



Karate Northern Ireland

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The Northern Ireland Open Karate Championships Sponsored by Belfast City Council Belfast, Sun 23th April 2017.

Dear Instructor

Welcome/Fáilte,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you on behalf of Karate Northern Ireland to the city of **Belfast** for The Northern Ireland Open Karate Championships on the 23th April 2017.

The tournament is an open event. It is open to all Children, Cadets, Junior's and Senior's affiliated to all associations. The Championship is a Traditional Karate Event using WKC Rules please go to www.wkc-org.net/event-rules. WKC rules are effectively the same as the WUKO rules of 1980/90's and similar to JKA.

Belfast is an historic city and the capital of Northern Ireland. It has a very rich cultural & industrial heritage and of course amongst other things, is the birthplace of the most famous ship ever built, **The Titanic**.

The iconic Physical Education Centre of The Queen's University of Belfast is the venue for the event. I wish everyone good luck in the Championships and a pleasant stay in Belfast.

We will shortly provide you with the link to place your entry **ONLINE**. Please note the **Closure Date** of Friday 14th April 2017. We will use the event categories that have proven to be the most popular over the last number of years. We welcome the current and defending champions of N Ireland, Rep of Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales and Champions of all major international tournaments. **You must advise us by email of your Champions as the ONLINE registration will not collect this.** From the information you provide to us, competitors in certain categories will be seeded.

Terry Boyle 6th Dan
Organizer, Karate Northern Ireland.

Attention:

- 1 Coaches are reminded to read exactly the requirements of the sections with regard to age, height, weight and experience and overall suitability. Coaches are to be careful when entering a contestant at the lower end of a height/grade category simply because he is within the age grouping, the Chief Referee may refuse to allow the contest if he deems it unsuitable or unsafe to proceed. KNI officials will not amend incorrect entries. Contestants entered in the wrong category will be disqualified, refunds will not be provided. Coaches are allowed in the holding area but must not hinder the work of the event officials. Anyone arriving late after the competitors have left the holding area for the tatami will be disqualified.
- 2 Competitors can enter both Sanbon Kumite and Kata.
- 3 Protective equipment used must be as laid down in the Rules. Contestants found not complying with this will be immediately and retrospectively disqualified. White, red and blue mitts will be permitted. **Chest guards for female 10ys and above & groin guards for male 10yrs and above are compulsory. Shin and instep protection is forbidden.** A copy of your Federation insurance must be emailed at the same time as registration, without it the application will be refused. Contestants must evidence LICENCE and INSURANCE in the holding area - do not come without these items as refusal to enter may offend. Officials and competitors will each get a free event t-shirt.
- 4 **Entries will be made ONLINE only. Entries and fees must be made by midnight of 14th April 2017. No late entries will be accepted. All Fees must be paid by electronic payment to Karate Northern Ireland. To ensure the manufacture of the free T-Shirts, orders must be emailed by 14th April 2017. Your t-shirts will be available at the event.**
- 5 Each category must have at least 6 contestants. The organizers may amalgamate categories at their discretion. Each contestant or Assoc. must bring with them personal grade & white/red belts and personal protection items. These will not be provided by KarateNI. The events will start on time irrespective of anything pending. There will be a minimum of 4 tatami's.
- 6 All Under 10yrs individual and team bouts will last for 1.5 minutes. 10yrs - U16yrs, 2 minutes. Events for 16yrs+, bout duration will be as laid down in the Rules, team bouts 2 mins.
- 7 Medical doctors and qualified Paramedics will be working at the event. The event is insured.
- 8 Weigh-in for Cadets and Senior competitors will take place on Sunday 23th between 10am -12noon. Do not arrive at 11.55am. **Registration closes at 12.00noon.** Competitor/ Coach/ Referee/ VIP ID cards will be available from 15th April. Competitors must wear a competitor number - they cannot compete without it, please bring your tape - no pins.
- 9 All clubs and association's entering the event **MUST** provide qualified referee officials and /or tournament officials, as well as a sufficient number of coaches to prepare your competitors.
- 10 The event is a **competitive Championship**, only the best will win - all will not get medals.
- 11 The number of events may be reduced and the number of competitors may be restricted to ensure completion by 6.00pm. Early entry is recommended.

