



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, 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

Age: Athletes participating in the qualification event must be at least 16 years old and no older than 17 at the first day of the qualification event (29th June 2018).

QUALIFICATION PLACES

MEN & WOMEN

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
D.1. 6 Men 6 Women (12 athletes)	<p>D.1. WKF World Ranking as of 1st of June 2018</p> <p>The top two (2) athletes per gender and weight category from the WKF World Ranking as of 1st of June 2018 will be allocated one (1) quota place respecting the maximum quota per gender and weight category per NOC.</p> <p>For those rankings 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> <p>For those rankings where two WKF categories are merged, a combined ranking will be published, respecting the maximum quota per gender and weight category per</p>



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	NOC.
D.2. 6 Men 6 Women (12 athletes)	<p>D.2. Qualification tournament (Umag/ Croatia, 29th 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, 30th 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.	<p>D.4. Continental Representation</p> <p>One (1) quota place will be allocated to the best-ranked athlete on the WKF World Ranking as of 1st June 2018 from any of the five (5) continental associations not yet represented following the allocation of quotas in D.1, D.2 or D.3. in the following 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>For those rankings where two WKF categories are merged a combined ranking will be published respecting the maximum quota per gender and weight category per NOC.</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> <p>Should not all places be needed for continental representation, unfilled quota places will be allocated to the next best-ranked athletes not yet qualified on the WKF World Ranking as of 1st June 2018 respecting the maximum quota per gender and weight category per NOC.</p>

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country will automatically qualify two (2) male and two (2) female athletes, with a maximum of one (1) athlete per weight category, on the condition that the athletes meet the eligibility requirements described under section C of this document.



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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 WKF World Ranking by 1st of June 2018 on the Olympics/ Buenos Aires 2018 section of the WKF website (www.wkf.net).

The WKF will confirm in writing to NOCs on 20 July 2018 the quota places they have achieved.

The NOCs will **then** have two (2) weeks until 29 July 2018, to confirm to WKF and BAYOGOC if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in section G. Qualification Timeline.

CONFIRMATION OF HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country must confirm in writing to WKF and BAYOGOC 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 next best-ranked athletes on the WKF World Ranking 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 weight category per NOC. Should the athlete not be in the top 50 athletes, the place will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete not yet qualified through D.2 in the respective weight category, whilst respecting the maximum quota per weight category per NOC.
- If the athlete qualified through D.2., the quota place will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete not yet qualified through D.2 in the respective weight category, whilst respecting the maximum quota per weight category per NOC.



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- If the athlete qualified through D.3., the quota place will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete not yet qualified through D.3 in the respective weight category, whilst respecting the maximum quota per weight category per NOC.
- If the athlete qualified through D.4., the quota place will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete not yet qualified from the respective continent WKF World Ranking as of 1 June 2018 in the respective weight category, subject to the athlete being in the top 50 athletes in his/her category.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Any unused Host Country Places will be reallocated to the next best-ranked NOC not yet qualified in the respective weight category on the WKF World Ranking 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 next best-ranked NOC on the WKF World Ranking as of 1 June 2018 not yet qualified subject to the athlete being in the top 50 athletes in his/her category.

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
	1 June 2018	Publication of WKF World Ranking
	29-30 June 2018	Qualification tournament (Umag, Croatia)
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
	20 July 2018	WKF to inform NOCs of their allocated quota places
	29 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