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MR. DAVOR CIPEK
PRESIDENT OF THE KARATE FEDERATION OF BALKAN

Dear athletes, coaches, referees, officials, and dear karate friends,
It is my great pleasure, on behalf of the Croatian Karate Union and the Karate Federation of Balkan, to welcome you to Istanbul for the 26th Balkan Karate Championships for Cadets, Juniors and U21, taking place from 6 to 8 November 2026.
This championship brings together karatekas from across the Balkans, providing an opportunity to compete at a high level, gain valuable experience, and strengthen the friendships and connections within our karate community.
Karate is built on values that go far beyond the tatami; discipline, respect, perseverance, courage, and humility. I am confident that these values will be reflected throughout the championship, both in competition and in the spirit of togetherness that defines our federation.,

I am truly pleased that this year, our karatekas will have the opportunity to experience the outstanding hospitality during the Balkan Karate Championships, which will be held in the historic city of Istanbul, Türkiye.

To all athletes, I wish you successful, fair, and inspiring competition. To coaches, referees, officials, and everyone contributing to this championship, I extend my sincere appreciation for your dedication.
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 hope you will enjoy your time in Istanbul and leave with great sporting memories, new friendships, and an even stronger connection to the karate family of the Balkans.
Welcome to Istanbul, and I wish you all a successful and memorable 26th Balkan Karate Championships!

Davor Cipek
President of Karate Federation of Balkan

MR. SLAVOLJUB PIPER
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE KARATE FEDERATION OF BALKAN

Dear guests, Dear athletes, Friends of karate,

It's my great pleasure to welcome all participants of the 26th Balkan Karate Championships for Cadets, Juniors and U21.

Turkiye and Istanbul are the traditional host of major sporting events such as this competition.

Reassemble the whole Balkan in one place; it is a great honor and responsibility for the Karate Federation of the Balkan.

By organizing this tournament, we wanted to show everyone how karate is positive, mass and popular sport. We hope that all participants and guests will see and feel the energy, knowledge and hospitality of the organizers of this competition and therefore will constantly return to compete.

This event is more than the competition itself. It will be a combination of friendship, art and karate. I am convinced that Turkiye and Istanbul are ready to justify the trust.

I wish that this event, for all participants and for the world karate sport, be seen as wordless dialogue in the spirit of sport philosophy. Karate speaks all languages and connects all people and generations, regardless of race, sex, religion and political status.

Let the best win!

Slavoljub Piper
General Secretary of Karate Federation of Balkan

MR. ERCUMENT TASDEMIR
PRESIDENT OF TURKISH KARATE FEDERATION

Dear Karate Family and Distinguished Sports Friends,

It is my great honor and privilege to welcome you all to the **2026 Balkan Cadet, Junior and U21 Karate Championships**, taking place from **November 6 to 8, 2026**.

This prestigious event stands as a shining testament to the strength, unity, and bright future of karate in our region. Such a successful gathering would not be possible without the visionary leadership and unwavering dedication of **Mr. Antonio Espinós**, President of the World Karate Federation (WKF), whose continuous efforts have elevated our sport to unprecedented global heights. I also extend my heartfelt appreciation to **Mr. Davor Cipek**, President of the Karate Federation of Balkan, for his steadfast leadership, commitment, and invaluable contributions to the development of karate across the Balkans.

Karate is far more than a combat sport; it is a profound philosophy of life rooted in discipline, respect, perseverance, and fair play. This championship serves as a wonderful platform where our talented young athletes from across the Balkans come together not only to strive for excellence on the tatami, but also to build lifelong friendships, foster mutual understanding, and celebrate our shared cultural bonds.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the organizing committee, federation officials, devoted coaches, skilled referees, and all supporters whose tireless efforts guarantee the success of this tournament.

To all our athletes, I wish you courage, determination, and success in the spirit of fair play. May this championship inspire everyone involved and leave you with unforgettable memories.

Welcome, and I wish you all a magnificent and successful tournament!