Individual: There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

Team Event: 1st & 2nd

I look forward to seeing you all at the event, if you wish any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Tournament Details

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>Sun. 23rd Apr. 2017</u>
<u>VENUE:</u>	<u>Queens University PEC. BELFAST</u>
<u>TIME:</u>	<u>09.00am - 6.00pm</u>
<u>RULES:</u>	<u>WKC.</u>
<u>INSURANCE/LICENCE</u>	<u>MANDATORY & to be EVIDENCED</u>
<u>CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES &</u>	<u>14th Apr. 2017 ONLINE & fees to Karate</u>
<u>FEES:</u>	<u>NI @ Danske Bank 950679 20031577</u>

- The tournament will start on time at 09.00am; Kata will be the first event. Contestants please ensure your timely arrival.
- All associations must provide qualified officials. In the first instance WKC, WUKO, WUKF, IKU, FEW etc. and Style international officials shall in principal be recognised as Referees. National officials will be recognised as Judge's, however, there may be occasions that National officials will be asked to Referee.
- Qualified Referees and Judges must register on their club entry forms stating qualification & qualifying body.
- All Referees and Judges should possess Professional Indemnity Insurance.
- Referees and Judges will not be permitted to officiate if they are not properly dressed including tatami footwear as per the Rules. Outside shoes will not be permitted.

TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

09.00 am: 5yrs Kumite & Kata, 6yrs Kumite & Kata, 7yrs Kumite & Kata etc. All presentations will be made after each event.

CHILDRENS EVENTS (Under 16yrs): There will be no contact to the head of any sort allowed. * Contact to the head shall only attract warnings & penalties *

KATA:

- * * * **White/Yellow/Orange:** Minimum 1 Pinan/Hinan (can repeat)
- Purple/Blue/Green:** Minimum 2 Pinan/Hinan (can repeat, but not in consecutive rounds)
- Brown/Black:** Maximum 1 Pinan/Hinan. Greater consideration must be given to those contestants performing higher level kata's. Contestants of 3rd kyu and above will be expected to perform high level kata's and repetition is not permitted.

Kata competitors will only be allowed to perform kata's commensurate with their grade e.g. Green belts will only be permitted to perform Pinan/Hinan kata's, brown belts kata's up to 1st Dan level.

KarateNI accepts no responsibility for any damage or loss and your entry to the tournament is accepted on this basis.

ALL ENTRIES AND FEES MUST TO BE PAYABLE TO Karate Northern Ireland

Coach Licence: £10.00

Competitor Costs per Event:

Individual: Children U13yrs	£10.00	Cadet 14-17yrs	£12.50	Senior	£15.00
Team: Children U13yrs	£15.00	Cadet 14-17yrs	£ 20.00	Senior	£25.00

E-mail: terry.boyle@ntlworld.com for clarification if required.

EVENTS

MALE KATA

- 1 Boys Kata 5-8yrs W Y O
- 2 Boys Kata 5-8yrs G B P
- 3 Boys Kata 9+10yrs W Y O
- 4 Boys Kata 9+10yrs G B P
- 5 Boys Kata 11-13yrs W Y O
- 6 Boys Kata 11-13yrs G B P
- 7 Boys Kata 5-13yrs B/B
- 8 Boys Cadets Kata 14-15yrs W Y O
- 9 Boys Cadets Kata 14-15yrs G B P
- 10 Boys Cadets Kata 16-17yrs W Y O
- 11 Boys Cadets Kata 16-17yrs G B P
- 12 Boys Cadets Kata 14-17yrs B/B
- 13 Seniors Kata Male W Y O
- 14 Seniors Kata Male G B P
- 15 Seniors Kata Male B/B
- 16 Children's U13 Kata Team
- 17 Cadets 14-17yrs Kata Team
- 18 Seniors Kata Team

MALE KUMITE

- 19 Boys Kumite 5-8yrs, -4'
- 20 Boys Kumite 5-8yrs, 4'-4'6"
- 21 Boys Kumite 8+9yrs, 4'2"-4'8"
- 22 Boys Kumite 8+9yrs, 4'8"+
- 23 Boys Kumite 10+11yrs 4'4"-4'10"
- 24 Boys Kumite 10+11yrs 4'10"+
- 25 Boys Kumite 12+13yrs, 4'6"-5'
- 26 Boys Kumite 12+13yrs, 5'+
- 27 Boys Kumite Cadets 14+15yrs, -57kg
- 28 Boys Kumite Cadets 14+15yrs, 57kg+
- 29 Boys Kumite Cadets 16+17yrs, -65kg
- 30 Boys Kumite Cadets 16+17yrs, 65kg+
- 31 Seniors Kumite Male, -78kg
- 32 Seniors Kumite Male, 78kg+
- 33 Children's U13yrs Kumite Team
- 34 Cadets 14-17yrs Kumite Team
- 35 Seniors Kumite Team

