



SPORT RULES AND REGULATIONS
SMALL STATES OF EUROPE KARATE FEDERATION

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Introduction

Terms used in this document as well as titles and functions apply to both sexes.

This concept includes the sport rules and regulations of the SMALL STATES OF EUROPE KARATE FEDERATION, hereinafter referred to SSEKF. It offers a competitive program and determines the qualifications, as well as the right to participate in the championships organized by the SSEKF.

Focusing on the desire of the karatekas to compete in a high quality competition and to take part in an attractive sports program, it is essential to recall that Karatedo is a martial art form that does not exhaust itself through winning competitions, but takes intensive training and displays the intellectual content of Karatedo.

General Regulations

2.1 Scope

The following provisions shall prevail for the entire sporting procedure of SSEKF. All not explicitly regulated areas will be governed by instructions from the SSEKF **Technical-Commission** (organizational areas) as well as the SSEKF **Referee Commission** (referee areas).

2.2 Responsibilities

The Hosting Countries of the SSEKF Championships have to adhere to the rules and regulations stated in this concept. For support they may be accompanied by an administrator designated by them. All official SSEKF tournaments are under the supervision of the SSEKF sport-commission.

2.3 Anti-Doping Regulations

Participants agree to comply with the applicable international doping regulations. With registration, participants confirm that they are subjecting themselves to the doping regulations of SSEKF. Checks may be conducted at each tournament.

2.4 Liability

The participants are themselves responsible for adequate insurance coverage. The organizer and the SSEKF can under no circumstances be held liable. By registering, the participants and the responsible head of the delegation confirm that they are physically as well as mentally healthy and can compete in the tournament with ease.

2.5 Official SSEKF Events

Considered official events:

- SMALL STATES OF EUROPE KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sport organization

3.1 Tender

For all SSEKF events, that are covered by these sport regulations, the Executive Committee of SSEKF will be in charge of the announcement and invitation along with the organizing country.

All official information and documents for the participating countries will be sent by the SSEKF secretary.

In the case of changes to these rules, they must be published no later than 12 weeks before the tournament.

3.2 Registration Deadlines

Two weeks prior to competition.

3.3 Draw

The draw will take place 1 week before the tournament via sportdata system. At the championships, the finalists of all events of the previous year will be separated in different pools.

If less than 3 competitors are registered in a category, the competitors will automatically be reallocated to the next higher weight category. If less than 3 competitors are registered in the highest category, they will automatically be reallocated to the next lower category.

3.4 Ceremony

During the ceremony a correct dress code is required (karate-gi or training suit).

3.5 Publication on www.sportdata.org

- Invitation to all members (countries) 12 weeks
- Application deadline 2 week before the championship
- Timetable: 5 days before the championship
- Results: 48 hours after the competition

The Organizer is responsible for obtaining the proper charts as well as the distribution of the correct results lists to the SSEKF so they can publish them on the official SSEKF Website. Organizing country is responsible for the sportdata administration during the championships

3.6 Championships Requirements

For competitions, which are held as an official SSEKF event, the following must be available:

- Minimum 4 Tatamis
- red and blue referee flags
- Computer and screen on each tatami for the correct use of „sportdata“.
- List of Katas
- Writing pads and pens
- Forms for Referees
- 2-3 persons as time and score keepers per tatami
- 2 calibrated scales
- Medical Staff: at least 1 doctor and 3-4 paramedics
- Security staff to control access to competition area
- Printer and paper
- Copier machine

4. Participation conditions

4.1 Eligibility for Participation

Only Karatekas who are members of the national federation, are allowed to participate in all SSEKF events based on article 3 of the SSEKF statutes.

Per individual category 4 athletes per nations are eligible to compete, 4 teams per nations.

The following items need to be attached to the registration:

- Last, first name and date of birth.

The athletes have to compete for the country they were registered by.

Athletes are allowed to compete once each in kata, kumite, individual/team (1 team). In case that a team of kata/kumite is not forming because of less competitors then a younger competitor of age can participate to form that team. Moreover, junior athletes can register in senior individual kata based on the WKF rule for 16+ year of age.

4.2 Eligibility for Coaches

Only persons with a valid, official SSEKF coach card are allowed to enter the competition area. Other persons are not allowed in the competition area. Official dress code is track suit. The coach card is to be worn visibly.

4.3 Eligibility for Referees

Every country is obliged to provide at least three (3) referees. To ensure a fair competition at a high level, the following qualifications of the referees must be met:

Referees of WKF/EKF are welcomed, national referees must take the examinations in both kata and kumite of SSEKF based on the WKF exams. In case that the championship has less referees, then the organizing country is obligated to bring WKF/EKF referees to complete the required number of 7 referees per tatami and 2 EKF/WKF referees per tatami. WKF/EKF referees will be automatically awarded the respective title of SSEKF, i.e, WKF/EKF judge=SSEKF judge, WKF/EKF referee=SSEKF referee. The organizing country must contact the national karate federations members of SSEKF at least two (2) months before the championships to get the list of referees and judges. The roles and responsibilities of the SSEKF Judges/Referees are in accordance to EKF/WKF rules and regulations.

