

IFK European Championships Spain - 2027



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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

04th FEBRUARY

Teams start to arrive

From 16:00h to 21:00h: Weigh-in and registration for Kata's competitors and U-16 and U-14 fighters.

Teams whose squads are complete by Thursday may register all their competitors during the same time slot. (Just registration, no weigh-ins for u18 and above categories)

However, **all weigh-ins for the U18 and above categories will take place ONLY on Friday**

05th FEBRUARY

Final arrival date

From 10:00h to 14:00 / 16:00 to 21:00h: Weigh-in and registration for U-18; U-21, Seniors and Veterans fighters.

Weigh-in and registration for competitors and coaches will be held in the Official Hotel, (Don Angel Hotel). The Official Credentials will be distributed.

Weigh-in and registration will be by TEAMS (Organizations-Dojos) No individual registration and weigh -in will be permitted.

Any competitor that does not make the weight may be disqualified.

14:00: Arrival in the sports hall of Kata and U-14 and U-16 competitions, preparation.

15:00: Doors open to spectators

15:30: Open Ceremony

16:00: Beginning of Kata competition

18:00: Beginning of U- 14 and U-16 fights

21:00: Rewardings of winners, a photoshoot.

06th FEBRUARY

08:30: Arrival in the sports hall of competitions, preparation.

09:30: Open Ceremony

10:00: Beginning of all category's fights (U-18; U-21, Seniors and Veterans)

14:30: Lunch break

16:00: Quarters, semi-final and final matches in all categories. (U-18; U-21, Seniors and Veterans)

20:00: Rewarding's of winners, a photoshoot.

22:30: Sayonara Party

****Entry to the Sayonara party is free, but you must buy tokens to purchase drinks. You can buy them at registration and weigh-in, or at the Sayonara itself.****

The programme may vary depending on the number of participants. Any changes will be communicated in good time.



KUMITE CATEGORIES

1. ADULT CATEGORY

Men -70kg/ -80kg/ -90kg/ +90kg

Women -55kg/ -65kg/ +65kg

Adult category competitors allocations per category:

4 fighters for IFK organisation per country

2 fighters for non IFK organisations per country

If the IFK country does not fill its allocation, then these spaces can be filled by the non IFK organisations.

A maximum of 6 fighters from a country in a category.

Adult category host nation competitors allocations per category:

(Please note it is possible for an athlete between the age of 18-20 to compete in the adult age group if they wish. No athlete can compete in 2 kumite categories)

4 fighters for IFK organisation

4 fighters for non IFK organisations

If the IFK country does not fill its allocation, then these spaces can be filled by the non IFK organisations.

A maximum of 8 fighters from a country in a category

Adult category bout duration:

2 minute, 2 minute, weight, 2 minutes enchoson (if 5kg weight difference the lighter competitor is declared the winner. 8kg in Men's Heavyweight)

Final 3 minute, 2 minute, 2 minute. (no weight decision).

Adult category compulsory safety equipment:

Shin and instep for women only/ men groin guard/ women breast protector (cup type).



2. UNDER 21 CATEGORY (the competitor must be 18 years to 20 years old on the first day of the competition)

Men -70kg/ -80kg/ +80kg

Women -55kg/ -65kg/ +65kg

Under 21 category competitors allocations per category:

4 fighters for IFK organisation per country

2 fighters for a non IFK organisations per country

If the IFK country does not fill its allocation, then these spaces can be filled by the non IFK organisations.

A maximum of 6 fighters from a country in a category

Under 21 category host nation competitors allocations per category:

4 fighters for IFK organisation

4 fighters for non IFK organisations

If the IFK country does not fill its allocation, then these spaces can be filled by the non IFK organisations.

A maximum of 8 fighters from a country in a category

Under 21 category bout duration:

2 minute, 2 minute, weight, 2 minutes enchoson (if 5kg weight difference the lighter competitor is declared the winner.
8kg in Men's Heavyweight)

Final 2 minute, 2 minute, 2 minute. (no weight decision).

