

# WKF ANNUAL REPORT 2023





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**1. INTRODUCTION**

This report focuses on the main activities of the World Karate Federation for the period from 1st January 2023 to the 31st December 2023.

**1.1 Affiliations**

A total of 200 members composes the WKF as follows:

AFFILIATIONS	
CONTINENTAL FEDERATION	NATIONAL FEDERATIONS
AKF	44
EKF	54
OKF	13
PKF	39
UFAK	50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>200</b>

**1.2 Events**

A total of 32 WKF Official Events were held in 2023:

2023 WKF OFFICIAL EVENTS		
TYPE OF EVENT	EVENT	TOTAL
<b>World Championships</b>	World Senior Championships	1
<b>Multisport Games</b>	European Games	1
	Mediterranean Beach Games	1
	Asian Games	1
	World Combat Games	1
	Pan American Games	1
	Pacific Games	1
	<b>Continental Championships</b>	AKF
EKF		2
PKF		2
OKF		2
UFAK		1
<b>Karate 1</b>	Premier League	4
	Series A	5
	Youth League	5
<b>Other Activities</b>	WKF Youth Camp	1
<b>Regional Events</b>	Mediterranean Championships	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>32</b>



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**2. WKF OFFICIAL CALENDAR 2023**

The table below shows the 2023 WKF Official Calendar:

WKF OFFICIAL CALENDAR 2023			
DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	WEB
13-15 January	Series A	Athens (Greece)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
27-29 January	Premier League	Cairo (Egypt)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
3-5 February	EKF Cadet, Junior & U21 Championships	Larnaca (Cyprus)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
23-26 February	Youth League	Fujairah (UAE)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
10-12 March	Series A	Konya (Turkey)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
22-26 March	EKF Senior Championships	Guadalajara (Spain)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
14-16 April	Series A	Richmond-Vancouver (Canada)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
27-30 April	Youth League	A Coruña (Spain)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
5-7 May	OKF Cadet & Junior Championships	Sydney (Australia)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
12-14 May	Premier League	Rabat (Morocco)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
19-21 May	Mediterranean Championships	Tunis (Tunisia)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
26-28 May	PKF Senior Championships	San José (Costa Rica)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
9-11 June	Premier League	Fukuoka (Japan)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
22 - 23 June	European Games	Bielsko-Biala (Poland)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
26-29 June	WKF Youth Camp	Porec (Croatia)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
29 June - 2 July	Youth League	Porec (Croatia)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
1-2 July	OKF Senior & U21 Championships	Christchurch (New Zealand)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
21-23 July	AKF Senior Championships	Melaka (Malaysia)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
14-20 August	UFAK Championships	Casablanca (Morocco)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
25-27 August	PKF Cadet, Junior and U21 Championships	Santiago (Chile)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
8-10 September	Premier League	Dublin (Ireland)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
10-11 September	Mediterranean Beach Games	Heraklion (Greece)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
21-24 September	Youth League	Merida (Mexico)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
29 Sept - 1 Oct	Series A	Larnaca (Cyprus)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
5 - 7 Oct	Asian Games	Hangzhou (China)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
20-21 October	World Combat Games *U21 categ.	Riyadh (Saudi Arabia)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
<b>24-29 October</b>	<b>World Senior Championships</b>	<b>Budapest (Hungary)</b>	<b><a href="#">LINK</a></b>
3-5 November	Pan American Games	Santiago (Chile)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
6-8 November	AKF Cadet, Junior & U21 Championships	Almaty (Kazakhstan)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
23-24 November	Pacific Games	Honiara (Solomon Islands)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
24-26 November	Series A	Matosinhos (Portugal)	<a href="#">LINK</a>
7-10 December	Youth League	Venice (Italy)	<a href="#">LINK</a>



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**3. 26<sup>th</sup> WORLD SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS BUDAPEST 2023**

The 26<sup>th</sup> World Senior Championships were held in Budapest, Hungary, from 24th to 29th October 2023.



