



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXII OLYMPIAD – TOKYO 2020

WORLD KARATE FEDERATION (WKF)

Karate

A. EVENTS (8)

Men's Events (4)	Women's Events (4)
Kumite - 67 kgs. Kumite - 75 kgs. Kumite +75 kgs. Kata	Kumite -55 kgs. Kumite -61 kgs. Kumite +61kgs. Kata

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Tripartite Commission Invitation Places	Total
Men	34	4	2	40
Women	34	4	2	40
Total	68	8	4	80

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per National Olympic Committee (NOC):

A NOC may qualify a maximum of four (4) male and four (4) female athletes with a maximum of one (1) athlete in each event

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Men	4	1 athlete per event
Women	4	1 athlete per event
Total	8	

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the athlete(s) by name

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions). Only those athletes who comply with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.



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Additional IF Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, all athletes, including those belonging to the Host Country or receiving Tripartite Commission Invitation Places, must:

- be a WKF NF member.
- be a member in good standing with their National Federation.
- be born on or before 8 May 2004 for the Kata events and on or before 8 May 2002 for the Kumite events.
- be the 50 highest ranked athletes within his or her weight category in the WKF World Ranking as of 6 April 2020, with the exception of athletes that have won their place through Continental Games or the WKF Qualification Tournament.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Events: For the Olympic Games the (5) WKF Kumite Senior men categories and the (5) WKF Senior women categories will be combined to form (3) Olympic weight categories per gender as follows:

WKF Categories Senior	Olympic Games Categories
Men	
-60kg	-67kg
-67kg	
-75kg	-75kg
-84kg	+75kg
+84kg	

WKF Categories Senior	Olympic Games Categories
Women	
-50kg	-55kg
-55kg	
-61kg	-61kg
-68kg	+61kg
+68kg	



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QUALIFICATION PLACES

There is a maximum of ten (10) qualification places per gender in each of the Kumite weight categories as well as in the Kata category.

MEN & WOMEN

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
16 Men 16 Women (32 athletes 4 per category)	Olympic Standing as of 6 April 2020 The four (4) highest ranked athletes per gender and Olympic event in the Olympic Standing as of 6 April 2020 will be allocated one (1) quota place respecting the maximum quota per NOC. The Olympic Standing will be published on a continuous basis. The Olympic Standing is regulated in the section 2.2. of the World Ranking Regulations, which is to be found under the following link: https://www.wkf.net/pdf/rules/Ranking_Regulations.pdf In the events where two (2) standard WKF Kumite weight categories have been merged to accommodate the Olympic weight categories, the two (2) highest ranked athletes selected from each of the standard WKF weight categories will be allocated one (1) quota place respecting the maximum quota per NOC. When the Olympic weight category (event) corresponds to the WKF Weight category, automatically the four (4) highest ranked in the WKF Olympic Standing are qualified respecting the maximum quota per NOC. When the Olympic weight category corresponds to two WKF weight categories, then only the two (2) highest ranked per WKF Standard weight category in the Olympic Standing qualify, defining a total of four (4) athletes in the Olympic weight category and respecting the maximum quota per NOC.
12 Men 12 Women (24 athletes 3 per category)	Qualification tournament, Paris (FRA), 8-10 May 2020 The tournament will consist of the categories determined for Tokyo 2020. Each NOC will have the opportunity to register one (1) athlete for each of the eight (8) categories, with exception to any category where they already have an athlete qualified for Tokyo 2020 through the Olympic Standing of 6 April 2020. Athletes already qualified will not be allowed to participate. The three (3) highest placed athletes in each of the eight (8) Olympic events will automatically qualify for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games respecting the maximum quota per NOC.



