

Join Us in Budapest! 8th Open Inclusive Karate World Championship

Dear Friends and Athletes,

On behalf of I-Karate Global, we cordially invite you to the 8th Open Inclusive Karate World Championship on October 3, 2026, in Budapest, Hungary! A huge thank you to IKF Team Hungary for making this incredible event possible.

At I-Karate, we believe that "participation is winning." This championship is dedicated to breaking barriers and creating a welcoming stage for martial artists of all abilities and skill levels. Every single athlete will walk away with a special trophy celebrating their journey and achievements.

What to Expect (40+ Categories):

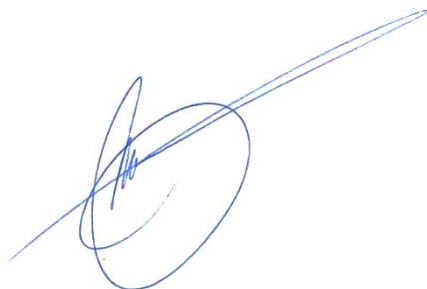
- **Traditional & Skill Events:** Individual Kata, Kata Teams, Pads, Kata Weapons, and Safe Kumite.
- **Family Pairs:** Compete alongside a parent, grandparent, sibling, or buddy.
- **Country Pairs:** Team up with an athlete from another country to showcase international unity!
- **Demo Kata:** Perfect for beginners! Perform any free kata, get judged, and take home a gold medal to build your confidence.

Let's make this world championship unforgettable together. See you in Budapest!

note: maximum 180 participants allowed!

Yours sincerely,

Eric Bortels



Chairman, I-Karate-Global





Here is a design agenda along with the necessary documents for your registration.

The deadline for registration is September 15, 2026.

<https://forms.gle/89pXGcrnmAXPWWLC8>



How to register for the competition:

Complete the registration form.

Refer to the program for the 8th World Championship, Budapest (page 3).

Provide the necessary payment details (page 4).

Include classification information (page 5).

Review detailed information about all IKF I-Karate Global categories in the attachment.

Send or email the required information to I-Karate GLOBAL before September 15, 2026.

Email: info@i-k-f.net

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

If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact us via email:

laura.kazilione@i-k-f.net (International)

diana.borger@i-k-f.net (Belgium)

Program & Schedule 8th Open Inclusive Karate World Championship 2026

Venue Location:

Mészáros Ferenc Sportcsarnok

Budapest, Sportcsarnok utca, 1237 Hungary

[View Location on Google Maps](#)

Friday, October 2, 2026

- **15:00 – 18:00** | Technical & Medical Classification (*Mandatory for unclassified athletes*)
- **19:00 – 21:00** | Judges & Referees Training
- **21:00** | Branch Leaders Meeting

Saturday, October 3, 2026

- **08:00 – 09:15** | Referee Registration & Briefing
- **08:30** | Doors Open
- **09:30** | Group Warm-Up (*All athletes together*)
- **09:50 – 10:15** | Opening Ceremony & Competition Part 1
- **10:20 – 13:00** | Individual Categories: Kata & Kumite (*Across 6 tatamis*)
- **13:00 – 13:45** | Lunch Break
- **13:45 – 14:00** | *Cultural program*
- **14:00 – 17:00** | Competition Part 2: Pairs (Kata & Kumite), Weapons, Pads & Teams
- **17:00** | Medal Ceremony
- **18:00 -20:00** | Free Gulyás party and disco

Note on Medal Ceremonies: Medal presentations will take place immediately after each category conclusion, except for Family Pairs, Country Pairs, and Team events, which will be awarded during the final ceremony at 17:00.

Registration and Payment

Please open this link below and apply.

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Your registration is complete once we have received all parts of the registration and the transfer has been made to our account below, before September 15, 2026.

