

KARATE WORLD CHAMPIONS DUBAI

WKF ANNUAL REPORT 2021





WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

Member of:
Global Association of International Sport Federations (GAISF)
International World Games Association (IWGA)

Contents

1.	INTRODUCTION	2
1.1	Affiliations	2
1.2	Events	2
2.	WKF OFFICIAL CALENDAR 2021	3
3.	TOKYO 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES	4
3.1	TOKYO 2020 Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Paris 2021	4
3.2	Participation	5
3.3	Medal Table	5
4.	25th SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – DUBAI 2021	6
4.1	Participation	6
4.2	Pictures and Videos	7
4.3	Medal Table	7
5.	KARATE 1	9
5.1	Karate 1 – Premier League	9
5.2	Karate 1 – Series A	10
5.3	Karate 1 – Youth League	10
6.	CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	11
7.	YOUTH PANAMERICAN GAMES – CALI 2021	12
7.1	Participation	12
7.2	Medal Table	12
8.	REFEREE COURSES	13
8.1	For Candidates with WKF Qualification – Dubai 2021	13
8.2	For candidates with no WKF Qualification – Istanbul 2021	13
8.3	Referees and Judges per Continental Federation	13
9.	WKF COACHES COURSES & EXAMINATION	14
10.	TV BROADCASTING & COMMUNICATION	15
10.1	TV Broadcasting	15
10.2	Social Media Channels	15
11.	WKF OFFICIAL PARTNERS	16
11.1	WKF Official Sponsors	16
11.2	“WKF Approved” Brands	16
11.2.1	Sport Protections	16
11.2.2	Karate-gis	16
11.2.3	Tatamis	16



WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

Member of:
Global Association of International Sport Federations (GAISF)
International World Games Association (IWGA)

1. INTRODUCTION

This report focuses on the main activities of the World Karate Federation for the period from 1st January 2021 to the 31st December 2021.

1.1 Affiliations

A total of 197 members composes the WKF as follows:

AFFILIATIONS	
CONTINENTAL FEDERATION	NATIONAL FEDERATIONS
AKF	44
EKF	53
OKF	11
PKF	39
UFAK	50
TOTAL	197

1.2 Events

A total of 19 WKF Official Events were held in 2021:

2021 WKF OFFICIAL EVENTS		
TYPE OF EVENT	EVENT	TOTAL
Olympic Games	Tokyo 2020 - Qualification Tournament	1
	Tokyo 2020	1
World Championships	25 th World Senior Championships	1
Multisport Games	Youth Pan-American Games	1
Continental Championships	AKF	1
	EKF	2
	PKF	1
	UFAK	1
	Mediterranean Championships	1
Karate 1	Premier League	4
	Series A	0
	Youth League	4
WKF Youth Camp		1
TOTAL		19



WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

Member of:
Global Association of International Sport Federations (GAISF)
International World Games Association (IWGA)

2. WKF OFFICIAL CALENDAR 2021

The table below shows the 2021 WKF Official Calendar:

WKF OFFICIAL CALENDAR 2021			
DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	WEB
12-14 March	Premier League	Istanbul (Turkey)	LINK
30 April - 2 May	Premier League	Lisbon (Portugal)	LINK
19-23 May	EKF Senior Championships	Porec (Croatia)	LINK
4-6 June	Youth League	Limassol (Cyprus)	LINK
11-13 June	Tokyo 2020 - Qualification Tournament	Paris (France)	LINK
28 June-1 July	WKF Youth Camp	Porec (Croatia)	LINK
2-4 July	Youth League	Porec (Croatia)	LINK
5-7 August	Tokyo 2020 - Olympic Games (Karate Competition)	Tokyo (Japan)	LINK
20-22 August	EKF Cadet, Junior & U21 Championships	Tampere (Finland)	LINK
3-5 September	Premier League	Cairo (Egypt)	LINK
17-19 September	Youth League	Istanbul (Turkey)	LINK
1-3 October	Premier League	Moscow (Russia)	LINK
21-24 October	PKF Senior Championships	Punta del Este (Uruguay)	LINK
22-24 October	Mediterranean Championships	Limassol (Cyprus)	LINK
16-21 November	World Senior Championships	Dubai (UAE)	LINK
4 - 5 December	Youth PanAmerican Games (Karate Competition / Under 21)	Cali (Colombia)	LINK
3-5 December	UFAK Cadet, Junior & Senior Championships	Cairo (Egypt)	LINK
9-12 December	Youth League	Venice (Italy)	LINK
19-22 December	AKF Senior and Cadet, Junior & U21 Championships	Almaty (Kazakhstan)	LINK



WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

Member of:
Global Association of International Sport Federations (GAISF)
International World Games Association (IWGA)

3. TOKYO 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES

Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games was the first time that Karate was part of the Olympic Games.



