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INFORMATION BULLETIN REVISION HISTORY

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KEY DATES AND DEADLINES

Event	Date(s)
Earlybird Competitor Registration Deadline	Friday, November 4, 2022
Coach Registration Deadline	Friday, November 18, 2022
Final Competitor Registration and Division Change Deadline	Friday, November 18, 2022
Late Coach Registration Deadline (fee applies)	Friday, November 25, 2022
2022 Canada Open Karate Championships	Saturday, December 3 and Sunday, December 4, 2022

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Name of Event

2022 Canada Open Karate Championships

1.2 Dates of Event

December 3-4, 2022

1.3 Event Venue

Richmond Olympic Oval

6111 River Rd,
Richmond BC V7C 0A2
Canada



Photo Credit: Richmond Olympic Oval

The Richmond Olympic Oval is Metro Vancouver's premier indoor multi-sport arena and fitness facility. Originally built to host long track speed skating events during the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games, this facility now features two Olympic-sized hockey rinks, multi-sport courts, basketball courts, a climbing wall, and a fitness centre.

1.3.1 Getting to the Venue & Parking

The Richmond Olympic Oval is only 10 minutes by ground transportation from Vancouver International Airport (YVR).

Translink Bus Route 414 runs between the Richmond Olympic Oval and Richmond-Brighouse Canada Line Station Monday through Saturday.

There is a designated drop-off only zone on River Road in front of the Richmond Olympic Oval. Limited underground pay parking is available at the Richmond Olympic Oval. Please note that the venue has changed to a pre-pay parking system and updated its parking rates. For more information, please visit their website:

<https://richmondoval.ca/facility/getting-here/>

The map below shows a number of free and paid overflow parking options near the venue.





1.4 Event Organizer

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1.5 Event Sanctioning Body

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1.5 Introduction

Karate BC and Karate Canada are proud to present the 2022 Canada Open Karate Championships, the fifth edition of this event, and one of the largest Karate tournaments held in North America. This event will once again take place at the beautiful Richmond Olympic Oval near the Vancouver International Airport (YVR) in British Columbia, Canada, from December 3-4, 2022.

The 2022 Canada Open Karate Championships are hosted by Karate BC and sanctioned by Karate Canada. Karate BC is the recognized Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) for karate in British Columbia. Karate Canada is the recognized National Sport Organization (NSO) for karate in Canada.

1.6 Purpose

The purpose of this Information Bulletin is to provide important information regarding the 2022 Canada Open Karate Championships to athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers, to assist them in preparing to participate in this event. All participants are asked to carefully read this document in its entirety before registering for this tournament.



1.7 Contact Information

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1.8 Spectators

Spectator tickets may be purchased at the Spectator Admissions Desk at the Richmond Olympic Oval. Cash, major credit cards, and Interac debit cards will be accepted.

Ticket Type	Price (per day)
Adult (18 years and older)	\$10.00
Senior (65 years and older)	\$5.00
Child and Youth (17 years and under)	\$5.00
6 years and under	Free

Ticket prices above are listed in Canadian Dollars and are inclusive of all taxes and fees.

1.9 Live Streaming

Karate BC is pleased to offer complimentary live streaming of each tatami at the 2022 Canada Open Karate Championships by [SportsCanada.TV](https://www.sportscanada.tv) on Karate BC's [YouTube Channel](#)!

1.10 Errors and Omissions

Karate BC reserves the right to correct errors and omissions in this Information Bulletin.



2. COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Qualification

There are no qualification requirements for competitors at the 2022 Canada Open Karate Championships. All competitors of any age, from any nation, any Karate style, and any skill level are eligible to participate in this event.

2.2 Age Eligibility

The age eligibility for this event is determined by the age of the competitor on the first day of the event, December 3, 2022.

2.2.1 Masters Categories

Competitors who are 40 years of age or older as of December 3, 2022, are eligible to register in Masters categories. Competitors who register in Masters categories may also register in non-Masters categories for which they are eligible based on their sex and skill level, subject to the policy on registering in both a non-Elite category and an Elite category (section 2.3.1).

2.2.2 Senior Categories

Competitors who are 16 years of age or older as of December 3, 2022, are eligible to register in "Senior" Kata categories. Competitors who are 18 years of age or older as of December 3, 2022, are eligible to register in "Senior" Kumite categories.

2.2.3 Non-Elite "Women's" and "Men's" Categories

Competitors who are 16 years of age or older as of December 3, 2022, are eligible to register in "Women's" or "Men's" Kata categories. Competitors who are 18 years of age or older as of December 3, 2022, are eligible to register in "Women's" or "Men's" Kumite categories.

2.2.4 Non-Elite "Adult" Categories



Competitors who are 16 years of age or older as of December 3, 2022, are eligible to register in non-Elite "Adult" Team Kata categories. Competitors who are 18 years of age or older as of December 3, 2022, are eligible to register in "Adult" Kobudo categories.

2.2.5 Para-Karate Categories

Competitors who are under 12 years of age as of December 3, 2022, are eligible to register in U12 Para-Karate categories. Competitors who are 12 years of age or older and under 16 years of age are eligible to register in Junior Para-Karate categories. Competitors who are 16 years of age or older as of December 3, 2022, are eligible to register in Senior Para-Karate categories.