FEMALE KATA

- 36 Girls Kata 5-8yrs W Y O
- 37 Girls Kata 5-8yrs G B P
- 38 Girls Kata 9+10yrs W Y O
- 39 Girls Kata 9+10yrs G B P
- 40 Girls Kata 11-13yrs W Y O
- 41 Girls Kata 11-13yrs G B P
- 42 Girls Kata 5-13yrs B/B
- 43 Girls Cadets Kata 14-15yrs W Y O
- 44 Girls Cadets Kata 14-15yrs G B P
- 45 Girls Cadets Kata 16-17yrs W Y O
- 46 Girls Cadets Kata 16-17yrs G B P
- 47 Girls Cadets Kata 14-17yrs B/B
- 48 Seniors Kata Female W Y O
- 49 Seniors Kata Female G B P
- 50 Seniors Kata Female B/B
- 51 Children's U13 Kata Team
- 52 Cadets 14-17yrs Kata Team
- 53 Seniors Kata Team

FEMALE KUMITE

- 54 Girls Kumite 5-8yrs, -4'
- 55 Girls Kumite 5-8yrs, 4'-4'6"
- 56 Girls Kumite 8+9yrs, 4'-4'6"
- 57 Girls Kumite 8+9yrs, 4'6"+
- 58 Girls Kumite 10+11yrs, 4'2"-4'8"
- 59 Girls Kumite 10+11yrs, 4'8"+
- 60 Girls Kumite 12+13yrs, 4'6"-5'
- 61 Girls Kumite 12+13yrs, 5'+
- 62 Girls Kumite Cadets 14+15yrs,-55kg
- 63 Girls Kumite Cadets 14+15yrs,55kg+
- 64 Girls Kumite Cadets 16+17yrs,-57kg
- 65 Girls Kumite Cadets 16+17yrs, 57k+
- 66 Seniors Kumite Female, -60kg
- 67 Seniors Kumite Female, 60kg+
- 68 Children's U13yrs Kumite Team
- 69 Cadets 14-17yrs Kumite Team
- 70 Seniors Kumite Team



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T-shirt Order Form

COMPLETE BY EMAIL

REMEMBER

All officials and competitors will receive a FREE t-shirt so tell us what you need

SIZE	Quantity
Child's 5-6 Years, Chest size 26-28"	
Child's 7-8 Years, Chest size 30"	
Child's 9-11 Years, Chest size 32"	
Child's 12-13 Years, Chest size 34"	
S Chest size 34 – 36"	
M Chest size 38 - 40 Inches	
L Chest size 42 - 44 Inches	
XL Chest Size 46 - 48 Inches	
2XL Chest size 44 - 46 Inches	
3XL Chest size 54 - 56 Inches	

Bank Details:	
Bank	Danske Bank
Sort Code	950679
Account Number	20031577
IBAN Number	GB96DABA95067920031577 SWIFT – BIC: DABAGB2B
Postal Address:	
Karate NI	c/o 162 Elaghmore Park Derry BT48 8DZ

Declaration:

I take full responsibility for the actions of all the members of our delegation both at the sports hall and before during and after the event and absolve the organisers of any responsibility concerning physical injury during the contests and loss or damage to personal property. The entry is made/received on this basis.

I also authorise the organisers of the event to use images, photos and the names of our competitors and any members of our delegation, as may be used and required by the organisers for the promotion of this event.

Your Check List:

Subject	Number /Tick
Referee/ Judge /Coach Entry	
Competitor Entry	
T-shirt Entry	
Insurance Certificate Sent	
Total Fee Entry Sent	

Signed Team Manager

Club/Association

General Information:

Time:

Greenwich Mean Time (the same as London).

Currency:

N. Ireland currency is GBP (Sterling).

Banks generally open 09.00am - 16.30pm, Monday > Friday.

Larger stores and hotels/bars/restaurants will accept/exchange Euro.

All major Credit Cards are accepted. ATM's are widely available.

Communication:

N. Ireland uses the UK international telephone exchange number 0044.

Full email and Internet access is of course available.

Emergency Services:

Dial 999 (Police, Ambulance, and Fire Service).

Belfast has 2 major (world famous) hospitals: City Hospital [Belfast City Hospital](#)

0044(0) 28 9032 9241 and **The Royal Victoria Hospital** Tel: 0044(0) 2890960000.

