

EUROPEAN KARATE ORGANIZATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

- November 23-24, EFKO Selection competition for WKO-WFKO World Championship in Antwerp, Belgium
- March 21-23, 2025. Stara Wies Black Belt seminar, Poland.
- April 25-26, EC Junior J16 and U21, Klaipeda, Lithuania
- May 31-June 1, 2025, WFKO-WKO World Championship in Tokyo, Japan
- September 27-28, EC Adult and Junior J18, Debrecen, Hungary

News from the Referee Committee



AGE CATEGORIES ARE NOW RENAMED

To make the use of naming age categories more practical and relevant the EKO Board have decided to introduce these names. ATT: The rules are the same as before.

AGE	CURRENT NAME	NEW NAME	RULES
From 18 and older	Adult	Adult	As now
18-20	Youth U21	U21	As now
17-18	Junior	Junior J18	As now (Junior)
15-16	Cadet	Junior J16	As now (Cadet)

COACH PARTICIPATION FEE 40€

The EKO Board have decided to introduce a Coach participation fee. The reason is that the organizer has expenses for coaches that is hard to cover. A lunch is included.

COACH LICENSE FROM 2025

A formal coach license will be introduced from 2025. The fee will be 25 € and valid for three (3) years. More information to be in next Newsletter.

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. The test can be done several times. As a coach you are requested to pass the test with at least 90% correct answers.

If you have already done the test in 2023 or 2024 you do not need to do it again. If you did it 2022 or never have done the test you must do it.

Please, study these rules before you do the test. Requested material to study and prepare can be found on:

EKO's website <https://www.european-kyokushin.org/download/>
EKOreferee's website. <https://www.ekoreferrees.eu/>

- Kumite rules with coach rules in the appendix
- Kata rules
- EKO Medical tournament rules
- EKO Health information
- EKO concussion brochure
- Prohibited WADA List

The test will be open from 1 Mars 2025 and must be done before registration on Thursday 24 April.

Link to the Coach-test: Will be sent out in next Newsletter, February 2025

COACHES FOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP IN KLAIPEDA

Special Coach registration and meeting before the draw. Thursday 24 April at 17:30-19:00 in hotel TBD.

REFEREES FOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP IN KLAIPEDA, LITHUANIA

EKO Referee Committee invite A, B and C licensed referees. We also welcome new referees who want to apply for a C-license. This includes those who want to refresh an old license. **Application in Kumite Technology and on ekoreferrees.eu.** Please, apply according to your license if you will be on duty in kumite or kata. Referees who apply to upgrade or refresh their license are expected to attend to the referee course on Thursday 24 April.

REFEREE COURSE IN KLAIPEDA; Hotel TBD later

Wednesday 23 April at 15:00-20:00 EKO Referee Committee will have its annual referee course for those who apply for a new license as well as refresh an old license.

- All documents, rules can be fined on EKO Home Page or at www.ekoreferrees.eu
- Participation is to be in referee shirt, bow tie and whistle.

EC KLAIPEDA REFEREE BRIEFING/SEMINAR; Hotel TBD later

Thursday 24 April at 16:00-17:30

ONLINE REFEREE APPLICATION

1. Registration in Kumite Technology and at www.ekoreferrees.eu
2. All referees must check in online before the Championship. After registration in Kumite Technology and at www.ekoreferrees.eu you will receive a link 3-4 days before the EC to make the check-in. You may also come before the referee course on the 23 April at 14:00-15:00 or before the referee briefing on the 24 at 15:30-16:00 to do the personal check in with EKO passport.

EKO REFEREE COMMITTEE

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