

Karate

at the Baku 2015 European Games



Competition venue: **Crystal Hall 3**

Competition starts: **13 June**

2 days of
competition

96
athletes

12 medal
events



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The Karate competition

The Karate competition at the Baku 2015 European Games will be held for two days, from 13 June to 14 June 2015, at Crystal Hall. The competition will consist of 12 medal events, summarised below:

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

A total of 96 athletes, 48 men and 48 women, may take part in the Karate competition. Eight athletes will compete in each Kumite weight category and in each Kata event.



The rules

The Karate competition will be held in accordance with the editions of the following documents that are in force at the time of the Games:

- **The World Karate Federation (WKF) Kata and Kumite Competition rules revision 9.0, effective from 1/1/2015, available at www.wkf.net**
- **The European Karate Federation Organizing Rules, approved January 2014, available at www.europeankaratefederation.net**

Judges and Scoring

In the men's Kumite events, each bout has a duration of three minutes. In women's Kumite, bouts have a duration of two minutes.

Participants receive points according to the skills and moves used. The valid points in Kumite are as follows:

- **One (“Yuko”) point for a valid punch to the body;**
- **Two (“Waza-Ari”) points for a valid kick to the body;**
- **Three (“Ippon”) points for a valid kick to the head. Three points are also granted when a participant delivers a kick to the opponent’s head or punches the opponent after the latter falls or is thrown;**
- **Fouls are classified by type and consist of advice. The types of fouls are warning (one point given to opposition), caution on foul (two points given to opposition), and disqualification on fouls (win given to opposition);**
- **Warnings and cautions are separately given.**

Kata

The Kata are executed as a specified series of approximately 20 to 70 moves, generally with stepping and turning, while attempting to maintain perfect form. Kata organises and shapes the skills of blocking, kicking, striking, bending, and throwing. It displays the stance of defending and counter-attacking adversaries.

The Kata events consist of individual performances in separate male and female categories. The score table will be notified of the choice of Kata prior to each round. Contestants must perform a different Kata in each round. Once performed a Kata may not be repeated. In each round winners are determined by judges when, after the competing athletes performance, the judges throw up either a red flag (if the winning athlete wears a red belt) or a blue flag (if the winning athlete wears a blue belt).

Clothing and equipment

Clothing and equipment used by athletes and other participants in the Karate competition must comply with the following documents:

- **The World Karate Federation (WKF) Kata and Kumite Competition rules revision 9.0, effective from 1/1/2015**
- **European Games Rules on Advertising, Demonstrations and Propaganda**

Competition format

At the European Games, every Karate event will feature athletes divided into two groups of four athletes each. The athletes compete between themselves in groups and the winner of each group goes to the semi-final against the second athlete from an opposite group. A medal bout for gold will take place between the semi-final winners, and for bronze between the semi-final losers.

Competition schedule

A detailed competition schedule can be found on page 5.

Sport-specific events

Competition draw

The draw will be conducted on 12 June 2015 at 15:00.

According to the EFK Rules, the following system will apply: the six first athletes of the European Championships (#1, #2, #3 (Bronze 1), #4 (Bronze 2), #5, #6); one athlete from Azerbaijan (#7); one universality athlete (#8);

- #1 and #4 of the European Championship starts on one pool, #2 and #3 on the other pool;
- #5/#6 and #7/#8 athlete will be drawn into pools randomly

Weigh-ins

The official weigh-ins will be conducted at the Athletes Village under the supervision of officials appointed by the EKF. The official weigh-in for each weight category will take place from 09:00 to 10:00 one day prior to the event.

The venue

The Karate competition will be held at Crystal Hall 3, which was built to host the Eurovision Contest in 2012. Crystal Hall is located in the center of the iconic Flag Square Cluster on a dramatic peninsula jutting out into the Bay of Baku in the Caspian Sea.

Crystal Hall 3 will be located in the area to the east of the main hall. Along with the Karate competitions, the venue will also host the Fencing and Taekwondo competitions at Baku 2015.