3.1 TOKYO 2020 Olympic Games Qualification Tournament - Paris 2021

24 places for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games were decided by the Qualification Tournament held in Paris.

The table below shows the participation at the TOKYO 2020 Qualification Tournament – Paris 2021:

Number of Countries Participating	PARIS 2021	Number of Individual Participants	PARIS 2021
	96		479
AKF	17	AKF	78
EKF	45	EKF	250
OKF	3	OKF	15
PKF	20	PKF	81
UFAK	11	UFAK	55

The table below shows the number of athletes qualified by Continental Federation at the TOKYO 2020 Qualification Tournament – Paris 2021:

Number of Athletes Qualified by Continental Federation	PARIS 2021
	24
AKF	6
EKF	13
OKF	0
PKF	3
UFAK	2



WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

Member of:
Global Association of International Sport Federations (GAISF)
International World Games Association (IWGA)

3.2 Participation

The table below shows the participation at the TOKYO 2020 Olympic Games:

Number of Countries Participating	TOKYO 2020	Number of Individual Participants	TOKYO 2020
	36		82
AKF	8	AKF	25
EKF	18	EKF	37
OKF	2	OKF	2
PKF	4	PKF	9
UFAK	4	UFAK	7
		REFUGEE	2

3.3 Medal Table

The following table shows the medals per nation in the TOKYO 2020 Olympic Games:

NATION - MEDAL				
RANK	NATION	1 ST PLACE	2 ND PLACE	3 RD PLACE
1	JAPAN, JPN	1	1	1
2	SPAIN, ESP	1	1	
3	EGYPT, EGY	1		1
3	ITALY, ITA	1		1
5	BULGARIA, BUL	1		
5	FRANCE, FRA	1		
5	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, IRI	1		
5	SERBIA, SRB	1		
9	AZERBAIJAN, AZE		2	
10	TURKEY, TUR		1	3
11	PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, CHN		1	1
11	UKRAINE, UKR		1	1
13	SAUDI ARABIA, KSA		1	
14	KAZAKHSTAN, KAZ			2
15	AUSTRIA, AUT			1
15	HONG KONG, CHINA, HKG			1
15	HUNGARY, HUN			1
15	JORDAN, JOR			1
15	CHINESE TAIPEI, TPE			1
15	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, USA			1
	TOTAL	8	8	16



WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

Member of:
Global Association of International Sport Federations (GAISF)
International World Games Association (IWGA)

4. 25th SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – DUBAI 2021

The 25th edition of the Karate World Championships were held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 16th to 21st November 2021.



4.1 Participation

The table below shows the participation at the 25th Senior World Championships – Dubai 2021:

Number of Countries Participating	105	Number of Athletes Participating	1061
AKF	26	AKF	230
EKF	46	EKF	570
OKF	1	OKF	117
PKF	19	PKF	137
UFAK	12	UFAK	7

The table below shows the participation distribution:

Number of Individual Category Participants	751	Number of Team Participants	139	Number of PARA-Karate Participants	79
AKF	169	AKF	29	AKF	1
EKF	391	EKF	74	EKF	53
OKF	7	OKF	1	OKF	0
PKF	104	PKF	19	PKF	11
UFAK	80	UFAK	16	UFAK	14



WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

Member of:
Global Association of International Sport Federations (GAISF)
International World Games Association (IWGA)

4.2 Pictures and Videos

The links below show the 25th Senior World Championships – Dubai 2021 best moments:

[PHOTOBOOK](#)

[INDIVIDUAL HIGHLIGHTS](#)

[PARA-KARATE HIGHLIGHTS](#)

