

Dear Karatekas, Sports Friends, and Families,

With great pride, we invite you to the **12th Open Belgium**, including the **I-Karate Global Championship**. On **March 21, 2026**, we will transform Pelt (Belgium) into the heart of inclusive karate. At I-Karate, we believe that karate is for everyone. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced karateka with a disability, our philosophy is simple: "**Participation is winning.**"

Why you shouldn't miss this:

- **Everyone is a Champion:** We value every participant's effort. No one goes home empty-handed; every participant receives a unique trophy as a token of appreciation.
- **Over 40 Categories:** There is a place for everyone, from individual kata and weapon kata to pads kumite and team forms.
- **Premiere: Family Pairs:** A brand-new initiative! Perform a kata on the mat together with your parent, grandparent, or sibling. A unique opportunity to shine together.
- **Demo Kata Category:** Perfect for newcomers. Demonstrate your kata, receive feedback from the jury, and receive a gold medal for your courage.
- **International Character:** We welcome participants from various countries. While it is an international field, we also celebrate local talent: the highest-ranked Belgian participant in each category will receive the title of **Belgian Champion** (gold medal).

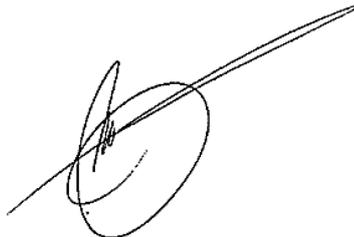
Practical Information:

- **Date:** March 21, 2026
- **Location:** Pelt, Belgium
- **For whom:** Everyone, regardless of level or disability.

Experience the power of inclusivity, respect, and sportsmanship. We look forward to welcoming you all on the tatami!

Kind regards,

Eric Bortels



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12th Open Belgium & I-Karate Global Championship 2026

Below you will find our program along with the necessary documents for your registration. The **deadline for registration is March 10, 2026.**

To register, click here or use the QR code. For **G-karate vzw** members, you can provide your information to your trainer:

<https://forms.gle/mNx2CzKndVBKR6cH7>



How to register for the competition: (not for G-karate vzw members)

1. **Fill out** the registration form.
2. **Consult** the program for the 12th Open Belgium (page 3).
3. **Include** the necessary payment details (page 4).
4. **Review** the detailed information regarding all IKF I-Karate Global categories in the attachment.

Note: Part 4 can also be sent directly to the I-Karate GLOBAL medical team via Carlo Oud (MD), Nobellaan 5, 3500 Hasselt, Belgium. **Email:** carlo.oud@telenet.be

Please send or email the required information to I-Karate GLOBAL before **March 10, 2026.**
Email: info@i-k-f.net

If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact us via email:
diana.borger@i-k-f.net



Program

12th Open Belgian Inclusive I-Karate Global Championship 2026

LOCATION: Sportcentrum Dommelhof, Toekomstlaan 5, B-3910 Pelt, Belgium

Friday, March 20, 2026

- **19:00 - 21:00:** Setup with I-Karate Global volunteers, technical classification (mandatory for everyone without a prior classification).
- **21:00 - 23:00:** "Meet and Greet" – National representatives meeting (2 coaches per country), referees, and potential sponsors.

Saturday, March 21, 2026

(4 competition areas)

- **08:30 - 09:30:** Registration / Briefing for referees.
- **09:30 - 12:30:** Opening ceremony and start of competition Part 1:
 - All individual categories: demo, kata-kumite (wheelchair athletes around 11:00).
- **12:30 - 13:30:** Break.
- **13:30 - 14:00:** Special moment.
- **14:00 - 17:00:** Start of competition Part 2:
 - PAIRS kata-kumite, weapons and TEAMS, family/international pairs, PADS kumite.
- **18:30:** Social gathering.

Registration and Practical Information

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Your registration is only final once we have received all required details and the full payment. **Please note:** payment must be credited to our account before **March 10, 2026**. Unfortunately, participation is not possible without payment.

Rates per Category

Category	Price
Individual Kata / Demo Kata	€ 15.00
IKF Kumite (no free sparring)	€ 5.00
Pairs Kata with buddy or family	€ 5.00
Pairs Kumite with buddy (5 free exercises)	€ 5.00
Teams Kata	€ 5.00 p.p.
Weapons	€ 5.00
Pads with buddy	€ 5.00
Pairs Kata (2 countries)	Free

Payment Details

Please transfer the total amount to:

- **IBAN:** BE 78 0689 0208 6586
- **BIC:** GKCCBEBB
- **Account name:** IKF I-Karate Global
- **Reference:** COUNTRY and/or CLUB + NAME OF PARTICIPANT(S)

Conditions for Participation

- **Insurance:** Foreign participants are responsible for their own valid insurance. IKF I-Karate GLOBAL is not liable for any incidents during the competition.
- **Media Material:** By participating, you grant the organization permission to use audiovisual material. If you do not agree, please check the 'O' box at the signature.



Confirmation & Agreement

By signing, you declare your agreement with the conditions mentioned above. For participants under 18 years of age, a signature from a parent or legal guardian is mandatory.

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Athlete's Signature: _____ **Date:**/...../2026

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ (If under 18 years of age)

Parent/Guardian Name (block letters): _____

GENERAL IKF BASIC RULES

Competition Regulations & Important Guidelines

To ensure the competition runs fairly and smoothly, we apply the following rules. We count on the cooperation of every coach, parent, and participant.

1. Classification & Categories

- **IKF Classification:** Every participant is required to have an official IKF I-Karate Global classification (available on or before the competition day).
- **Grouping:** Categories are divided based on age, gender, and rank (belt). If there are fewer than 3 participants, athletes will be merged into a suitable higher category.
- **Unique Needs:** We strive for careful categorization. Please note that no extra points are awarded based on the degree of disability; we rely on the expertise of the referees in this regard.
- **Styles:** All karate styles are welcome. We are aware that belt color meanings can vary between styles.

2. Specific Changes & New Categories

- **Cat. 501-502:** Two mandatory katas; you must start with *Shorin* in the first round.
- **Cat. 503-505:** One kata may be repeated. Use katas with four directions (no mini-katas).
- **Wheelchair Kata:** Will be announced as *Rin Ichi* or *Rin Ni* (e.g., "Saifa Rin Ichi").
- **International Pairs Kata:** Two athletes from different countries perform a free kata together. Practice time is available during the break.
- **Demo Kata:** One free kata of your choice. Participants in this category cannot participate in other disciplines.

3. Judging & Complaints

- **Scoring System:** Five referees award points. The highest and lowest scores are discarded; the middle three count. In the event of a tie, the lowest score is added back.
- **Complaints:** Only the officially registered coach may submit a complaint to the official table. Decisions are made by the (head) comfort referee and are binding.
- **Respectful Behavior:** We do not tolerate inappropriate behavior (verbal or physical) toward our volunteers and referees. Violation will lead to the immediate disqualification of the participant or the entire team.

4. Overnight Stays (Dommelhof Pelt)

Located directly next to the sports hall. For bookings, please contact Jenny Bams.

- **Mobile:** +32 494 575 237
- **Email:** Jenny.bams@telenet.be

Rates per day:

- Single room: €15 | Double room: €20 | Triple or Quadruple room: €30
- Breakfast: €5.50 | Towel set: €4 | Bed linen: €4

Reminder:

- A **valid IKF license** is mandatory for all participants (except for Demo Kata).
- In **Pairs Kumite**, the athlete and buddy demonstrate 5 attacks together. Judging focuses on choreography, realism, and cooperation.

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