



**30<sup>TH</sup> BALKAN**  
**KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR CHILDREN**  
**29 - 31 MAY 2026**  
**ISTANBUL - TÜRKİYE**



**WKF**  
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**MAY 29-31**  
**2026**

**Balkan Championships**  
**for children**

**ISTANBUL**

**Mr. Davor Cipek, President of Karate Federation of Balkan**



The Karate Federation of Balkan takes great pride in the young athletes who, year after year, gather in large numbers at the Balkan Karate Championships for Children. The ever-growing participation not only reflects the success and prestige of this event, but also highlights the strong commitment of our member federations, who invest significant effort in developing younger age categories to ensure a bright future for the sport of karate.

The Turkish Karate Federation has consistently proven itself as a highly capable and professional host of major international events. I am truly pleased that this year, our youngest karatekas will once again have the opportunity to experience their outstanding hospitality during the Balkan Karate Championships for Children, which will be held in the historic city of Istanbul, Türkiye, from May 29-31, 2026.

I am confident that our young competitors will demonstrate a high level of karate skills, along with honor, respect for their opponents, fighting spirit, and dedication - the true values expected from top-level karate athletes.

As we look forward to meeting in Istanbul, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Turkish Karate Federation for their continued efforts and excellent organization.

I wish all participants a successful preparation period and great achievements in the championship.

**Mr. Slavoljub Piper, Secretary General of Karate Federation of Balkan**



Dear Guests, Dear Athletes, Dear Friends of Karate,

It is my great pleasure to welcome all participants to the Balkan Karate Championships for Children.

Istanbul have long been recognized as outstanding hosts of major international sporting events. Bringing together the entire Balkan karate family in one place is both a great honor and a significant responsibility for the Karate Federation of Balkan.

Through the organization of this championship, we aim to showcase karate as a positive, inclusive, and widely embraced sport. We sincerely hope that all participants and guests will experience the energy, knowledge, and warm hospitality of the organizers, and that this event will inspire them to return again and again.

This championship represents much more than competition. It is a unique gathering where friendship, culture, and the spirit of karate come together. I am confident that Türkiye as on many occasions before, will once again live up to the trust placed in them.

I wish for this event to be remembered not only for sporting success, but also as a universal, wordless dialogue shaped by the philosophy of sport. Karate is a language that transcends borders - connecting people of all races, genders, religions, and backgrounds.

Let the best win!

**Mr. Ercument Tasdemir, President of Karate Federation of Turkiye**



It is my great honor and pleasure to invite children from all Balkan countries to Istanbul for the Balkan Karate Championships for Children.

Bringing together young athletes from across the Balkans in Istanbul is both a privilege and a great responsibility for the Turkish Karate Federation.

I sincerely hope that all participants will experience and appreciate the warm hospitality of our organization. This event is more than just a competition; it is a unique combination of recreation, friendship, and the true spirit of karate.

I wish that this championship will be remembered, both by the participants and the karate community, as a wordless dialogue inspired by the philosophy of sport. Karate speaks all languages and connects people and generations from all backgrounds.

My kindest regards.



## WELCOME TO ISTANBUL

Istanbul is not just a city - it is a living story where history, culture, and modern life come together in perfect harmony. As the only city in the world that spans two continents, Europe and Asia, Istanbul stands as a unique bridge between civilizations, traditions, and generations.

With a history stretching back thousands of years, Istanbul has served as the capital of three great empires - the Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman. This rich heritage is reflected in its breathtaking architecture, iconic landmarks, and vibrant cultural atmosphere. From the majestic Hagia Sophia and the elegant Blue Mosque, to the historic Topkapı Palace and the bustling Grand Bazaar, every corner of the city offers a journey through time.

The Bosphorus Strait, which divides the city into two continents, is one of Istanbul's most enchanting features. Its sparkling waters, lined with historic mansions, palaces, and modern city life, create a truly unforgettable panorama. A cruise along the Bosphorus offers a unique perspective of the city's beauty and diversity.

Beyond its historical treasures, Istanbul is a dynamic and modern metropolis. It is a center of art, culture, gastronomy, and international events. Visitors can enjoy world-class cuisine, lively markets, contemporary shopping centers, and a rich calendar of cultural activities.

Istanbul is also known for its warm hospitality. The city welcomes millions of visitors every year, offering a safe, vibrant, and inspiring environment for international gatherings such as the Balkan Karate Championships for Children.

