

3 DAYS of TOP KARATE



29TH BUDAPEST OPEN

Including Open Kumite categories as well.

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11TH-13TH SEPTEMBER, 2026

**DR. KOLTAI JENŐ SPORTS HALL OF THE
HUNGARIAN UNIVERSITY OF SPORT SCIENCE**

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GREETINGS FROM DR. JÁNOS MÉSZÁROS

DEAR SPORT LEADERS, COACHES, COMPETITORS! DEAR GUESTS!



I welcome you all on behalf of the Hungarian Karate Federation on the occasion of the 29th Budapest Open international competition.

This contest, boasting a history of nearly three decades, has grown over the years to become Hungary's largest and most prestigious karate competition. I am proud that interest in the competition is shown not only by neighboring countries but also from farther afield; representatives of even distant nations arrive in our capital city to take part in this event.

I am delighted that Budapest can host the competition for the 29th time this year, thanks primarily to Gerd Rebicek, the founder of the competition, as well as its chief organizer and his team.

Last year, this high-standard championship also saw a huge number of participants, nearly 2,000 karatekas from 39 nations competing in both kata (forms) and kumite (fighting). The quantity was matched by quality: it delivered perhaps the highest standard in the competition's history, with world and European championship medalists arriving in Budapest by the dozen, and even an Olympic champion, Ivet Goranova of Bulgaria, stepped onto the tatami.

We feel that the Budapest Open is becoming increasingly significant internationally in the process of preparation for world competitions; many countries use the event as a qualifying tournament.

I can also state that the Dr. Koltai Jenő Sports Centre at the Hungarian University of Physical Education and Sport Sciences – which is a recently built, modern, spacious, and fully equipped sports hall – provides the perfect venue for the competition.

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The most recent contest brought a special moment for Hungarian karate, as the opening ceremony marked the end of the career of Hungary's world-class athlete of the past decade and a half, Martial Tadissi, who, in addition to his fantastic results, demonstrated his skills at the Budapest Open on numerous occasions.

I am sure that our capital city will be a worthy host to the visiting athletes, coaches, technical leaders, referees, and fans, whether they are returning guests or coming to Budapest for the first time.

I wish all participants injury-free competition and the spectators a lasting experience!

With friendly sporting regards,

Dr. János Mészáros

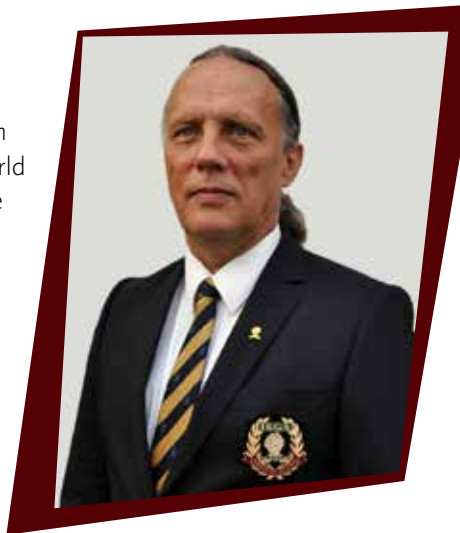
President of the Hungarian Karate Federation

GREETINGS FROM REBICEK GERD

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, SPORTS LEADERS, COACHES, COMPETITORS,

The 28th Budapest Open in 2025 was once again a large and successful competition, where Budapest was able to host the world's best athletes. They could meet European Championship, World Championship, European and World Games, and even Olympic medallists here. The audience witnessed high-level matches in both kumite and kata events, and even in the children's competition we saw incredibly skilled competitors, so we can be sure that a bright future awaits our sport.

One of the highlights of the competition was the rematch of the 2025 World Games final between Croatia's Andelo Kvesić and Ukraine's Rizvan Talibov. The Croatian competitor managed to get his revenge and won in Budapest.