**3.1 Participation**

The table below shows the participation at the 26th World Senior Championships:

Number of Countries Participating	105	Number of Athletes Participating	1049
AKF	24	AKF	280
EKF	50	EKF	529
OKF	4	OKF	19
PKF	17	PKF	110
UFAK	10	UFAK	111

The table below shows the participation distribution:

Number of Individuals participating	770	Number of Teams Participants	150
AKF	224	AKF	30
EKF	365	EKF	89
OKF	13	OKF	3
PKF	89	PKF	11
UFAK	79	UFAK	17



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**3.2 Medal Table**

The following table shows the medals per nation in the 26<sup>th</sup> World Senior Championships Budapest 2023:

NATION - MEDAL					
RANK	NATION	1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE	2 <sup>ND</sup> PLACE	3 <sup>RD</sup> PLACE	TOTAL
1	JAPAN, JPN	4	1	1	6
2	EGYPT, EGY	2	2	4	8
3	TÜRKIYE, TUR	2	2	1	5
4	FRANCE, FRA	2		3	5
5	SPAIN, ESP	1	2	3	6
6	KAZAKHSTAN, KAZ	1	1	1	3
7	JORDAN, JOR	1		1	2
8	AZERBAIJAN, AZE	1			1
8	GREECE, GRE	1			1
8	PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA, CHN	1			1
11	ITALY, ITA		2	5	7
12	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, IRI		1	1	2
13	BULGARIA, BUL		1		1
13	MONTENEGRO, MNE		1		1
13	HUNGARY, HUN		1		1
13	HONG KONG, CHINA, HKG		1		1
13	SWITZERLAND, SUI		1		1
18	UKRAINE, UKR			3	3
19	VENEZUELA, VEN			2	2
20	KOSOVO, KOS			1	1
20	SAUDI ARABIA, KSA			1	1
20	CROATIA, CRO			1	1
20	INDIVIDUAL NEUTRAL ATHLETES			1	1
20	UNITED STATES, USA			1	1
20	INDONESIA, INA			1	1
20	SERBIA, SRB			1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>32</b>	



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### 3.3 WKF PARA-KARATE Championships 2023

The table below shows the participation at the 26th World Senior Championships:

Number of Countries Participating	33	Number of Athletes Participating	110
AKF	4	AKF	12
EKF	19	EKF	71
OKF	5	OKF	1
PKF	1	PKF	12
UFAK	4	UFAK	14

The following table shows the medals per nation in the 26<sup>th</sup> World Senior Championships Budapest 2023:

NATION - MEDAL					
RANK	NATION	1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE	2 <sup>ND</sup> PLACE	3 <sup>RD</sup> PLACE	TOTAL
1	EGYPT, EGY	3	1	5	9
2	SPAIN, ESP	2	1	1	4
3	JAPAN, JPN	1	1		2
4	AZERBAIJAN, AZE	1			1
4	HUNGARY, HUN	1			1
6	ITALY, ITA		2	1	3
7	UKRAINE, UKR		1		1
7	CZECH REPUBLIC, CZE		1		1
7	GERMANY, GER		1		1
10	FRANCE, FRA			2	2
10	PORTUGAL, POR			2	2
12	TURKIYE, TUR			1	1
12	NETHERLANDS, NED			1	1
12	MEXICO, MEX			1	1
12	CANADA, CAN			1	1
12	CROATIA, CRO			1	1
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	





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### 4. KARATE 1

Karate 1 is the main series of competitions organized by the WKF.

#### 4.1 Karate 1 – Premier League



During 2023, 4 Karate 1 - Premier League Events were held:

KARATE 1 - PREMIER LEAGUE EVENTS					
DATE	CITY	PARTICIPATION		PHOTOBOOK	WEB
		Athletes	Countries		
January 27-29	Cairo (Egypt)	367	56	<a href="#">Cairo 2023</a>	<a href="#">Link</a>
May 12-14	Rabat (Morocco)	346	53	<a href="#">Rabat 2023</a>	<a href="#">Link</a>
June 13-15	Fukuoka (Japan)	284	46	<a href="#">Fukuoka 2023</a>	<a href="#">Link</a>
October 1-3	Dublin (Ireland)	344	56	<a href="#">Dublin 2023</a>	<a href="#">Link</a>



