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KARATE FEDERATION

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The aim of this statute is to structure and formalize the SSEKF Karate Championships, hereafter referred to as SSEKF KC, and endeavor cooperation between the participating countries.

## Art 1. Constitution and objects

1. The Small States of Europe Karate Federation, hereafter referred to as SSEKF, is a permanent organisation, founded in the year 2014 and is composed of the National Karate Federations signing this document.
2. The SSEKF has nothing at all to do with matters pertaining politics, religion or race, and is a non-profit organisation.
3. The SSEKF performs its activity on an amateur basis in compliance with the principles set forth in the Olympic Charter.
4. The official language of the SSEKF shall be English. All official SSEKF publications must be available in English. Congresses, meetings and sessions must be held in English.
5. The SSEKF member countries must be fully paid up members by the end of March each year and fully paid up of the European Karate Federation, EKF, and the World Karate Federation, WKF.
6. In case an issue concerning the SSEKF is not covered by this SSEKF statute the matter shall be solved within the regulation of the WKF statute.
7. The SSEKF has sole proprietorship of the logo of SSEKF and its use. All rights for the use of the SSEKF logo and name for purposes of fabrication or sale of articles bearing the name or logo of SSEKF (such as flags, medals, diplomas, badges, shields, ties, gadgets, and similar objects) rests exclusively with the SSEKF. The SSEKF gives the right to the organizing country to use the rights of its logo to sell merchandise during the championships and merchandise items need to be approved at least 4 months prior to the championships.
8. The principal aim of the SSEKF is to arrange the SSEKF KC-karate championships once a year, encourage other cooperation between the participating countries and promote and popularise the sport of karate.
9. All SSEKF members are obliged to show loyalty and commitment to the SSEKF and future SSEKF KC.



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### Art 2. Economy

As described above, Art 1.2, the SSEKF is a non-profit organisation.

1. The SSEKF KC organizing country federation as set forth in this document is fully responsible for the costs as described below during the SSEKF KC.
  - All costs concerning practical arrangements during the SSEK KC (karate championships).
  - Costs for having a party for athletes, judges and officials after the competition are finished, so called “sayonara party”, coffee breaks/snacks for the referees and officials during the championship.
  - The organizing country is obligated to take any costs for travels, accommodation regarding an officer running the championship (i.e sportdata officer), and of the accommodation of the president, vice president, secretary general, treasurer and sport director of SSEKF.
2. The SSEKF should impose a certain annual fee per country to cover administration expenses and will be deposited in the SSEKF bank account by the end of March each year. Moreover, the SSEKF will impose an athletes’ participating fee out of it the 50% will be given to the organizing country to cover some of its expenses. The SSEKF EC-executive committee will decide the annual and the participation fee. Moreover, a participation fee for the referee exams will be also decided by the SSEKF EC.
3. Costs arriving from the administration of the SSEKF must be admitted and approved by the executive committee.
4. The air ticket of the president, vice-president, secretary general, treasurer and sport director will be covered by the SSEKF.



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### Art 3. Regulations

The World Karate Federation, WKF, Kata and Kumite competition rules shall apply during the SSEKF KC. Entry registration will only be allowed from each federation's National team.

All members of the national teams can participate (holding a passport/ID, residence card or membership of the national team). Participants cannot be member of any other national team. The national federation will guarantee the membership accordingly (checks will be done through sportdata by the executive committee).

The regulations described down below are mandatory for the organizer of the SSEKF KC.

1. The SSEKF KC shall be a competition for U13, U14, cadets, juniors and seniors.
2. Every participating country federation has the right to register four (4) competitors to each individual kumite and kata category. Those federations that compete in kumite and kata team have the right to register 4 teams in each category.
3. The SSEKF KC shall be implemented in two days. Sufficient amount of tatamis will be used to keep to the timetable.
4. A category will be valid only if at least four (4) athletes participate from at least three (3) countries.
5. If there is three (3) or less participants in one category the organizer will have the possibility to move the participant up or down one category accordingly.
6. Any conflict arises regarding a technical aspect for the categories and the draws this will be solved during the day of the draws and/or according to E.C. decision.



