



Dear all,

Please find the invitation to the 1st Open Irish Inclusive Karate Championship on Saturday, June 20, 2026 (TF Royal Theatre. Castlebar, Co. Mayo).

It's great to see such an inclusive and welcoming event organized by I-Karate Global Ireland in a wonderful environment. This competition is open to everyone, regardless of experience, truly reflecting the idea that "to participate is to win." Each competitor will receive a unique trophy, highlighting the value of every participant.

With over 40 categories—including kata, kata pairs, and team events—there are many ways to take part. New initiatives such as "2 country pairs" kata encourage international collaboration, while the "demo kata" category offers beginners a supportive way to build confidence. And families can join in now with "family pairs" kata.

More than just a competition, this event is a social gathering that brings together people of all ages, abilities, and nationalities in a friendly atmosphere.

We hope to meet you at this exciting event. For any questions or further information, please contact us or your country representative.

We look forward to welcoming you in Castlebar!

Best regards,

Eric Bortels

President, I-Karate Global

Program

Friday, June 19th

16:00–18:30 Introduction to the I-Karate Global System & Competition Format *Registration required*

Email: ikarateirl@gmail.com

19:00 Welcome Reception

Saturday, June 20th

09:00 Registration

10:00 Start of Competition All individual categories: **kata** and **kumite**

12:30–13:30 Break

13:30–16:00 Kata pairs, family and country categories, weapons, pads, and team events

19:00 Celebration Party at Lough Lannagh Food trucks & live entertainment

Payment details

Free entrance for the visitors.

Please mention your name and country while you do the payment!

<https://forms.gle/XCbXsQswzDUARuqf8>

Your registration will be complete once we have received all the application parts, and the transfer has been made on our account below, by June, 10th, 2026.

All payments, for participation should be on the following bank account:

(no payment = no participation)

IBAN BE 78 0689 0208 6586 BIC: GKCCBEBB (Inclusive karate federation vzw ASBL)

Please indicate on the transfer:

COUNTRY PARTICIPANT(S)

0 participation competition15 euro (for individual kata)
5 euro (for every extra category)
0 licence fee IKF-IKG 202610 euro obligated
0 I-Karate Global license book10 euro obligated
total: euro

- Foreign competitors need to provide insurance for participation at the competition themselves. IKF I-Karate GLOBAL is not responsible for any incident during the competition.
- By entering the competition, you agree that the organisation can use all audio-visual material. If not, please inform the I-Karate GLOBAL team by ticking the following box 0.

Please bring your country flag!

Please date & sign this agreement to complete your registration

Under 18 years old has to be signed by family

member/carer:.....

Signature Athlete

Date:/...../2026

Signature family member/Carer

BASIC RULES IKF

- 1 It is important to note that new levels in the Classifications will be created as each category attracts more participants.
- 2 You are obligated to have an IKF I-karate Global classification the day before the competition. You will be noticed on time when you or your country needs to show up for the classification, please be on time! **no classification is no entrée and no refund!**
- 3 **Classifications cannot be changed on the day of the competition.**
If you already been classified you don't have to sign up for classification on Friday only when you want to change according to your existing classification.
- 4 A category can be further categorized by age, gender or belt grade. A category needs to have enough competitors for a competition to be viable. The minimum of 3. If less than 3 than the athletes will be classified in a higher category that is suitable for them, according to the technical classifier.
- 5 Our experience has shown that both I-Kata and I-Kumite (not "pairs") should be performed consecutively to minimise waiting time and also to reduce organisation time.
- 6 The I-Kumite in the category is a sanbon or ippon kumite related to the disability, please inform yourself! In the pairs kumite the buddy will demonstrate 5 attacks together with the athlete, the athlete is free to block and counter attack. Points will be given for the realistic performance and choreography of both buddy and athlete.
- 7 Complains can be done at the table only by the official inscribed coach of the team.
 - o The table will talk about the issue to the comfort referee who is responsible for that particular floor.
 - o Together they make a decision, if no decision can be made the tournament head comfort referee will be involved and will take the final decision.
 - o You have to understand that all disabled athletes are different, we try to do or utterly best to put them in the correct category. We apologize already if this is not the case because we don't do extra points for athletes who have more disabilities. We rely on the skills of or IKF judges.

Please note: all styles are allowed, i.e. belts may sometimes be different which are high for us but low for another style group!

8 Changes:

-category 501-502 a obligated 2 kata and start with SHORIN 1ste round.

-category 504-505 kata only performing the four directions instead of mini kata.

Kata's: RIN ICHI - RIN NI - RIN SAN - RIN YON

-New category: Pairs kata foreign, 2 I-athletes from different countries performing a kata free.

-9 Points system: 5 referees give points, highest and lowest score are dropped. De other 3 points are added together. In case of a draw, the lowest point will be added first. The first competitor is going to be judged between 7.7 and 8.2 these points are then compared each time with each next competitor.

All IKF judges, IKF trainers and participants must have a valable IKF licence.