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At the end of the Karate 1 – Premier League Dublin 2023, the 2023 Grand Winners were awarded:



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### 4.2 Karate 1 – Series A

During 2023, 5 Karate 1 – Series A Events were held:

KARATE 1 – SERIES A EVENTS				
DATE	CITY	PARTICIPATION		WEB
		Athletes	Countries	
January 13-15	Athens (Greece)	973	72	<a href="#">Link</a>
March 10-12	Konya (Türkiye)	802	60	<a href="#">Link</a>
April 14-16	Richmond- Vancouver (Canada)	394	51	<a href="#">Link</a>
Sep. 19 – Oct. 1	Larnaca (Cyprus)	784	70	<a href="#">Link</a>
November 24-26	Matosinhos (Portugal)	869	64	<a href="#">Link</a>

### 4.3 Karate 1 – Youth League

During 2023, 5 Karate 1 - Youth League Events were held:

KARATE 1 – YOUTH LEAGUE EVENTS				
DATE	CITY	PARTICIPATION		WEB
		Athletes	Countries	
February 23-26	Fujairah (UAE)	1131	66	<a href="#">Link</a>
April 27-30	A Coruña (Spain)	2305	64	<a href="#">Link</a>
June 27-30	Porec (Croatia)	2941	69	<a href="#">Link</a>
August 8-11	Merida (Mexico)	724	40	<a href="#">Link</a>
December 5-8	Venice (Italy)	3667	79	<a href="#">Link</a>



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### 5. CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The table below shows the participation in the Continental Championships during 2023:

CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023					
DATE	EVENT	CITY	PARTICIPATION		WEB
			Athletes	Countries	
February 3-5	EKF Cadet, Junior & U21 Championships	Larnaca (Cyprus)	1126	48	<a href="#">LINK</a>
March 22-26	EKF Senior Championships	Guadalajara (Spain)	535	47	<a href="#">LINK</a>
May 5-7	OKF Cadet & Junior Championships	Sydney (Australia)	96	4	<a href="#">LINK</a>
May 26-28	PKF Senior Championships	San José (Costa Rica)	374	25	<a href="#">LINK</a>
July 1-2	OKF Senior & U21 Championships	Christchurch (New Zeland)	74	6	<a href="#">LINK</a>
July 21-23	AKF Championships	Melaka (Malaysia)	388	31	<a href="#">LINK</a>
August 14-20	PKF Cadet, Junior & U21 Championships	Santiago (Chile)	907	24	<a href="#">LINK</a>
August 25-27	Senior & Junior UFAK Championships	Casablanca (Morocco)	379	24	<a href="#">LINK</a>
November 6-8	AKF Cadet, Junior & U21 Championships	Almaty (Kazakhstan)	418	25	<a href="#">LINK</a>



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### 6. PARA-KARATE CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The table below shows the participation of PARA-KARATE athletes at the Continental Championships during 2023:

PARA-KARATE CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023					
DATE	ACTIVITY	CITY	PARTICIPATION		WEB
			Athletes	Countries	
<b>March 22-26</b>	EKF Senior Championships	Guadalajara (Spain)	59	18	<a href="#">LINK</a>
<b>May 26-28</b>	PKF Senior Championships	San José (Costa Rica)	26	8	<a href="#">LINK</a>
<b>July 21-23</b>	AKF Championships	Melaka (Malaysia)	24	6	<a href="#">LINK</a>
<b>August 25-27</b>	UFAK Championships	Casablanca (Morocco)	18	2	<a href="#">LINK</a>





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### 7. WORLD COMBAT GAMES – RIYADH 2023

The World Combat Games were held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from October 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>th</sup>.