Under 21 category compulsory safety equipment:

Shin and instep/ boy groin guard/ girl breast protector (cup type).



3. UNDER 18 CATEGORY (the competitor must be 16 years or 17 years old on the first day of the competition)

Boys -60kg/ -65kg/ -70kg/ -75kg/ +75kg

Girls -50kg/ -55kg/-60kg/ +60kg

Under 18 category competitors allocations per category:

3 fighters for IFK organisation per country

3 fighters for non IFK organisations per country

If the IFK country does not fill its allocation, then these spaces can be filled by the non IFK organisations.

A maximum of 6 fighters from a country in a category

Under 18 category host nation competitors allocations per category:

4 fighters for IFK organisation

4 fighters for non IFK organisations

If the IFK country does not fill its allocation, then these spaces can be filled by the non IFK organisations.

A maximum of 8 fighters from a country in a category

Under 18 category bout duration:

2 minute, 2 minute, weight, 2 minutes enchainé (if 3kg weight difference the lighter competitor is declared the winner).

Final 2 minute, 2 minute, 2 minute. (no weight decision).

Under 18 category compulsory safety equipment:

Shin and instep/ boy groin guard/ girl breast protector (cup type).

Please note that Headgear is optional for Under 18 Category



4. UNDER 16 CATEGORY (the competitor must be 14 years or 15 years old on the first day of the competition)

Boys -50kg/ -55kg/ -60kg/ -65kg/ -70kg / +75kg

Girls -45kg/ -50kg/-55kg/ -60kg / +60Kg

Under 16 category competitors allocations per category:

3 fighters for IFK organisation per country

3 fighters for non IFK organisations per country

If the IFK country does not fill its allocation, then these spaces can be filled by the non IFK organisations.

A maximum of 6 fighters from a country in a category

Under 16 category host nation competitors allocations per category:

4 fighters for IFK organisation

4 fighters for non IFK organisations

If the IFK country does not fill its allocation, then these spaces can be filled by the non IFK organisations.

A maximum of 4 fighters from a country in a category

Under 16 category bout duration:

1.5minute, 1.5 minute, weight, 1.5 minutes enchoson (if 3kg weight difference the lighter competitor is declared the winner).

Final 2 minute, 1.5 minute, weight, 1.5 minute enchoson (if 3kg weight difference the lighter competitor is declared the winner).

Under 16 category compulsory safety equipment:

Shin and instep/ hand mitts/ headgear/boy groin guard/ girl breast protector (cup type).

If a category has insufficient competitors then the Pool system can be implemented or the weight parameter may be adjusted



5. UNDER 14 CATEGORY (the competitor must be 12 years or 13 years old on the first day of the competition)

Boys -40kg/ -45kg/ -50kg/ -55kg/ +55kg

Girls -40kg/ -45kg/-50kg/ -55kg / +55kg

Under 14 category competitors allocations per category:

2 fighters for IFK organisation per country

2 fighters for non IFK organisations per country

If the IFK country does not fill its allocation, then these spaces can be filled by the non IFK organisations.

A maximum of 4 fighters from a country in a category

Under 14 category host nation competitors allocations per category:

3 fighters for IFK organisation

3 fighters for non IFK organisations

If the IFK country does not fill its allocation, then these spaces can be filled by the non IFK organisations.

A maximum of 6 fighters from a country in a category

Under 14 category bout duration:

1.5minute, 1.5 minute, weight, 1.5 minutes enchosen (if 3kg weight difference the lighter competitor is declared the winner).

Final 2 minute, 1.5 minute, weight, 1.5 minute enchosen (if 3kg weight difference the lighter competitor is declared the winner).

Under 14 category compulsory safety equipment:

Shin and instep/ hand mitts/ headgear/boy groin guard/ body protector (Organiser will be supply the body armour)

If a category has insufficient competitors then the Pool system can be implemented, or the weight parameter may be adjusted



6. VETERANS CATEGORY (+40 years)

Men +40 years -80kg/ +80kg

Men +50 years -80kg/ +80kg

Veterans category competitors allocations per category:

4 fighters for IFK organisation per country

2 fighters for a non IFK organisations per country

If the IFK country does not fill its allocation, then these spaces can be filled by the non IFK organisations.

