

TRADITIONAL
ETKU
KARATE 91



EUROPEAN TRADITIONAL KARATE UNION
INVITATION

TO THE
**38th EUROPEAN TRADITIONAL KARATE
CHAMPIONSHIP**

FOR
**Cadets, Juniors, Youths,
Seniors, Veterans
Novi Sad, Serbia
30 April - 3 May 2026**

Dear karatekas, judges, coaches, and officials,

INTERNATIONAL TRADITIONAL KARATE FEDERATION - Los Angeles and continental organization **EUROPEAN TRADITIONAL KARATE UNION** hosted by **TRADITIONAL KARATE ASSOCIATION SERBIA** have the greatest pleasure to invite you to the **38th ETKU EUROPEAN TRADITIONAL KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP** for Cadets, Juniors, Youths, Seniors, and Veterans, and **EUROPEAN CHILDREN'S CUP** to be held in the city of Novi Sad, Serbia from **30 April - 3 of May 2026**.

It is my profound honor to invite you to join us this year in the beautiful city of Novi Sad, Serbia where the 38th ETKU European Championship and European Children's Cup will take place on **30 April - 3 May**. Novi Sad, with its rich cultural heritage, vibrant spirit, and unique position at the crossroads of Central and Southeast Europe, offers an inspiring setting for an event that goes beyond competition — celebrating reflection, unity, and shared European values. A city shaped by tradition, openness, and respect, we come together to reaffirm our commitment to the principles of karate — discipline, respect, perseverance, and unity.

Every participation carries meaning: for the education of our athletes, the exchange of knowledge, the healthy development of our youth, and the continued strength of our Federation. By taking part in this event, you do more than compete — you contribute to the preservation of tradition and the building of a shared future, guided by mutual respect and common values. An event that transcends sport — fostering friendship, shared values, and international cooperation.

On behalf of ETKU, I kindly ask all federations and countries to take part with the highest possible number of participants, so that together we may make this championship a true tribute — to our art, our community.



I sincerely look forward to welcoming you all in Novi Sad, Serbia.
With deepest respect and Kindest Regards,

Slobodan Milicevic
ETKU president

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OFFICIAL INFORMATIONS

Hosted by: Traditional Karate Association Serbia

Sanctioned by: International Traditional Karate Federation ITKF

Place: Sports and Business Center of Vojvodina, SPENS, Sutjeska 2, Novi Sad, Serbia

Date: 30 April - 3 May 2026, Novi Sad, Serbia

PARTICIPANTS

- They must be citizens of the represented country (must provide proof of citizenship at the tournament venue registration, e.g. a personal passport issued by the represented country).
- Age in agreement with their competition category.
- They must know, fully understand and be able to compete in accordance with the ITKF competition rules.
- They must be free of any physical or mental handicap that might cause a breach of the ITKF rules.
- All KUMITE, KO-GO and FUKU-GO athletes are obliged to wear the official ITKF Kumite Gloves. For hygienic reasons gloves cannot be shared between athletes. Mouth (tooth guards are also mandatory to be worn).
- Breast-protection for women, groin protector for men are optional, but recommended safety equipment.
- They must have his/her own international traveling insurance and also personal accident insurance issued by their respective National Federations.
- Only individuals holding a valid ITKF Certified Coaches Qualification and properly registered with the Tournament Controlling Body will be allowed to represent and coach athletes during the competition.
- They must present Medical Release and International Health Insurance to Medical Emergencies.
- They must belong to a National Federation which is a full and paid-up member of the ITKF including the year 2026

All countries must bring their national anthem (on a CD) and two national flags.)

COMPETITION RULES

ITKF Competition Rules.