During the 3 days of the competition, nearly 2,000 competitors from 39 countries stepped onto the tatami, delivering great performances. Many of them managed to secure valuable qualification points for the next senior and junior World and European Championships. Preparations for the 29th Budapest Open are already well underway, and we all trust that we can further improve the quality of the competition and the organisation. We hope that the great memories of 2025 will bring you back to the 29th Budapest Open.

If you decide to participate in the competition for the first time now, we assure you that you can compete in a high-standard event and spend your free time usefully in our beautiful capital city – Budapest.

Best regards,

REBICEK GERD

Organizing Committee

VENUE:

**Dr. Koltai Jenő Sports Hall of the
Hungarian University of Sport Science**

DATE:

11th–13th of September, 2026.

ADDRESS:

1123 Budapest, Csörsz utca 2–10.

TIME:

**Friday – from 15:00
Saturday & Sunday – from 8:00**



FRIDAY 11TH

KATA INDIVIDUAL

Kadet:	male – female
Junior:	male – female
U 21:	male – female
Senior:	male – female

SATURDAY 12TH

Kumite junior:	male	-55 kg -61 kg -68 kg -76 kg +76 kg
	female	-48 kg -53 kg -59 kg -66 kg +66 kg
Kumite U 21:	male	-60 kg -67 kg -75 kg -84 kg +84 kg
	female	-50 kg -55 kg -61 kg -68 kg +68 kg
Kumite senior:	male	-60 kg -67 kg -75 kg -84 kg +84 kg
	female	-50 kg -55 kg -61 kg -68 kg +68 kg

Special category: Kumite open male and female.

1st place 600 Euro

2nd place 400 Euro

3rd place 150-150 Euro

RULES: WKF system

REGISTRATION: 11th September, from 12:00 till 21:00 at the Sports Hall,
weigh-in for all cadet, junior, U 21, and senior categories.

WEIGH-IN: 12th September, from 7:00 until 18:00 at the Sports Hall,
also a possibility for registration.
Weigh tolerance for all WKF categories is maximum 1 kilogram.

ENTRY FEE: 40 Euro for each category,
50 Euro open category.

Please pay the entry fee on the spot at the registration.

If you would like to transfer the fee instead, please contact the organizer for bank details.

SUNDAY 13TH

CATEGORIES

Kata and kumite, cadet categories kumite only!

Boys and girls in the following age and weight categories:

5-7 years old	boys -24 kg and +24 kg girls -22 kg and + 22 kg
8-9 years old	boys -27 kg -32 kg and +32 kg. girls -30 kg and +30 kg
10-11 years old	boys -30 kg -35 kg -40kg -45 kg and +45 kg girls -30 kg -35 kg-40 kg and + 40 kg
12-13 years old	boys -40 kg -45 kg -50 kg -55 kg and +55 kg girls -42 kg -47 kg -52 kg, +52 kg
Cadet	boys -52 kg -57 kg -63 kg -70 kg and +70 kg girls -47 kg -54 kg, -61 kg +61 kg

Please, consider the age of the competitors at the date of the tournament!

RULES:

WKF system – full repechage will be applied, with the following changes: kata categories from 5 to 13 years old, 2 competitors perform the kata simultaneously, except for medal matches. In medal matches aka and au perform the kata separately.

1 minute for kumite age 5-11,
1,5 minutes for kumite age 12-13,
2 minutes for cadets.

kata: age 5-7, 8-9, 10-11 – at least 2 different kata required
age 12-13 – at least 3 different kata required

All categories full repechage!

SUNDAY 13TH

REGISTRATION/WEIGH-IN: 13th September from 7:00 till 10:00 at the Sports Hall.
Weigh-in is obligatory in cadet kumite categories only.
The weight tolerance is a maximum of 1 kilogram.

In children's categories, weigh-ins are conducted only for a randomly selected few competitors or upon a coach's request for weight checking. If a competitor exceeds the weight limit by 1 kilogram while wearing their karate pants and T-shirt, they will be disqualified from the competition.