Ercument Tasdemir
President of Turkish Karate Federation

TURKIYE

Welcome to Istanbul – The Crossroad of Champions and History

Welcome to **Istanbul**, the magnificent host city of the **Balkan Karate Championship**!

Bridging Europe and Asia across the historic Bosphorus Strait, Istanbul is a breathtaking metropolis where thousands of years of imperial heritage meet modern athletic passion and competitive spirit. As athletes, coaches, and sports enthusiasts gather for this prestigious championship, they will experience a city renowned not only for its historical landmarks but also for its vibrant energy and world-class hospitality.

The Spirit of Champions & History

While in town, participants and visitors can explore awe-inspiring monuments such as the majestic **Hagia Sophia**, the historic **Sultanahmet Square**, and the legendary **Topkapi Palace**, reflecting strength, discipline, and endurance through the ages.

Crossroads of Cultures

As a natural meeting point between the Balkans, Europe, and Asia, Istanbul provides a welcoming, multicultural atmosphere that unites competitors under the shared values of sportsmanship, mutual respect, and dedication.

Exploring Tradition

Dive into the sensory experience of the **Grand Bazaar**, one of the oldest and largest covered markets in the world, and discover the timeless cultural heritage of the city.

“Istanbul: Where continents meet and champions rise.”

EVENT'S PROGRAM

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
05.11.2026		Arrival day	Official hotels
05.11.2026	**10:00 – 17:00**	Registration of Delegations	HQ hotel
05.11.2026	**10:00 – 17:00**	Weighing, All Categories	Official hotels
05.11.2026	**20:00**	Draw	HQ hotel
06.11.2026	**09:00-20:00**	Competition DAY 1	Gazanfer Bilge Sporthall
07.11.2026	**09:00-20:00**	Competition DAY 2	Gazanfer Bilge Sporthall
08.11.2026	**09:00-20:00**	Competition DAY 3	Gazanfer Bilge Sporthall
09.11.2026		Departure day	Gazanfer Bilge Sporthall

COMPETITION INFO AND SCHEDULE

NUMBER OF COMPETITORS / TEAMS PER COUNTRY AND CATEGORY

Each country / national federation can register up to 7 competitors for INDIVIDUAL KATA/KUMITE event.
Each country / national federation can register up to:

1 Kata Team Male Cadets/Juniors / 1 Kata Team Female Cadets/Juniors
1 Kata Team Male U21 / 1 Kata Team Female U21
1 Team Kumite Male Cadets (5+3) / 1 Team Kumite Female Cadets (3+2)
1 Team Kumite Male Juniors (5+3) / 1 Team Kumite Female Juniors (3+2)
1 Team Kumite Male U21 (5+3) / 1 Team Kumite Female U21 (3+2)

AGE CATEGORIES

CADET	(01.01.2012-05.11.2012), (2011), (06.11.2010-31.12.2010)
JUNIOR	(01.01.2010-05.11.2010), (2009), (06.11.2008-31.12.2008)
U21	(01.01.2008-05.11.2008), (2007), (2006), (06.11.2005-31.12.2005)

KATA

AGE	INDIVIDUAL	TEAM
Cadets	All belts	All belts
Juniors	All belts	
U21	All belts	All belts

WEIGHT CATEGORIES

CADET		JUNIOR		U21	
Male	**Female**	**Male**	**Female**	**Male**	**Female**
-52 kg	-47 kg	-55 kg	-48 kg	-60 kg	-50 kg
-57 kg	-54 kg	-61 kg	-53 kg	-67 kg	-55 kg
-63 kg	-61 kg	-68 kg	-59 kg	-75 kg	-61 kg
-70 kg	+61 kg-	-76 kg	-66 kg	-84 kg	-68 kg
+70 kg	-	+76 kg	+66 kg-	+84 kg	+68 kg