CADETS / 14 – 15 years old / born in 2012 and 2011

Individual Kata Men	No limit per country	
Individual Kata Women	No limit per country	
Fuku-Go Men	No limit per country	Using Ko-Go Kumite
Fuku-Go Women	No limit per country	Using Ko-Go Kumite
Synchronized Kata Men	No limit per country	
Synchronized Kata Women	No limit per country	
En-Bu Men	No limit per country	
En-Bu Mixed	No limit per country	
Individual Ko-Go Men	No limit per country	
Individual Ko-Go Women	No limit per country	
Team Kumite Men	No limit per country	Using Ko-Go Kumite
Team Kumite Women	No limit per country	Using Ko-Go Kumite



JUNIORS / 16 – 17 years old / born in 2010 and 2009

Individual Kata Men	No limit per country	
Individual Kata Women	No limit per country	
Individual Kumite Men	No limit per country	In the preliminary rounds Ko-Go Kumite in the semi-final and final rounds Jiyu-Kumite.
Individual Kumite Women	No limit per country	In the preliminary rounds Ko-Go Kumite in the semi-final and final rounds Jiyu-Kumite.
Fuku-Go Men	No limit per country	In the preliminary rounds Ko-Go Kumite in the semi-final and final rounds Jiyu-Kumite.
Fuku-Go Women	No limit per country	In the preliminary rounds Ko-Go Kumite in the semi-final and final rounds Jiyu-Kumite.
Synchronized Kata Men	No limit per country	
Synchronized Kata Women	No limit per country	
En-Bu Men	No limit per country	
En-Bu Mixed	No limit per country	
Individual Ko-Go Men	No limit per country	
Individual Ko-Go Women	No limit per country	
Team Kumite Men	No limit per country	In the preliminary rounds Ko-Go Kumite in the semi-final and final rounds Jiyu-Kumite.
Team Kumite Women	No limit per country	In the preliminary rounds Ko-Go Kumite in the semi-final and final rounds Jiyu-Kumite.



YOUTHS /18-20 years old / born in 2008, 2007 and 2006

Individual Kata Men	No limit per country	
Individual Kata Women	No limit per country	
Individual Kumite Men	No limit per country	
Individual Kumite Women	No limit per country	
Fuku-Go Men	No limit per country	
Fuku-Go Women	No limit per country	
Synchronized Kata Men	No limit per country	
Synchronized Kata Women	No limit per country	
En-Bu Men	No limit per country	
En-Bu Mixed	No limit per country	
Team Kumite Men	No limit per country	
Team Kumite Women	No limit per country	



SENIORS GROUP / 21 - 49 years old/born from 2005-1977

Individual Kata Men	No limit per country	
Individual Kata Women	No limit per country	
Individual Kumite Men	No limit per country	
Individual Kumite Women	No limit per country	
Fuku-Go Men	No limit per country	
Fuku-Go Women	No limit per country	
Synchronized Kata Men	No limit per country	
Synchronized Kata Women	No limit per country	
En-Bu Men	No limit per country	
En-Bu Mixed	No limit per country	
Team Kumite Men	No limit per country	
Team Kumite Women	No limit per country	

VETERANS

Kumite age category	Kata age category	Fuku Go age category
50 to 59 year	50 to 59 year	50 to 59 year
60 to 69 year	60 to 69 year	60 to 69 year
70 and older	70 and older	70 and older



APPLICATIONS

Dear athletes, we are kindly asking all participants (Officials, Athletes, Coaches and Judges) to apply their applications latest by **Mart 30th, 2026** at e-mail info@stks.rs

Please provide the filled-up registration excel forms latest by **April 5th 2026**

The registration must include:

- Details of all Officials, Coaches and Judges.
- Details of all Athletes including respective competing categories.
- Digital passport size photo for each Official, Coach, Judge and Athlete (not obligatory for athletes).
- Registration fees for all participants can be paid at the competition during the registration or to the T.O.C.

PARTICIPATION FEES CADETS, JUNIORS YOUTH, SENIORS and VETERANS

EUR 30,00 - per person, per individual category

EUR 40,00 - for En-Bu

EUR 60,00 - for Kata team

EUR 60,00 - for Kumite team

This registration is valid only for one of the following group of categories:

- CADETS, JUNIORS AND YOUTH.
- SENIORS AND VETERANS.