A maximum of 6 fighters from a country in a category

Veterans category host nation competitors allocations per category:

4 fighters for IFK organisation

4 fighters for non IFK organisations

If the IFK country does not fill its allocation, then these spaces can be filled by the non IFK organisations.

A maximum of 8 fighters from a country in a category

Veterans category bout duration:

Category +40 years:

2 minutes, 2minutes, weight +2 minutes enchosen (if 5kg weight difference the lighter competitor is declared the winner)

Final: 2minutes +2minutes +2minutes (no weight decision).

Category +50 years:

1.5 minute+ 1.5minute +weight +1.5minute enchosen (if 5kg weight difference the lighter competitor is declared the winner)

Final: 1.5minute +1.5 minute +1.5minute (no weight decision).

Veterans category compulsory safety equipment:

Shin and instep/ groin guard/ hands protection



*IMPORTANT:

Pool system can be either one or two rounds of the same length and all competitors within the pool will compete against each other. Competitors are given 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 points for a loss. The winner is the competitor with the most points. If there is a tie then the lightest competitor is the winner. If the weight is the same, then the youngest competitor will be declared the winner.

The organisation has the right to merge categories if there are not enough competitors in one of them.

CATEGORIES AND PROTECTIONS CHARTS RESUME

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Weight categories

Age divisions, competition weights and weight differences for decision

DIVISION / AGE	SEX	WEIGHT CATEGORIES (kg)	DIFFERENCES FOR DECISION
Juniors U14 12-13 years	Men	-40 / -45 / -50 / -55 / +55	3 kg
	Women	-40 / -45 / -50 / -55 / +55	3 kg
Juniors U16 14-15 years	Men	-50 / -55 / -60 / -65 / -70 / +75	3 kg
	Women	-45 / -50 / -55 / -60 / +60	3 kg
Cadets U18 16-17 years	Men	-60 / -65 / -70 / -75 / +75	3 kg / Open category: 5 kg
	Women	-50 / -55 / -60 / +60	3 kg / Open category: 3 kg
Youth U21 18-20 years	Men	-70 / -80 / +80	5 kg / Open category: 8 kg
	Women	-55 / -65 / +65	All categories: 5 kg
Adults 18+ 18+ years	Men	-70 / -80 / -90 / +90	5 kg / Open category: 8 kg
	Women	-55 / -65 / +65	All categories: 5 kg
Veterans +40	Men	-80 / +80	All categories: 5 kg
Veterans +50	Men	-80 / +80	All categories: 5 kg



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Protective equipment

Equipment requirements by age division | Consolidated reference table

DIVISION / AGE	SEX	Shin pads	Groin guard	Chest protector (cup)	Body armour (body vest)	Hand protector	Headgear	Gum shield
Juniors U14 12-13 years	Boys	Compulsory	Compulsory	Not applicable	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory	Optional
	Girls	Compulsory	Optional	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory	Optional
Juniors U16 14-15 years	Boys	Compulsory	Compulsory	Not applicable	Not applicable	Compulsory	Compulsory	Optional
	Girls	Compulsory	Optional	Compulsory	Not applicable	Compulsory	Compulsory	Optional
Cadets U18 16-17 years	Male	Compulsory	Compulsory	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Optional	Optional
	Female	Compulsory	Optional	Compulsory	Not applicable	Not applicable	Optional	Optional
Seniors U21 18-20 years	Male	Compulsory	Compulsory	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Optional
	Female	Compulsory	Optional	Compulsory	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Optional
Seniors 18 years and above	Male	Not applicable	Compulsory	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Optional
	Female	Compulsory	Optional	Compulsory	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Optional
Veterans +40 40+ years	Male	Compulsory	Compulsory	Not applicable	Not applicable	Compulsory	Optional	Optional

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Approved protective equipment

