**59th Wado-Kai National Karate Championship**

**Tournament Guidelines**

1. Date and Venue

(1) Friday, August 15, 2025, 10:00AM – 6:00PM (Opening at 9:00 AM)

Urayasu City Sports Park Gymnasium

2-27 Maihama, Urayasu City, Chiba Prefecture

Tel: +81-47-355-1110

10-minute walk from JR Keiyo Line “Maihama” Station

(2) Saturday, August 16, 2025, 9:30AM – 12:30PM (Opening at 8:30AM)

Nippon Budokan

2-3 Kitanomaru Park, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

Tel:+81-3-3216-5100

5-minute walk from “Kudanshita” Station on the Tokyo Metro Tozai Line, Hanzomon Line, and Toei Shinjuku Line

2. Competition Categories

Individual Kumite and Individual Kata

3. Eligibility

Participants must be registered members of a branch that has paid the membership fee for the 2024 fiscal year. (Membership number must be provided.)

4. Participation Fees

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| Individual Competition | Senior and 19 years and above Division | 1 event per person | 6,000JPY |
| 7-18 years old Division | 1 event per person | 4,000JPY |

5. Competition Categories

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| Competition Category | Event | Remarks |
| Individual Kumite Competition | A Senior Men’s Division (50 years and above) |  |
| B Senior Men’s Division (40 years and above) |  |
| C Senior Women’s Division (40 years and above) |  |
| D1 19 years and above Men’s Division (Black Belt) |  |
| E 19 years and above Men’s Division (Colored Belt) |  |
| F1 19 years and above Women’s Division (Black Belt) |  |
| F2 19 years and above Women’s Division (Colored Belt) |  |
| G 16 – 18 years old Boy’s Division |  |
| H 16 – 18 years old Girl’s Division |  |
| I 13 – 15 years old Boys’ Division |  |
| J 13 – 15 years old Girls’ Division |  |
| K1 12 years old Boys’ Division |  |
| K2 12 years old Girls’ Division |  |
| L1 11 years old Boys’ Division |  |
| L2 11 years old Girls’ Division |  |
| M1 10 years old Boys’ Division |  |
| M2 10 years old Girls’ Division |  |
| N 9 years old Boys and Girls Division |  |
| O 8 years old Boys and Girls Division |  |
| P 7 years old Boys and Girls Division |  |

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| Individual Kata Competition | Q Senior Men’s Division (40 years and above) |  |
| R Senior Women’s Division (40 years and above) |  |
| S1 19 years and above Men’s Division (Black Belt) |  |
| S2 19 years and above Men’s Division (Colored Belt) |  |
| T1 19 years and above Women’s Division (Black Belt) |  |
| T2 19 years and above Women’s Division (Colored Belt) |  |
| U1 16 - 18 years Boy’s Division |  |
| U2 16 - 18 years Girl’s Division |  |
| V1 13 - 15 years Boys’ Division |  |
| V2 13 - 15 years old Boys Girls’ Division |  |
| W 12 years old Boys and Girls Division |  |
| X 11 years old Boys and Girls Division |  |
| Y1 10 years old Boys and Girls Division |  |
| Y2 9 years old Boys and Girls Division |  |
| Z1 8 years old Boys and Girls Division |  |
| Z2 7 years old Boys and Girls Division |  |

6. Competition Rules and Regulations

<Kumite Competition>

(1) The competition will follow the rules and regulations of the Japan Karate Federation (JKF), as well as the specific agreements made for the 59th National Championship.

(2) Decisive Point

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| 13 years and above | The match will end when there is a 6-point difference.  In the semifinals and finals, the match will end when there is an 8-point difference. |
| 12 years old and under | The match will end when there is a 4-point difference.  In the semifinals and finals, the match will end when there is a 6-point difference. |

Note: These conditions may be adjusted depending on the number of participants.

(3) Bout Time

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| 19 years and above Men | 2 minutes full-time  In Semifinals and finals, 3 minutes full-time |
| Senior Men and Women,  19 years and above Women,  13 – 18 years old Boys and Girls | 1.5 minutes full-time  In Semifinals and finals, 2 minutes full-time. |
| 12 years old and under Boys and Girls | 1.5 minutes full-time |

Note: These conditions may be adjusted depending on the number of participants.