JUDGES

- Selection of the Judges will be made by the ETKU Technical Committee Members during the Judges' Refresher Course and licencing held right before the European Championship, on the **29, 30 April and 1 May 2026** at **SPENS** - karate dojo.
- Judges participating in this event must be ITKF Registered Qualified Judges (class A, B, C) who have participated in and completed the Judges Refresher Course held before the Tournament.
- Each judge candidate must submit the application form for the Judge's Refresher Course by **10 April 2026**, or at the spot.

We kindly urge all national federations to send minimum 2 national judges to participate at the course and acquire international judging license. We are in need to develop and educate our national judges for international level. This is very important for future development of traditional karate in Europe.

Judge refresher course fee **EUR 60,00**

All Judges must bring their own HAKAMA (black), whistle and KARATEGI.

ACCOMODATION

IMPORTANT:

Please find all the information for accomodations, deadlines and contacts in the attached **Event flyer which one we will send.**

CONTACT INFORMATION

For any additional information please contact our T.O.C. at: Email: registration@stks.rs

Dear Participants,

To ensure the smooth organization of this Championship within the limited time available, we kindly ask you once again to confirm your participation in the European Championship as soon as possible, and no later than **30 Mart 2026**, by sending your confirmation to the e-mail address of our Technical Organizing Committee

We sincerely thank you in advance for your cooperation and commitment.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing this important event together.

With kind regards,



A. CHILDREN I. AGE 10-11 YEARS (BORN IN 2016-2015) – 7. / 6. Kyu

Individual Kata Girls	No limit per country
Individual Kata Boys	No limit per country
Ind. Kihon-Ippon-Kumite Girls	No limit per country
Ind. Kihon-Ippon-Kumite Boys	No limit per country
Individual Kihon Girls	No limit per country
Individual Kihon Boys	No limit per country
Team Kata Girls	No limit per country
Team Kata Boys	No limit per country

B. CHILDREN I. AGE 10-11 YEARS (BORN IN 2016-2015) – 5. / 4. Kyu

Individual Kata Girls	No limit per country
Individual Kata Boys	No limit per country
Ind. Jiyu-Ippon-Kumite Girls	No limit per country
Ind. Jiyu-Ippon-Kumite Boys	No limit per country
Individual Kihon Girls	No limit per country
Individual Kihon Boys	No limit per country
Team Kata Girls	No limit per country
Team Kata Boys	No limit per country

C. CHILDREN I. AGE 10-11 YEARS (BORN IN 2016-2015) – from 3. Kyu

Individual Kata Girls	No limit per country
Individual Kata Boys	No limit per country
Ind. Ko-Go-Kumite Girls	No limit per country
Ind. Ko-Go-Kumite Boys	No limit per country
Enbu-Mix	No limit per country
Enbu Boys	No limit per country
Team Kata Girls	No limit per country
Team Kata Boys	No limit per country

A. CHILDREN II. AGE 12-13 YEARS (BORN IN 2014-2013) – 7. / 6. Kyu

Individual Kata Girls	No limit per country
Individual Kata Boys	No limit per country
Ind. Kihon-Ippon-Kumite Girls	No limit per country
Ind. Kihon-Ippon-Kumite Boys	No limit per country
Individual Kihon Girls	No limit per country
Individual Kihon Boys	No limit per country
Team Kata Girls	No limit per country
Team Kata Boys	No limit per country



B. CHILDREN II. AGE 12-13 YEARS (BORN IN 2014-2013) – from 5. 4. Kyu

Individual Kata Girls	No limit per country
Individual Kata Boys	No limit per country
Ind. Ko-Go-Kumite Girls	No limit per country
Ind. Ko-Go-Kumite Boys	No limit per country
Enbu-Mix	No limit per country
Enbu Boys	No limit per country
Team Kata Girls	No limit per country
Team Kata Boys	No limit per country