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12 athletes (Maximum of 3 per category)	<p>Continental representation</p> <p>A total of twelve (12) quota places will be available for continental representation with a maximum of three (3) per Olympic category. Respecting the maximum of ten (10) qualification places per gender per event.</p> <p>The following Continental Games will serve as qualification events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- European Games, 14-30 June 2019, Minsk (Belarus)- Pan-American Games, 26 July-11 August 2019, Lima (Peru) <table border="1" data-bbox="391 645 1452 840"><thead><tr><th>Continental Federation</th><th>Acronym</th><th>Number of quota places</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>African Karate Federation</td><td>UF AK</td><td>3 (at least 2 different NOCs)</td></tr><tr><td>Asian Karate Federation</td><td>AKF</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>European Karate Federation</td><td>EKF</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Oceanian Karate Federation</td><td>OKF</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Panamerican Karate Federation)</td><td>PKF</td><td>3 (at least 2 different NOCs)</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>The highest ranked athlete, between all gold medallists of each Continental Games across all events, in the Olympic Standing on 6 April 2020, not yet qualified through the Olympic Standing or the Qualification tournament, will obtain one (1) quota place, respecting the maximum quota per NOC.</p> <p>In case all gold medallists already qualified but the quota per continent has not been filled, then the place will be allocated to the next best ranked athlete from the Continental Games. The process will be continued down to the bronze medallists. Should the place still be available after bronze medallists, then the allocation will be based on Olympic Standing as of 6 April 2020, respecting the maximum quota per NOC.</p> <p>If Continental Games are not approved as a qualification event on a specific continent, then the highest ranked athlete not yet qualified from the Olympic Standing on 6 April 2020 from that specific continent, will obtain the quota place, respecting the maximum quota per NOC.</p> <p>The following sequence will be applied for the allocation of quotas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Selection 1 - OKF : 2 athletes (one per gender)• Selection 2 - UFAK : 2 athletes (one per gender)• Selection 3 - PKF : 2 athletes (one per gender)• Selection 4 - AKF : 2 athletes (one per gender)• Selection 5 - EKF : 2 athletes (one per gender)• Selection 6 - UFAK: 1 athlete (one per gender)• Selection 7 - PKF : 1 athlete (one man or one woman depending on pick 6) <p>Should above not determine the priority of the ties, the resolution defined for Olympic Standings in the WKF World Ranking Regulations will apply (link: https://www.wkf.net/pdf/rules/Ranking_Regulations.pdf)</p>	Continental Federation	Acronym	Number of quota places	African Karate Federation	UF AK	3 (at least 2 different NOCs)	Asian Karate Federation	AKF	2	European Karate Federation	EKF	2	Oceanian Karate Federation	OKF	2	Panamerican Karate Federation)	PKF	3 (at least 2 different NOCs)
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HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country (Japan) is entitled to a maximum representation of one (1) athlete for each of the three kumite weight categories and the one (1) kata category for respectively men and women – a total of eight (8) athletes.

Should the host country qualify through the Olympic Standing or the Qualification tournament, such places will count as host country place and will be reallocated according to the process outlined in Section F.

Any remaining Host Country places will be allocated to the highest ranked athletes in the Tokyo Olympic Standing as of 6 April 2020, respecting the maximum quota per NOC.

TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

Four (4) Tripartite Commission Invitation Places – two (2) male and two (2) female - are made available to eligible NOCs at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, subject to the athletes meeting the required technical level and eligibility criteria defined under section C.

On 14 October 2019, the International Olympic Committee will invite all eligible NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places. The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests is 15 January 2020. The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of the invitation places to the relevant NOCs after the end of the qualification period for the concerned sport (*date to be added*).

Detailed information on Tripartite Invitation places is contained in the “*Tokyo 2020 - Tripartite Commission Invitation Places – Allocation Procedure*”.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

WKF will publish the final list of qualified athletes by 2 June 2020 on the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 section of the WKF website (www.wkf.net).

The WKF will confirm in writing to NOCs on 3 June 2020 the quota places they have achieved.

The NOCs will then have two (2) weeks until 17 June 2020, to confirm to WKF and Tokyo 2020 if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in section G. Qualification timeline.

CONFIRMATION OF HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country must confirm in writing to WKF and Tokyo 2020 by 17 June 2020 the participation of its athletes subject to the athletes meeting the required technical level and the eligibility criteria defined under section C.



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F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

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If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline of 17 June 2020 or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated as follows:

- **Olympic Standing:** If the athlete is qualified through Olympic Standing, and is not confirmed by the NOC, the place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked athlete as per Olympic Standing of 6 April 2020, respecting the maximum quota per NOC.
- **Qualification tournament:** If the athlete is qualified through the qualification tournament, and is not confirmed by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the to the next highest ranked athlete as per Olympic Standing of 6 April 2020, respecting the maximum quota per NOC.
- **Continental representation:** If the athlete is qualified through the continental representation method, and is not confirmed by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated according to the same procedure, under which the original athlete was qualified in, respecting the maximum quota per NOC.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If the host country place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline of 17 June 2020 or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the highest ranked athlete not yet qualified on the Olympic Standing as of 6 April 2020 in the respective event, respecting the maximum quota per NOC.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED TRIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION PLACES

If the Tripartite Commission is not able to allocate a Tripartite Commission Invitation Place, the quota will be reallocated to the highest ranked athlete in the applicable category from an NOC not already represented as per Olympic Standing of 6 April 2020.



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G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
Qualification Period	From 02 July 2018 to 30 June 2020
Tripartite Invitations Application Deadline	Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places (15 January 2020)
Olympic Standing	Olympic Standing applicable as of 6 April 2020
Qualification Event	8-10 May 2020 Qualification Tournament (Paris, France)
Host Country	Host Country to confirm quota by 17 June 2020
Final List of Qualified Athletes	Deadline to publish the final list of qualified athletes (02 June 2020)
NOC's Information	WKF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places (03 June 2020)
NOC's Confirmation	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to WKF – (17 June 2020)
Tripartite Invitations Confirmation	The Tripartite Commission to confirm in writing the allocation of Invitation Places to the NOCs (TBC)
Reallocation Dates	WKF to reallocate all unused quota places (TBC)
6 July 2020	Tokyo 2020 Sport Entries Deadline
24 July – 9 August 2020	Olympic Games Tokyo 2020

*To Be Determined