COMPETITION VENUE

Buyukcekmece Gazanfer Bilge Sporthall
Adress: 19 Mayıs Mahallesi, 34522 Büyükçekmece / İstanbul

https://maps.app.goo.gl/gNP2TVjhjDH3JGFSA

PRELIMINARY COMPETITION SCHEDULE
ACTIVITIES AT THE EXAMINATION FOR BALKAN JUDGES

Thursday, 05.11.2026	
12^{00} – 12^{15}	Checking the list of applicants for the exam (certificate from the national federation, exam payment,...)
12^{15} – 13^{00}	Lecture (only for those registered for the exam)
13^{10} – 13^{45}	Kumite test
13^{50} – 14^{10}	Kata test
14^{15} – 15^{30}	Lunch break
15^{45} – 17^{00}	Kata - video test
17^{15}– 18^{15}	License renewal
19^{00} – 19^{30}	Briefing for all judges at the championship

Friday, 06.11.2026	
	The practical exam for both kumite and kata is at the competition itself

Saturday, 07.11.2026	
	The practical exam for both kumite and kata is at the competition itself
19^{00} – 19^{30}	Exam results
19^{30} – 20^{00}	Debriefing for all judges at the championship

COMPETITON CATEGORIES PARTICIPATION FEES / INDIVIDUAL – TEAM

CATEGORY	FEE
Kata / Kumite Individual	40 EUR (per person)
Kata Team (3+1)	50 EUR (per team)
Kumite Team (5+3)	50 EUR (per team)
Kumite Team (3+2)	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:	Karate federacija Balkana
Beneficiary's address:	Makedonska 28/2 RS-11000 Beograd (Stari grad)
Acc.no.with Halkbank ad Beograd (IBAN):	/RS35155000000008878808
57A: Account with institutions	
Bank of beneficary:	HALKBANK A.D. BEOGRAD Milutina Milankovića 9a RS-11070 Novi Beograd (Beograd) SWIFT: CABARS22
56A: Intermediary	
For payments in EUR:	1. Commerzbank AG Franfurtn SWIFT: COBADEFF
	2. Ziraat bank International AG Franfurt, SWIFT: TCZBDEFF
	3. Erste Group Bank AG, Vienna, SWIFT: GIBAATWG
For payments in USD:	1. Erste Group Bank AG, Vienna, SWIFT: GIBAATWG
For payments in CHF, GBP, CAD, AUD and SEK:	1. Commerzbank AG Franfurtn SWIFT: COBADEFF
For payments in RUB:	1. Commerzbank AG Franfurtn SWIFT: COBADEFF
For payments in TRY:	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**

INSURANCE

It is compulsory for all participants and delegation members to effectuate their own medical insurance and personal trip insurance. Croatian Karate Union 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.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Registration for the 26th Balkan Karate Championships for Cadets, Juniors and U21, Istanbul, Turkiye, must be done via ON LINE registration through SPORT DATA / link https://www.sportdata.org, section KARATE

Deadline of On-Line registration: **28th October 2026**. After that deadline (28th October 2026) On-Line Registration will close and a penalty to all further registrations may be applied according to the KFB Rules.

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 neccesary 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. Weigh-in will happen in hotels 60 minutes after the end of registration and accreditation procedure for every national federation.

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

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

ACCOMMODATION

Delegations are obligatory to use official accommodation and reserve it only through the Turkish Karate Federation official accommodation.

Booking through: karate@karate.gov.tr

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

HOTEL HQ

Kaya İstanbul Fair Convention Center HQ Hotel
Address:
Gökevler, 2317. Sk No:1, 34513 Esenyurt/İstanbul

HOTEL 2

Tüyap Palas
Address:

Eski, Cumhuriyet, Hadımköy Yolu Cd No:9 D:2, 34500 Büyükçekmece/İstanbul, Turkiye
Eski, Cumhuriyet, Hadımköy Yolu Cd No:9 D:2, 34500 Büyükçekmece/İstanbul

ACCOMMODATION PRICES:

Hotel	Category	Distance from the sport hall	1/1 HB	1/2 double HB	1/3 HB
HQ Hotel Kaya Ramada Hotel	5 Star	4 Km	135 €	92 €	85 €
Hotel Tuyap Palas	5 Star	4 Km	125 €	88 €	

HB - Prices are per person per night, including breakfast, dinner, residence tax and insurance, all prices include VAT.