The field of play for the Karate competition at Crystal Hall will be held on an elevated platform with two competition tatami each measuring 8m x 8m plus a 2m safety area surrounding. The competition area and all equipment will be presented in accordance with the WKF rules.

Facilities

The warm-up area will consist of two matted areas close to the call room, which is the final staging area before athletes enter the field of play. Other facilities at the competition venue will include:

- **Changing rooms and showers (separate facilities for men and women)**
- **An athletes lounge, which will include services such as an athlete refreshment station, the Sport Information Desk, television with an in-venue live sports feed and Wi-Fi**
- **A broadcast mixed zone and an I-Zone (the I-Zone replaces the press mixed zone and media conference room at a competition venue)**
- **A doping control station**
- **Medical facilities and services such as field-of-play response team, spectator response teams and ambulance staff. Each venue will have at least one medical person with Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support certification**
- **Physiotherapy services featuring internationally trained physiotherapists**
- **A Sport Information Desk, offering services including distribution of general sport information, results and other key competition information**

Venue familiarisation

Venue familiarisation tours will be available for team officials. The dates of the tours will be communicated to NOCs at a later stage. There will be no separate familiarisation tour arranged for athletes.

Transport

The preliminary travel time from the Athletes Village to Crystal Hall is 34 minutes. All travel times are subject to being refined in tandem with the Road Infrastructure delivery.

Weather

Due to its location on the southwest Absheron Peninsula, Baku is characterised by its warm temperatures and strong winds all year long, and summers are usually hot and dry. Based on statistics from recent years, the mean temperature is approximately 23°C (73°F) in June with around 15 hours of daylight. In June, the prevailing wind direction is from the north, with a mean wind speed of 6.5 m/s.

Qualification and entry

All information on qualification and entries for Karate can be found in the Karate qualification system, distributed by BEGOC. NOCs should check online for regular updates to these qualification criteria, which will be made available to all NOCs on the e-Qəzet.

Training

Training for Karate will take place at an independent training venue. The venue will be open for training from 10 June to 13 June 2015. All training equipment will be approved by the EKF, and will comply with the WKF Kata and Kumite Competition rules revision 9.0, effective as of 1/1/2015.

Other information:

- There will be four training tatami at the independent training venue
- All training sessions will be open (not allocated or bookable).

Competition Schedule

13 June 2015 - Day 1, Crystal Hall 3			14 June 2015 - Day 2, Crystal Hall 3		
10:00 - 13:30	KA01	Men's Kumite -60 kg Elimination Round	10:00 - 13:30	KA03	Men's Kumite -84 kg Elimination Round
		Men's Kumite -67 kg Elimination Round			Women's Kumite -61 kg Elimination Round
		Women's Kumite -50 kg Elimination Round			Women's Kumite -68 kg Elimination Round
		Men's Kata Elimination Round			Women's Kata Elimination Round
		Women's Kumite -55 kg Elimination Round			Women's Kumite +68 kg Elimination Round
		Men's Kumite -75 kg Elimination Round			Men's Kumite +84 kg Elimination Round
15:30 - 19:00	KA02	Men's Kumite -60 kg Semi-finals Round	15:30-19:00	KA04	Men's Kumite -84 kg Semi-finals Round
		Men's Kumite -67 kg Semi-finals Round			Women's Kumite -61 kg Semi-finals Round
		Women's Kumite -50 kg Semi-finals Round			Women's Kumite -68 kg Semi-finals Round
		Men's Kata Semi-finals Round			Women's Kata Semi-finals Round
		Women's Kumite -55 kg Semi-finals Round			Women's Kumite +68 kg Semi-finals Round
		Men's Kumite -75 kg Semi-finals Round			Men's Kumite +84 kg Semi-finals Round
		Men's Kumite -60 kg Medals Round			Men's Kumite -84 kg Medals Round
		Men's Kumite -67 kg Medals Round			Women's Kumite -61 kg Medals Round
		Men's Kumite -60 kg Medal Ceremony			Women's Kumite -68 kg Medals Round
		Men's Kumite -67 kg Medal Ceremony			Women's Kata Medals Round
		Women's Kumite -50 kg Medals Round			Women's Kumite +68 kg Medals Round
		Men's Kata Medals Round			Men's Kumite +84 kg Medals Round
		Women's Kumite -50 kg Medal Ceremony			Men's Kumite -84 kg Medal Ceremony
		Men's Kata Medal Ceremony			Women's Kumite -61 kg Medal Ceremony
		Women's Kumite -55 kg Medals Round			Women's Kumite -68 kg Medal Ceremony
		Men's Kumite -75 kg Medals Round			Women's Kata Medal Ceremony
		Women's Kumite -55 kg Medal Ceremony			Women's Kumite +68 kg Medal Ceremony
		Men's Kumite -75 kg Medal Ceremony			Men's Kumite +84 kg Medal Ceremony