Both hospitals are within 2 miles of the city centre and cover the full range of medical services.

Please ensure your team has the proper medical documents and insurance in case of serious injury.

Visa Requirements:

Contact terry.boyle@ntlworld.com

All teams should check if they require a visa to travel to the UK. Apply as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Please email terry.boyle@ntlworld.com to request an official letter of invitation if required.

Team members holding EU passports generally do not require a visa.

Tournament Venue:

The tournament will take place in The Queens University of Belfast's Physical Education Centre.

The venue is an excellent modern venue. Please go to <http://www.qub.ac.uk>

Entry Tickets:

Spectator entry tickets for the day will cost £5 and can be purchased at the door on the day.

Meals:

The Physical Education Centre has a modern restaurant serving light lunches,

Coffee & snacks etc.

Karate Northern Ireland will provide lunch for Referee's and working officials and the Menu will be provided prior to the event.

Training Area:

Contact terry.boyle@ntlworld.com to arrange training facilities if required.

Transport (if required):

Contact terry.boyle@ntlworld.com.

Belfast Airports

Karate Northern Ireland will assist you organise transport to and from Belfast airports (train station, port etc.) and to your accommodation. Transfers will have to be paid for by the visiting team/delegation. Belfast has 2 airports; Belfast International www.belfastairport.com (14 miles north of the city), and The George Best City airport www.belfastcityairport.com (3 miles east of the city centre).

A range of airlines including Aer Lingus Ryanair, Easy jet, BMI, Air France, British Airways, Lufthansa, services both airports.

Both are well serviced by fast coach and taxi operators. Express bus service from Belfast International airport to Belfast city centre runs every 30 minutes and costs approximately £6.00.

Dublin Airport

Dublin has a large international airport. A range of airlines fly into it.

Two companies Aircoach and Translink operate an hourly express coach service from Dublin Airport to Belfast city centre departs. Travel time is approximately 2 hours and costs approximately £16 return.

Taxis:

In Belfast use **Valuecabs** Tel: 0044(0)28 90 80 90 80. Taxis are very cheap sharing.

Deadline for Entries:

Complete your entries ONLINE by 14th April 2017. For further information email terry.boyle@ntlworld.com or karatenorthernireland@hotmail.com

Hotels:

The event central Hotel is the Clayton Hotel (opposite the BBC) Belfast.

Contact terry.boyle@ntlworld.com.

A wide range of accommodation is available in Belfast with a range of prices and facilities ranging from hostels, guest houses, apartments and hotels. All the major branded hotels are represented including Clayton, Holiday Inn, Premier, Hilton, Days, Ramada and Hastings. For further options please use the following website which is available in a number of languages;

<http://www.gotobelfast.com> or got to www.Bookings.com

The payment for the hotel will be the responsibility of the visiting team. The hotel will deal directly with the team. Please remember Belfast is now a busy tourist attraction and hotels are booked quickly. The hotel may require a deposit ahead of the arrival date to secure the facility.

When booking a hotel or guesthouse please deal directly with it, booking websites are usually 3% dearer. The following is a list of hotel in order of proximity to the tournament venue. If you require details of other accommodation types (Youth Hostels, Guest Houses, Apartments) please email me.

Clayton Hotel, Belfast	www.claytonhotelbelfast.com	028 9032 8511
Dukes at Queens, Belfast	www.dukesatqueens.com	028 9023 6666
Madisons, Belfast	www.madisonshotel.com	028 9050 9800
Benedicts Hotel, Belfast	https://www.benedictshotel.co.uk	028 9059 1999
Days Hotel City Centre Belfast	www.dayshotelbelfast.co.uk	028 9024 2494
Holiday Inn Express, Belfast	www.hiexpressbelfast.com	028 9031 1909
Ibis, Belfast City Centre	www.ibis.com	028 9023 8888 028 9033 3366
Premier Inn City Centre Belfast	www.premierinn.com	0871 527 8070



Booking Form for Teams Arriving:

Federation Name	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	AIRLINE & Flight No.	No. of persons	1 st Departure Airport	Arrival Airport

Booking Form for teams Departing:

Federation / Name	Departure Date	Departure Time	AIRLINE & Flight No.	City of Arrival	No. Of Persons	2 nd Departure Airport

Welcome to Belfast!

Terry Boyle 6th Dan
Organizer, Karate Northern Ireland