



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018

WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

Karate

A. EVENTS (6)

Men's Events (3)	Women's Events (3)	Mixed Events (-)
Men's Kumite -61kg -68kg +68kg	Women's Kumite -53kg -59kg +59kg	N/A

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Karate:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Universality Places	Total
Men	20	2	2	24
Women	20	2	2	24
Total	40	4	4	48

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per National Olympic Committee (NOC):

	Quota per NOC*
Men	3
Women	3
Total	6

* NOCs can enter a maximum of one (1) athlete per weight category.

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the athlete(s) by name.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Youth Olympic Games.

Age

To be eligible to participate in the Youth Olympic Games, athletes must have been born between 1 January 2001 and 29 June 2002.



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Additional IF criteria

To be eligible to participate in the Youth Olympic Games, athletes must:

- Be a WKF NF member;
- Participate in the WKF qualification event (not applicable to D1 places);
- Be ranked within the top 50 athletes of the in his/her WKF category, of the WKF World Ranking as per 1 June 2018, except those qualifying through D.2. or D.3.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Events: For the Youth Olympic Games the five (5) WKF Junior men categories and the four (4) WKF Junior women categories will be combined to form three (3) Youth Olympic Games weight categories per gender.

WKF Categories Junior	Youth Olympic Games Categories
Men	
-55 kg	-61kg
-61kg	
-68kg	-68kg
-76kg	+68kg
+76kg	

WKF Categories Junior	Youth Olympic Games Categories
Women	
-48 kg	-53kg
-53kg	
-59kg	-59kg
+59kg	+59kg

QUALIFICATION PLACES

There is a maximum of eight (8) qualification places per gender in each of the Kumite Olympic weight categories.

MEN & WOMEN

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
D.1. 6 Men 6 Women (12 athletes)	<p>D.1. WKF World Ranking as of 1 of June 2018</p> <p>The two (2) highest positioned athletes from the Olympic Standings as of 1 June 2018 will be allocated one (1) quota place respecting the maximum quota per gender and weight category per NOC.</p> <p>For those Olympic Standings where two WKF categories are merged for the purpose of the Youth Olympic Games the top ranked athlete of each individual WKF weight category will obtain one (1) quota place, respecting the maximum quota per gender and weight category per NOC.</p>



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	See WKF World Ranking regulations (including Olympic Standing) that can be found in the following link: https://www.wkf.net/pdf/rules/Ranking_Regulations.pdf
D.2. 6 Men 6 Women (12 athletes)	<p>D.2. Qualification tournament (Umag/ Croatia, 29 June 2018) – phase 1</p> <p>The athletes not yet qualified through D.1 and not belonging to the NOC of the athletes qualified through D.1 for each weight category will be allowed to compete in the first phase of the qualification tournament.</p> <p>The top two (2) athletes in each weight category will obtain one (1) quota place, respecting the maximum quota per gender and weight category per NOC.</p>
D.3. 6 Men 6 Women (12 athletes)	<p>D.3. Qualification tournament (Umag/ Croatia, 30 June 2018) – phase 2</p> <p>As part of the same tournament, the athletes not yet qualified through D.2 will be allowed to compete in the second phase of the event.</p> <p>The top two (2) athletes in each weight category competing in the second phase of the event will obtain one (1) quota place, respecting the maximum quota per gender and weight category per NOC.</p>
D.4. 2 to 4 Men 2 to 4 Women (4 to 8 athletes)	<p>D.4. Continental Representation</p> <p>One (1) quota place will be allocated to the highest positioned athlete of the Olympic Standing as of 1 June 2018 across all events from any of the five (5) continental associations <u>not yet represented</u> following the allocation of quotas in D.1, D.2 or D.3.</p> <p>The allocation of quotas will follow the next continental order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Oceania Karate Federation (OKF) ii) African Karate Federation (UFAK) iii) Panamerican Karate Federation (PKF) iv) Asian Karate Federation (AKF) v) European Karate Federation (EKF) <p>Should not all places be needed for continental representation, unfilled quota places will be allocated to the next highest positioned athlete not yet qualified on the Olympic Standing as of 1 June 2018 respecting the maximum quota per gender and weight category per NOC, until there are only two men and two women quota places left open.</p> <p>The last two male and two female openings are reserved for allocation by the Tripartite Commission.</p> <p>The Host Country Places and Universality Places shall not be taken into account for the purpose to determine whether a continental association is duly represented following the allocation of quotas in D.1, D.2 or D.3.</p>



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HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country will be allocated a quota of two (2) male and two (2) female athletes (maximum one (1) athlete per weight category) if they do not qualify any athletes through the qualification pathway described in D.1, D.2, D.3 and/or D.4.

Should the host country qualify one (1) male athlete through the qualification pathway described in D.1, D.2, D.3 and/or D.4, the host country will be allocated only one (1) male host country quota place bringing the total number of male athletes that can be entered by the host country to a maximum of two (2) male athletes (maximum one (1) athlete per weight category).