Disclaimer

All information contained within this Competition Factsheet may be subject to change between now and the Games. NOCs are advised to check the e-Qəzet for important updates on topics such as the qualification system and the competition schedule.

Detailed Games-time Sport Guides will be distributed to NOCs in May 2015.



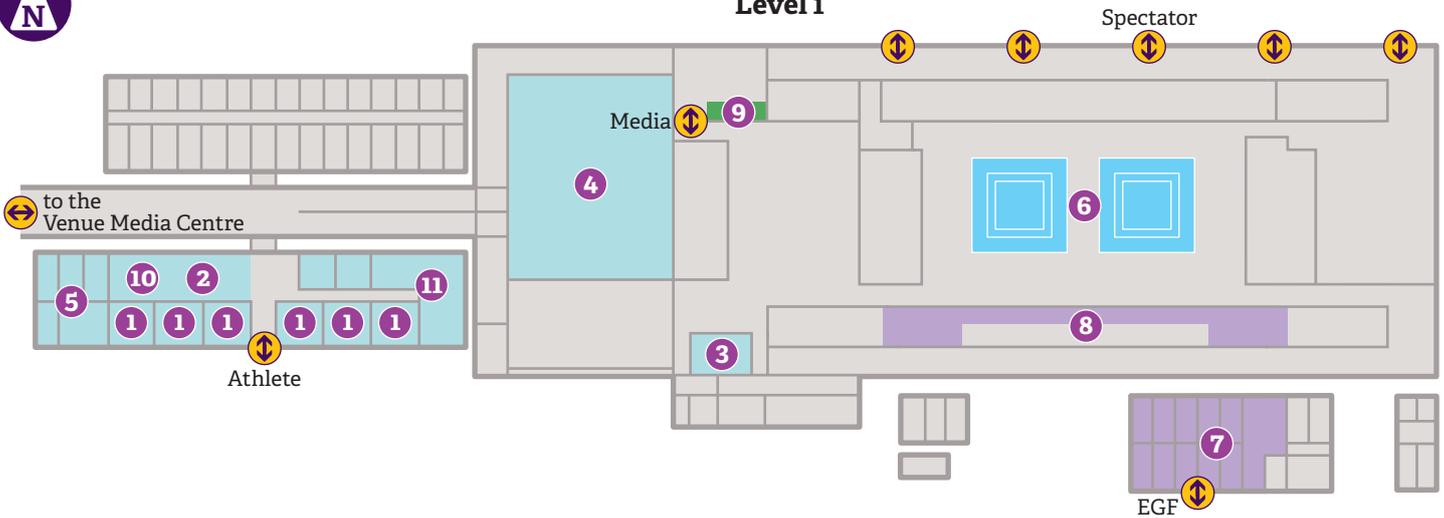
Karate Crystal Hall 3



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| Competition Venue | T-All Load Zone | Field of Play |
| Venue Perimeter | T-X Load Zone | Games Family Lounge |
| Entrance/Exit | Athlete Changing Rooms | Games Family Seating |
| Pedestrian Screening Area | Athlete Lounge | Mixed Zone |
| Vehicle Screening Area | Athlete Medical | Sports Information Desk |
| Vehicle Permit Checkpoint | Athlete Warm-up | Sports Specific Zone |
| T-A Load Zone | Doping Control | |



Level 1



Level 2