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 Championships.
During on-site registration, it will be verified whether the accommodation has been booked in the official hotel through the event organizer. Only athletes with confirmed and fully paid accommodation in the official hotel will be allowed to complete registration.

BOOKING AND PAYMENT FOR THE ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSFERS

PRELIMINARY RESERVATION:

Deadline for preliminary reservation is **October 14, 2026.**

Booking through: karate@karate.gov.tr

FINAL BOOKING AND PAYMENT:

The value of 50% of the hotel reservation must be paid no later than **October 21, 2026.**

The remaining 50% must be paid by **October 28, 2026.** Penalties will be applied for payments made after this deadline.

CANCELLATION POLICY

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

PAYMENT METHODS / BANK TRANSFER

Payment Instructions

Payment is accepted by bank transfer only.

Upon receiving your request the official travel agency for this event, will issue a proforma invoice with the details listed below.

Beneficiary Name	Turkiye Karate Federasyonu Baskanligi
Address	Emniyet Mahallesi Pehlivan Halit Balamir Sokak No28 Yenimahalle Ankara
VAT	Maltepe V.D. 393 044 58 77
Bank	Turkiye Ekonomi Bankasi
Bank Address	Kecioren / Ankara
IBAN	TR40 0003 2000 0000 0078 3550 25
SWIFT	TEBUTRISXXX

INFORMATION AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pursuant to Article 57 of the Statute of the KFB in competitions organized by Karate Federation of Balkan (KFB) can participate:
-Judges delegated by KFB,
-Athletes who are duly registered and in time according to the schedule and have made a payment of registration fee before the event,
-Officials (referees, coaches, representatives of the national karate federation) and athletes who are placed in the OFFICIAL HOTELS published in the Bulletin.

All competitors must bring with them their own gloves and belts (red and blue) and all other protective equipment approved by the WKF.

USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT TURKIYE

Currency:	TRY lira
Power supply:	220 V, 50 Hz
Water:	Safe to drink from tap
Time zone:	GMT +3
Telephone code for:	Turkiye (+90)
Travel documents + VISA:	National ID or passport
Medical care and health services:	Adequate medical facilities are available; travel insurance is advisable.
Emergency Numbers:	Police: 115 Fire Department: 110 Emergency Medical Assistance: 112 Roadside Assistance: +90 212 278 62 14
Shops and public services working hours:	Typically from 8 AM to 9 PM, with some variations.
Post and telecommunications:	Efficient postal and telecommunications services are available.

OFFICIAL ACCOMMODATION:

All athletes and delegations must be accommodated in hotels in the organization of the Technical Organizer (KBF Statute, Article 57.) The reservation in official hotels appointed by the Organizing Committe mustbe done trough official agency:

ROOMING LIST FORM

National Team (Country):

Hotel (in order of preference according to the accommodation form):

No.	Name/Surname	Pos*	Check In Date	Number of nights	Room type**		Extra meal

* Position: C=Competitor, Co=Coaches, De=Delegation Head, P=President of NF, R=Referees/Judges, D=Doctors, V=VIPs, A=Administration, P=Press, O=Others

** Room type: S=Single, D=Double, T=Triple

Dated: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone number: _____

Signature: _____

Official Stamp:

TERM OF RESPONSIBILITY

To be filled, signed and sent back by October 30st, 2026

I, _____the undersigned, as the Chief of Delegation of my country, duly enrolled to participate in the 26th Balkan Championships for cadets, juniors and U21, which will be held in Istanbul, Turkiye, from the 06 to the 08 of November 2026, with full knowledge of the Statutes, the Rules and the Norms of The KARATE FEDERATION OF BALKAN, pledge myself to 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 Turkish Karate Federation, 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 activities and 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.:	
E-mail:	

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

Signature:

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