2.3 Competition Skill Levels

The following skills levels will be offered at this event:

- A. Novice
- B. Intermediate
- C. Advanced
- D. Black Belt
- E. Elite

Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, and Black Belt categories are classified as non-Elite categories.

Elite categories may be identified by a division code that starts with "E".

2.3.1 Registering in both a non-Elite Category and an Elite Category

For each event (Individual Kata, Team Kata, Individual Kumite) offered at the 2022 Canada Open Karate Championships, competitors may choose to register in a non-Elite category or an Elite category, but **they are not permitted to register in both a non-Elite category and an Elite category within the same event.**

For example, a competitor may register in a non-Elite Individual Kata category and an Elite Individual Kumite category, since Individual Kata and Individual Kumite are separate events. However, a competitor is not permitted to register in a non-Elite Individual Kumite category and an Elite Individual Kumite category.

2.3.2 Non-Elite Competition Skill Level Table

The table below indicates the non-Elite competition skill levels based on the Kyu levels of different Karate styles. **Competitors may only register in the skill level that corresponds to their Kyu level.**

Skill Level / Style	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Black Belt
Chito/Shito	6-5	4-3	2-1	All Dans
Gima-Ha	10-7	6-4	3-1	All Dans
Wado	8-7	6-4	3-1	All Dans
Goju	10-8	7-4	3-1	All Dans
Uechi-Ryu	10-7	6-4	3-1	All Dans
Shotokan/Shukokai	9-8	7-4	3-1	All Dans
Kyokushin	10-7	6-4	3-1	All Dans



3. ONLINE REGISTRATION

3.1 Sportdata

Registration for all competitors, coaches, and referees will be completed online through Sportdata at the following links:

[Competitor Registration](#)

[Coach Registration](#)

[Referee Registration](#)

Competitors must provide all required participant information, including the medical waiver, and submit the required registration fees for this event before the registration deadline for registration to be considered complete.

Individual competitors may register themselves for this event, or coaches/team managers may register competitors on behalf of their team.

3.2 Registration Deadlines

3.2.1 Competitors

The early bird competitor registration deadline is Friday, November 4, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. PT.

The final competitor registration deadline is Friday, November 18, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. PT.

****IMPORTANT:** No competitor registrations will be accepted after November 18, 2022.

3.2.2 Coaches

The coaches registration deadline is Friday, November 18, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. PT.



The late coach registration deadline is Friday, November 25, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. PT. A late coach registration fee of \$50.00 will apply for each late coach registration.

****IMPORTANT:** No coach registrations will be accepted after November 25, 2022.

3.3 Changes to Registration

Competitors may change the event category/categories for which they are registered through Sportdata until the final competitor registration deadline.

****IMPORTANT:** No changes to competitor registration will be accepted after the final competitor registration deadline on November 18, 2022.

3.4 Registration Fees

3.4.1 Competitors

The competitor registration fees for the 2022 Canada Open Karate Championships are indicated in the table below. Competitors who register in more than one individual category will receive a 50% discount on their registration fees for their second and subsequent individual categories.

The fees listed are in Canadian Dollars and are inclusive of the 5% Goods and Services Tax (GST) and all payment processing fees. (Note: In previous editions of this event, a payment processing fee was charged in addition to the registration fees indicated in the Information Bulletin.)

Registration Fees for Individual Categories

Category	If registered by November 4, 2022		If registered between November 5-18, 2022	
	First category*	Each additional individual category for the same competitor.	First category*	Each additional individual category for the same competitor.
All individual non-Elite and Kobudo categories	\$70.00	\$35.00	\$80.00	\$40.00
All individual Elite categories	\$80.00	\$40.00	\$90.00	\$45.00

Registration Fees for Team Categories

Category	If registered by November 4, 2022.	If registered between November 5-18, 2022.
	Per Team	Per Team
All non-Elite Team Categories*	\$140.00	\$160.00
All Elite Team Categories*	\$160.00	\$180.00

*= Team Kata categories will not be considered as a "first category" for the purpose of obtaining a registration fee discount for additional categories. For example, if a competitor registers in a Team Kata category and an Individual Kata category, the competitor will be charged the "first category" registration rate for the Individual Kata category.

3.4.1.1 Refunds

Refunds will only be permitted for medical reasons, with supporting documentation from a medical doctor, or if competitors are unable to enter Canada due to the non-issuance of a Canadian travel visa or Electronic Travel



Authorization (eTA). Requests for refunds will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

To request a refund, please submit the form at the following link: [Click Here](#)

3.4.2 Coaches

No registration fees are charged for coaches at the 2022 Canada Open Karate Championships if registered by Friday, November 18, 2022. A late registration fee applies in case of late registration (please refer to section 3.2.2).

3.4.3 Referees

No registration fees are charged for referees at the 2022 Canada Open Karate Championships.



3.5 Medical History, Waiver, and Release Agreement

The online medical history, waiver, and release agreement at the link below must be completed by all competitors (and the competitor's parent/guardian if the competitor is under 19 years of age) after registering for this event through Sportdata.