Should the host country qualify two (2) or more male athletes through the qualification pathway described in D.1, D.2, D.3 and/or D.4, no additional host country quota places for male athletes will be allocated.

Should the host country qualify one (1) female athlete through the qualification pathway described in D.1, D.2, D.3 and/or D.4, the host country will be allocated only one (1) female host country quota place bringing the total number of female athletes that can be entered by the host country to a maximum of two (2) female athletes (maximum one (1) athlete per weight category).

Should the host country qualify two (2) or more female athletes through the qualification pathway described in D.1, D.2, D.3 and/or D.4, no additional host country quota places for female athletes will be allocated.

The selection of the Host Country athletes occupying the Host Country quota places must be based on the best position across events in the Olympic Standing as of 1 June 2018 while respecting the eligibility criteria as detailed in C. Athlete Eligibility.

UNIVERSALITY PLACES

Two (2) male Universality Places and two (2) female Universality Places will be made available to eligible NOCs at the YOG, subject to the athletes meeting the required technical level and the eligibility criteria defined under section C.

The International Olympic Committee will invite all eligible NOCs to submit their requests for Universality Places. The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of invitation places to the relevant NOCs, in collaboration with WKF. The NOCs will have to confirm the use of their places to the Tripartite Commission by an agreed deadline between all parties.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATION PLACES

WKF will publish the list of all qualified athletes by 2 July 2018 on the Olympics/ Buenos Aires 2018 section of the WKF website (www.wkf.net).

The WKF will confirm in writing to NOCs on 16 July 2018 the quota places they have achieved.

The NOCs will **then** have two (2) weeks until 30 July 2018, to confirm to WKF and BAYOGOC if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in section G. Qualification Timeline.



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CONFIRMATION OF HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country must confirm in writing to WKF and BAYOCOG by 5 July 2018 the participation of its athletes subject to the athletes meeting the required technical level and the eligibility criteria defined under section C.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

If a quota place allocated is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated as follows:

- If the athlete qualified through D.1, the quota place will be reallocated to the highest positioned athlete on the Olympic Standing as of 1 June 2018 not yet qualified in the respective weight category, subject to the athlete being in the top 50 athletes in his/her weight category and subject to the respect of the maximum quota per Olympic weight category per NOC. Should the athlete not be in the top 50 athletes, the place will be reallocated to the highest positioned athlete not yet qualified through D.2 in the respective weight category, whilst respecting the maximum quota per Olympic weight category per NOC.
- If the athlete qualified through D.2., the quota place will be reallocated to the highest positioned athlete in the Olympic Standing as per 1 June 2018 not yet qualified through D.2 in the respective Olympic weight category, whilst respecting the maximum quota per weight category per NOC.
- If the athlete qualified through D.3., the quota place will be reallocated to the highest positioned athlete in the Olympic Standing as per 1 June 2018 not yet qualified through D.3 in the respective weight category, whilst respecting the maximum quota per Olympic weight category per NOC.
- If the athlete qualified through D.4., the quota place will be reallocated to the highest positioned athlete not yet qualified from the respective continent Olympic Standing as of 1 June 2018 in the respective Olympic weight category, subject to the athlete being in the top 50 athletes in his/her WKF World Ranking category.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Any unused Host Country Places will be reallocated to the next best positioned athlete from an NOC not yet qualified in the respective weight category on the Olympic Standing as of 1 June 2018, on condition that the maximum quota per NOC is not exceeded.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED UNIVERSALITY PLACES

Any unused Universality Places, including those returned after the final allocation by YOG Tripartite Commission, will be reallocated to the highest position athlete from an NOC on the Olympic Standing as of 1 June 2018 not yet qualified subject to the athlete being in the top 50 athletes in his/her WKF World Ranking category.



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G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Universality Places	<date>*	Validation of final allocation of Universality Places by the YOG Tripartite Commission
Qualification	1 April 2017 – 31 July 2018	YOG 2018 qualification period
	20 December 2017	Publication of 1 st WKF Olympic Standing
	29 – 30 June 2018	Qualification tournament (Umag, Croatia)
	2 July 2018	Publication of all qualified athletes
Accreditation Deadline	24 May 2018	Buenos Aires 2018 Accreditation Deadline (All potential athletes must be registered in the system)
Inform and Confirm	5 July 2018	Host Country to confirm the participation of athletes
	16 July 2018	WKF to inform NOCs of their allocated quota places
	30 July 2018	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to WKF and BAYOGOC
Reallocation	22 August 2018	WKF to reallocate all unused quota places and NOCs to confirm
	30 August 2018	End of reallocation period
Sport Entries Deadline	31 August 2018	Entries deadline by name for all sports
Finalisation of DRP Deadline	6 September 2018	Finalisation of DRP Deadline
YOG	6 – 18 October 2018	3 rd Summer Youth Olympic Games – Buenos Aires 2018

*To be defined