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The 16th World Cadet, Junior and Senior Championships and World Cup for Children



Dear friends,

Our major international event, the 16th World Cadet, Junior and Senior Championships and World Cup for Children is approaching.

The event will take place from 27th to 29th November 2026 in the capital of Serbia, Belgrade.

Serbian Karate Union, the hosting federation, is very honored for your trust and grateful for the decision supported by majority of our members to appoint Belgrade for the hosting city!

Located between East and West, at the confluence of the Sava and Danube rivers, with population of 1,6 million, Belgrade has excellent location, easily reached from any direction.

Belgrade, which name literally translates as White City, the town of turbulent history and enormous destructions in its past, has grown into an economic, educational, administrative and sport center of the South-East of Europe.

The Championships will take place in a well known and popular Sport center, located in the new part of town, New Belgrade, the biggest and the most populated municipality of Belgrade, close to the Airport and the river banks.

The Ranko Žeravica Sports Hall is a multi-purpose sports arena. It was renamed in 2016 in honor of the Serbian basketball coach Ranko Žeravica and has seating capacity for 5,000 people for sporting events and up to 7,000 for musical events. It was built in 1968 and fully renovated in 2011.

Finally, I hereby wish all participants a warm welcome to Belgrade, a memorable tournament and memorable stay in our city. I am looking forward to having your full support and participation!

Yours sincerely,
Marko Nicović
President

ENTRY TO SERBIA / VISA REGIME

The great majority of countries does not need entry visas for Serbia, but please check the information anyway on the following web-site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

<http://www.mfa.gov.rs/en/consular-affairs/entry-serbia/visa-regime/81-consular-for-eigners-toserbia/>

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

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Date	When	What	Where
27 th November, Friday	10.00-18.00	REGISTRATION	Sport Hall
27 th November, Friday	12.00-18.00	REFEREE/COACH SEMINAR	Sport Hall
27 th November, Friday	18.00	WKC CONGRESS	Sport Hall
28 th November, Saturday	09.00-20.00	CHAMPIONSHIPS	Sport Hall
29 th November, Sunday	09.00-18.00	CHAMPIONSHIPS	Sport Hall

Please note that the program is subject to the change and will depend on the number of entries and other circumstances that can not be predicted at the moment, but we will stick to the scheduled dates only.

Sport Center Novi Beograd, Pariske komune str. No 20, New Belgrade.



WKC ELECTIVE CONGRESS:

On the eve of the championships the Elective Congress will take place. Please think about any item which you want to have included in the agenda and whom you might want to propose for election for any position in the Executive Committee.

All persons wishing to run for a position of the president or in the Executive Committee (vice-president) must submit their candidature by email to my office by the 1st of October 2026. Each candidate should attach a short, 1 page CV (full name, age, profession, name of federation, rank in karate and a photo).

Each candidate must submit a written letter of support from her/his federation.

Any suggestions for inclusion to the agenda or discussion at the congress should also be submitted to my office by e-mail until 1st October 2026 in order to send out the final agenda to all members 30 days prior to the congress. I will attach the list of candidates and their CV with the final agenda.



MEMBERS ACTIVITIES - FUTURE EVENTS

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PAST EVENTS

The most successful regional event, the 4th WKC BALKAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, was held in the small and picturesque town in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Srpska - Derventa.

The championships took place on 4th of April 2026 with participation of 8 countries: Slovenia, Croatia, two participants from Bosnia - Bosnian Federation and Republic of Srpska, Serbia, Romania, Northern Macedonia and Slovakia. This tournament is held every year, always in different Balkan country.



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