Approved models | Visual reference

Body protector	Hand protectors	Headgear	Shin pads	Chest protector
				
ALLOWED	ALLOWED	ALLOWED	ALLOWED	ALLOWED

Body protector will be supplied by organiser



KATA CATEGORIES

INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY:

1. Senior

Men / Women

2. Under 18 (15-17 years)

Boys / Girls

3. Under 15 (12-14 years)

Boys / Girls

Category competitors allocations per category:

4 competitors per country

Host country is allowed up to 6 individual competitors per category

TEAM CATEGORY:

1. Senior

2. Under 18

****U18 team can have participants from 12-17 years****

Teams allocations per category:

2 teams per country

Host country is allowed up to 3 teams per category



GENERAL DETAILS

This European Championship is open for all Full Contact organisations who compete under the Knockdown rule set. Each Category has a competitor restriction for each country.

Competitors must represent their country, and they must hold at least a 6th kyu (yellow belt) for adult and U21 categories, and an 8th kyu (blue belt) for categories U18 years old.

If your organisation uses a different belt structure a competitor must have a minimum of two years' experience.

The European Kata Championships are open exclusively to IFK members. The minimum age for participation is 12 years, and participants must hold at least a 4th kyu grade.

REFEREE RULES/UNIFORMS:

As per IFK Kyokushin Knockdown rules/uniforms

COMPETITION RULES:

KUMITE: it will be in accordance with the IFK Knockdown rules

KATA: it will be ruled by the IFK's international Kata regulations

ENTRY PROCEDURES:

SMOOTHCOMP Online Fighter Entry will open on October 19th, 2026.

Regular entries: from October 19th, 2026 to January 17th, 2027.

Late entries: From January 18th to January 31st,

REFEREE ALLOCATIONS:

Official quotas for Referees/Judges from a country will be 5 per country. If a participating country has a member on the IFK Referee Board, the referee quota will be 6

TEAM COACH ALLOCATIONS:

The amount of Country Coaches will be 1 per each 5 fighters. If a team wants to have more coaches than the permitted number, it can purchase a coach pass for 15 euros. This can be purchased at the registration and weigh-in.

MEETINGS:

Thursday 04th of February:

- 11:00h – 13:00h: Judging Meeting
- 11:00 – 11:30: Coaches Meeting

Thursday 04th of February:

- 16:00h – 18:00h: IFK Country Representative Meeting

****All meetings will be at the Official Hotel****



FEES:

Spectator Entrance fee:

Only Friday 5th: €15

Only Saturday 6th: €20

2 days: € 25

Tickets can be purchased at the weigh-in and registration. They can also be bought on the day of the championship.

Competitors fee:

Registration fees

Competition entry fees | All amounts in euros (EUR)

CATEGORY	REGULAR REGISTRATION	LATE REGISTRATION
Kumite	65 €	75 €
Kata - Individual	65 €	75 €
Kata - Team	90 €	100 €
Kumite + Kata - Individual	110 €	120 €

DOCUMENTS AND PROTECTIONS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE WEIGH IN:

- Insurance
- Organisation membership card.
- Each fighter must present their protective equipment for approval.

Please note that all protective equipment must be personal to the individual, and each fighter must have their own.



ACCOMMODATION:

Official Hotel: Hotel Don Angel, Santa Susana

Official Hotel is 10 minutes walking from the Hall. (Pavelló Poliesportiu El Colomer)

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Hotel accommodation

Breakfast, lunch and dinner included

Standard room

Prices per person and per night

ROOM TYPE	PRICE (EUR)
Single	150 €
Double	120 €
Triple	110 €

****Please note that prices are per person and per night, and breakfast, lunch and dinner included. ****

To make your hotel booking, please complete the form below:

<https://forms.gle/HF6KnwxGgxbnApQy5>

You will then receive an email confirming your booking and the payment details.

The hotel booking will be confirmed once payment has been made and proof of payment has been sent to info@ifkspain.com

Teams can book their own hotel if they wish.

If you have any questions, please email us at info@ifkspain.com

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