C. CHILDREN II. AGE 12-13 YEARS (BORN IN 2014-2013) – from 3. Kyu

Individual Kata Girls	No limit per country
Individual Kata Boys	No limit per country
Ind. Kihon-Ippon-Kumite Girls	No limit per country
Ind. Kihon-Ippon-Kumite Boys	No limit per country
Individual Kihon Girls	No limit per country
Individual Kihon Boys	No limit per country
Team Kata Girls	No limit per country
Team Kata Boys	No limit per country



A. CADETS I. / 14 – 15 years old / born in 2012 and 2011 – 7. / 6. Kyu

Individual Kata Girls	No limit per country
Individual Kata Boys	No limit per country
Ind. Kihon-Ippon-Kumite Girls	No limit per country
Ind. Kihon-Ippon-Kumite Boys	No limit per country
Individual Kihon Girls	No limit per country
Individual Kihon Boys	No limit per country
Team Kata Girls	No limit per country
Team Kata Boys	No limit per country

B. CADETS I. / 14 – 15 years old / born in 2012 and 2011 – 5. / 4. Kyu

Individual Kata Girls	No limit per country
Individual Kata Boys	No limit per country
Ind. Jiyu-Ippon-Kumite Girls	No limit per country
Ind. Jiyu-Ippon-Kumite Boys	No limit per country
Individual Kihon Girls	No limit per country
Individual Kihon Boys	No limit per country
Team Kata Girls	No limit per country
Team Kata Boys	No limit per country



A. JUNIORS I. / 16 – 17 years old / born in 2010 and 2009 – 7. / 6. Kyu

Individual Kata Girls	No limit per country
Individual Kata Boys	No limit per country
Ind. Kihon-Ippon-Kumite Girls	No limit per country
Ind. Kihon-Ippon-Kumite Boys	No limit per country
Individual Kihon Girls	No limit per country
Individual Kihon Boys	No limit per country
Team Kata Girls	No limit per country
Team Kata Boys	No limit per country

B. JUNIORS I. / 16 – 17 years old / born in 2010 and 2009 – 5. / 4. Kyu

Individual Kata Girls	No limit per country
Individual Kata Boys	No limit per country
Ind. Kihon-Ippon-Kumite Girls	No limit per country
Ind. Kihon-Ippon-Kumite Boys	No limit per country
Individual Kihon Girls	No limit per country
Individual Kihon Boys	No limit per country
Team Kata Girls	No limit per country
Team Kata Boys	No limit per country



COMPETITION RULES FOR EUROPEAN CHILDREN'S CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

INDIVIDUAL KATA:

Groups Children A-C: eliminations - flag system, final (last 4 athlete by points)

Groups Cadets A/B and Juniors A/B: eliminations - flag system, final (last 4 athlete by points)

TYPE OF KATA (individual and team):

Group A: elimination: Taikyoku, Heian 1-2-3; (The kata is run according to the decision of the Kansa)

Group B: elimination: Heian 1-2-3-4-5; (The kata is run according to the decision of the Kansa)

Group C: elimination: Heian 1-2-3-4-5 Tekki 1; (The kata is run according to the decision of the Kansa)

Final-Kata: free choice.

Team Kata: Each team will be composed of 3 contestants (1 athlete can be from the younger group).

No Bunkai.

KIHON:

From natural stance **must step back** with Gedan-Barai and start techniques from left (Hidari) stance!

4 steps forward with the technique and 4 steps back with the combination. Kiai on the last series of techniques.



