



WUKF – Ireland

Dear Sensei,

We are delighted to invite you and your members to the 1st WUKF Irish Open *on Saturday 3rd February 2024* in the SETU Arena, West Campus, Carriganore, Waterford. IRELAND.

DOORS OPEN / REGISTRATION:	07.30am
EVENT COMMENCES:	09:00am
INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES:	€25.00 per category
TEAM ENTRIES:	€30.00 per team

The event is open to all clubs, styles and federations and the competition will be held under the World Union of Karate-Do Federation (WUKF) Competition Rules:

The WUKF Competition Rules can be found here : <https://www.wukf-karate.org/wukf-rules/>

Registration and payment of Fees:

Entry will be via Uventex Labs online. Federations can register online: <https://myuventex.com/>

If you are not a member of WUKF and need a login, please contact support@wukf.org

Registration will close at midnight on Sunday 28th January 2024. No entries can be accepted after that time.

Payment of entry fees will be by debit or credit card over the Registration System. Please note that entries are only pending, and will not be fully registered, until payment has been made.

Once entries are closed, a running order and event protocol will be issued to all federations in advance of the competition.

Once entry is confirmed, no refunds will be given.

Insurance: It is the responsibility of all Coaches to ensure that their athletes have adequate insurance in place for this event. Athletes and their coaches enter in the full knowledge that Karate competition is an assumed risk activity.

Competition Categories: Please see the attached category list. Competitors are permitted to enter all Kata/Kumite Categories that their age permits. Seniors cannot compete in veterans, categories. In Kumite, competitors can enter both Ippon and Sanbon categories in this event only.

Coaches: When completing the entry, please ensure you list all coaches. Only coaches, who are preregistered, and athletes will be allowed on the competition area. Once entry is confirmed, no refunds will be given.

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

<i>Hotels in Waterford city:</i>	Telephone	Website
Waterford Viking Hotel	+353 51 336 933	www.vikinghotelwaterford.ie
Woodlands Hotel & Leisure Centre	+353 51 392 700	www.woodlandshotel.ie
Fitzwilton Hotel	+353 51 846 900	www.fitzwiltonhotel.ie
The Rhu Glenn Hotel	+353 51 832 242	www.rhuglennhotel.com
Travelodge	+353 51 358 885	www.travelodge.ie
Tower Hotel	+353 51 862 300	www.towerhotelwaterford.com
Waterford Marina Hotel	+353 51 856 600	www.waterfordmarinahotel.com
Greenway Manor Hotel	+353 51 372 764	www.greenwaymanor.ie
Treacy's Hotel Spa & Leisure club	+353 51 877 222	www.treacysshotelwaterford.com
Granville Hotel	+353 51 305 555	www.granvillehotel.ie
Dooley's Hotel	+353 51 873 531	www.dooleys-hotel.ie

<i>Hotels in Tramore (12 Kms):</i>	Telephone	Website
Majestic Hotel (Tramore)	+353 51 381 761	www.majestic-hotel.ie
O'Shea's Hotel (Tramore)	+353 51 381 246	www.osheas-hotel.com
The Sand's Hotel (Tramore)	+353 51 348 315	www.thesandshotel.ie

How to get to Waterford City:

From Dublin Airport

Expressway Route 4: Antrium Road, Zone 13, Stop 10

www.expressway.ie/route/4-x4/dublin-airport-to-waterford/2023-10-21

Bus Journey time: 2.5 Hours approximately

From Cork Airport:

UK: Birmingham, Bristol, Liverpool, Edinburgh, London, and Manchester

France: Bordeaux, Carcassonne, La Rochelle, and Paris

Germany: Frankfurt, Munich

Italy: Venice, Pisa, and Rome

- **Bus from Cork Airport to Cork City and then Bus from Cork City to Waterford**

www.buseireann.ie

Bus journey time: 2 Hours approximately



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Event Rules' Amendments

The rules of the event will be World Union of Karate-Do Federations (WUKF) Competition rules:

www.wukf-karate.org/wukf-rules/

The following amendments will apply:

- **Protections:** - to prevent cross infection, Competitors must bring their own protection.
- **Chest Protection**
Males under 13 years - Compulsory in all females of all ages.
- Body Armour / Chest protection is allowed.
- **Groin Guard:** - Compulsory in all Male kumite categories (Ippon, Nihon and Sanbon).
- **Head Guard with visor:** - allowed in Children's Nihon Kumite (Aged 6 – 7 years and must wear a Gum Shield if they do not use a head guard with a visor).
- **Head Guard with visor: - Compulsory for Children Nihon Kumite 8 – 12 years.**
- **Gum Guard:** - Compulsory in Sanbon and Ippon Kumite and is allowed in Nihon Kumite if Children aged 6 – 7 years do not wear a head guard with a visor.
- **Shobu Ippon and Shobu Sanbon Kumite:** Juniors and Seniors are allowed to compete in both Shobu Ippon and in Shobu Sanbon.
- **Mitts:** Must be White or Red.
- **Footpads** Allowed in 6 – 7 years Nihon Kumite.
- **Footpads:** **Compulsory in 8 – 12 years Nihon Kumite and in all Sanbon Kumite.**
- **Shin Protectors:** Allowed in Nihon and Sanbon Kumite.
- **Gum Shields:** Any colour except red
- **Belts allowed:** Kata - own belt of grade.
Kumite - Red or White belt.

Kata Categories:

- a) **Children Kata:** Athletes in the 9th - 7th Kyu categories can only perform Shitei Kata from the WUKF list of Kata. Sentei and Tokui Kata will not be allowed. However, they can repeat a kata.
- b) **Children Kata:** Athletes in the 6th - Dan categories can perform Shitei or Sentei Kata from the WUKF list of Kata.
- c) All Kata Teams must consist of 3 Athletes.
- d) Veterans cannot compete in Senior Individual Kata events.
- e) Final Round - Maximum of 6 Athletes.

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Kumite Categories:

- Children Nihon Rotation teams will be 3 Athletes, and the first team to reach an advantage of 4 wazaris or equivalent, will win.
- In Individual Nihon Kumite categories, in Tie situations, Hantei will be called, and the Referee Panel must decide Aka or Shiro no kachi. Hikiwake cannot be given.
- For Mini-Cadets, Cadets, Seniors and Veterans, all Kumite Team events will be rotation and consist of 3 Athletes. WUKF Rules will apply.
- Additional amendments may be made by the WUKFI organising committee if required.

Event Issues:

- **Coaches:** Must be properly dressed in their federation Tracksuit and must know the WUKF Rules and be respectful to all Officials. To clarify any Rules issues, there will be a brief Coaches meeting at 08.45am on the morning of the event.
- **The badges of other world karate bodies are not allowed on the GI (Top and Trousers).**
- No competitor will be allowed to step up categories; the only exception to this rule is in Team Kata where only 1 can competitor from a lower category can step up.

- **Kata Categories:** Medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place
- **Kumite Categories:** Medals for 1st, 2nd, and Joint 3rd Place

Entry Fees are payable at point of registration:

- *All Kata and Kumite Teams* €30.00 per Team Event
- *All Individual Events* €25.00 per Individual event

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For any technical issues on registration, please contact: support@wukf.org

For all other matters please contact: wukf-ireland@outlook.com

DISCLAIMER:

The Organisers reserve the right to change, alter, or combine categories. Competitors must have their licence or other identification available for inspection as proof of age and grade. Competing in this competition is at the competitor's own risk. The organisers do not accept liability for any injury or loss. By participating in this event all participants accept and understand the risks of injury while competing. It is the responsibility of each competitor or coach to ensure that they have their insurance cover on the day. Furthermore, that competitors hereby release the organisers, its agents and volunteers from any and all liabilities arising out of, or connected with any loss, damage, injury or expenses suffered as a consequence of in connection with his/her participation in the competition and the unrestricted use of any photographs, films or videotapes by the tournament organisers.

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