For athletes and guests alike, Istanbul is more than just a destination - it is an unforgettable experience where sport meets culture, history meets modernity, and friendships are built across borders.

**COMPETITION INFO AND SCHEDULE**

**NUMBER OF COMPETITORS/TEAMS PER COUNTRY AND CATEGORY**

A country can register:

- up to 7 competitors for individual Kata events
- up to 7 competitors for individual Kumite event
- 2 Team for Kata Team

**REGISTRATION**

Deadline for registration of competitors and teams is May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026. To apply, it is necessary to use online [www.sportdata.org](http://www.sportdata.org) section "Karate".

**CATEGORIES**

**AGE CATEGORIES**

Children	2018 (8 years: 1/1/2018 - 31/12/2018) 2017 (9 years: 1/1/2017 - 31/12/2017) 2016 (10 years: 1/1/2016 - 31/12/2016) 2015 (11 years: 1/1/2015 - 31/12/2015) 2014 (12 years: 1/1/2014 - 31/12/2014) 2013 (13 years: 1/1/2013 - 31/12/2013)
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**KATA**

AGE	INDIVIDUAL	TEAM
Children	2018	2018 - 2017
	2017	
	2016	2016 - 2015
	2015	
	2014	2014 - 2013
	2013	

**WEIGHT CATEGORIES:**

Children Male				Children Female			
2016	2015	2014	2013	2016	2015	2014	2013
-30 kg	-35 kg	-37 kg	-40 kg	-30 kg	-32 kg	-35 kg	-39 kg
-35 kg	-40 kg	-42 kg	-45 kg	-34 kg	-36 kg	-40 kg	-44 kg
-40 kg	-45 kg	-47 kg	-50 kg	-37 kg	-40 kg	-45 kg	-49 kg
-45 kg	-50 kg	-52 kg	-55 kg	-40 kg	-44 kg	-50 kg	-54 kg
+45 kg	+50 kg	+52 kg	+55 kg	+40 kg	+44 kg	+50 kg	+54 kg

**EVENT'S PROGRAMME**

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
28.05.2026		Arrival day	Official hotels
28.05.2026	10:00–17:00	Registration of Delegations	HQ hotel
28.05.2026	11:00–18:00	Weighing, All Categories	Hotels
28.05.2026	19:00	Draw	HQ hotel
29.05.2026	09:00-20:00	Competition DAY 1	Sports hall
30.05.2026	09:00-20:00	Competition DAY 2	Sports hall
31.05.2026	09:00-20:00	Competition DAY 3	Sports hall
01.06.2026		Departure day	

**REGISTRATION FEES**

CATEGORY	FEE
Kata Individual	40 EUR (per person)
Kumite Individual	40 EUR (per person)
Kata Team	50 EUR (per team)

Each change in the application is charged 40 euros per person.

Payment of the fee can be made through the current account according to the attached instructions or the head of the delegation can pay the total amount of the fee on the spot in the registration center and then the payment is in euros.

**PROTEST FEES**

The fee for an official protest is 200 euros.

**INSTRUCTION FOR PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEE:**

59: Beneficiary customer

Name of beneficiary:

Beneficiary's address:

Acc. no. with Halkbank ad Beograd (IBAN):

57A: Account with institutions

Bank of beneficiary:

56A: Intermediary

For payments in EUR:

For payments in USD:

For payments in CHF, GBP, CAD, AUD and SEK:

For payments in RUB:

For payments in TRY:

Karate federacija Balkana

Makedonska 28/2

RS-11000 Beograd (Stari grad)

/RS3515500000008878808

HALKBANK A.D. BEOGRAD

Milutina Milankovića 9a

RS-11070 Novi Beograd (Beograd)

SWIFT: CABARS22

1. Commerzbank AG Frankfurt SWIFT: COBADEFF

2. Ziraat bank International AG Frankfurt, SWIFT: TCZBDEFF

3. Erste Group Bank AG, Vienna, SWIFT: GIBAATWG

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1. Commerzbank AG Frankfurt SWIFT: COBADEFF

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1. Turkiye Halk Bankasi A.S., SWIFT: TRHBTR2A

**NOTE:**

**BEN (Bank fees when transferring funds,  
goes to Your load)**

**VAT is included in the price**

## **REGISTRATIONS, ACCREDITATION and WEIGH-IN**

### **ON-SITE REGISTRATION**

Only the head of delegation of every NF should come to the registration and accreditation area with all necessary documentation for all competitors and other members of delegation.

