



To all
WKC member federations

Marko Nicović

President

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Dear Mr. President,

The 10th WKC World Championships for Cadets, Juniors and Seniors and 10th World Cup for Children are approaching very quickly. The local organiser, Latvian Karate Association (LKA) of the Championships is working very hard to make this event an unforgettable one.

10th WKC World Championships for Cadets, Juniors and Seniors
and 10th World Cup for Children

Riga, Latvia
14th – 17nd May 2015

Organising Committee:

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Latvia
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We would like to remind especially the federations requiring a visa for the Latvia to immediately obtain a visa at the nearest Latvian embassy or consulate. We strongly recommend you to contact the Organizing Committee as soon as possible in order to get an invitation letter!

We also recommend to book your squad in one of the official hotels, conveniently priced (you can find the complete hotel offer on our web page, please check the link:

http://www.wkc-org.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Riga-2015_Hotel_List.pdf)

The registration of all participants, and the referee and coach seminar will take place on Friday, 15th May 2015. The tournament itself will be on Saturday, 16th and Sunday, 17th May 2015 in the Olympik Sport Centre / Adress: Grostonas str. 6B. All federations should bring two national flags and anthem!

We remind you that the deadline for online registration is 24th of April 2015 and that all registrations must go through the registration tool: <http://www.shiai-register.net/>

In addition to this Bulletin please find two more documents:

1. Agenda for the WKC Meeting
2. Information for the Referee & Coaches Seminar

We wish all you all good luck with your preparations for the forthcoming big event!

Sincerely yours

Marko Nicović
President
World Karate Confederation





WKC Meeting
15th May 2015, 5 p.m.
Sport Hall
(Olympik Sport Centre / Adress: Grostonas str. 6B)
Riga, Latvia

Agenda

1. Roll call of delegates
2. Welcome speeches by the WKC President and the Chairman of the Organising Committee of the 10th WKC World Championships
3. Information of the Organising Committee
4. Reports of the Executive Committee
5. Financial Report
6. Report of the Auditors
7. Budget for 2011/12
8. New members
9. Future Championships
10. Miscellaneous

The Referee & Coaches Seminar in Riga will cover a number of topics.

- Briefing & Clarification of Rules
- Scenario's
- Examinations
- Seminars: Kumite & Kata practical for Referees and Coaches (in karategi).

The WKC Rules of Karate Tournament are by far the best in the world. They have proven to be so at the highest level and have stood the test of time. To fully utilise them we need strong Referee's and strong Judges. I am pleased to say WKC has today many top quality officials and it is committed to producing many more.

Many Referee qualifications will have now expired, please check your licence books or the WKC website under Technical/Referees. For new officials and for those seeking higher/retain qualifications, please be fully conversant with the Rule Book and be in a position to successfully complete the written examination (Judges must attain 80% pass mark, Referee's and above, 90%). With the exception of a small number of questions, all questions on the Examination paper are on the WKC Website as are all the Referee Signals and Commands. Amongst others, all officials must know Part B: Kumite Contest Rules – Shobu Sanbon, Articles 6,7, 8 & 9.

All officials must possess the complete Referee Uniform (please see WKC Rule Book). Only black tatami/gym shoes will be permitted on the Tatami. Please advise the WKC Office of any requirements you have well ahead of the Tournament date.

To become a Kumite Judge or Referee, candidates must possess the complete Referee Uniform and pass the written examination, the Kumite Judging Assessment and the Tournament Kumite Judging Assessment.

To become a Kata Judge, candidates must possess the complete Referee Uniform and complete the Kata Assessment Examination, performing a selection of kata's to a satisfactory level in front of the Kata Assessment Panel (in karate-gi), successfully complete the Kata Judging Assessment and the Tournament Kata Judging Assessment. Kata Judges will be asked to demonstrate and pay particular attentions to stances and form used within the different styles.

Referee's whose qualifications have not expired must attend the briefing but do not need to attend the Seminar, they may however be asked to assist at it. Existing judges are encouraged to progress to Referee. Coaches are encouraged to take the Referee Examination for their own personal private development.

Reminder: Referee/Judge qualification terms are as follows:

Judge: 1 year, Referee: 2 years, Senior Referee: 3 years, Senior Executive Referee: 4 years. You cannot be a Senior or Senior Executive Referee without a Kata Judge Qualification.

If anyone has any questions please contact the WKC Office or myself at terry.boyle@ntlworld.com

We look forward to welcoming you in Riga, Latvia.

Terry Boyle
WKC Tournament Organising Committee & Referee Commission.