[TEAM HIGHLIGHTS](#)

*Click on the buttons

4.3 Medal Table

The following table shows the medals per nation in the 25th Senior World Championships Dubai 2021:

NATION - MEDAL				
RANK	NATION	1 ST PLACE	2 ND PLACE	3 RD PLACE
1	JAPAN, JPN	4	1	2
2	EGYPT, EGY	3	2	3
3	SPAIN, ESP	2	3	
4	ITALY, ITA	1	3	5
5	FRANCE, FRA	1	1	2
6	SERBIA, SRB	1	1	
7	AZERBAIJAN, AZE	1		2
8	BRAZIL, BRA	1		
8	UZBEKISTAN, UZB	1		
8	GEORGIA, GEO	1		
11	UKRAINE, UKR		1	2
12	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, USA		1	1
13	GERMANY, GER		1	
13	CHILE, CHI		1	
13	NORTH MACEDONIA, MKD		1	
16	KAZAKHSTAN, KAZ			3
17	TURKEY, TUR			2
17	RKF, RKF			2
17	CROATIA, CRO			2
20	BULGARIA, BUL			1
20	MOROCCO, MAR			1
20	NETHERLANDS, NED			1
20	PERU, PER			1
20	COLOMBIA, COL			1
20	HONG KONG CHINA, HKG			1
TOTAL		16	16	32



WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

Member of:
Global Association of International Sport Federations (GAISF)
International World Games Association (IWGA)

The following table shows the medals per nation in the PARA – Karate Senior World Championship Dubai 2021:

NATION - MEDAL				
RANKING	NATION	1 ST PLACE	2 ND PLACE	3 RD PLACE
1	EGYPT, EGY	3	2	3
2	SPAIN, ESP	2	1	2
3	HUNGARY, HUN	1	1	
4	UNITED STATES, USA	1		
4	ROMANIA, ROU	1		
6	FRANCE, FRA		2	1
6	BRAZIL, BRA		1	
7	ITALY, ITA		1	
7	GERMANY, GER			2
9	PORTUGAL, POR			2
9	AZERBAIJAN, AZE			2
9	RKF, RKF			1
12	JAPAN, JPN			1
12	CANADA, CAN			1
12	UKRAINE, UKR			1
TOTAL		8	8	16





WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

Member of:
Global Association of International Sport Federations (GAISF)
International World Games Association (IWGA)

5. KARATE 1

Karate 1 is the main series of competition organised by the WKF.

5.1 Karate 1 – Premier League

During 2021, 4 Karate 1 - Premier League Events were held:

KARATE 1 - PREMIER LEAGUE EVENTS					
DATE	CITY	PARTICIPATION		PHOTOBOOK	HIGHLIGHTS
		Athletes	Countries		
March 12-14	Istanbul, Turkey	481	61	Istanbul 2021	Link
April 30 – May 2	Lisbon, Portugal	594	79	Lisbon 2021	Link
September 3-5	Cairo, Egypt	218	45	Cairo 2021	Link
October 1-3	Moscow, Russia	391	49	Moscow 2021	Link

At the end of 2021, the 2020-2021 Grand Winners were awarded:



*Click on the picture



WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

Member of:
Global Association of International Sport Federations (GAISF)
International World Games Association (IWGA)

5.2 Karate 1 – Series A

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no Karate 1 - Series A events were held in 2021.

5.3 Karate 1 – Youth League

During 2021, 4 Karate 1 - Youth League Events were held:

KARATE 1 - YOUTH LEAGUE EVENTS			
DATE	CITY	PARTICIPATION	
		Athletes	Countries
June 4-6	Limassol, Cyprus	704	37
July 2-4	Porec, Croatia	1590	50
September 17-19	Istanbul, Turkey	836	51
December 9-12	Venice, Italy	2047	52





WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

Member of:
Global Association of International Sport Federations (GAISF)
International World Games Association (IWGA)

6. CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The table below shows the participation in the Continental Championships during 2021:

WKF OFFICIAL CALENDAR 2021						
DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	PARTICIPATION			WEB
			Countries	Athletes	PARA - KARATE	
19-23 May	EKF Senior Championships	Porec (Croatia)	47	591	49	LINK
20-22 Aug	EKF Cadet, Junior & U21 Championships	Tampere (Finland)	45	1021		LINK
21-24 Oct	PKF Senior Championships	Punta del Este (Uruguay)	23	267	11	LINK
22-24 Oct	Mediterranean Championships	Limassol (Cyprus)	13	405		LINK
3-5 Dec	UFAK Cadet, Junior & Senior Championships	Cairo (Egypt)	23	306		LINK
19-22 Dec	AKF Senior and Cadet, Junior & U21 Championships	Almaty (Kazakhstan)	23	448		LINK





WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

Member of:
Global Association of International Sport Federations (GAISF)
International World Games Association (IWGA)

7. YOUTH PANAMERICAN GAMES – CALI 2021

The 2021 Youth PanAmerican Games were held in Cali, Colombia. Karate competition took place from 4th to 5th December 2021.

7.1 Participation

The table below shows the participation at the Youth PanAmerican Games Cali - 2021:

Number of Countries Participating	23	Number of Individual Participants	73
--	-----------	--	-----------

7.2 Medal Table

The following table shows the medals per nation in the Youth PanAmerican Games Cali - 2021:

NATION - MEDAL				
RANK	NATION	1 ST PLACE	2 ND PLACE	3 RD PLACE
1	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, USA	4		1
2	BRAZIL, BRA	2	2	3
3	CHILE, CHI	1	1	1
3	PUERTO RICO, PUR	1	1	
5	PERU, PER	1		3
5	CANADA, CAN	1		
5	MEXICO, MEX		4	1
5	COLOMBIA, COL		1	4
9	GUATEMALA, GUA		1	
10	ECUADOR, ECU			3
11	BOLIVIA, BOL			1
11	CUBA, CUB			1
13	VENEZUELA, VEN			1
14	EL SALVADOR, ESA			1
TOTAL		10	10	20

More information in the Youth PanAmerican Games – Cali 2021 [website](#).



WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

Member of:
Global Association of International Sport Federations (GAISF)
International World Games Association (IWGA)

8. REFEREE COURSES

8.1 For Candidates with WKF Qualification – Dubai 2021

REFEREE COURSE PARTICIPATION	DUBAI 2021
Kata Course	90
Kumite Course	166
Kata & Kumite	126
TOTAL	382

8.2 For candidates with no WKF Qualification – Istanbul 2021

Since 2017 an annual WKF Referee Course at Premier League events is celebrated for Candidates with no WKF qualification. The table below includes the number of participants:

REFEREE COURSE PARTICIPATION	ISTANBUL 2021
Kata Course	29
Kumite Course	51
Kata & Kumite	29
TOTAL	109

8.3 Referees and Judges per Continental Federation

The following table includes the number of referees and judges per continental federation:

CONTINENTAL FEDERATION	REFEREES AND JUDGES	MALE	FEMALE
AKF	345	299	46
EKF	236	213	23
UFAK	153	130	23
PKF	99	84	15
OKF	27	19	8
TOTAL	860	745	115





WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

Member of:
Global Association of International Sport Federations (GAISF)
International World Games Association (IWGA)

9. WKF COACHES COURSES & EXAMINATION

The following table includes the number of coaches who obtained certification:

WKF CERTIFIED COACHES ON SITE				
EVENT	COACH PROGRAMME	ACCREDITED COACH	KUMITE	KATA
PL	Istanbul 2021	14	26	5
PL	Lisbon 2021	13	25	5
YL	Limassol 2021	46	/	/
QT	Paris 2021	30	24	9
YL	Porec 2021	121	/	/
PL	Cairo 2021	1	6	3
YL	Istanbul 2021	41	/	/
PL	Moscow 2021	12	11	3
WSCH	Dubai 2021	84	52	23
YL	Venice 2021	102	/	/
TOTAL		464	144	48

WKF CERTIFIED COACHES ONLINE			
COACH PROGRAMME	ACCREDITED COACH	KUMITE	KATA
E-Learning	209	61	32
TOTAL	209	61	32





WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

Member of:
Global Association of International Sport Federations (GAISF)
International World Games Association (IWGA)

