



## 2023 USA Open Karate Championships & Junior International Cup



### **Referee Course**

USA Karate will host a Referee course on Thursday, April 6th. Attendees will review the latest USA Karate Rules of Competition.

### **USA Karate Referee/Judge Certification**

USA Karate will host a Referee/Judge certification course on Thursday, April 6th. Domestic attendees will be issued certifications up to USA Karate Kumite National Referee A and Kata National Judge A. More information including schedules will be available at [usakarateopen.com](http://usakarateopen.com).

Registration is available online and all participating Referees and Judges are required to register in advance.

USA Karate, PKF or WKF officials with Kata and Kumite A licenses, may participate in the course at no cost.

**Referee/Judge Certification Fee (Covers both Courses): \$200**  
**Course Audit Fee (no Certification): \$50**

**On-site course registration fee \$100**

Referees who choose not to participate in the certification courses, but are attending the championships, are required to register online at [usakarateopen.com](http://usakarateopen.com)

**PLEASE NOTE: All domestic Officials must be a current member of USA Karate and have met the conditions of membership (SafeSport Training & NCSI Background Screen).**

**All International Officials are required to complete SafeSport™ Training. To complete this training visit [usankf.sport80.com](http://usankf.sport80.com) and create an account. From that account you can click on the US Center for SafeSport Training. Training is valid for one year.**



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### Referee Course Schedule Thursday, April 6, 2023

8:30AM – 9:00 AM	Check-in, Submit referee books
9:00 AM – 10:20 AM	Lecture (Rules of Kumite Competition)
10:20 AM – 10:30 AM	Break
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Kumite Practical Exercises (Judges' and Referees' gestures, warning and penalty signals, video review training); Kata – tablet review
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch Break
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Lecture (Rules of Kata Competition)
2:00 PM – 2:30PM	Time Reserved Questions and Answers
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Kata & Kumite Written Test
<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>BRIEFING (MANDATORY FOR ALL OFFICIALS)</b>

#### Important:

The practical component for kata and kumite testing will occur during the tournament. The results for those who tested will be given upon the conclusion of the tournament.

USA Karate Referee A license, PKF/WKF officials are exempt of taking written test to renew their license but must participate at the lecture of the rules of competition.

**\*USA karate will not allow any official to officiate if they are not in compliance with regulations and/or are not up to date with their membership, SafeSport™ Training, and background screen**

**\*International Officials will be required to complete SafeSport™ Training**

**\* In compliance with the Officials Code of Conduct, all USA Karate Officials, PKF Officials and WKF Officials, regardless of license, are prohibited from serving as a coach at USA Karate Signature events.**