GROUP A / B

GROUP A / B		GROUP A / B Finals	
1. Oi-Zuki /Jodan	forward	1. Oi-Zuki /Jodan	forward
2. Age-Uke / Gyaku-Zuki	backward	2. Age-Uke / Gyaku-Zuki	backward
3. Oi-Zuki / Chudan	forward	3. Oi-Zuki / Chudan	forward
4. Soto-Uke / Gyaku-Zuki	backward	4. Soto-Uke / Gyaku-Zuki	backward
5. Mae-Geri / Chudan	forward	5. Mae-Geri / Chudan	forward
6. Gedan-Barai / Gyaku-Zuki	backward	6. Gedan-Barai / Gyaku-Zuki	backward
		7. Mawashi-Geri /Jodan	forward
		8. Jodan Uchi-Ude-Uke/ Gyaku-Zuki	backward

KIHON-IPPON KUMITE GROUP A I / A II:

ATTACK:	Natural stance: Gedan-Barai step back in Zenkutsu Dachi and attack techniques from left (Hidari)
DEFENSE:	Heiko (Yoi) Dachi
ATTACK:	AKA - Oi-Zuki (Jodan)
DEFENSE:	SHIRO - Age-uke counter attack: Gyaku-Zuki-Chudan
ATTACK:	AKA - Oi-Zuki (Chudan)
DEFENSE:	SHIRO - Soto-uke counter attack: Gyaku-Zuki-Chudan
ATTACK:	AKA - Mae-Geri (Chudan)
DEFENSE:	SHIRO - Gedan-Barai counter attack: Gyaku-Zuki-Chudan

JIYU-IPPON KUMITE GROUP B I / B II:

ATTACK:	AKA - Kizami-Zuki-Jodan
DEFENSE:	SHIRO - counter attack: Uke-Waza-Free / Gyaku-Zuki-Chudan
ATTACK:	AKA - Oi-Zuki -Jodan
DEFENSE:	SHIRO - counter attack: Uke-Waza-Free / Gyaku-Zuki-Chudan
ATTACK:	AKA - Oi-Zuki-Chudan
DEFENSE:	SHIRO - counter attack: Uke-Waza-Free / Gyaku-Zuki-Chudan
ATTACK:	AKA - Mae-Geri-Chudan
DEFENSE:	SHIRO - counter attack: Uke-Waza-Free / Gyaku-Zuki Chudan
ATTACK:	AKA - Mawashi-Geri-Jodan
DEFENSE:	SHIRO - counter attack: Uke-Waza-Free / Gyaku-Zuki-Chudan

***IN FINAL MATCHES ONLY** - plus RENZOKU-KOGEKI-WAZA:

Kizami-Zuki-Jodan - Mawashi-Geri- Jodan - Uraken-Uchi-Jodan - Gyaku-Zuki-Chudan.

KO-GO-KUMITE and En-Bu GROUP C I / C II: According to **ITKF** rules.

ATTENTION:

AN ATHLETE CAN PARTICIPATE IN INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES ONLY IN HIS AGE CATEGORY.

IF HE PARTICIPATES IN TEAM CATEGORY FOR AN OLDER AGE GROUP, HE CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN THE SAME TEAM CATEGORY IN HIS AGE GROUP!

Example: one cadet athlete can participate in individual categories for cadets. He can participate in team kata for juniors. In this case he cannot be part of team kata cadets.

PARTICIPATION FEES European CHILDREN & Yuth Championship 2026

EUR 20, 00 - per person, per individual category

EUR 30, 00 - for En-Bu

EUR 40, 00 - for Team

SCHEDULE & PROGRAM

Wednesday April 29. 2026:

Arrival, Registration at hotel Sheraton, ITKF Chairman Sensei Rik Jorgensen Conducts a course for referee licensing **18:30 - 20:30**

Thursday April 30. 2026:

SPENS Karate Dojo

16:00 - 19:00 Judges Refresher Course and Judge examination

20:00 - 21:00 SPENS Karate Dojo Drawing, coaches are required to attend

21:00 - 22:00 Hotel Sheraton ETKU General meeting / Hotel Sheraton

Friday May 1. 2026:

10:00 European Children Cup Elimination.

Saturday May 2. 2026:

10:00 European Children Cup Finals.

15:30 Official opening ceremony - in the continuation the eliminations for all categories.

Sunday May 3. 2026:

10:00 38th European Traditional Karate Championship eliminations and finals.

Monday May 4. 2026:

Departure.

