



NEWSLETTER

# EUROPEAN KARATE ORGANIZATION

## GENERAL INFORMATION 2025

- Mars 16 deadline to registered referees and coaches on Kumite Technology as well as ekoreferees.eu for referees.
- March 21-23, Stara Wies Black Belt seminar, Poland.
- April 20, deadline for Check-In to EC in Klaipeda for coaches and referees.
- April 25-26, EC Junior J16 and U21, Klaipeda, Lithuania
- May 31-June 1, 2025, WFKO-WKO World Championship in Tokyo, Japan + WKO Dan-grading
- September 27-28, EC Adult and Junior J18, Debrecen, Hungary

## News from the Referee Committee



### 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 later Newsletter.

### COACHES FOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP IN KLAIPEDA

All Coaches must be registered in Kumite Technology at 16 Mars as latest. A special Coach meeting before the draw will be on Thursday 24 April at 17:30-19:00 in hotel (TBD).

### 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/>  
EKOferees website. <https://www.ekoreferees.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 Saturday 1 Mars 2025 to Sunday 20 of April.



<https://forms.gle/bV78ND8kxJFofvEB7>

All coaches must Check-In on Sunday 20 April as latest.

Link to Check-In for Coaches will be sent after registration in Kumite Technology 6-7 days before the EC to [make the check-In](#).

#### **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 must be done in both Kumite Technology and on [ekoreferrees.eu](http://ekoreferrees.eu) on Sunday 16 of Mars as latest.**

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 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 found on EKO Home Page or at [www.ekoreferrees.eu](http://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 both Kumite Technology and at [www.ekoreferrees.eu](http://www.ekoreferrees.eu) on Sunday 16 of Mars as latest.
2. All referees (both those who are taking the course as well as those who comes to the briefing) must check in online before the Championship. After registration in Kumite Technology and on [www.ekoreferrees.eu](http://www.ekoreferrees.eu) you will receive a link 6-7 days before the EC to [make the check-In](#).
3. Bring your EKO passport.

#### **EKO REFEREE COMMITTEE**

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