

EUROPEAN KARATE ORGANIZATION

GENERAL INFORMATION 2026

- March 13-15, EKO Black Belt Seminar, Stara Wie Poland
- May 8-9, European Championship Adult + J18 (inc. Kata Men and Women WC-2027 1st selection), Batumi Georgia
- October 3-4, European Championship J16 + U21 + Open (inc. Kata Men and Women WC-2027 2nd selection and Women Open WC-2027 1st selection), Latvia
- December? TBD, Kokoro Cup (inc. Women Open WC-2027 2nd selection), Poland

News from the Referee Committee



RANKING

Competitors ranking for the coming draw to European Championship in Batumi, Georgia will be announced about two weeks before the competition. It will be sent by mail to Country Representatives in firsthand, eventually on Kumite Technology. Coaches and competitors who see some errors can apply for changes according to information given together with the ranking. The draw will be done on Friday 6 May at 19:00 in Grand Bellagio Hotel.

COACH TEST AND PARTICIPATION FEE

All coaches must have a valid coach test. For this year a valid test must have been registered 2024, 2025 or 2026. To do the test please use this link. It can be done repeatedly until all answers are correct. Please study the competition rules and antidoping rules to be found on EKO Homepage. <https://www.european-kyokushin.org/download/>

Link to the Coach test: <https://forms.gle/iL9zBja2oN9h8zC3A>

ATT; The Coach participation fee of 40€ must be paid before the championship through your Country Representative. Coach meeting on Friday 6 May at 18:30 and the Draw at 19:00 in Grand Bellagio Hotel.

EKO REFEREE LICENSE DIPLOMA

During this spring it will be possible for all referee to print the latest license diploma from www.ekoreferees.eu. Stay tuned for more information in coming NewsLetter.

REFEREES FOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP IN BATUMI, GEORGIA

All referee of categories EKO-C, B and A in both Kumite and Kata are welcome. New referees are also welcome and must have its own countries highest national license and a recommendation from its Country Representative. The championship is held in two day and on 3 tatamis.

The Referee Course is compulsory for referees who apply for new or refresh license. Participants shall bring all documents (from EKO Homepage), be in referee uniform and with whistle.

The course ends with a written test. For that you need a smart phone or a computer for internet connection, WiFi is provided. The test is in English.

All rules, regulations and license validity to study can be downloaded from <https://www.european-kyokushin.org/> or <https://ekoreferrees.eu/>

Referee application for the Referee Course and EC participation:

1. Apply at: www.ekoreferrees.eu
2. Registrate at: <https://app.kumitetechnology.com/en/tournament/268/>

After registration you will get an e-mail 2 weeks prior the EC to make a check-in confirmation of participation.

New licenses are 50€ and refresh license is 25€. This can be paid by card or cash at the registration before the course and the briefing.

Schedule

All meetings in the Official Hotel: Grand Bellagio Hotel & Casino Batumi

7 May Thursday.

- 13:30-14:00 Registration
- 14:00-20:00 Referee Course

6 May Friday

- 16:00-18:00 Referee briefing (compulsory for all referee, in referee uniform)
- 18:30-19:00 Coach meeting
- 19:00-19:30 Draw

REFEREE BRIEFING IN BATUMI, GEORGIA

Before the European Championship in Batumi, EKO invites to all referees to a competition briefing on Friday 6 May at 16:00-18:00.

EKO-REGION SELECTION FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2027

Selection for World Championship 2027, Women Open category and Men + Women Kata categories will be held at three occasions 2026.

KATA

- May 8-9, European Championship Adult + J18 (**inc. Kata Men and Women WC-2027 1st selection**), Batumi Georgia
- October 3-4, European Championship J16 + U21 + Open (**inc. Kata Men and Women WC-2027 2nd selection** and Women Open WC-2027 1st selection), Latvia

KUMITE

- October 3-4, European Championship J16 + U21 + Open (inc. Kata Men and Women WC-2027 2nd selection and **Women Open WC-2027 1st selection**), Latvia
- December? TBD, Kokoro Cup (inc **Women Open WC-2027 2nd selection**), Poland

EKO REFEREE COMMITTEE

Michael Söderkvist
Chairman

<https://www.ekoreferrees.eu/>

TECHNICAL & GRADING COMMITTEE



EKO DAN GRADING 2026

Information about EKO Dan-grading will be announced in a few weeks.

EKO BLACK BELT SEMINAR STARA WIESS 2026

The EKO Black Belt seminar 2024 will take place from 13th. -15th of March We hope we will be as many students as last year's 250 participants from more that 17 country members of EKO.

As mentioned in the Referee Newsletter, 2026 will be an important year for not only Woman fighters to be selected for the Woman's Open Karate World Championship 2027, but also for the Kata competitors to be selected for the World Karate Kata Championship 2027.

Stara Wiess is a great opportunity to be coached and taught by some of the leading instructors in EKO & WKO.

Join and be as prepared as possible for the first selection championship in Batumi, Georgia.

The EKO Black Belt seminar is more than preparation for qualifying to the World Championship, it is also an opportunity for everybody to train together, improve your skills and have a great time with friends from all over EKO.

Key information about the Black belt Seminar:

Date: March 13th-15th 2026

Location: Dojo Stara Wies, Poland

Schedule: The first training session starts on March 13 at 4:00 PM.

Registration: Applications are accepted exclusively via the online form: <https://shinkyokushin.org.pl/seminar>

Participation Costs (Full board included):

Participant House: € 340.00

Participant Agro-accommodation: € 310.00

Participant Dojo (standard): € 290.00

EKO GRADING & TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Jan Bülow

Chairman

News from the Anti-Doping Committee



EKO Anti-Doping activities

The European Karate Organization Anti-Doping Committee are planning the upcoming European Karate Championship in Georgia – Batumi. It is important that EKO as a member of WADA follow the Anti-Doping Protocol.

It is essential EKO as a professional organization show that we cannot accept doping and have a clear policy about this by conducting Anti-Doping tests at our championships.

We hope EKO member countries also will conduct Anti-Doping tests at national championships. If you need any help and support do not hesitate to contact the EKO Anti-Doping Committee. Just send a request to the EKO General Secretary ekogeneralsecretary@gmail.com. Then we will help about any support you might need.

EKO ANTI-DOPING COMMITTEE

Jan Bülow & Romas Vitkauskas