10. TV BROADCASTING & COMMUNICATION

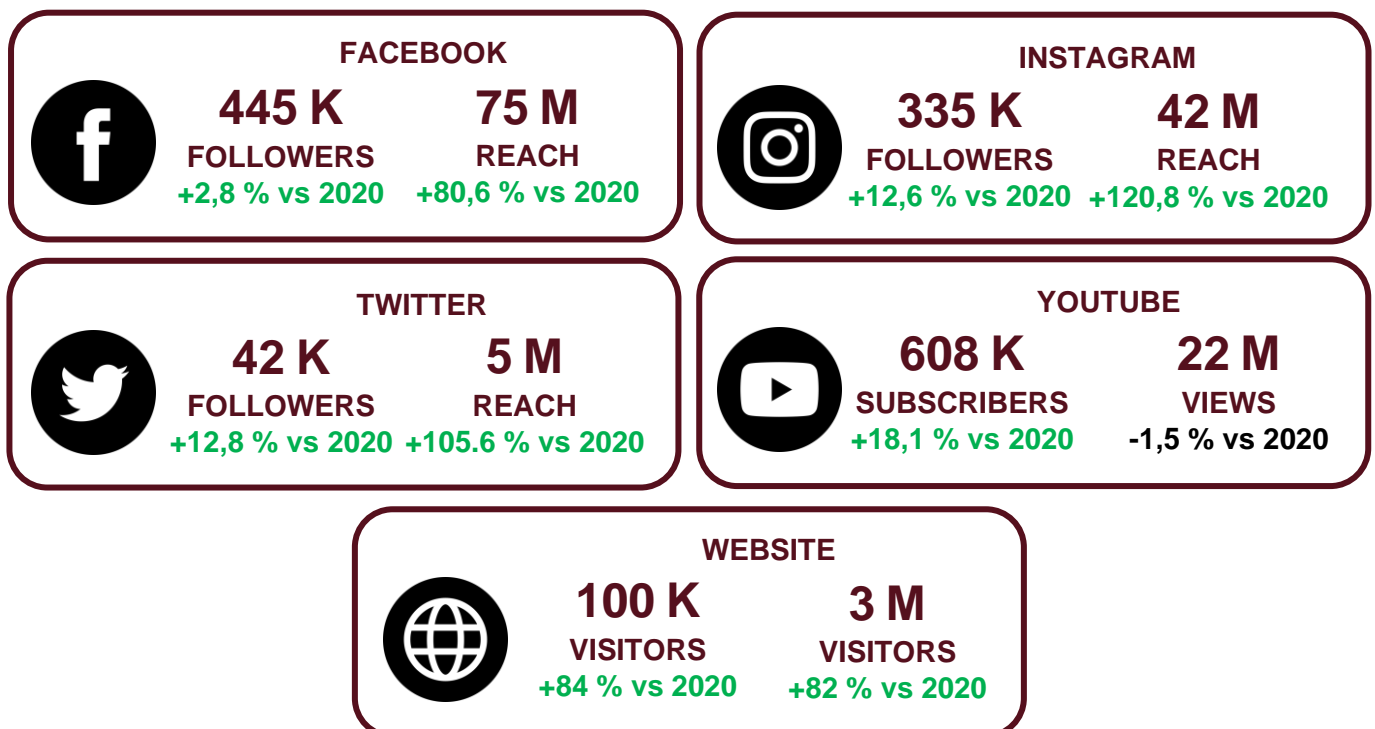
10.1 TV Broadcasting

During 2021 all Karate 1 – Premier League events and the World Senior Championships were broadcasted in more than 150 countries in 5 continents:



10.2 Social Media Channels

The following graphics show the WKF official channel statics in 2021:





WORLD KARATE FEDERATION

Member of:
Global Association of International Sport Federations (GAISF)
International World Games Association (IWGA)

11. WKF OFFICIAL PARTNERS

11.1 WKF Official Sponsors

Main sponsors for the WKF Official events:

Eat Well, Live Well.



11.2 “WKF Approved” Brands

11.2.1 Sport Protections

Brands with “WKF Approved” protections:



11.2.2 Karate-gis

*Click on the picture

Brands with “WKF Approved” Karate-gis:



11.2.3 Tatamis

*Click on the picture

Brands with “WKF Approved” Tatamis:



*Click on the picture