#### 7.1 Participation

The table below shows the participation at the World Combat Games - Riyadh 2023:

Number of Countries Participating	42	Number of Individual Participants	90
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#### 7.2 Medal Table

The following table shows the medals per nation in the World Combat Games – Riyadh 2023:

NATION - MEDAL					
RANK	NATION	1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE	2 <sup>ND</sup> PLACE	3 <sup>RD</sup> PLACE	TOTAL
1	MOROCCO, MAR	2	1	3	6
2	SAUDI ARABIA, KSA	1	2	1	4
3	ALGERIA, ALG	1	2		3
4	COLOMBIA, COL	1	1		2
5	BELGIUM, BEL	1		2	3
6	TÜRKIYE, TUR	1			1
6	HONG KONG, HKG	1			1
6	MONTENEGRO, MNE	1			1
6	EGYPT, EGY	1			1
6	GREECE, GRE	1			1
6	UKRAINE, UKR	1			1
12	KAZAKHSTAN, KAZ		2	1	3
13	KYRGYZSTAN, KGZ		1		1
13	AZERBAIJAN, AZE		1		1
13	ITALY, ITA		1		1
13	TUNISIA, TUN		1		1
17	FRANCE, FRA			4	4
18	AUSTRALIA, AUS			2	2
19	SWITZERLAND, SUI			1	1
19	CZECH REPUBLIC, CZE			1	1
19	GREAT BRITAIN, GBR			1	1
19	NETHERLANDS, NED			1	1
19	CYPRUS, CYP			1	1
19	SLOVAKIA, SVK			1	1
19	NORTH MACEDONIA, MKD			1	1
19	BRAZIL, BRA			1	1
19	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, BIH			1	1
19	PORTUGAL, POR			1	1
19	SLOVENIA, SLO			1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24</b>	



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### 8. EUROPEAN GAMES – BIELSKO-BIALA 2023

The European Games were held in Bielsko-Biala, Poland, from June 22nd to 23rd.

#### 8.1 Participation

The table below shows the participation at the European Games Bielsko-Biala 2023:

<b>Number of Countries Participating</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>Number of Individual Participants</b>	<b>96</b>
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#### 8.2 Medal Table

The following table shows the medals per nation in the European Games – Bielsko-Biala 2023:

NATION – MEDAL					
RANK	NATION	1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE	2 <sup>ND</sup> PLACE	3 <sup>RD</sup> PLACE	TOTAL
1	UKRAINE, UKR	2	1	1	4
2	AZERBAIJAN, AZE	2		1	3
2	SPAIN, ESP	2		1	3
4	GERMANY, GER	2			2
5	TÜRKIYE, TUR	1	1	4	6
6	ALBANIA, ALB	1			1
6	AUSTRIA, AUT	1			1
6	CROATIA, CRO	1			1
9	ITALY, ITA		3	4	7
10	GREECE, GRE		2	2	4
11	FRANCE, FRA		1	1	2
11	SWITZERLAND, SUI		1	1	2
13	BULGARIA, BUL		1		1
13	NETHERLANDS, NED		1		1
15	POLAND, POL			2	2
16	ARMENIA, ARM			1	1
16	BELGIUM, BEL			1	1
16	CYPRUS, CYP			1	1
16	GEORGIA, GEO			1	1
16	LUXEMBOURG, LUX			1	1
16	PORTUGAL, POR			1	1
16	ROMANIA, ROU			1	1
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>24</b>	



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### 9. ASIAN GAMES – HANGZHOU 2023

The Asian Games were held in Hangzhou, China, from October 5th to 7th.

#### 9.1 Participation

The table below shows the participation at the Asian Games - Hangzhou 2023:

<b>Number of Countries Participating</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>Number of Individual Participants</b>	<b>205</b>
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#### 9.2 Medal Table

The following table shows the medals per nation in the Asian Games – Hangzhou 2023:

NATION – MEDAL					
RANK	NATION	1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE	2 <sup>ND</sup> PLACE	3 <sup>RD</sup> PLACE	TOTAL
1	KAZAKHSTAN, KAZ	3	3	2	7
2	JAPAN, JPN	3		1	4
3	PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, CHN	2		1	3
4	MALAYSIA, MAS	1	2		3
5	VIETNAM, VIE	1	1	2	4
5	KUWAIT, KUW	1	1	2	4
7	CHINESE TAIPEI, TPE	1	1		2
8	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, IRI	1		2	3
9	UZBEKISTAN, UZB	1			1
10	JORDAN, JOR		2	3	5
11	MACAO CHINA, MAC		2		2
12	KYRGYZSTAN, KGZ		1	2	3
13	NEPAL, NEP		1		1
14	THAILAND, THA			2	2
15	HONG KONG, CHINA, HKG			1	1
15	SAUDI ARABIA, KSA			1	1
15	BRUNEI, BRU			1	1
15	INDONESIA, INA			1	1
15	REPUBLIC OF KOREA, KOR			1	1
15	PHILIPPINES, PHI			1	1
15	CAMBODIA, CAM			1	1
15	IRAQ, IRQ			1	1
15	PALESTINE, PLE			1	1
15	TURKMENISTAN, TKM			1	1
15	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, UAE			1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>28</b>	





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### 10. PAN AMERICAN GAMES – SANTIAGO 2023

The Pan American Games were held in Santiago, Chile, from November 3rd to 5th.

#### 10.1 Participation

The table below shows the participation at the Pan American Games - Santiago 2023:

Number of Countries Participating	20	Number of Individual Participants	106
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#### 10.2 Medal Table

The following table shows the medals per nation in the Pan American Games – Santiago 2023:

NATION – MEDAL					
RANK	NATION	1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE	2 <sup>ND</sup> PLACE	3 <sup>RD</sup> PLACE	TOTAL
1	CHILE, CHI	3	1	1	5
2	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, USA	3		2	5
3	VENEZUELA, VEN	2	1	2	5
4	BRAZIL, BRA	1	1	4	6
5	ECUADOR, ECU	1	1		2
5	MEXICO, MEX	1	1		2
7	PUERTO RICO, PUR	1			1
8	COLOMBIA, COL		3	3	6
9	CUBA, CUB		2		2
10	CANADA, CAN		1	2	3
11	PERU, PER		1		1
12	INDEPENDENT ATHLETES TEAM			3	3
13	ARGENTINA, ARG			2	2
14	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, DOM			2	2
15	ARUBA, ARU			1	1
15	EL SALVADOR, ESA			1	1
15	PANAMA, PAN			1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24</b>	





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**11. REFEREE COURSES**

**11.1 For Candidates with WKF Qualification – Budapest 2023**

REFEREE COURSE PARTICIPATION	BUDAPEST 2023
Kata Course	67
Kumite Course	159
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>226</b>

**11.2 For candidates without WKF Qualification – Rabat 2023**

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

REFEREE COURSE PARTICIPATION	RABAT 2023
Kata Course	102
Kumite Course	109
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>211</b>

**11.3 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	161	137	24
EKF	163	143	20
UFAK	84	70	14
PKF	59	46	13
OKF	8	5	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>74</b>





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**12. WKF COACH COURSES & EXAMINATION**

The following table include the number of coaches who obtained certification in the different courses organized along 2023:

WKF CERTIFIED COACHES ON SITE				
EVENT	COACH PROGRAMME	ACCREDITED COACH	KUMITE	KATA
SA	Athens 2023	23	/	/
PL	Cairo 2023	10	5	/
YL	Fujairah 2023	50	/	/
SA	Konya 2023	26	/	/
SA	Vancouver 2023	8	/	/
YL	A Coruña 2023	66	/	/
PL	Rabat 2023	3	2	2
PL	Fukuoka 2023	6	3	4
YL	Porec 2023	63	10	4
PL	Dublin 2023	7	6	1
YL	Merida 2023	40	/	/
SA	Larnaca 2023	9	/	/
WCH	Budapest 2023	34	24	6
SA	Matosinhos 2023	17	/	/
YL	Venice 2023	81	/	/
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>443</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>17</b>

The table below shows the number of coaches who obtained coach certifications in the online e-learning courses during 2023:

