

EUROPEAN KARATE ORGANIZATION

General information

- October 14-15, WKO 13th World Championship in Open Weight Categories for men and women
- October 14-15, WKO 1st World Championship in Kata for men and women
- Mars 15-17, EKO Black Belt Seminar in Stara Wies, Poland
- May 22, EKO Referee Course in Valencia, Spain
- May 24-25, EKO European Championship for adult and juniors in Valencia, Spain

News from the Referee Committee



REFEREE COURSE AT EC 2023 IN DEBRECEN

Thursday 22 June 15:00-20:00 EKO Referee Committee had its annual referee course for those who applied for a new license with almost 40 participants. Several new referees were issued as well as updated licenses. Well done and congratulations.

TEST OF VIDEO ANALYZE SYSTEM (VAR)

At EC in Debrecen we tested a system for official VAR. It was two cameras on each tatami and a computer with screen close by. This is an interesting system that can help the referees to make correct decisions. We found several needs for improvement and more regulation how it can be used but the work will proceed.

SELECTION TO 13th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE DRAW

The EKO selection to the WC in Tokyo 14-15 October was finalized after EC in Debrecen with the last female kumite competitors and reserves. EKO was invited to the official draw in Tokyo on the 25-26 July in Tokyo. This time WKO on request of EKO made a more transparent draw with clear rules for ranking. It is not easy to make a system that should compare results from different regions and countries. The ranking rules have been sent to all Branch Chiefs.

During the draw we got the opportunity to add 5 reserves in both kumite and kata.

SELECTED REFEREES FOR 13th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

WKO have selected these referees from EKO to be referees at the WC. Like the last WC in Poland, the host region will provide Hosa-referees. This time they are chosen from the region of Japan.

Michael Söderkvist
Alexander Gonchrenko
Jan Bülow
Remigiusz Karpinski
Vidmantas Poskaitis
Pedro Soriano

We know that it is many of our expired referees in Europe that like to participate but unfortunately each region has only 6 referees. But thank you all for your offer to help.

COACH TEST NOW COMPULSORY

The EKO Online Coach test is now compulsory to be approved/get a badge to enter the competition as a coach during the European Championship. Information about Coach test for 2024 will be sent well before the championship.

EKO EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 24-25 MAY 2024 IN VALENCIA, SPAIN FOR ADULT AND JUNIOR

As this championship will include both junior and adult, we invite to our next referee course for all how like a new license as well as update a current one. It will be on Wednesday 22 May from 1500 a 'clock.

The championship will be on three tatamis, and we invite all categories of referees this time.

EKO REFEREE HOMPAGE

EKO Referees do now have its own homepage. There you will get the latest information; find the rules and all EKO Referees can upload your referee profile by yourself.



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

EKO REFEREE COMMITTEE

Michael Söderkvist
Chairman

News from the Technical and Grading Committee



EKO DAN GRADING 2023 AT TURGU MURES, ROMANIA

As you know EKO had the annual EKO Dan grading in Rumania. 14 candidates passed for YONDAN from 3 EKO member countries. This is important step for all of us that so many students train hard to achieve such a high Dan grade. An inspiration to our students and all of us, congratulations.

2024 EKO DAN GRADING

In 2024 EKO will again have the annual Dan grading. More information will come early 2024 about date and location.

2024 EKO BLACK BELT SEMINAR STARA WIESS

The EKO Black Belt seminar 2024 will take place from 15th. -17th. Of March. We used to be about 250 students from about 12 countries.

The EKO seminar have for many years have had focus on Kata and refereeing. At next years seminar we will have the first World Karate Championship in Kata to look back at ad to review and discuss about what we saw and where we can improve our kata skills in Europe.

It is important for development of our Kata and kata competition that we meet as many Black Belts and representing countries as possible at this seminar. So please come to support and meet good friends' cross countries and borders.

News from EKO Anti-Doping Committee

13th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

At this year's 13th. World Open weight Karate Championship we see how WKO anti-doping committee and EKO anti-doping committee have been working together and shared competences in the preparation of the WC2024.

This show that we are getting even more professional in the way we work and strengthen both WKO and EKO organization.

It also shows all the work and the competences we got in EKO, from many years Anti-Doping policy, have a positive effect in karate in the way we can WKO as a region.

EKO TECHNICAL AND GRADING COMMITTEE

Jan Bülow
Chairman