<Kata Competition>

1. The competition will follow a tournament format using flags. There will be no third-place match.

(2) Designated Kata for the competition

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| Category | First Round Note 1 | From Second Round to Finals |
| Senior Men | Pinan 5-dan | Choose from Wado-Kai designated kata (including Pinan kata).  Select a different kata from the first round.  Once used, a kata cannot be selected again. |
| Senior Women | Pinan 5-dan |
| 19 years and above Men | Pinan 5-dan |
| 19 years and above Women | Pinan 5-dan |
| 16 – 18 years old Boys and Girls | Pinan 5-dan |
| 13 – 15 years old Boys and Girls | Pinan 5-dan |
| 12 years old  Boys and Girls | Pinan 4-dan | Choose from Pinan, Naihanchi, Kushanku.  Select a different kata from the first round.  The same kata cannot be performed consecutively (e.g., 1dan **-** 2dan - 1dan **-** ... is allowed). |
| 11 years old  Boys and Girls | Pinan 3-dan |
| 9 and 10 years old Boys and Girls | Pinan 1-dan |
| 7 and 8 years old Boys and Girls | Pinan 2-dan |

Note 1: The first round refers to the initial match of seeded players (up to the dashed line on the tournament chart).

7. Required Protectors

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| Category | Menho  (Face Protector) | Fist Protector | Chest Protector | Foul Cup  (Groin Protector) | Shin and Instep Guard | Insurance Card |
| Senior Men,  19 years and above Men (Colored Belt) | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 19 years and above Men (Black Belt) | Not required  Note 2 | X | N/A | X | X | X |
| Senior Women | X | X | X | N/A | X | X |
| 19 years and above Women | X | X | X | N/A | X | X |
| 13 – 15 years old Boys | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 13 – 15 years old Boys Girls | X | X | X | N/A | X | X |
| 16 – 18 years old Boys | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 16 – 18 years old Girls | X | X | X | N/A | X | X |
| 10 – 12 years old Boys | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 10 – 12 years old Girls | X | X | X | N/A | X | X |
| 7 – 9 years old Boys and Girls | X | X | X | N/A | X | X |

Note 1: Menho must be hard Menho and certified by JKF (Menho V type or higher).

Note 2: 19 years and above Men must wear a mouthpiece. The mouthpiece must fit securely over the molars.

Note 3: Fist supporters must be certified by JKF and must be available in red and blue (white is not allowed).   
7 – 12 years old Boys and Girls must wear reversible fist supporters certified by JKF.   
In matches where Menho is worn, fist supporters with thumb covers must be used.

Note 4: Chest protectors must be worn under the karate uniform. However, 7 – 12 years old Boys and Girls may wear them outside the uniform.

Note 5: 10 years old and older Boys must wear a foul cup. If it is found that a foul cup is not worn, it will result in a loss by foul.

Note 6: Soft Shin and Instep guard must be worn.

Note 7: A competition bib must be sewn around the entire edges.  
A competition bib will be provided the day before the tournament.

\*Note 8: Marks other than the Wado-Kai mark and branch names on the chest and shoulders must be covered with white cloth sewn around the entire edges.

\*Note 9: Competitors must be wearing their own red and blue belts.   
If red and blue belts are not available, a red or blue string may be worn with the belt.

8. Application Deadline

Please submit your application by Friday, June 13, 2025.

Note: Applications will not be accepted after the deadline.

9. Application Method

(1) Download the application form (Excel version) from the Wado-Kai Headquarters website, fill out the form, and send the file to the headquarters tournament email address.

\* Download file name:

59th Wado-Kai National Karate Championship Application Form.xlsx

\* File name for submission email:

59th Wado-Kai National Karate Championship Application Form [\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*].xlsx  
(\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* is your branch number)

\* Participation fees should be paid on the day of the event.

(2) Email address:

Email address for sending the application form and participation fee statement

wadozenkokutaikai@titan.ocn.ne.jp

Please be careful not to send emails to the headquarters address.