



KARATE

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Abbreviations and Terminology

Title	Abbreviation	Notes
Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation	ISSF	
Azerbaijan Islamic Games Organizing Committee	AISGOC	
4 th Azerbaijan Islamic Solidarity Games	Baku 2017	
National Olympic Committee	NOC	

TECHNICAL RULES

1 COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1.1 The Karate events at the 4th Islamic Solidarity Games, Baku 2017 shall be conducted in accordance with the latest World Karate Federation (WKF) Kata and Kumite Competition rules revision 9.0, effective from 1 January 2015.
- 1.2 World Karate Federation Organizing Rules, version 2015.
- 1.3 For technical matters, the WKF Rules and Regulations are binding.
- 1.4 For general matters, ISG Basic Regulations, General Rules and this Technical Handbook should be consulted.

2 COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

- 2.1 Competitions shall be, under the authority of ISSF, organized by AISGOC, in conformity with WKF Rules and under the supervision of the Technical Committee.
- 2.2 Mr Murat Colakoglu is appointed by the WKF the Technical Delegate for Karate Competition at the 4th Islamic Solidarity Games.
- 2.3 The Azerbaijan Karate Federation shall support the appointment of the National Technical Officials, who shall be approved by the Technical Delegate.

3 COMPETITION AND TRAINING VENUES

- 3.1 The Karate competition will be held from 13th – 14th May 2017 at Baku Sports Hall, Baku, Azerbaijan.
- 3.2 Training facilities will be prepared for the participating teams according to a schedule made by the Organizing Committee and distributed to the teams participating in the Games.

4 TECHNICAL MEETING

- 4.1 The technical meeting shall be held one day before the first day of the competition on May 12th, 2017. The meeting shall be attended by:
 - WKF staff: Technical Delegate, Technical Delegate Assistant
 - Referee Chairman and Deputy Referee Chairman)
 - At least one team official from each country (max. two)
 - OC Representative (competition manager or technical operations manager / local software officer)
- 4.2 The meeting aims at providing the necessary information on the progress of events, drawing of lots and explanations related to the implementation of the Rules of the International Federation and the provisions of the sport Technical Regulations.
- 4.3 The draw must use the random process provided by the software, there will be no seeding of athletes. The draw will be conducted during the technical meeting (right after the official registration via the software by the local software officer) in the presence of the Technical Delegate or a person expressly appointed by the Technical Delegate. After the draw is finished and signed by the Technical Delegate, copies for each participating NOC shall be handed out.

5 EVENTS AND PARTICIPATION

5.1 Medal events. The competition will consist of 12 medal events, summarized below:

Medal events (12)	
Men's individual (6)	Women's individual (6)
Kata	Kata
Kumite -60kg	Kumite -50kg
Kumite -67kg	Kumite -55kg
Kumite -75kg	Kumite -61kg
Kumite -84kg	Kumite -68kg
Kumite +84kg	Kumite +68kg

5.2 Every National Olympic Committee (NOC) whose National Federation is affiliated to the WKF and ISGOC is entitled to participate with a team of 6 male and 6 female athletes - a maximum of 1 athlete per weight category in individual kumite and 1 athlete per individual kata event.

M/W	Events	Max. number of the athletes from each NOC per event	Max. number participants per NOC
Men's	Kata	1	6
	Kumite Under 60kg (-60)	1	
	Kumite Under 67kg (-67)	1	
	Kumite Under 75kg (-75)	1	
	Kumite Under 84kg (-84)	1	
	Kumite Over 84kg (+84)	1	
Women's	Kata	1	6
	Kumite Under 50kg (-50)	1	
	Kumite Under 55kg (-55)	1	
	Kumite Under 61kg (-61)	1	
	Kumite Under 68kg (-68)	1	
	Kumite Over 68kg (+68)	1	

Each NOC Team officials may include four (4) coaches, two (2) officials, two (2) paramedics.

- 5.3 Athletes must hold the nationality of the country from which the NOC is registered. For eligibility, only individual passports shall be used as the official document of the athlete. Collective passports shall not be used.
- 5.4 The Organizing Committee and the Supervision & Coordination Committee in cooperation with WKF may opt out to organize events, if the number of athletes will be less than 6 per category.
- 5.5 All athletes participating in Kata events must be born on / or before 10th May 2001.
- 5.6 All athletes participating in Kumite events must be born on / or before 10th May 1999

6 COMPETITION FORMAT

6.1 Direct elimination system with full repechage (gold, silver and two (2) bronze medals) will be apply as competition format for each weight category in individual kumite and each individual kata event. Single-elimination brackets are used to determine the two athletes who will compete in the final for first and second place.

6.2 The repechage bracket will be built from athletes who were knocked out by the finalists to determine bronze medallists. All athletes who lost against both finalists will have repechage matches. There are two separated groups of repechage: one group of athletes who lost against the first finalist, and another group of athletes who lost against the second finalist.

The winners of each of these two repechage contests will compete in Bronze medal contests against the loser of the semifinal contest of the respective table.