The medical history, waiver, and release agreement must be completed in full in order to be eligible to compete at this event. **Competitors with incomplete medical history, waiver, and release agreements will not be permitted to compete.**

[Online Medical History, Waiver, and Release Agreement](#)

4. COMPETITION

4.1 Event Categories

The following events will be offered at the 2022 Canada Open Karate Championships:

- A. Individual Kata
- B. Team Kata
- C. Individual Kumite
- D. Kobudo (Weapons Kata)
- E. Para-Karate

The full list of event categories is available at the following link: [List of Event Categories at the 2022 Canada Open Karate Championships](#)

4.2 Rules of Competition

4.2.1 Individual Kata, Team Kata, Individual Kumite

The [2020 World Karate Federation \(WKF\) Rules of Competition](#) (revised version as of January 17, 2022) will be in effect for all Kata and Kumite categories, subject to Karate BC rule modifications, and unless otherwise noted in this Information Bulletin.

The Karate BC rule modifications are included in [appendix 1](#) of this document.

4.2.2 Kobudo (Weapons Kata)

The [2021 Karate BC Kobudo Competition Rules](#) will be in effect for all Kobudo (Weapons Kata) categories.

4.2.3 Para-Karate

The [2021 World Karate Federation \(WKF\) Para-Karate Kata Competition Rules](#) will be in effect for all Para-Karate categories.



4.3 Competition Equipment

The following competition equipment outlined in sections 4.3.1 and 4.3.2 is required for Kata and Kumite competitors, as per the World Karate Federation (WKF) Rules of Competition. All competition equipment should conform with the designs of WKF-approved equipment, however, they are not required to be WKF-approved. Please note that WKF-approved equipment will not be refused at the 2022 Canada Open Karate Championships.

4.3.1 Kata

- A. White Karate-gi
- B. Red and Blue Belts

4.3.2 Kumite

- A. White Karate-gi
- B. Red and Blue Belts
- C. Body Protector
 - Required for all Elite Kumite categories.
 - Recommended for all non-Elite Kumite categories
- D. Chest Protector - required for all Elite female Kumite competitors
- E. Groin Protector - required for all male Kumite competitors
- F. Red and Blue Gloves
- G. Red and Blue Foot and Shin Protectors
 - Both colours are required for all Elite Kumite categories
 - Recommended for all non-Elite Kumite categories
- H. Mouth Guard
- I. WKF Face Mask - optional for Elite U14 Kumite categories, not permitted in any other category
- J. External Body Protector - optional for Elite U14 Kumite categories, not permitted in any other category



4.3.3 Kobudo (Weapons Kata)

The competition equipment outlined in the [2021 Karate BC Kobudo Competition Rules](#) is required for all Kobudo categories at this event.

4.3.4 Para-Karate

The competition equipment outlined in the [2021 World Karate Federation \(WKF\) Para-Karate Kata Competition Rules](#) is required for all Para-Karate categories in this event.

4.4 Athlete Weigh-In

4.4.1 Requirement to Weigh-In

All athletes in an Elite Kumite category, which can be identified with a division code starting with the letter "E", including athletes in Open Weight categories, must successfully complete weigh-in during the official weigh-in periods in order to remain eligible to compete in their Kumite category.

Athletes who fail to weigh-in during the official weigh-in periods will be disqualified from all Elite Kumite categories and will not be eligible to compete in any Elite Kumite categories.

4.4.2 Weigh-In Rules

- A. An athlete is considered to have successfully completed weigh-in if their weight that is measured during an official weigh-in period is within the lower and upper limits of the Kumite weight category for which they are registered, including the permitted weight variances described in section 4.4.4.
- B. Athletes may make as many weigh-in attempts as necessary to successfully complete weigh-in during the official weigh-in periods.
- C. Any athlete who fails to weigh between the lower and upper limits of the Kumite weight category for which they are registered, including the permitted weight variance described in 4.4.4, will be disqualified from that category for failure to comply with weight control restrictions.

4.4.3 Official Weigh-In Periods



Two (2) official weigh-in periods will be offered at the 2022 Canada Open Karate Championships. Both weigh-in periods will take place in the Level 2 Track Zone at the Richmond Olympic Oval.

Competitors may choose to weigh-in at either of the two weigh-in periods. If an athlete successfully completes weigh-in during the first weigh-in period, they will not be required to attend the second weigh-in period. If an athlete attempts weigh-in during the first weigh-in period and is unsuccessful, they are permitted to attend the second weigh-in period in order to make subsequent attempts.

- A. Official Weigh-In Period 1: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 3, 2022
- B. Official Weigh-In Period 2: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 4, 2022

4.4.4 Permitted Weight Variances

A weight variance of up to 0.4 kg over the normal upper weight limit for a weight category will be permitted for all Kumite categories.

A weight variance of up to 0.4 kg below the normal lower weight limit for a weight category will be permitted for all U21 and Senior Kumite categories.

A weight variance of up to 2.0 kgs below the normal lower weight limit for a weight category will be permitted for all U14, Cadet, and Junior Kumite categories.

