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The World Masters Games event, held every 4 years, is a world-scale event for athletes over 35 years old. Its next edition is hosted in Taipei and New Taipei cities in Taiwan, in 2025, and features Karate as one of the sports. This allows Recreational and Elite competitors to challenge themselves on the World Stage. The Organizers (The International Masters Games Association) is an organization officially recognized by the Olympic Games Committee.

USA Karate Federation (USAKF) is happy to share the event and invite athletes to represent the United States in the World Masters Games of 2025 in the modality of Karate.

While event management, sign-ups and regulations are entirely organized by the event hosts (the International Masters Games Association) and are individual, USAKF is organizing competitors to attend this event as a Team. This bulletin gathers and links to the information available in the official sources and adds, to the best possible, clarifications about the event. Additionally, by creating a Team atmosphere, USAKF opens a point of contact for the formation of a delegation and sharing information.

The World Masters Games is a world class event. Competitors are encouraged to attend other sports in addition to their main, learn about the host city and attend the festivities prepared, including amazing opening and closing ceremonies, activities and social gatherings. It is a fantastic experience.

Here are some links:

Official Event Site
International Masters Games Association









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#### Official Bulletin

The official bulletin (in English) is found <u>here</u>. The link is called "**Sport Information Guideline**". (Please note the fees listed are in *NTD*, not *USD*).

#### Registration

Registration is done through this website.

#### Registration Fees

As listed, the Registration Fee (listed in NTD):

Athlete registration \$7,500 NTD (\$233 USD),

Team Official and Supporter (Age over 12) \$3,600 (\$112 USD)

Supporter (Age under 12): Free.

#### Age Requirements

As stated in the bulletin and the event at a large, it is only for 35+ athletes.

The athletes will be grouped by age groups (35+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+), by Gender and by Proficiency (Recreational/Elite).

## Dan/Certification Requirements

As stated in the bulletin, the Dan Diplomas will be required to be submitted during registration and the athlete should provide, at the event, a confirmation of the rank by the National Federation.

The USA Karate Federation (USAKF) <u>offers Dan Certification/Recognition</u> for its members. Similar services exist <u>from USA National Karate Federation (USA NKF)</u>. It is important to start these processes as early as possible as these tend to take time.

## Competition categories

Per bulletin, there are 2 levels of difficulty: *Competition* and *Recreational. Competition* is more commonly referred to as *Elite* in the USA competitive circuit. It is the most challenging level. Please note that the *Recreational* level is restricted to the following 4 styles of Karate: Shotokan, Shito-Ryu, Wado-Ryu and Goju-Ryu and has a limited kata list.

## Rule set and equipment

Per bulletin, the rule set is a modified WKF rule set. Equipment will be also following WKF rule set with country patch. All equipment must be entirely WKF-certified. It is mentioned that a competitive number is issued on a cloth that must be sewn to the back of the Gi.





#### Capacity

The athlete capacity of the event venue is 300 people. This will mean the number of athletes will be limited to fit the capacity, with some athletes possibly be denied registration. If you decide to register, please do so soon and let us know when completed.

## Delegation and Attire

If a team is formed for USA, official equipment can be arranged for the group.

A minimum number of athletes will need to show interest for this effort to be conducted.

#### Contacts

For any questions, feel free to contact Andre Lamego, representing the USA Karate Federation.

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