6.3 Phases

All Categories:

- Elimination round and Semi-final
- Repechage
- Medal round

6.4 Basic format and progression:

Two days of the competition will be divided into 4 sessions – 2 morning and 2 evening sessions. During the morning session will be committed elimination round, semifinals and repechage, at the evening sessions only medal rounds.

- Elimination Round – number of the bouts should be determined on the later stage (when NOCs will determine the number of its participants in every sport)
- Semi-final - 2 Bouts
- Repechage – number of the bouts should be determined on the later stage (when NOCs will determine the number of its participants in every sport)
- Medal Round – 3 Bouts (repechage winners and semi-final losers fight for Bronze medals and semi-final winners for Gold/Silver)

Example of the competition progression below here:

Elimination Round 1	Elimination Round 2	Semi-final	Final
A1	A1	A1	A6
A2			
A3	A4		
A4			
A5	A6	A6	
A6			
A7	A7		
A8			
B1	B2	B3	B8
B2			
B3	B3		
B4			
B5	B5	B8	
B6			
B7	B8		
B8			

The finalists are A6 from the top half of the draw and B8 from the bottom half of the draw. All athletes who was beaten by A1 and B8 on their way to the final will compete in the repechage round:

- A5 will challenge A7 and the winner will challenge A1. The winner of this bout receives 3rd place from the top half of the draw;
- B7 will challenge B5 and the winner will challenge B3. The winner of this bout receives 3rd place from the bottom half of the draw.

6.5 Field of play:

- for morning sessions three tatami will be operational at the same time
 - for evening sessions one tatami (on the raised platform) will be operational
- Field of play layout will be determined on the later stage.

7 COMPETITION SCHEDULE

7.1 Tabled below is the provisional competition schedule. A detailed version will be issued closer to the event.

Date	Session	Event Name	Phase / Round
12-May	1	Women's Kumite -50 kg	Elimination, repechage and semi-finals
		Women's Kumite -55 kg	Elimination, repechage and semi-finals
		Men's Kumite -60 kg	Elimination, repechage and semi-finals
		Men's Kumite -67 kg	Elimination, repechage and semi-finals
		Women's Kumite -61 kg	Elimination, repechage and semi-finals
		Men's Kumite -75 kg	Elimination, repechage and semi-finals
	2	Women's Kumite -50 kg	Bronze medal matches
		Women's Kumite -50 kg	Final
		Women's Kumite -55 kg	Bronze medal matches
		Women's Kumite -55 kg	Final
		Men's Kumite -60 kg	Bronze medal matches
		Men's Kumite -60 kg	Final
		Men's Kumite -67 kg	Bronze medal matches
		Men's Kumite -67 kg	Final
		Women's Kumite -61 kg	Bronze medal matches
		Women's Kumite -61 kg	Final
		Men's Kumite -75 kg	Bronze medal matches
		Men's Kumite -75 kg	Final
13-May	3	Men's Kata	Elimination, repechage and semi-finals
		Women's Kata	Elimination, repechage and semi-finals
		Women's Kumite -68 kg	Elimination, repechage and semi-finals
		Women's Kumite +68 kg	Elimination, repechage and semi-finals
		Men's Kumite -84 kg	Elimination, repechage and semi-finals
		Men's Kumite +84 kg	Elimination, repechage and semi-finals
	4	Men's Kata	Bronze medal matches
		Men's Kata	Final
		Women's Kata	Bronze medal matches
		Women's Kata	Final
		Women's Kumite -68 kg	Bronze medal matches
		Women's Kumite -68 kg	Final
		Women's Kumite +68 kg	Bronze medal matches
		Women's Kumite +68 kg	Final
		Men's Kumite -84 kg	Bronze medal matches
		Men's Kumite -84 kg	Final
		Men's Kumite +84 kg	Bronze medal matches
		Men's Kumite +84 kg	Final

8 EQUIPMENT

- 8.1 All equipment and accessories used in the Karate competitions shall comply with the specifications of the WKF list of approved equipment.

9 APPAREL

- 9.1 International Technical Officials (ITO's): Referees and Judges must wear the official uniform according the WKF rules. Female Referees and Judges may wear religious headwear approved by the WKF.
- 9.2 Athletes: according to WKF rules (official athlete's equipment approved by WKF).
- 9.3 Team officials (coaches):
- during the preliminaries they should wear official tracksuit of their NOC
 - during the finals (Bronze and Gold medal matches) male coaches are required to wear a dark suit, shirt and tie - while female coaches may choose to wear a dress, pantsuit or a combination of jacket and skirt in dark colours. Female coaches may also wear religious headwear approved by the WKF.

10 MEDAL CEREMONIES

- 10.1 Competition format means Medal ceremonies shall be held at the same day when competition event is complete. For Medal Ceremonies, athletes wear the Karate-Gi with black belt and NOC jacket on top of Gi. No shoes / gloves / pads are allowed.
- 10.2 Winners in Karate competitions shall be granted the following medals:
- Winner of the final contest: A gold medal
 - Loser of the final contest: A silver medal
 - Winners of the repêchage (2): bronze medals