Examples:

1. The weight categories for Female Individual Kumite are: -50 kg, -55 kg, -61 kg, -68 kg, +68 kg. The normal upper weight limit for the -55 kg category is 54.9 kg and the normal lower weight limit is 50.0 kg. Including the 0.4 kg variance, the permissible weight range for this category is from 49.6 kg to 55.3 kg.
2. The weight categories for Male Cadet Individual Kumite are: -52 kg, -57 kg, -63 kg, -70 kg, +70 kg. The normal upper weight limit for the -63 kg category is 62.9 kg and the normal lower weight limit is 57.0 kg. Including the 0.4 kg variance for the upper weight limit and the 2.0 kg variance for the lower weight limit, the permissible weight range for this category is from 55.0 kg to 63.3 kg.

4.4.5 Rehearsal Weigh-In



The scales that will be used for the official weigh-in will be made available to athletes for the purpose of rehearsal weigh-in at least 30 minutes prior to the start of each official weigh-in period. Weights measured during rehearsal weigh-in are solely for the athlete's personal use and are not considered official.

4.4.6 Weigh-In Protocol

- A. An accurate digital scale that measures weight in kilograms to one decimal place will be used for all official weigh-ins. The scale will be placed on hard, uncarpeted flooring. The maximum discrepancy permitted between the weigh-in scales used for female weigh-in and male weigh-in is 0.1 kg.
- B. Weigh-in for female athletes and male athletes will take place in separate areas. Privacy screens will be installed around the scale.
- C. Two weigh-in officials of the same sex as the athlete weighing in will be present at all times during weigh-in attempts and will administer the weigh-in. One coach of the same sex as the athlete weighing in is permitted to attend the weigh-in attempt to observe the process. Athletes under 19 years of age may have one parent or guardian present during weigh-in in addition to their coach. Coaches and parents/guardians are not permitted to interfere with the weigh in process. Other unauthorized individuals are not permitted in the weigh-in area.
- D. The use of video and/or photo recording devices, including mobile phones, is strictly prohibited in the weigh-in areas.
- E. Athletes must present their official event accreditation card to the weigh-in officials in order to be permitted to attempt weigh-in.
- F. Athletes are to weigh in wearing shorts and a t-shirt, but may be permitted to reduce to undergarments if necessary. Athletes are not permitted to weigh in nude at the 2022 Canada Open Karate Championships. Athletes are not permitted to weigh in with their Karate-gi, jackets, shoes, or with personal effects such as wallets, keys, mobile phones, etc.
- G. Athletes will step onto the weigh-in scale once directed to do so by the weigh-in official, and must remain on the scale until directed by the weigh-in official that they may step off of the scale.
- H. Once an athlete has successfully completed weigh-in, the weigh-in official will record the actual weight to one decimal place in the official weight control records and will mark the athlete's accreditation card.



4.5 Rule Modifications

A table summarizing the competition rules and Karate BC Rule Modifications is available in [appendix 1](#) of this Information Bulletin.

4.5.1 Match Duration for Non-Elite Kumite Categories

The match duration for all non-Elite Kumite categories is 1 minute 30 seconds (90 seconds).

4.5.2 Points System for Non-Elite Kumite Categories

For non-Elite 7 and Under, 8/9, and 10/11 year old categories, once a competitor accumulates 6 points in a match, the match will end and that competitor will be declared the winner. If both competitors reach 6 points at the same time, standard WKF tie breaking procedures (Senshu/Hantei) will be used to determine the winner.

For non-Elite 12/13, 14/15, 16/17, Women's/Men's, and Masters categories, the WKF 8-point spread system will be used.

4.5.3 Contact in Non-Elite Kumite Categories

No contact to the Jodan area with the fist or foot is permitted in any non-Elite Kumite category.

4.5.4 Novice to Advanced Kobudo Categories

Kihon (basic) Kata will be permitted in Novice to Advanced Kobudo categories.

4.5.5 Team Kata

Bunkai will not be required in any Team Kata categories for any rounds.

4.6 Elimination Formula

4.6.1 Novice Kata, 7 years and Under Kata, Non-Elite Team Kata and Kobudo Categories

All Novice Kata, 7 years and Under Kata, Non-Elite Team Kata, and Kobudo categories will use a single pool, single elimination system where each competitor/team will be ranked based on the points awarded for the performance of one (1) Kata.



Each judge will assign only one score to each competitor/team, taking into consideration the 70% weight for Technical Performance and the 30% weight for Athletic Performance.

The first, second, third, and fourth place competitors/teams after the one round will be declared the Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Bronze medallists, respectively. No further rounds of competition will take place.

4.6.2 Merged Novice Kata Categories

Novice categories that are merged with another skill level, including the Masters Novice to Advanced categories, will use the two Kata system for Intermediate and up categories described in section 4.6.1.

Novice competitors in these merged categories will be permitted to repeat the same Kata twice.

4.6.3 Intermediate, Advanced, Advanced/Black Belt, and Black Belt Kata Categories

All Intermediate, Advanced, Advanced/Black Belt, and Black Belt Individual Kata categories will use a single pool system where each competitor will be ranked based on the sum of the points awarded for the performance of two (2) Kata. Competitors must perform 2 different permitted Kata.

Each judge will assign only one score to each competitor, taking into consideration the 70% weight for Technical Performance and the 30% weight for Athletic Performance.

The first, second, third, and fourth place competitors/teams after all competitors have each performed two Kata will be declared the Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Bronze medallists, respectively. No further rounds of competition will take place.