All payments for participation must be transferred to the following bank account:
(no payment = no participation)

IBAN BE53 0020 3729 6353 BIC: GEBABEBB Account name: ERIC BORTELS

Reference: Country or/and Club + Name of Participant(s)

Please indicate on the transfer:

COUNTRY PARTICIPANT(S)

Demo kata or individual kata 15 euro

IKF KUMITE (no free sparring): 5 euro

Pairs KATA with buddy or family: 5 euro

Pairs KUMITE with buddy (5 free exercises): 5 euro

Pairs kata 2 countries: Free

Teams KATA: 5 euro pp

Weapons: 5 euro

Pads with buddy: 5 euro

Foreign participants must arrange their own insurance for participation in the competition.

IKF I-Karate GLOBAL is not responsible for incidents during the competition.

By participating in the competition, you agree that the organization may use all audiovisual material. If this is not the case, please inform the I-Karate GLOBAL team by checking the box 0.

Bring your countryflag!

Please date and sign this agreement to complete your registration.

If under 18 years old, it must be signed by a family member/caretaker.

Athlete's signature Date:/...../2026 Family member/caretaker's signature:

_____(Printed name)

HOTELS & ACCOMMODATION

- **Hotel Suggestions:** We advise staying near the venue.
Recommended options include **Ibis Hotel** and **Hotel Benczúr**.
- **Alternative Options:** Private apartments (via Booking.com) offer good value for groups.
- **General Transport:** Participants must arrange their own local travel.
- **Wheelchair Shuttle Service:** Complimentary transport between the airport, hotel, and venue is available **only for wheelchair athletes**.
 - *To arrange pickup, email Monika: monij2008@gmail.com*
- **Mandatory Registration:** Please fill out the required Google Form on our website: www.I-Karate-Global.com (*Events section*).

I-KARATE GLOBAL EDUCATION

- **Course:** 4-Day Certified IKF Trainer Course.
- **Availability:** Strictly **limited to 12 people**.
- **Information:** Full details and registration links are available on our website.

<https://forms.gle/c1mGdhgjKahnuRG48>

BASICRULES IKF

- 1 It's important to note that multiple levels in the classifications will be created as each category attracts more participants.
- 2 You are required to have an IKF I-karate Global classification on the day of or before the competition. **(except for the demo kata)**
- 3 A category can be further divided by age, gender, or belt. A category must have enough participants to make a competition viable. The minimum is 3. If there are fewer than 3, athletes will be placed in a higher category suitable for them, according to the technical classifier.
- 4 Inform yourself! In kumite for pairs, the buddy will demonstrate 5 attacks together with the athlete. The athlete is free to block and counterattack. Points will be given for the realistic execution and choreography of both the buddy and the athlete.
- 5 Complaints can only be submitted at the table by the officially registered coach of the team.
 - a. The table will discuss the issue with the comfort referee responsible for that specific floor.
 - b. Together they make a decision, if no decision can be made, the head comfort referee will be involved and will make the final decision.
 - c. "We kindly request coaches and parents not to interfere with the ranking or the order of when the athlete should perform."
 - d. We understand that each athlete with a disability is unique, and we strive to carefully classify them into the appropriate categories. We apologize if this is not entirely successful, as no extra points are awarded to athletes with a higher degree of disability. We rely on the assessment skills of the IKF judges. Any inappropriate behavior, both verbal and physical, from the participant, coach, or spectator towards someone from the organizing team (judge, table staff, entrance security, comfort referee), will result in exclusion, both of the participant concerned and possibly even the entire team.
 - e. Note: all styles are allowed, i.e., belts can sometimes be different, high for us but low for another style group!
- 6 Changes:
 - a. category 501-502 a mandatory 2 katas and start with kata SHORIN 1st round.
 - b. category 504-505 kata with only the four directions instead of mini kata.
Katas: RIN ICHI - RIN NI - RIN SAN - RIN YON
 - c. New category: Pairs kata international, 2 athletes from different countries performing a free kata.
 - d. Demo kata 1 kata of free choice, no participation possible in other categories.
- 7 Point system:

5 referees give points, highest and lowest score are dropped. The remaining 3 points are added together. In case of a tie, the lowest point is counted first. The first participant is judged between 7.7 and 8.2. These points are then compared with each subsequent participant.

All participants (except demo kata) must have a valid IKF license.