7. All registrations of athletes, coaches, referees and officials shall be done through an official online registration system as approved by the executive committee.
8. The bulletin of the championships must be delivered by the organizing country at least 6 months prior to the championship and the registrations must be done at least 1 month before.

#### **Art 4. Coaches and athletes**

1. Weighing shall be offered to the competitors the evening before competition and before the competition starts.
2. The organizer of the SSEKF KC will provide the possibility to host a meeting for the coaches.

#### **Art 5. Referees**

1. Qualified Referees with an international or each country's national licenses are welcome to participate in the SSEKF KC. Each participating country has the obligation to participate with a minimum three (3) and a maximum (8) referees to the SSEKF KC.
2. A Referee Commission will be appointed by the executive committee. The referee commission chairman along with at least one (1) other EKF/WKF referee A will consist of the commission.
3. Each member country has the right to propose which 3-8 referees will take part in the SSEKF KC.
4. The Referee Commission will act as appeals jury during the SSEKF KC. Any Jury member in a conflict of interest situation, where the jury member is of the same nationality or has a family relationship by blood or as an in-Law with any of the parties involved in the protested incident, will not be present during the decision procedures.
5. The organizer of the SSEKF KC shall provide the possibility to host a briefing for the referees. A qualified person/s appointed by the SSEKF EC will conduct the Briefing.



6. A referee seminar will be organized the day before the championship in order to upgrade all national referees who are not holders of an EKF/WKF referee license, to a SSEKF judge/referee license. The seminar will be conducted by the referee commission or otherwise the executive committee decides.

## **Art 6. Executive Committee:**

1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary General, Treasurer, Sport Director and 4 members.
2. A meeting shall be held at least once every year during the SSEKF KC or otherwise the president and secretary general call for it.
3. The meeting shall be deemed valid if the majority of Committee members are in attendance. Decisions shall be taken by the executive committee.
4. The members of the Executive Committee cannot be replaced in their absence by another person, unless the executive committee decides accordingly.
5. By mutual agreement between each member state and the SSEKF, all nine (9) countries shall be represented by one person in the executive committee. Each country member shall be entitled to one vote. The president has a casting vote.
6. Proposals to amend the SSEKF Statutes must be approved by at least 2/3 (two thirds) of affiliated National Federations having voting rights present and represented at the SSEKF Executive Committee meeting.
7. The E.C. will appoint the persons in the referee and technical commissions. The E.C. will decide accordingly to appoint any other commissions as at its discretion.
8. The organizer of the SSEKF KC will provide the possibility to host a meeting for the executive Committee.
9. The president with the secretary general will prepare the agenda of the executive committee meeting and will deliver it to the rest E.C. members prior to their meeting. Every member on the EC shall have the right to propose Agenda items. And send it to the president and secretary general.
10. Elections will take place for the executive committee every four years. Members of the executive committee can only be placed as candidates



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through the official application form signed and stamped by their national federation.

### **Art 7. Other obligations for the organizer of the SSEKF Championships**

1. The SSEKF KC shall be implemented over (3) three days
2. The SSEKF KC competition organizer will ensure that hotels are offered the participating country federations at reasonable prices, and in cities with nearby international airports. The sport hall of the championship must be a maximum of an hour driving from the host HQ Hotel.
3. Results from the SSEKF KC will be posted on the online registration system and all country members shall have access to it.
4. The organizers as well as other participating countries have a common obligation to ensure that media covers the SSEKF Karate Championships.

### **Art 8. Administrative issues of the SSEKF Championships**

1. Any administrative or other issues regarding the organization of the championship solely relies on the organizing country.
2. The organizing country must ensure free transportations of the athletes from the hotels to the sports hall and vice versa.
3. Medals and diplomas presenting the athletes and diplomas for the referees are the obligation of the organizing country to deliver. These diplomas must be signed in person by the president of SSEKF and the president of the organizing country.