4.6.4 Non-Elite Kata Tie-Breaking Procedures

Should two or more competitors/teams be tied for a medal after all competitors/teams have performed their Kata in a category, a tie-break round will take place between the tied competitors/teams. In the tie-break round, the competitors/teams who are tied will each perform an additional Kata, either the same Kata performed in the main round, or a different Kata, and will receive a score in the same manner as the main round. The competitors'/teams' scores in the tie break round will be used to break the tie. Should



the tie-break round also result in a tie, further tie-break rounds will take place until a winner has been determined.

The scores earned in the tie-break round will only be used for the purpose of breaking the tie and will not affect the overall ranking of the competitors/teams involved in the tie among the other competitors/teams not involved in the tie. In other words, points earned in tie breaker rounds will not change the ranking of other competitors/teams not involved in the tie.

Example: If competitor A is ranked first in a category with 21.6 points, and competitor B and competitor C are tied for second place with 21.0 points, a tie break round will take place between competitor B and competitor C. If competitor B earns 23.4 points and competitor C earns 20.4 points, competitor B will be ranked first in the tie breaker round, but will be ranked second overall in the category.

Tie-break rounds will not take place if competitors/teams are tied for a non-medal position (ie. 5th place or lower). In this case, all the competitors/teams who are tied will be assigned the same ranking, and the subsequent rank, or ranks (depending on the number of competitors/teams involved in the tie), will be skipped.

Example: If competitor A and B are tied for 5th place with 20.4 points, and the competitor ranked immediately below the two competitors, competitor C, has 19.8 points, both competitor A and competitor B will be awarded 5th place, the 6th place rank will be skipped, and competitor C will be awarded 7th place.

4.6.5 Elite Individual Kata

All Elite Individual Kata and Team Kata categories will use the WKF pool system and will be scored using the WKF points system.

4.6.6 Non-Elite and Elite Individual Kumite

The elimination formula for Non-Elite and Elite Individual Kumite will depend on the number of competitors in the category.

- A. Categories with 2 competitors will use a best two out of three matches format, where the competitor that wins two matches out of a possible three matches will be declared the Gold Medallist and the other competitor will be declared the Silver Medallist.



- B. Categories with 3 to 5 competitors will use a round robin format, where each competitor in the category will compete against all of the other competitors. The round robin competition will take place in accordance with WKF Round Robin rules.
- C. Categories with 6 or more competitors will use the WKF repechage system.

4.7 Official Protests

Official protests may only be filed for Elite categories at the 2022 Canada Open Karate Championships. The protest fee for this event is CA\$100.00, and must be paid in advance in cash. The fee will be returned if the protest is successful.

Please click on the following link to view the official protest policy that will be in effect at the 2022 Canada Open Karate Championships: [Karate BC Official Protest Policy](#)

A sample of the protest form that will be used for this event is included in [appendix 2](#) and [appendix 3](#) of this Information Bulletin for reference purposes. The protest form may be requested from the Tatami Managers during the event.

4.8 Seeding of Draws

Athletes and teams will not be seeded in draws at the 2022 Canada Open Karate Championships.

4.9 Re-Draws, and Re-Generation of Kata Pools

Should the withdrawal or disqualification of one or more competitors before the start of a Kata category cause the difference in the number of competitors between any two pools in the category to be more than one (1), the pools in this category will be re-generated.

Should the withdrawal or disqualification of one or more competitors before the start of a Kumite category cause the difference in the number of competitors between any two halves of the draw in the category to be more than one (1), the category will be re-drawn.

4.10 Separation of Athletes in Pools and Draws

Competitors from the same club will be separated across Kata pools or Kumite draw halves, to the extent possible given the number of total competitors in the category and the number of competitors from that club in the category.



4.11 Merging of Categories

If only a single competitor has registered in a non-Elite Kata or Kumite category, two or more categories may be merged together to create a single merged category, at the sole discretion of the event organizer, to provide athletes an opportunity to compete.

Two or more categories of the same gender, age group, and of the following skill levels may be merged: Novice (Kumite only), Intermediate, Advanced, and Advanced/Black. The merging of Black Belt categories with categories of any other skill level and the merging of Novice Kata categories with categories of any other skill level will be avoided whenever possible.

Merged categories are considered as a single category for the purpose of awards.

Elite Kata categories will not be merged. If only one competitor is registered in an Elite Kumite category, that competitor may request to be moved to a higher weight category.