4.4 Age group

For the Championships the age solely refers to the date of birth.

Categories individual kumite and kata

Categories	Gender	Kata	Kumite	Age
U13	F+M	X	X	12
U14	F+M	X	X	13
U16	F+M	X	X	14-15
U18	F+M	X	X	16-17
Seniors	F+M	X		+16
Seniors	F+M		X	+18

Categories Team Kata and Kumite

Categories	Gender	Team	Age
U13 - U14	F+M	Kata	12-13
U16 - U18	F+M	Kata	14-17
Seniors	F+M	Kata	16+

U14	F+M	Kumite	12-13
U16	F+M	Kumite	14-15
U18	F+M	Kumite	16-17
Seniors	F+M	Kumite	+18

4.5 Registration

Registration for SSEKF championships have to include the following:

- Official registration list
- Name and date of birth of the Competitors
- Name and date of birth of the official coaches
- Name and date of birth of the official referees
- Copies of the invoices & receipts for the Yearly, Participating and Referee fees. (The fees can be paid through bank transfer to the SSEKF bank account or can be paid in cash (Euro) during registration.
- Online registrations of athletes only through www.sportdata.org

4.6 Entry Fees

The Yearly, Participating and Referee fees will be decided by the executive committee.

4.7 Penalties

Athletes and accompanying persons who received a Shikkaku during an official SSEKF event, which is confirmed by the technical commission, are automatically banned from this SSEKF championships. The extend of Shikkaku will be defined and communicated according to WKF rules.

4.8 Protests

Protests must be presented according to WKF rules. The fee will be €100.

4.9 Registration documents

For the SSEKF championships every member country will have to fulfill and sing the proper documents about liability, insurance, medical, sport rules etc.

4.10 Photographers & Journalists

Photographers and Journalists will need an official authorization from the SSEKF (for the field of competition areas). They may not hinder the competition at any time, especially organizers, referees, coaches, officials or athletes. Photographers and Journalists must wear their accreditation card.

5. The rules for U13-U14 will be the same as in cadets for both kata/kumite.

Protection

Mandatory • Gum shield • Mitts red/blue • Shin/foot protector red/blue • Body protector • Inner chest protector (for female athletes)

Optional • Male/female groin guard • Forearm protector • Face mask

6. Sport program

6.1 Regulations

The championship is subject to WKF Rules. Nevertheless special regulations are subject to proposals from the SSEKF Executive Committee.

6.2 Categories

Based on article 4.1 and 4.4

The weigh tolerance is

+ / - 1000 grams for U13-U14, Cadets & Juniors

+ / - 500 grams, for Seniors (18+).

A re-weighing is permitted if it was announced before the final weighing. The weighing time is observed in accordance with regulations. Competitors, who show up after the final weighing, are not entitled to start. The organizer is responsible for the organization of the weighing. 2 women and 2 men need to be available. The weighing must be done with a calibrated accurate scale!

An official WKF or EKF Referee must be present at weighing!

In case the country has already registered 2 competitors in this category (3 competitors for U14 and U16), the countries coach decides who competes.

7. Regulations for the host / organizer

7.1 Schedules

The SSEKF Executive Committee will try to avoid conflicts with the events of the EKF and WKF relevant for the member countries.

7.2 Championships procedure for the SSEKF

The championships will be conducted in 2 days (Saturday - Sunday).

The expiration of the categories is as follows:

Saturday event
Individual Kata Pre-finals, Repechage and final matches
Opening ceremony
Individual Kumite, Pre-finals, Repechage and Final matches U13 – U14
Individual Kumite, Pre-finals, Repechage and Final matches U16, U18 and Seniors
Kata & Kumite Medal Ceremonies

Sunday event
Team Kata Pre-finals, Repechage and Final matches
Team Kumite Pre-Finals, Repechage and Final matches
Kata & Kumite Team Medal Ceremonies for Teams

Due to the number of competitors or other items concerning the good organization of the competition, the schedule can be changed by the Executive Committee of SSEKF.

7.3 Awards

Individual competition: Medals for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

Team Competition: Cup for the winner team, medals for the competitors of the teams, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place

7.4 Needs and Requirements

1. An adequate of space room for the registration of the delegations. All necessary equipment must be provided by the organizing country. There must be lamination, printers and photocopy machines to ensure effective enforcement of the registering delegations.
2. A conference room must be provided with a set-up in shape of Π for the meeting of the Executive Committee for at least 12 persons. A screen and a projector must be provider for the needs of presentations. Coffee/tea and water must be also provided.
3. A conference room must be provided with a set-up in shape of a classroom for the seminar of referees along with a screen and a projector. There must be at least 35 chairs.
4. A conference room must be provided with a set-up in shape of a classroom for the briefing of coaches and referees along with a screen and a projector. There must be at least 35 chairs.
5. The same conference room provided for the coaches and referees briefing will be used for the draws. There must be at least 35 chairs.