



Monthly Newsletter World Karate Organization

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1. Message from the WKO President

Dear WKO Branch Chiefs and Contacts,

Thank you for your continued cooperation in the operation of the WKO Office. As this issue includes important information regarding the 1st World Fullcontact Karate Championship, please confirm the details carefully.

The last issue of the WKO Newsletter for this year is scheduled for December 13 (Fri.).

Kind regards,

WKO Office

2. Activities of Japanese Instructors & PR

Date	Member	Place	Purpose
2024/12/12 ~ 12/16	Riri Ishihara Tadashi Ishihara	Netherlands	EFKO Seminar
2025/1/1 ~ 1/8	Kumiko Sunakawa	Poland	Camp
2025/2/1 ~ 2/19	Tadashi Ishihara Riri Ishihara	Poland	Seminar
2025/2/19 ~ 2/25	Yuji Shimamoto	Poland	Seminar
2025/4/30 ~ 5/6	Shinichi Sotodate	Switzerland	Tournament

The Japan Region has resumed the consideration of invitations for Japanese instructors. However, please confirm and accept that for cases of COVID-19 infection during the visit, the inviting branch will be responsible for the arrangements and costs related to the extra accommodation and rearrangement of the air ticket.



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3. Application for the 1st WFKO World Championship

Please find the documents related to the 1st WFKO Championship in the following link.

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/w31dl14bjk2nzklnski2k/AMssXaOGlyiwEt0n51wR1Ak?rlkey=g43p5j732707ht151yus1ksto&st=x2qjaqxd&dl=0>

【Shared Documents】

1. Instructions for Various Applications
2. 【 I 】 WFKO Board Member Attendance Confirmation
3. 【 II 】 Competitor Application Form / Instructions for Entry
4. 【 III 】 Official Pass Application Form
5. 【 IV 】 Proof of Affiliation
6. General Schedule (Subject to change)

【Attached to this Document】

6. 【 V 】 WKO Branch Chiefs and Contacts Attendance Confirmation
7. General Schedule for WKO

The deadline for all applications is **January 31 (Fri.), 2025**.

Please be sure to submit the required documents to the Tournament Office by the deadline.

*No applications after the above date will be approved.

【Ticket Purchase】 Scheduled to be announced after January 2025

【Sponsorship Application】 To be announced at a later date

【Visa Application】 To be announced at a later date

【Tournament Draw】 Scheduled to be announced at the end of March 2025

4. 2025 Calendar and Power Map

A package with 1 calendar and 2 power maps will be dispatched (by the end of December 2024) to the Branch Chiefs and Contacts who have made their Annual Fee 2024 payment by the announced deadline (November 30th, 2024). Also, if the airmail option is still suspended at the time of the shipping, we will dispatch the items via surface (by sea, without tracking option) as announced in the previous newsletter. For this arrangement, the delivery will take longer than airmail shipment. We kindly request your understanding and support towards the matter.

5. Isami & Martial World Products

For ISAMI items, please contact **Ms. Suzuki (E-mail: a.suzuki@isami.co.jp)** or Fax (81)480-24-0713.



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In your message, please put “Shinkyokushinkai Dogi” as the subject.

For Martial World items, please contact **Mr. Waseda (E-mail: waseda@mwjapan.jp)** and **Mr. Murakami (E-mail: murakami@mwjapan.jp)** and include “Shinkyokushinkai item order” as the subject of your message.

6. WKO Website

Visit our website!

<http://www.wko.or.jp/>

We have been working on the improvement of the WKO Website. Therefore, we would like you to send the information of events which you would like to put on the website if you have any. Please provide us with the basic information as mentioned below.

1. Events

- 1) Name of the event (Name of the tournament, camp, etc.)
- 2) Date and the place where the event was held
- 3) Host branch
- 4) The number of participants in the event
- 5) List of prize winners (in case of tournament)
- 6) Details about the event (including the impressions by the host)
- 7) Photos (Please give an explanation for each photo. About 5 to 10 photos will be put on the website.)

2. News

- 1) Details about the news such as date, place, what happened and by whom, etc.
- 2) Photos

Please confirm that your report may not be introduced on the website if the report is recognized as inappropriate to put on the website by the WKO Office.