4.12 Splitting of Categories

Non-Elite Individual Kata and non-Elite Kumite categories with 12 or more competitors may be split into separate categories according to age, where possible, and at the sole discretion of the event organizer. Split categories are considered discrete categories for the purpose of awards.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Friday, December 2	5:00 p.m.	Venue Set up	Level 2 Track Zone
Saturday, December 3 (Day 1)	7:45 a.m.	Spectator Admissions and Participant Accreditation Desk Open	Level 2 Track Zone
	8:00 a.m.	Coach Meeting	Room #2029A
	8:00 a.m.	Referee Meeting	Room #2029B
	8:30 a.m.	Volunteer Meeting	Level 2 Track Zone
	9:00 a.m.	Opening Ceremony	Level 2 Track Zone
	Immediately following Opening Ceremony	Kobudo Competition Non-Elite Team Kata Competition Non-Elite Individual Kata Competition Non-Elite Individual Kumite Competition	Level 2 Track Zone
	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Official Weigh-In Period #1	Level 2 Track Zone
	End of Day	Grand Champion Awards - U12 and Masters	Level 2 Track Zone

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday, December 4 (Day 2)	7:15 a.m.	Spectator Admissions and Participant Accreditation Desk Open	Level 2 Track Zone
	7:30 a.m.	Coaches Meeting	Room #2029A
	7:30 a.m.	Referee Meeting	Room #2029B
	7:30 a.m.	Volunteer Meeting	Level 2 Track Zone
	Competition Start Time 8:00 a.m.	Para-Karate Competition Elite Team Kata Competition Elite Individual Kata Competition	Level 2 Track Zone
	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Official Weigh-In Period #2	Level 2 Track Zone
	9:00 a.m.	Elite Individual Kumite Competition	Level 2 Track Zone
	12:00 p.m. (TBC)	Medal Presentations - Group 1	Level 2 Track Zone
	End of Day	Medal Presentations - Group 2	Level 2 Track Zone
	End of Day	Grand Champion Awards - Junior, Senior	Level 2 Track Zone

Note: All events will take place at the Richmond Olympic Oval. Schedule is subject to changes.



6. TRAVEL

6.1 Travel Documents Required to Enter Canada

The type of travel document required to enter Canada depends on the citizenship of the traveler. Most travelers require an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) or a Canadian travel visa to enter Canada, but not both.

Travelers may use the tool at the following link from the Canadian Immigration and Citizenship website to answer a few questions and determine the type of travel document required to enter Canada: <https://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>

6.1.1 Citizens of the United States

U.S. citizens may present a valid U.S. passport to enter Canada. They do not require a Canadian travel visa or an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA).

6.1.2 Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)

Travelers who are citizens of a visa-exempt country/territory require an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) to enter Canada by air. They do not require a Canadian travel visa.

U.S. citizens and travelers who possess a valid Canadian travel visa are exempt from the eTA requirement. Canadian citizens, including dual Canadian citizens, and Canadian permanent residents are not eligible to apply for an eTA.

For more information about the eTA application process, and to apply for an eTA, please follow the link to the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/eta/apply.html>

6.1.3 Canadian Travel Visa

Travelers who are citizens of a visa-required country/territory require a Canadian travel visa to enter Canada.

For more information about the visa application process, and to apply for a travel visa, please follow the link to the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada website:



<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/about-visitor-visa.html>

The processing time for a travel visa depends on the Visa office and other factors. Please use the tool at the following link to check current processing times:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/check-processing-times.html>

6.1.3.1 Invitation Letter to Apply for a Canadian Travel Visa

Participants who require a Canadian travel visa to enter Canada should follow the steps below to receive an official invitation letter.

1. Register for the event through Sportdata.
2. Pay for your registration online.
3. Download and complete the [Request for Official Invitation](#) spreadsheet, and send it along with a copy of each participant's passport to events@karatebc.org. This information is necessary in order to generate the invitation letters.
4. An email with the invitation letter will be sent to you after we have received all the necessary information with all the information you provided listed, which you may use as part of your travel visa application at a visa office at a local Canadian embassy or consulate. **Incomplete information will result in delays and may result in not securing a Canadian travel visa for the event.**

Please note that an invitation letter does not guarantee that a travel visa will be issued. Karate BC, Karate Canada, or any of its affiliates, are not able to contact the Canadian embassy/consulate. If participants are unable to receive a travel visa to enter Canada, a full refund of registration fees will be issued.

6.2 COVID-19 Requirements to Enter Canada

6.2.1 Proof of Vaccination

As of October 1, 2022, proof of vaccination against COVID-19 is no longer required to enter Canada.



For more information, please follow the link to the Global Affairs Canada website:
<https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid>

6.3 ArriveCAN

As of October 1, 2022, the use of ArriveCAN is no longer required to enter Canada. However, travelers may choose to use ArriveCAN to submit their customs and immigration declaration in advance to save time at the airport or border.

Please visit the following link for more information about ArriveCAN, to sign in to ArriveCAN online, or to download the mobile app:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/border-services-agency/services/arrivecan.html>

6.4 Exclusive Reduced Airfare with Air Canada

Obtain exclusive access to reduced airfare when you book your flight to Vancouver International Airport (YVR) with our preferred Canadian airline, [Air Canada](#).

Receive up to 12% off your fare by using the event promo code below, depending on the type of fare booked.

- 5% discount will apply to standard fares
- 10% discount will apply to flex fares & up for North America travel
- 10% discount will apply on standard fares & up for International travel
- 12% discount will apply to business class fares (exception: 5% on business class lowest)

Valid for travel from Friday, November 25, 2022, to Sunday, December 11, 2022. This promo code should only be used by event participants and spectators who are attending this event. Terms and conditions apply.