PROTECTION: Gum shields, WKF-type red and blue mitts, shin pads, and foot protection, for women chest protection over 12 years is mandatory.

For U8, U10, U12, and U14 categories wearing the body protector outside the karate gi and helmet is mandatory!

ENTRY FEE: 40 Euro for each category.

Please pay the entry fee on the spot at the registration.

If you would like to transfer the fee instead, please contact the organizer for bank details.

PRIZES: 1-3 places: medals and certificates, the winner of each category will receive a cup.

DRAW: 10th September, 2026.

OTHER INFORMATION

- PROTEST:** The protest must be submitted in writing to the tournament's referee council, and a 150 Euro protest fee must be deposited. If the protest is accepted by the referee council, the fee is going to be refunded.
- REFEREES:** Referees will be delegated by the Hungarian Karate Federation; the chief referee is Mr. Tamás Molnár. Foreign-qualified referees are welcome. Please, apply in writing to nominate your referee!
- RESPONSIBILITY:** The organization committee will not bear any responsibility for any kind of damages or losses.
- ATTENTION:** All competitors must have their own red and blue belts.

REGISTRATION

DEADLINE FOR THE REGISTRATION

PHASE 1: FROM 1ST OF MAY

OR UNTIL THE MAXIMUM NUMBER PREDETERMINED BY
THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – 2 400 REGISTRATIONS

During this phase, you can register competitors in the WKF categories in one kumite and one kata category only, with the exception of the U21, senior, and open kumite, same with U21 and senior kata categories, where you can register them in both age categories.

PHASE 2: FROM 2ND OF AUGUST

OR UNTIL THE MAXIMUM NUMBER PREDETERMINED BY
THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – 2 400 REGISTRATIONS.

If the number of registered competitors in WKF categories does not reach the maximum number predetermined by the organizing committee you may register your cadet, and junior competitors into the upper age category.

Any changes until the 31st of august are free of charge.

From 1st until september 8th any changes or deletions cost 20 euro. Any changes from september 9th of and on the spot (at the venue) cost the full registration fee.

Please be aware that...

if the number of registration reaches the maximum number predetermined by the organizing committee, registration will be closed before the deadline!

REGISTRATION ONLINE

www.sportdata.org

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

FRIDAY 11TH

- 12:00 – 21:00 Registration, weigh in at the Sport Hall
15:00 – 21:00 Individual kata cadet, junior, U21, senior, male – female

SATURDAY 12TH

- 07:00 – 13:00 Registration, weigh in for cadet, junior, U21, and senior categories at the Sport Hall
08:00 – 10:00 Kumite U21 male, female
10:00 – 10:20 Opening ceremony
10:30 – 21:00 Individual kumite bouts in the following order:
junior
senior
open

The medal awarding ceremony will be continuously held during the competition.

SUNDAY 13TH

- 07:00 – 10:00 Registration, weigh-in for cadet categories at the Sport Hall
08:00 – 10:00 Boys & girls kata
10:00 – 20:00 Cadet male, female kumite, boys & girls kumite

The medal awarding ceremony will be continuously held during the competition.
The detailed time schedule will be published 3 days before the Budapest open starts.

ACCOMMODATION

As the **official travel agency** for the event, we are here to provide you with the best travel solutions. We encourage you to book your accommodation, airport transfers, and shuttle services through **Well Travel**. While booking with us is optional, we are pleased to offer you exclusive benefits, including:

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- ✓ **Certified Clean and Safe Accommodations** for your comfort and peace of mind, located very close to the competition venue

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- ✓ Convenient airport transfers upon request
- ✓ Shuttle services between official hotels and the Sports Hall upon request

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- ✓ **Book early, save more, and make the most of your competition weekend!**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS...

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Dear friends, we look forward to see you in our tournament!

Best regards,

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President of the Organizing Committee

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