Steps will be as following:

1. The Head of the delegation receives the list of registered participants for reviewal (participants that are registered online)
2. In case of changes, the registration and accreditation team updates the list
3. The Head of the delegation prepares all passports according to the final list
4. The accommodation team compares the registration list to the rooming list to ensure that all registered participants are accommodated in the official accommodation
5. The Head of the delegation makes payments according to the final registration list
6. The accreditation team issues accreditation cards

### **WEIGH-IN**

Weigh-in will be organized for every national federation after the successful registration and accreditation procedure. The weigh-in will be 60 minutes after the completion of the registration and accreditation procedure for each national federation.

### **PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

All equipment must be WKF approved. Please see more on the following link:  
<https://www.wkf.net/karateprotections/>

## VENUE

### Basaksehir Spor Hall

**Address:** Kayabaşı, TINAZTEPE CADDESİ NO:6, 34494 Başakşehir/İstanbul



## ACCOMMODATION

**Delegations are obligatory to use official accommodation and reserve it only through the Karate federation of Turkiye.**

Participants who do not follow the procedure stated in this bulletin and do not book accommodation through the Karate federation of Turkiye will not be entitled to accreditation and will not get their accreditation cards.

All athletes, referees, coaches and delegations must be accommodated in hotels in the organization of the Technical Organizer (KFB Statute, Article 57). Otherwise would not be able to take part in the Championship.

**HQ HOTEL - WISH MORE HOTEL 5\***



**WANDA VISTA HOTEL 5\***



**CENTRO WESTSIDE BY ROTANA HOTEL 5\***



**THE G HOTEL 5\***



\*Photographs of accommodation facilities are for informational purposes only and are taken from the hotel's website. The LOC cannot guarantee that they will fully correspond to reality due to varying standards.

Hotel	Distance from the Sport Hall	1/1 HB	1/2 twin HB	1/2 queen HB	1/3 HB
WISH MORE HOTEL 5* (HQ)	12 km	120 €	85 €	85 €	80 €
WANDA VISTA HOTEL 5*	13 km	110 €	75 €	75 €	70 €
CENTRO WESTSIDE BY ROTANA HOTEL 5*	17 km	105 €	70 €	70 €	65 €
THE G HOTEL 5*	15 km	105 €	70 €	70 €	65 €

HB - Prices include accommodation, breakfast and dinner

- Rates (in EUR) are per person and night, inclusive of VAT and tourist tax
- Prices are in EUROS per person per night
- Prices include accommodation, breakfast and dinner

**All athletes, referees, coaches and delegations must be accommodated in hotels in the organization of the Technical Organizer (KFB Statute, Article 57). Otherwise would not be able to take part in the Championship.**

The number of rooms available are limited and a first come first serve policy will be implemented.

Note: Please be informed that when making changes to your initial reservation, the first change is free of charge, from the second change onwards, the change is 15 Euros to cover office fees.

### BOOKING AND PAYMENT FOR THE ACCOMMODATION

As mentioned before, delegations are obligatory to use official accommodation and reserve it through the Karate federation of Turkiye. If the procedure stated below is not followed, participants will not be entitled to accreditation.

**All athletes, referees, coaches and delegations must be accommodated in hotels in the organization of the Technical Organizer (KFB Statute, Article 57). Otherwise would not be able to take part in the Championship.**

### INSTRUCTION FOR PAYMENT OF ACCOMMODATION:

Beneficiary name	NARİN VİP TURİZM SEYAHAT LIMITED SİRKETİ
Account Number	0386-58004722
Currency	Euro
Bank Name:	HALKBANKASI
Branch Name:	NECATİBEY ANKARA
Adress of the Bank:	Korkutreis Mah. Necatibey Cad. No:36/B Çankaya Ankara
IBAN	TR29 0001 2009 3860 0058 0047 22
SWIFT CODE:	TRHBTR2AXXX

### CANCELATION CONDITIONS

The deposit is non-refundable, which means that Karate Federation of Turkiye will not make refunds in case of reservation cancellation.