Promo Code: C4KG6U81

7. OFFICIAL HOTELS

7.1 Hilton Vancouver Airport Hotel

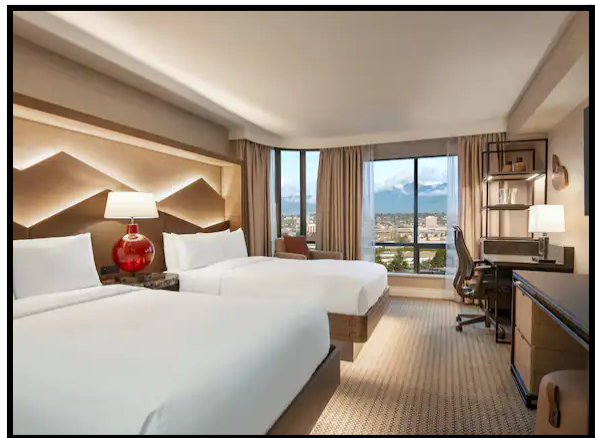


Photo Credit: Hilton Hotels & Resorts

The Hilton Vancouver Airport Hotel is located in the heart of Downtown Richmond, just minutes away from the Vancouver International Airport (YVR), and within walking distance of the Richmond Olympic Oval, the CF Richmond Centre, and Richmond-Brighouse Canada Line Station. The hotel features an on-site restaurant, the CAVU Kitchen & Bar, a year-round outdoor heated pool, and a fitness centre.

Address:

5911 Minoru Blvd
Richmond BC V6X 4C7
Canada

Distance to Venue: 0.9 km (12 min walk)



Website: <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/yvrahhf-hilton-vancouver-airport/>

Phone: +1 604-273-6336

Event Rates:

- CA\$199 per night + taxes and fees - Single or Double Occupancy
- CA\$219 per night + taxes and fees - Triple Occupancy
- CA\$239 per night + taxes and fees - Quad Occupancy

Feature and Amenities:

- Complimentary Junior suite upgrade where available
- Complimentary Airport Shuttle to Vancouver International Airport (YVR)
- Complimentary Parking
- Complimentary Wireless Internet
- 20% discount on breakfast at CAVU Kitchen & Bar
- Double HHonors Points

Booking Link:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/yvrahhf-kbc122-724129fa-97ea-49a4-b293-6e05832d9d67/>

Booking Deadline: **Thursday, November 17, 2022**

7.2 Versante Hotel

Versante HOTEL

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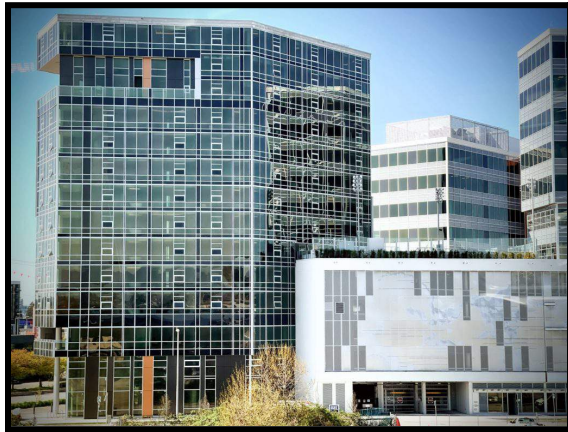


Photo Credit: Versante Hotel

The Versante Hotel is Richmond, British Columbia's only independent luxury boutique hotel. The hotel's 100 luxurious guest rooms and suites come in five bold designs, each evoking a distinct personality. Most rooms feature floor-to-ceiling windows and spacious spa bathrooms with freestanding soaker tubs and exterior view windows. The hotel features an on-site restaurant, Bruno, a year-round heated rooftop pool and hot tub, and a 24-hour fitness centre with Peloton Bikes.

Address:

8499 Bridgeport Rd
Richmond BC V6X 1R7
Canada

Distance to Venue: 2.7 km (5 minutes by ground transportation)

Hotel Website: <https://www.versantehotel.com/>

Phone: +1 604-242-7777



Event Rates:

- CA\$199 per night + taxes and fees - Single or Double Occupancy

Feature and Amenities:

- Complimentary Airport Transfers by Luxury Vehicle to Vancouver International Airport (YVR)
- Complimentary Parking
- Complimentary Wireless Internet
- Complimentary In-Room Snacks
- Pet Friendly

Call +1 604-242-2756 or email omer@versantehotel.com and quote "2022 Canada Open Karate Championships" to take advantage of these event rates. Availability is limited.



7.3 Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport



Photo Credit: Executive Hotels and Resorts

Note: This hotel is reserved for referees at the 2022 Canada Open Karate Championships. Bookings will be managed by the event organizer.

The Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport is 10 minutes away by ground transportation from YVR Vancouver International Airport and is within walking distance (10 minutes) of the Richmond Olympic Oval. The hotel offers standard rooms as well as furnished suites, and features the Free Bird Table & Bar, an indoor heated pool and hot tub, a fitness centre, a rooftop jogging trail, and a complimentary airport shuttle service.

