / AKF kumite referee or judge
- 1.6 If the country is only sending 4 or less competitors, the country will only be required to bring 1 WKF/ AKF kata judge or kumite referee / judge.
- 1.7 Sportdata Software and Video Review System will be applied for all event categories.

2 COMPETITION REGULATIONS

- 2.1 Duration of contest
 - 2.1.1 Kumite Bouts

Kumite bouts duration will be 3 minutes for men and 3 minutes for women categories.
 - 2.1.2 Kata Team Events

There is no specific time limit for Individual Kata. Exceeding the total limit of 5 minutes duration for medal bouts of Team Kata (Kata + Bunkai) will result in disqualification.
- 2.2 Competition Format

The karate events shall be conducted in the following competition format:

 - 2.2.1 The elimination system with repechage will be applied for Kumite. The point-table system will be applied for Kata.
 - 2.2.2 The drawing of lots shall be conducted one day prior to the first day of competition, managed by Sportdata Drawing System, in the presence of the AUG Organising Committee and participating countries' delegates.
 - 2.2.3 The gold medalist and silver medalist in the last AUG karate competition shall be seeded.
 - 2.2.4 A separate mode of competition shall be taken to prevent athletes from the same country from competing against each other in the first round of individual kata and individual weight categories of kumite.
 - 2.2.5 The host shall have the privilege in choosing his or her opponent in the first round.
 - 2.2.6 Award in each category: 1 Gold Medal, 1 Silver Medal and 1 Bronze Medal (if applicable).

2.3 Weigh-In Procedures

2.3.1 Rehearsal Weighing

Athletes shall be allowed to check their weight on the official weigh-in scales (that will be used for the official weigh-in) from one hour before the official weigh-in commences. There is no limit to the number of times each athlete may check his/her weight during the time of unofficial weigh-in.

2.3.2 Official Weighing

- i. Place – Weight control will always take place in only one place. Organiser must provide separate rooms for men and women.
- ii. Scales – The organising committee shall provide sufficient calibrated electronic scales (at least 4 units) showing only one decimal place e.g. 51.9kg, 154.6kg.
- iii. Time – The official weigh-in time will be on the morning before competition days for all categories. Weigh-in shall begin at 0930 and close at 1130 on that day.
- iv. Tolerance – The tolerance admitted for any category is 0.200kg.

2.3.3 Competitors who fail to make the weigh-in shall be disqualified.

2.3.4 Latecomers shall also be disqualified.

2.3.5 The detailed procedure will be done in accordance with current WKF Rules.

2.4 Roll Call

Individual athletes or teams that do not present themselves when called will be disqualified (Kiken) from that category. Disqualification by Kiken means that the athletes are disqualified from that category, although it does not affect participation in another category.

2.5 Medical Declaration Form

2.5.1 All members of the participating country are required to have arranged and obtained proper liability, personal accidents, and repatriation insurance coverage.

2.5.2 All competitors are required to complete the Medical Declaration Form. This requirement is compulsory.

2.5.3 Any competitor who tries to avoid or refuses to complete the Medical Declaration Form shall be disqualified. If the competitor(s) belong to a team, this team may no longer compete after a member has been disqualified. However, the remaining members may compete in individual events.

2.6 Match Attire

- 2.6.1 All athletes and coaches must wear the official attire as herein defined according to current WKF Rules.
- 2.6.2 The organising committee may disbar any official or competitor who does not comply with this regulation.
- 2.6.3 Athletes may wear voluntary religious headwear approved by WKF: A black plain fabric head scarf covering hair, but not the neck of throat area. Countries participating in the event should also obtain approval from WKF for sanctioned headwear.

2.7 Equipment

The following protective equipment is compulsory:

- 2.7.1 WKF approved mitts (one contestant wearing red and the other wearing blue).
- 2.7.2 Gum shield.
- 2.7.3 WKF approved body protection for all athletes including chest protector for female athletes.
- 2.7.4 WKF approved shin pad (one contestant wearing red and the other wearing blue).
- 2.7.5 WKF approved foot protection; instep (one contestant wearing red and the other wearing blue).

3 SUMMARIES OF ENTRIES

Karate	Maximum Number of Participants Per Country
Men Competitor	17
Women Competitor	15
Team Official*	5
International Technical Official	2

**Number of team officials shall not exceed number of competitors.*

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