WKF CERTIFIED COACHES ONLINE			
COACH PROGRAMME	ACCREDITED COACH	KUMITE	KATA
<b>E-Learning</b>	291	45	35





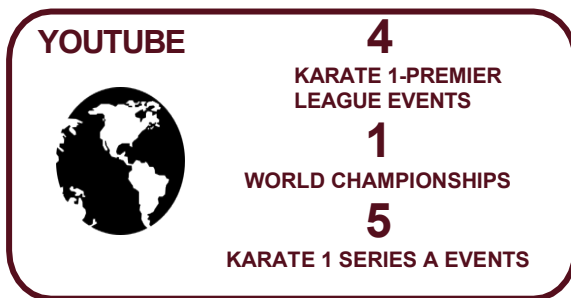
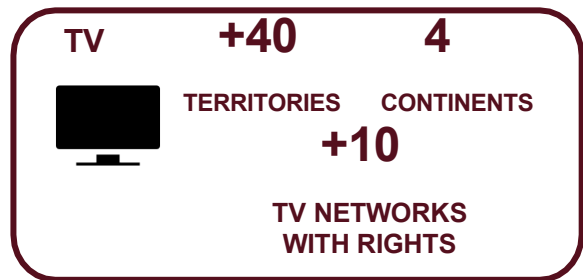
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### 13. TV BROADCASTING & COMMUNICATION

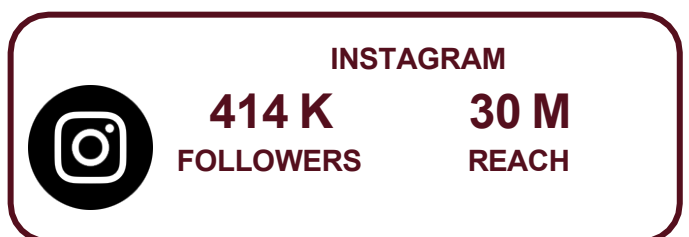
#### 13.1 TV Broadcasting and YouTube distribution

The following graphics show the statics on the distribution of events on TV and YouTube in 2023:



#### 13.2 Social Media Channels

The following graphics show the WKF official channel statistics in 2023:





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### 14. WKF OFFICIAL PARTNERS

During 2023, the WKF official partners structure was composed of:



#### 14.1 WKF Official Sponsors

The sponsors for the WKF Official events:



#### 14.2 “WKF Approved” Brands

##### 14.2.1 Sport Protections

Brands with “WKF Approved” protections:



##### 14.2.2 Karate-gis

Brands with “WKF Approved” Karate-gis:



##### 14.2.3 Tatamis

Brands with “WKF Approved” Tatamis:





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## 15. GUARDIAN GIRLS GLOBAL KARATE PROJECT



The first edition of the Guardian Girls Karate Instructors Course was successfully held this December 2023 in Madrid (Spain). Organized by the World Karate Federation in coordination with the programme partners, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Koyamada International Foundation (KIF), the course aimed at initiating the creation of a network of WKF Guardian Girls Karate Instructors to empower women around the world to effectively face situations of Gender-Based Violence through Karate training.

WKF Instructors Teresa Garcia of Spain and Amy Connell of Scotland headed the activity which had representatives from eight countries participating. Appointed by their National Federations, the participants took part in the course to learn the basic concepts of the project to implement the programme in their countries.

The activity was attended by Ireland's Eimear Porter and Carol Duffy, Xhunashi Guadalupe Caballero of Mexico, Danielle Chang of Jamaica, Cinzia Colaiacomo of Italy, Maaß Ulrike of Germany, Hana Furumoto-Deshaies of Canada, Nuria Aguado of Spain, and Cheryl Murphy of the United States.

Through the participating National Federations, the newly certified instructors will now be able to spread out the project in their respective countries through the training of new national instructors and the implementation of mid to long-term women's self-defence seminars in their countries.

The WKF Guardian Girls Karate Project is a worldwide social initiative that aims to promote gender equality and women's empowerment to defend themselves from all forms of Gender-Based Violence through Karate training.