7. Notice from WKO Office

1. **WKO Office Contact Information:**

- **E-mail address:**

wko.one@shinkyokushinkai.co.jp

For Ms. Ai Mitobe, and Russia/Asia/S. Pacific/North/Central/South America regions

wko.two@shinkyokushinkai.co.jp

For Ms. Shiori Emoto, for Europe/Middle East/Africa regions, and Anti-Doping-related matters

- **Postal Address:** 1-25-5-8F Higashi Azabu, Minato-ku, Tokyo 106-0044, Japan

- **Telephone Number:** +81-3-6435-5425 **Fax Number:** +81-3-6435-5426

2. **Annual Fees**

Payment of 2024 Annual Fee was due March 2024



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All the Branch Chiefs/Contacts are required to pay the **Annual Fees** (US\$1~\$4 per member) based on the number of members (as of the end of December 2023) they have reported to the WKO Office **by the end of January 2024**. If you need an invoice, please contact the WKO Office.

REQUEST from the WKO Office: For those who are paying the annual fees together with other branch(s) in your country, we would appreciate it if you could also provide us with the breakdown, and the number of members of each branch.

NOTE:

*** No order for Black Belts and Dan Grading Certificates can be accepted** from those who have not paid the annual fees.

*** Your Competitors will NOT get the financial support for participation from the World Championship organizer** unless you pay the applicable annual fees.

We accept your annual fees and other payments through one of the following:

(Please do NOT use any other methods such as bank checks or cash. Cash payment with the exact amount may be acceptable only when you are in Japan.)

• **Bank transfer**

Account name: WKO

Account number: 0848604

Name of the bank: MUFG Bank, Ltd., Kagurazaka Branch

Address of the bank: 3-7 Kagurazaka, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 162-0825, Japan

Their SWIFT code: BOTKJPJT

It must be "WKO" only. Do not put anything after the name, please.

- Please avoid a bank that uses a transit bank, which may deduct a significant amount from your intended payment.

• **PayPal** (Online –payment service by credit card)

This service is available in more than 200 countries with 25 currencies. The fee is reasonable when making a small number of transactions. For details, please visit the PayPal website.

Paypal website: <https://www.paypal.com/jp/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd= home>

※Please note that WKO will charge you a **handling charge** to cover the receiving charge.

• **Money Gram**

Currently unavailable due to extreme difficulty in receiving payments (since January 2019).

③. **Various Forms**

The WKO Office would like Branch Chiefs and Contacts to use the designated form when they



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contact us. We have:

- Order and Payment Form (for payment of grading fees, annual fees, and membership fees)
- WKO Official Invitation Letter Form (for inviting Japanese instructors)
- Request Form for Invitation Letter (for those who need a Visa to enter Japan)
- Application Form for a Candidate of New Branch Chief & Contact

Although we understand that some Branches/Countries have their own method, the forms helped us to do administrative work efficiently, and we appreciate your kind understanding.

④. Invitation of Japanese Instructors

The WKO office receives numerous invitations for Japanese instructors every year. Standard procedure calls for the Official Invitation Letter to be sent to the WKO Office with the necessary information filled in. The invitation becomes official only when the letter arrives at the WKO Office. Please refrain from direct negotiations with Japanese instructors, for it will only lead to problems in the future. Finally, we would like for all to understand that an agreement based on direct negotiations will not be considered an official invitation.

⑤. Acceptance of Students from Overseas Branches

Every year, numerous students from overseas branches visit Japan for training. When a student wishes to visit Japan for training, standard procedure calls for the Branch Chief or Contact (whom the student belongs to) to contact the WKO Office of the ideal time frame, dojo, and detailed information (name, dan/kyu, age, etc.) of the student. The WKO Office will confirm the content of the request with the Branch Chief/Contact of the dojo in Japan. In a case where an overseas student goes forth with his/her training in Japan without consulting the WKO Office, it would delay the response time of the WKO Office if an emergency happened to occur. To assure the safety of the students, we ask for everyone's cooperation in this matter.

⑥. Centralization of communication between Overseas Branches

It is required that communication (related to events within the organization) between Overseas Branches and Japanese Branch Chiefs and contacts be exchanged through the WKO Office. Translation of documents (Japanese⇔English) will also be managed by the WKO Office. To avoid any unnecessary problems and confusion, we ask for everyone's cooperation in the centralization of communication between overseas branches.