

**Dear Presidents of National Organizations,  
Country Representatives, WKO Branch  
Chiefs, Club Leaders,**

On behalf of European Karate Organization  
and Organizing Committee, we have the  
honour to invite you to the:



**EUROPEAN KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR JUNIORS J16, U21 AND ADULTS OPEN WEIGHT.**

**October 3– 4, 2026 Riga, Latvia**

**„BTA Daugavas maneza“, Augšliela 1, Rīga, LV-1009**

**1. Weight categories and number of participants**

**a) European championship for U21**

Born in 2006, 2007, 2008 (must be 18 years old on the day of the competition)

**Kumite Men:** (-65, 65-70, 70-75, 75-80, 80-85, 85-90, +90) kg

**Kumite Women:** (-50; 50-55, 55-60, 60-65; +65) kg

**Kata Men and Women, Kata Teams:**

Eliminations: Gekisai Dai, Gekisai Sho, Yantsu, Tsuki no kata, Saiha

From quarterfinals: Seipai, Kanku, Seienchin, Sushiho, Garyu

**b) European championship for Juniors J16**

Born in 2010 or 2011

**Kumite Boys:** (-50, 50-55, 55-60, 60-65, 65-70, 70-75, +75) kg

**Kumite Girls:** (-50; 50-55, 55-60, 60-65; +65) kg

**Kata Boys and Girls, Kata Teams:**

Eliminations: Pinan 2, Pinan 3, Pinan 4, Pinan 5

From quarterfinals: Gekisai Dai, Yantsu, Tsuki no kata

**c) European Championship for Adults Open Weight**

Competitors must be at least 18 years old on the day of the competition

**Kumite men and women.**

In the **Men Open Weight** category, **Tameshiwari will not be required.**

**d) Participation limits**

- **Maximum 2 participants per country** in each Kumite and Kata category; **maximum 2 Kata teams per country.**
- The organizing country is entitled to **one additional participant** in each category and one additional Kata team.
- All medalists from previous European and World Championships are additionally eligible to participate in the **Open Weight Kumite category.**
- Adult European and World Championship medalists, as well as 1st–8th place winners in Open Weight categories, are **not eligible** to participate in Youth (U21) Championships.
- e) **Preliminary information: A selection tournament for the World Championship Kata categories (Men and Women) will be organized during the event. Detailed information will be announced later.**

All rules can be found at: <https://www.european-kyokushin.org>

## **2. Preliminary schedule:**

**01.10.2026 (Thursday)** - arrival of participants, officials and country delegations

13:30 –Referee Course registration:

14:00 – 20:00 Referee Course and Examination.

All referee of categories EKO-C, EKO-B and EKO-A licenses in Kumite and Kata are welcome. New referees are also welcome and must have its countries highest national license and a recommendation from its Country Representative. The championship is held over two days on 3-4 tatamis. The Referee Course is compulsory for referees applying for a new or license renewal. Participation in referee uniform is mandatory. The course ends with a written test. For that you need a smart phone or a computer. The test is in English. All rules, regulations and license validity to study can be downloaded from <https://www.european-kyokushin.org/> or <https://ekoreferees.eu/>  
Referee application for the Referee Course and EC participation must be done on [www.ekoreferees.eu](http://www.ekoreferees.eu) .  
Registration of referees on <https://kumitetechnology.com/en/tournament/354/> . This is for notification to the organizer.

New license is 50€ and a license renewal is 25€.

**02.10.2026 (Friday)** - arrival of participants, officials and country delegations

09:00 – 19:00 weight and medical control;

10:00 – 15:00 EKO Committees and Board meetings;

16:00 – 18:00 referee registration and meeting;

18:30 – 19:30 Coach registration and meeting;

All coaches must have a valid Coach Test from 2024 - 2026. The test is completed individually online. A link for this year's test will be distributed in August to your Country Representative.

19:30 – Draws.

**03.10.2026 (Saturday)** - „BTA Daugavas maneža“

09:00 – 1<sup>st</sup> European Championship day

**04.10.2026 (Sunday)** - „BTA Daugavas maneža“

09:00 – 2<sup>nd</sup> European Championship day

**05.10.2026 (Monday)** - check-out and departure.

## **3. Financial conditions:**

- Accommodation, flight tickets, transportation and meals for all participants shall be covered by participating Country Organization, Club, or participant themselves;
- EKO participation fee:
  - 80 € per each participant;
  - 40 € per each coach;
- All payments should be paid to EKO by bank transfer until September 14<sup>th</sup>.  
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*BIC Code: RABONL2U*  
*Bank: Rabobank Netherlands Stationsweg 5, 8911AG, Leeuwarden, Netherlands*  
*In name of: European Karate Organization*

## **4. Accommodation and Championship package:**

**INFORMATION WILL BE PREPARED SOON.**

## **5. Airport transfers:**

Airport transfers will be organized from Riga Airport (RIX) as needed.

## **6. Conditions for participating in the Championship for fighters:**

At the registration and medical control, all participants must present:

- Medical certificate (in English), not older than 3 months;
- Declaration for participation in the tournament;
- Parent's approval form for Juniors J16;
- EKO Health Information Form;
- Proof of age (ID card or Passport);
- EKO Passport;
- All required protectors and **karate gi jacket for competitor number sewing.**

**The organizer will provide helmets and body protectors for Junior Kumite competition.**

## **7. Registration and contact persons:**

Registration for participants and officials available online on:

<https://kumitetechnology.com/en/tournament/354/>

GSM: +371 29811404, email: [latviankyokushin@gmail.com](mailto:latviankyokushin@gmail.com)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 4 SEPTEMBER 2026**

Kind regards,

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