### PAYMENT PROCEDURE

Reservation deadline until 08.05.2026 with the non-refundable 50% deposit of the total price paid upto 15.05.2026 will be considered final. Up to 22.05.2026 obligations of the Federation to pay the full amount for accommodation.

Contact email: [rezervasyon@narinvip.com.tr](mailto:rezervasyon@narinvip.com.tr) cc: [turkishkarate@gmail.com](mailto:turkishkarate@gmail.com)

All payments must be made by bank transfer.

### PRELIMINARY RESERVATION:

Deadline for preliminary reservation is **May 08, 2026**.

### FINAL BOOKING AND PAYMENT:

The value of 50% of the hotel reservation must be paid no later than **May 15, 2026**.

The remaining 50% must be paid by **May 22, 2026**. Penalties will be applied for payments made after this deadline.

### TRANSFERS

We can organize airport-hotel-airport transportation for all those arriving by plane. Inquiry to [rezervasyon@narinvip.com.tr](mailto:rezervasyon@narinvip.com.tr)

### SHUTTLE BUS

We can organize shuttle bus for hotel-sports hall-hotel transportation on request. Inquiry to [rezervasyon@narinvip.com.tr](mailto:rezervasyon@narinvip.com.tr)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

EMERGENCY: 112

## VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN CITIZENS

VISA: Please check <https://www.mfa.gov.tr/yabancilarin-tabi-oldugu-vize-rejimi.tr.mfa>

## WEATHER

In Istanbul, a typical day in May usually sees temperatures ranging between 61°F (16°C) and 75°F (24°C).

## LANGUAGE

The official language is Turkish, and the most widely spoken language is English.

## CURRENCY

Turkish Lira (TRY)₺

## BUSINESS-SHOPPING HOURS

Banks usually operate from 8:30am to 5:00pm from Monday to Friday, but are usually closed on the weekends. Government offices tend to follow similar hours. For retail stores, hours can extend well into the evening, with many staying open until 9:00pm or 10:00pm. For restaurants and cafes, they typically open around 8:00am for breakfast service, with many staying open until midnight or 1:00am

## TIME ZONE, ELECTRICITY AND WATER

TIME: (GMT+3)

The tap water in Istanbul is drinkable.

ELECTRICITY: 220V. Montenegro uses a standart plug with two round pins.

## TRANSPORTATION

Public transport in Istanbul comprises a bus network, various rail systems, funiculars, and maritimeservices as well as taxis.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS

For emergency call 112

## **ENTRANCE**

Entrance to the Sport Hall will be free of charge.

## **INSURANCE**

It is compulsory for all participants and delegation members to effectuate their own medical insurance and personal trip insurance. Karate federation of Turkiye and Karate Federation of Balkan are taking no liability for these concepts.

During the registration each delegation must present the signed insurance form.

## **FLAG AND ANTHEM**

All delegations must provide their official flag (2) and anthem (CD) during registration.





**TERM OF RESPONSIBILITY**

To be filled, signed and sent back by May 22th, 2026.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ the undersigned, as the Chief of Delegation of my country, duly enrolled to participate in the 30<sup>th</sup> Balkan Championships for Children which will beheld in Istanbul, Turkiye, from the 29 of May to the 31 of May 2026, with full knowledge of the Statutes, the Rules and the Norms of The KARATE FEDERATION OF BALKAN, pledge my selfto faithfully accomplish the regulations of this before mentioned entity, and I take any and all administrative, civil and criminal responsibilities for whatever happens to our athletes, coaches and other members of our delegation participating in this championship, before, during and after the competition, such as physical injuries, personal expenses, or monetary debts and casual material damages to the hotels, the venue, means of transportation etc. Furthermore, I exempt from any legal, civil or criminal responsibilities the organizers of the Championships, the KFB and the Karatem Federation of Turkiye, its directors, as well as any person, company, or entity related to the event (sponsors, public and private entities).

I authorize the organizers of the event to use images, photos and the names of our competitors and other members of our delegation (since it is considered necessary) for the sport activitie sand publications of karate, related to the event, without any monetary compensation.

Country/Nation:	
Surname, First name:	
Passport number & expiry date:	
Credit Card details & expiry date:	
Position in the federation:	
Address:	
Tel.-no.:	
Fax & email:	

Fill in, stamp, sign and send to:  
Karate Federation of Balkan

**ADDRESS:**

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FAX :+  
MOBILE :+  
E-Mail :

Signature