



2023 USA Open Karate Championships & Junior International Cup



March 23, 2023

Dear USA Karate Members, Officials, Coaches and Athletes,

We have just a couple of more weeks before we will all meet at the USA Open in Las Vegas, Nevada. As many of you know, WKF did a major revamp of their rules this January. We have similarly updated the USA Karate Rules of Competition which are now available on our website. Please visit the Officials/Coaches/Athletes resource pages for the appropriate links. We also have the most up to date "Official Kata" list posted as well as online exams for officials along with the test questions for use as a study guide. Our signature events will be using the USA Karate Rules of Competition for all non-elite divisions. Elite and senior team trial divisions will be following the WKF rules without modifications.

We will be holding a briefing for all coaches and officials at 6:00 p.m. on April 6th, 2023 where we will review the major changes that have been implemented this year. Please be sure to attend as there is a lot of new information to review.

For all officials who will be recertifying or who will be testing for new certifications, please note that the written exams will be conducted "in advance" of the tournament through our on-line portal.

<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-karate/officials-and-coaches/officials-resources>

Officials will need to complete the exams before arriving at the seminars and will need to bring a printed copy of your exam results to give to our certification committee.

We look forward to seeing you all and to having a wonderful event.

USA Karate Referee Committees