Address:

7311 Westminster Hwy
Richmond BC V6X 1A3
Canada

Phone: +1 604-278-5555 or toll-free 1-800-663-2878

Hotel Website: <https://www.executivehotels.net/vancouver-airport-hotel/>



Features and Amenities:

- Complimentary Airport Shuttle to Vancouver International Airport (YVR)
- Complimentary Parking
- Complimentary Wireless Internet



8. VOLUNTEERS

The 2022 Canada Open Karate Championships are run almost entirely by volunteers. Volunteering is a great way to meet people and learn more about karate - and you get a free lunch! Can you be available for a minimum of 4 hours during the tournament? We are looking for people to fill the following roles:

- scorekeeping
- weigh-ins
- marshaling
- spectator admissions
- accreditation
- event setup/teardown

NEW for 2022: Trained scorekeepers who volunteer for the entire day will receive an honorarium of \$20 per day.

All volunteers receive a free t-shirt, a \$5 honorarium after your shift (minimum 4 hours), a catered lunch and all the coffee/tea you can drink.

Volunteers must be 13 years of age or older.

If you can be available for a minimum of 4 hours during the tournament, please fill out this form:

[Volunteer Registration Link](#)



9. ACCREDITATION

All athletes, coaches, referees, and volunteers must pick up their accreditation card at the Participant Accreditation Desk (PAD) upon arrival at the event venue.

Accreditation cards are required for entry and must be worn at all times while inside the venue, except for athletes when they are competing.

10. AWARDS

10.1 Medals

Karate BC and Karate Canada are pleased to award the following medals to the medallists at the 2022 Canada Open Karate Championships.

Kata and Kobudo

Result	Medal
First	Gold
Second	Silver
Third	Bronze
Fourth	Bronze

Kumite

Result	Medal
First	Gold
Second	Silver
Third	Bronze
Third	Bronze

10.2 Medal Presentations

On Day 1, the medal presentations will run continuously throughout the day as each category finishes.

On Day 2, the medal presentations will take place in approximately three groups at certain times of the day. Each medal presentation group will include the categories that are complete at that time. The exact times of these medal presentations will be determined and communicated to participants after the competitor registration has closed.



10.3 Grand Champion Awards

The Grand Champion Awards at the 2022 Canada Open Karate Championships are presented by [Reisky Martial Arts and Fitness](#).

The overall best athletes in each of the following age/gender groups will receive a Grand Champion Award according to the Grand Champion Awards criteria below.

- U12 - Female and Male
- Junior (12-17) - Female and Male
- Senior (18+) - Female and Male
- Masters (40+) - Female and Male

Awards Criteria

1. The highest number of overall award points earned. Medals earned from a team category will be credit to the individual athlete's points
 - a. Gold – 5 points
 - b. Silver – 3 points
 - c. Bronze – 1 point
2. In the event of a tie, the following will be used to break the tie:
 - a. Greater number of gold, silver, then bronze medals
 - b. Greater number of categories entered (including categories for which the athlete did not win a medal)
 - c. Higher skill level of categories entered (Elite, Advanced, Intermediate, Novice)
 - d. Consensus among Awards Ad Hoc Committee



11. SOCIAL MEDIA

Like the Canada Open Karate Championships page on [Facebook](#), follow the event on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), and use the hashtag **#CanadaOpenKarate** on all your social media posts during the 2022 Canada Open Karate Championships!

Appendix 1. Summary of Competition Rules and Karate BC Rule Modifications

		Non-Elite Categories		Elite Categories	
K A T A		Under 12 years	12 years and over, Masters	U14, Cadet, Junior	U21, Senior
	Score Method	Novice: One round Intermediate and up: Two rounds	Novice: One round Intermediate and up: Two rounds	WKF scoring system WKF pool system	WKF scoring system WKF pool system
	Number of Kata	Novice: 1 Kata Intermediate and up: 2 different Kata	Novice: 1 Kata Intermediate and up: 2 different Kata	Kata cannot be repeated.	Kata cannot be repeated.
K U M I T E	Time	1 min. 30 sec.	1 min. 30 sec.	U14: 1 min. 30 sec. Cadet, Junior: 2 min.	3 min.
	Points	First to 6 points	Spread of 8 points	Spread of 8 points	Spread of 8 points
	Contact	Any touch to Jodan with fist or foot - warning/penalty	Any touch to Jodan with fist or foot - warning/penalty	U14: Any touch to Jodan with fist or foot - warning/penalty Cadet, Junior: WKF rules	WKF rules
	Mandatory Protective Gear	Red and Blue belts Red and Blue gloves Mouthguard Groin protector (males)	Red and Blue belts Red and Blue gloves Mouthguard Groin protector (males)	WKF rules Groin protector (males)	WKF rules Groin protector (males)
	Optional Protective Gear	Chest protector Red or Blue foot/shin protector	Chest protector Red or Blue foot/shin protector	U14: WKF Face Mask, External Body Protector	N/A

Appendix 2. Sample Protest Form - Kata

Official Protest Form (Kata)

Prepaid Fee: CA\$100 in cash



Date	Event	Location

AO	AKA	Tatami Number

Protest Description

Coach's Name		Signature	
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To be filled out by the Appeals Jury:

J1	J2	J3	J4	J5	J6	J7

Appendix 3. Sample Protest Form - Kumite

Official Protest Form (Kumite)

Prepaid Fee: CA\$100 in cash



Date	Event	Location

AO	AKA	Tatami Number

Protest Description

Coach's Name		Signature	
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To be filled out by the Appeals Jury:

Kansa:				
Referee	J1	J2	J3	J4



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